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U.N. ADOPTS RESOLUTION ON ARAB REFUGEES WITH PRO-ARAB AMENDMENTS

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., Dec. 19. (JTA) -- A United States resolution calling for "intensification" of the efforts of the Palestine Conciliation Commission in regard to the Arab refugee problem, was adopted by a 104-nation Special Political Committee here today with two pro-Arab amendments by a vote of 74 to 1 with 23 abstentions. The only negative vote was Israel's. The pro-Arab amendments however, can still be rejected in a plenary session of the UN General Assembly.

The same meeting of the Special Political Committee cast 34 votes on behalf of another resolution which, for the first time in many years, called for direct peace negotiations between Israel and the Arab states. By a simple majority of 44 votes to 34, with 20 abstentions, this resolution was rejected. However, the size of the favorable vote was deemed here as a very significant move in the direction of ultimate Arab-Israel peace negotiations.

In a series of complex procedural moves, at times resulting in separate votes on only isolated words, the session first adopted two amendments to the American resolution proposed by Afghanistan, Indonesia and Pakistan. The first of these amendments calls for the reconstitution of the Palestine Conciliation Commission and for the Commission's enlargement from three members to five. This was adopted by a vote of 47 to 27 with 24 abstentions. In this case the United States, Britain and France joined Israel in voting against the amendment.

Israel Claims One of the Amendments Impinges on Its Sovereignty

The second amendment "requests the reconstituted Conciliation Commission to take measures for the protection of the rights, property and interests of the Palestine Arab refugees." This clause was rejected by Israel on the grounds that such a move by the PCC, to deal with alleged Arab property in Israel, impinges upon Israel sovereignty. The amendment, however, was adopted by a vote of 42 to 36 with 20 abstentions--the United States, Britain and France again joining Israel in voting against the clause.

However, when it came to voting on the resolution as a whole including the anti-Israel amendments, the United States and Britain voted for the resolution; France abstained, a number of West European and British Commonwealth members abstained, while Israel cast the only negative vote.

While it was taken for granted here right along that the American resolution would be adopted and that the peace negotiations draft would fall short of a majority, the big surprise came in the roll call vote on the peace negotiation resolution.

Originally introduced by 15 members--comprising eight African states, six from Latin America and The Netherlands--the number of co-sponsors rose this morning to 17 when Gabon and Niger joined as co-sponsors. Later, under intense and open appeals from Arab and other Moslem states, Togo, which was among the original co-sponsors, withdrew from its formal backing of this resolution.

The resolution for which 34 members finally voted, co-sponsored by 16 members, drew affirmative votes, not only from the co-sponsors, but also from Australia, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Japan, Luxembourg, Panama and Paraguay. The United States and Britain voted against the peace negotiations resolution, while France abstained. Israel voted in favor.

Thus, the Arab refugee debate, which lasted 19 arduous and often very stormy sessions, was concluded with only one tentative result--the adoption of the American resolution with two amendments, both of them anti-Israel and one of them sharply critical of the present Palestine Conciliation Commission, which consists of representatives of the United States, France and Turkey.

Plenary Assembly Session Can Drop the Amendments

The resolution as a whole must now go to a full plenary session of the General Assembly and will probably come up tomorrow. The Assembly could knock out the amendments; last April, after the same Committee had adopted a resolution calling for the establishment of a United Nations Custodianship over the refugee property in Israel, the U.S., joined by many other delegations, succeeded in having that resolution defeated in the assembly proper.

EICHMANN WILL BE MOVED FROM PRISON TO PRISON UNTIL SENTENCE IS IMPOSED

TEL AVIV, Dec. 19; (JTA) -- Adolf Eichmann will be moved from prison to prison every few weeks until a final decision is made on the death sentence imposed on him last Friday, the Israel Prison Commission said today.

The switches of prison locations was directed to deal with the "extreme possibility" of a conspiracy by fellow-prisoners to kill the former Gestapo colonel. Eichmann currently is back in Ramle prison, working again on his memoirs. An appeal from the death sentence has been filed with the Israel Supreme Court which is not expected to act before next March on the issue.

