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U.N. ASSEMBLY REJECTS PRO-ARAB AMENDMENTS TO RESOLUTION ON REFUGEES

UNITED NATIONS, Dec. 20: (JTA) -- A plenary session of the United Nations General Assembly today killed the two pro-Arab amendments to an American resolution passed yesterday by a committee dealing with the Arab refugee problem.

The plenary session adopted the American resolution minus the proposed amendments without a single negative vote. The final balloting on the American draft, for which Israel voted, was 62 in favor, none against and 37 abstentions. The abstentions included the Arab and Soviet blocs.

As adopted, the resolution recalls a series of Assembly resolutions adopted here since 1948, notes "with deep regret that repatriation or compensation of the refugees" has not been effected; that no substantial progress has been made "for the re-integration of the refugees either by repatriation or resettlement"; and that, therefore, the situation of the refugees "continues to be a matter of serious concern."

The resolution requests the Palestine Conciliation Commission to "intensify" its efforts for implementation of a 1948 Assembly resolution which called not only for repatriation or compensation of the refugees but also for their possible resettlement or reintegration into the Middle East economies.

The resolution further requested the PCC to "intensify its work on the identification and evaluation of Arab refugee immovable properties in Palestine" and to make every effort to complete this work by September 1, 1962.

It also requests the Secretary General of the United Nations to help the PCC by making available "such additional staff and administrative facilities as may be required."

The next operative clause of the resolution calls upon all member governments to contribute and increase their contributions for the work of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East. This clause pointedly "urges non-contributing governments" to contribute to UNRWA. That phrasing was directed at the Soviet Union and other members of the Soviet bloc who have never contributed any money to UNRWA. Mauretania led a drive in the Assembly committee debating the refugee issue yesterday to delete the shaft aimed at the Soviet bloc, but was defeated.

Amendments Fail to Obtain Necessary Two-Thirds Assembly Vote

In separate balloting on the two pro-Arab amendments attached to the American draft yesterday by the Assembly's Special Political Committee, both amendments received simple majorities but fell through because they did not obtain the necessary two-thirds vote.

The first of the amendments called for reconstitution of the Palestine Conciliation Commission and its enlargement of the present three members to five. On this amendment the plenary voted 44 in favor, 29 against with 25 abstentions. All the leading Western Powers, led by the United States, Britain and France, voted against the amendment, as did Israel.

The second amendment would have requested the reconstituted Conciliation Commission "to take measures for the protection of the rights, property and interests of the Palestine Arab refugees, located in Israel." This was, according to Michael S. Comay, Israel's permanent representative here, only "a thinly veiled" revival of an Arab effort defeated by the Assembly last April to establish some form of UN custodianship over alleged Arab property in Israel.

U.S., France, Britain Lead Opposition to Pro-Arab Amendments

On the property amendment, the United States, Britain and France again led the opposition. The voting on that clause showed 40 in favor, 37 against with 21 abstentions.

Before the voting began, Mr. Comay voiced a brief, but sharp plea before the Assembly for the rejection of the pro-Arab amendments. Reconstitution of the PCC which consists of representatives of the U.S., France and Turkey--would, Mr. Comay said, alter the character of the body "from a conciliation organ to an organ of coercion."

As for the clause dealing with property, Mr. Comay said it would be against Israel's sovereignty and Israel's domestic property legislation to agree to such a clause.

STRIKE OF 6,000 PROFESSIONALS CALLED OFF IN ISRAEL; SETTLEMENT SOUGHT

TEL AVIV, Dec. 20; (JTA) -- The Engineers Union which called out 6,000 professionals in public institutions and government offices yesterday morning in a fight for higher salaries, suddenly called off the strike today with a threat to renew it in two weeks if no settlement is reached by then;

The union's executive adopted the strike decision by a seven to six vote after a marathon all-night bargaining session broke down yesterday morning. The engineers are demanding a 16 percent wage increase for engineers, architects, agronomists, chemists and geologists who are members of the union.

After the strike was underway, a representative of the Histadrut, Israel's Labor Federation, persuaded the union's executive to adopt a new procedure. The Histadrut proposal was that a committee of five members of the executive should be named to review the union demands. At this point, a representative of the Liberal party on the executive changed his vote and said he now opposed the strike. The executive then called off the strike on the understanding that it would be resumed in two weeks if no settlement was reached.