Eichmann's Lawyer Seeks Contribution from German Government

COLOGNE, Dec. 19; (JTA) -- Dr. Robert Servatius, chief of defense counsel for Adolf Eichmann, said here today that he hoped the West German Government would "change its mind" and contribute toward the expenses of Eichmann's defense.

The Israel Government had voted \$20,000 to help defray the expenses for the defense of the ex-Gestapo colonel, now found guilty in the court at Jerusalem and sentenced to hang. However, according to Dr. Servatius, the amount voted by Israel was not sufficient to cover the costs. Those costs have been estimated at \$32,000. A request by Dr. Servatius a year ago, that the German Government contribute toward the Eichmann defense, had been vetoed by the authorities at Bonn.

ITALIAN JUDGE ACQUITTED OF MILITANT ANTI-SEMITISM; JEWS DISTURBED

ROME, Dec. 19; (JTA) -- The Council of the Union of Italian Jewish Communities instructed its president today to seek a meeting with the Italian Justice Minister concerning an unprecedented criminal court ruling which acquitted an Italian magistrate of charges of militant anti-Semitism.

The case involved Giovanni Durando, a Turin Magistrate, who is editor of The Voice of Justice. The periodical, in its May 6, 1961 issue published an article fiercely attacking the trial in Jerusalem of Adolf Eichmann and declaring that "Catholics cannot and must not forget that Jews are God-killers" and that as such "up to our days," Jews "should be deprived of the possibility of being judges of anybody not belonging to their progeny." The article also declared that "having crucified Christ," Jews were "totally deprived of any sense of morality."

Judge Durando was promptly denounced to Italian judicial authorities by several Italian Jews for "vilification of the Jewish religion and defamation of Jewish citizens." Before a jammed Genoa courtroom, Ugo Levi, president of the Turin Jewish community, and more than 50 other Italian Jews, appeared with their attorneys as suing parties against the magistrate.

Judge Durando appeared without a lawyer. He contended that the subject of the charge against him should be considered "an ideological matter." He said that while he had not written the article, he assumed full responsibility for it, since he had read it and approved it before publication. He said the article had been written by "a deeply religious person," whose name he would not disclose.

In his defense, the magistrate said that the article "stresses the historical and theological principles of my religion." He cited historical theological definition of Jews as "god-killers" and insisted he had nothing against Jews personally "for I consider them my brothers." He said that during World War II he fought with the partisans "and saved many Jews." The article, he declared, simply repeated "what the Apostles Paul and Luke already stated."

Prosecutor Asked for 11-Month Jail Sentence for the Accused Judge

The attorneys for the complainants declared that the defendant's arguments were similar to those used by Hitler in 1931 and rejected the contention that the article had been written to emphasize some religious principles. They declared that they contested the magistrate's "right to state that his faith is better than that of others and that therefore those professing a different religion are to be considered immoral."

The lawyers also reminded the court that Pope John XXIII had personally ordered the deletion of the phrase "perfidious Jews" from the Good Friday liturgy. They asked for damages of 500,000 lire (\$800) to be turned over to the Association of Deportees to Nazi Concentration Camps.

The public prosecutor declared in his summation that Judge Durando had trespassed the limits of honest criticism and also had constructed his thesis on false religious principles. He asked an 11-month jail term and a penalty of 50,000 lire (\$80) for the defendant. In his closing statement, Judge Durando asserted again that he did not mean to offend Jews and that he had been inspired entirely by a profound religious faith. He asked for acquittal.

After two hours deliberation, the court acquitted the defendant of the charge of vilification of the Jewish religion "because the fact does not constitute an offense" and of the

defamation of Jewish citizens "because of lack of evidence." The defendant said he would appeal to a higher court because he felt he deserved an unconditional acquittal, rather than one based on lack of evidence. The next day the public prosecutor also filed an appeal against the acquittal with a higher court;

Gravity of Acquittal Verdict Stressed by Jewish Leaders

Jewish leaders said the gravity of the verdict was unquestionable. Aside from the calumnies of Jews and Judaism, they pointed out, the acquittal verdict questioned the right of Jews to judge non-Jews and, by inference, could mean that Italian Jews did not have the right to become judges in Italian courts. It was noted that Dr. Serge Piperno, the president of the Union of Italian Jewish Communities, is a magistrate.

The Union of Italian Jewish Communities Council meeting issued a communique after the extraordinary session which deplored the inadequate legislation "against genocide, incitement of hatred toward citizens" and recalled that Italy's approval of the United Nations 1948 draft against genocide was still awaiting Parliamentary action;

In instructing Dr. Piperno to seek a meeting with the Justice Ministry, the Council also instructed him to firmly request the formulation and implementation of legislation adequate to deal with such situations as the Durando case;

The Union's official weekly, Israel, declared editorially that the verdict constituted "the most evident and gravest of offenses against our honor and our dignity. We could not imagine a greater one than that 'we are totally deprived of morality.'" The weekly also stressed "the author of the article is not in tune with the spirit which is animating the Catholic Church of our day, under the guidance of Pope John XXIII." It asked "what guarantees of impartial and democratic judgment can a magistrate supply, when his mind is still conditioned by a medieval religious fanaticism?"

Chief Rabbi Elio Toaff also asserted that Judge Durando "has taken the ancient fathers of the church into consideration but has forgotten the modern ones, first above all the present Pope, who tends to eliminate all forms of anti-Semitism in Catholic teachings." He also noted that draft bills for punishment of genocide and anti-Semitism "have been awaiting Parliamentary approval for years."

6,000 ENGINEERS, AGRONOMISTS, ARCHITECTS, CHEMISTS GO ON STRIKE IN ISRAEL

TEL AVIV, Dec. 19: (JTA) -- An 11-hour marathon bargaining session collapsed this morning and 6,000 salaried engineers, architects, agronomists, chemists and geologists walked off their jobs in public institutions and government offices. Only essential work in the Defense Ministry and a few other agencies was permitted to continue.

The Engineers Union, which has been bargaining for higher wages for several months, met last night with officials of the Government and the Histadrut, Israel's Labor Federation, in last ditch talks. The engineers have claimed that the wage gap between them and common laborers had been narrowed by a recent general increase for the laborers. A committee set up by the Histadrut recommended a small increase in engineers' wages but the engineers rejected the proposal, demanding as a minimum a 16 percent increase.

Representatives of a teachers union meanwhile called a meeting for Thursday to decide whether to call a strike in support of their demands for an increase in wages. A meeting will be held tomorrow between teachers representatives and the directors general of the Finance and Education Ministries will decide whether the demands can be met.

ISRAEL GOVERNMENT CLASSIFIES IRGUN MEMBERS AS CIVIL SERVANTS

JERUSALEM, Dec. 19: (JTA) -- The Civil Service Commission announced today that recognition will be accorded in computing pension and severance payments to civil servants for service in the Irgun, the pre-state Revisionist underground organization conducted by Merachem Beigh and the Lochamei Herut Yisrael, a similar organization.

The action followed a recommendation to that effect approved last night by the Knesset, Israel's Parliament, by a 36 to 18 vote. Previously, such recognition had been accorded to those with records of service in the Haganah, the pre-state Jewish Defense Organization, the Jewish Agency and other recognized organizations whose employees went into government service when the Jewish State was established. It had been withheld from employees of the two underground organizations.

The recommendation was opposed by the Mapam, Achdut Avoda, the Communists and some Mapai deputies. Eight other Mapai deputies abstained in the voting;

KNESSET DEFEATS AGUDAH MOTION AGAINST EL AL FLIGHTS ON SABBATH

JERUSALEM, Dec. 19: (JTA) -- Israel's Parliament defeated today an Agudat Israel motion to debate flights of El Al, the Israel National Airline, from New York on the Sabbath.

The National Religious Party, with the exception of veteran Rabbi Mordecai Nurok, abstained from the vote which was 35 against and 18 for the motion.

PROF. BUBER WINS TEL AVIV MUNICIPALITY AWARD; EICHMANN ISSUE RAISED

TEL AVIV, Dec. 19; (JTA) -- Professor Martin Buber was presented last night with the Tel Aviv Municipality award for literature but not until after a sharp debate on his publicly expressed view that Adolf Eichmann's death sentence should be commuted to life imprisonment.

Council members of the Herut party demanded that the prize should not be awarded to Prof. Buber. Joseph Sosiphoff of Herut said that Professor Buber had not denied a statement attributed to him that he would seek a revision of the death sentence imposed Friday on the former Gestapo colonel.