KNESSET DEFEATS NON-CONFIDENCE MOTION OVER ISRAEL'S STAND ON RED CHINA

JERUSALEM, Dec. 20; (JTA) -- The Knesset, Israel's Parliament, overwhelmingly defeated today a Communist party motion of non-confidence in the Government over Israel's vote on the issue of seating the Communist Chinese regime in the United Nations;

Education Minister Abba Eban, replying in behalf of the Government in the absence of Foreign Minister Golda Meir, said Israel's attitude in the voting expressed three points: support for the seating of a great and populous power--the peoples of China--in the UN and all its agencies; concern for peace in the Far East and the world; and concern for the democratic principle involved in the United Nations Charter in the protection of small nations against decisions by a simple majority.

Esther Wilenska, a Communist deputy, who submitted the motion, attacked the support by Israel for the Ceylon proposal requiring a two-thirds vote on the issue of seating Red China, which made it impossible for that country to gain UN admission this year. She also assailed Israel's refusal to support a Soviet resolution at the UN to oust the Formosan Chinese regime. She said that this Israel policy was contradictory and detrimental to the interests of Israel and world peace;

Although no party supported the motion, Mapam, Herut and the Liberal party abstained from the vote, each for different reasons. Arie Ben Eliezer asserted that Red China had always been aligned with Israel's enemies. Izhak Harari of the Liberal party said he approved the vote though his party was opposed to it. Mapam's Israel Barzilai declared that the Ceylon proposal by Israel invalidated the vote of acceptance. Mr. Eban said that Israel was one of the first countries to recognize Red China and had always sought to arrive at friendly relations with that regime;

THREE NAZIS SENTENCED IN GERMANY FOR KILLING 1,000 JEWS IN RUSSIA

FRANKFURT, Dec. 20; (JTA) -- The Karlsruhe jury court convicted today three former Einsatz Commando leaders of complicity in the murder of some 1,000 Jewish men, women and children in the Soviet Union during the 1941-1943 period. They were sentenced immediately.

Erich Erlinger, a leader in Hitler's SS Elite Guard, was sentenced to 12 years' imprisonment for participation in the murder of 100 Jews. Former SS Lt. Reinhold Bruennert and former Captain Hans Schuhmacher, two of Gen. Erlinger's aides, each received four years' imprisonment. Schuhmacher reportedly was an official of the West German Government a few years ago, serving as head of the Saarland office for combatting Communism and Nazism.

26 EX-NAZIS TO FACE TRIAL IN GERMANY AS OFFICIALS OF AUSCHWITZ CAMP

FRANKFURT, Dec. 20; (JTA) -- "The most encompassing Nazi crimes trial in West Germany" will open at the end of 1962 when 26 former SS officials of the Auschwitz murder camp will be tried, Heinz Wolf, Frankfurt State Attorney, announced yesterday.

He said that he expected to complete preliminary legal investigations against the 26 ex-Nazis next March or April. The most prominent of the 26 is former Auschwitz commandant Richard Baer, who was arrested a year ago near Hamburg where he was working as a woodcutter. The others include former camp doctors, dentists, guards and members of the so-called "political section," of the Gestapo.

STUDENTS ARRESTED IN AUSTRIA FOR DESECRATION OF JEWISH CEMETERY

VIENNA, Dec. 20; (JTA) -- Police announced today that two medical students, arrested in the desecration of the Innsbruck Jewish cemetery two weeks ago, had confessed their guilt. The students, Bruno Schraffl and Peter Porsche, admitted they knocked over some 40 tombstones, some of which were broken;

J.D.C. AIDING JEWS IN ALGERIA; COOPERATES WITH CENTRAL JEWISH BODY

GENEVA, Dec. 20. (JTA) -- The American Joint Distribution Committee is working with the Committee for Algerian Jews in assisting Jews of that country until clarification of the French Government's plans for its nationals in Algeria, Charles H. Jordan, JDC director general, reported today. The Committee was organized several months ago by the Fonds Social Juif Unifié, the central French Jewish fund-raising and welfare organization.

Mr. Jordan also announced that Herbert H. Katzki, assistant director general, will handle Jewish welfare problems in Algeria, replacing temporarily Samuel Levis, former JDC representative in Algeria, who resigned. He had been with the JDC office in Algeria since 1958.