Acting Mayor E. Shechter opposed the motion and said that Prof. Buber, whom he described as "one of the greatest thinkers of our time," had the right to express his opinion on any subject he chose. The Council approved the prize by a majority vote.

Professor Buber received the award for his book "Hidden Light." The same prize was awarded to Mordechai Ben Yehzekel for his collection of Hassidic stories, "Sefer Hamassiot," Book of Tales. Prof. Buber spoke briefly at the ceremony at which the awards were presented. He did not refer to capital punishment or to Eichmann.

N. Y. RABBI ATTACKED BY HOOLIGANS FOR DEFENDING EICHMANN SENTENCE

NEW YORK, Dec. 19; (JTA) -- The Council on Racial Equality sent a telegram today to Mayor Robert F. Wagner demanding an investigation into a physical assault on Rabbi Kurt Flascher, an official of CORE, in a Greenwich Village coffee house.

Rabbi Flascher was discussing the Eichmann trial with another CORE official when he was interrupted by two young men at a nearby table, who were described as blond, in their early 20's and crewcut. The rabbi said one of the men came over to him and said "We Germans are not going to take this. Hitler should have killed all the Jews" and the two men began to punch the rabbi, shouting "Jews are lice, vermin." Then they fled.

The rabbi's nose was broken in the assault. Somebody ran for a police officer to whom the rabbi described the incident. The officer was skeptical, asserting "there are no Nazis walking the streets of New York." Rabbi Flascher, who teaches at Yeshiva University, assured the police that the attack was unprovoked.

TWO JEWISH FRATERNITIES MERGE; HAVE 22,000 MEMBERS IN 50 COLLEGES

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19; (JTA) -- Two Jewish college fraternities, Phi Epsilon Pi and Kappa Nu, announced here today that they have merged into one organization, to be called Phi Epsilon Pi.

The merged fraternity will have a combined undergraduate and alumni membership of 22,000, with 500 active chapters on college campuses throughout the United States and Canada. Phi Epsilon Pi was founded at City College of New York in 1904, while Kappa Nu was established in 1911 at the University of Rochester.

NEW ISRAELI SHIP ARRIVES IN NEW YORK PORT ON MAIDEN VOYAGE

NEW YORK, Dec. 19; (JTA) -- A new Israel-flag refrigerated cargo vessel, the SS Har Gilead, arrived in port here today on her maiden voyage to New York from Puerto Bolivar, Ecuador with a full cargo of bananas. The 446 foot vessel, which is owned by Cargo Ships El-Yam, Ltd., of Haifa, is under long-term charter to the Overseas Fruit Carriers Company to haul bananas.

The Har Gilead, whose sister-ship, the Har Ramon, made her maiden voyage earlier this year, was built by Deutsche Werft A.G. of Hamburg, under the Israel-West German reparations agreement. The new vessel, which can attain a speed of 19 knots, is commanded by Captain Hans Lolk.

74 YOUTH LEADERS FROM 11 AFRICAN LANDS COMPLETE COURSES IN ISRAEL

TEL AVIV, Dec. 19; (JTA) -- A second group of 74 African youth organization leaders from 11 African countries completed today a youth leadership course organized by Gadna, the Israel Youth Battalion Command.

During four and a half months, 61 men and 13 women studied leadership techniques, field games, social programming, psychology and marksmanship. They came from Chad, the two Congos, Cameroon, the Ivory Coast, Upper Volta, Malagasy, Nigeria, Sierra Leone, Tanganyika and Zanzibar.

PHILADELPHIA JEWISH TEACHER LEAVES \$132,466 TO ISRAEL MEDICAL CENTER

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 19; (JTA) -- The new Hadassah-Hebrew University Medical Center in Ein Karem, Israel, has received a bequest of \$132,466 from the will of Miss Miriam Chesney, a Jewish schoolteacher who died last year, it was reported here today.

The bequest, a check for which has already been turned over to the Philadelphia chapter of Hadassah, will be used to endow a portion of the hospital in memory of Miss Chesney's parents, Abraham Mordecai and Dena Grupp Chesney.