Meanwhile, the JDC is continuing its aid program to the Algerian community which benefits some 5,000 persons through cash relief, education, food programs and medical aid to children. Because the Algerian Jewish community under French rule has been prosperous, this aid until now has been limited, Mr. Jordan said.

He pointed out that, except in times of disaster, the JDC policy has always been to work through local Jewish organizations and to move into the community only when the community gives evidence of willingness to share the responsibility for any projects initiated.

RISE IN ANTI-SEMITIC INCIDENTS IN LATIN AMERICA DISCUSSED BY LEADERS

BUENOS AIRES, Dec. 20. (JTA) -- The recent upsurge in anti-Semitic incidents in several Latin American countries and the position of the Jewish communities in the fluid social and economic developments on the continent were discussed at length at an extraordinary session here today of the South American executive of the World Jewish Congress.

The session heard reports from Enginger Knopholz of Curitiba, Brazil, where a Jewish cemetery was desecrated recently and from Dr. Marc Meltzer of Porto Alegre where tombstones in the Jewish cemetery were defaced in October.

Other reports on the situation were presented by Dr. Isaac Goldenberg, president of the DAIA, the central representative body of Argentine Jewry, Dr. Nathan Lerner and Jose Weinstein of Montevideo, Uruguay; Dr. Votek Winterstein of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, and Mark Turkow of the World Jewish Congress. Jewish communities of Chile and Paraguay also were represented. General Joseph Avidar, Israel's Ambassador to Argentina, was guest of honor. Dr. Moises Goldman of the South American executive, presided.

SEN. JAVITS REPORTS ON JEWS IN RUSSIA; URGES U.S. GOVERNMENT TO ACT

NEW YORK, Dec. 20. (JTA) -- Senator Jacob K. Javits, New York Republican, said tonight that on his recent visit to the Soviet Union he found "a determined governmental policy against allowing Soviet Jews who wish to do so from migrating to Israel."

Speaking at the annual dinner here of the American Technion Society, Senator Javits said that the prosecutions of Jewish religious lay leaders in Moscow and Leningrad were "widely interpreted as a warning to Jews in the Soviet Union against any idea of emigration to Israel." He said it called for "great protest not only from individual nations like the United States but also from the United Nations."

He also criticized the U.S. for "failure to espouse the basic demand for direct peace negotiations in the Near East between the Arab states and Israel, as urged by the 16-nation resolution of African and Latin American nations and The Netherlands." He told the dinner guests that the measure failed in the Assembly's Special Political Committee when the United States opposed it and said that opposition was "difficult to understand."

He noted that the Democratic party's 1960 national platform called for "direct Arab-Israel peace negotiations" and that the Republican party platform asked "for negotiations for a mutually acceptable settlement of the causes of tension" between Israel and the Arab states.

JEWISH LEADERS BID FAREWELL TO DR. ELIAV, ISRAEL'S CONSUL GENERAL

NEW YORK, Dec. 20. (JTA) -- Leaders in all walks of Jewish life, as well as diplomats from various countries, said farewell last night to Dr. Binyamin Eliav, Consul General of Israel, and his wife, on their return to Israel. The farewell party was given by Ambassador Avraham Harman of Israel.

Among the Jewish leaders present were heads of all Zionist groups in the United States, leaders of the American Jewish Committee, American Jewish Congress, Joint Distribution Committee, Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds, and others. Dr. Eliav, who took up the post of Israel Consul General in New York nearly two years ago, is scheduled to leave the U.S. on December 26.

YAD VASHEM EXHIBITION ON NAZI ANNIHILATION OF JEWS OPENED IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, Dec. 20. (JTA) -- The first showing of a collection of items dealing with the Nazi slaughter of European Jewry, taken from the Yad Vashem permanent memorial in Jerusalem, opened tonight at the Jewish Museum of the Jewish Theological Seminary here.

The exhibition is a replica of the displays on view in the permanent museum. It presents a panorama of Jewish existence under the Nazi terror. Included is a collection of ritual art objects and Torah Scrolls profaned by the Nazi barbarians and 41 paintings done by artists in the Nazi camps and ghettos. The exhibit will be on display at the Jewish Museum until next February 1 when it will go on tour of major American cities.

MILFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION DECIDES TO RETAIN PRAYER IN SCHOOLS

MILFORD, Conn., Dec. 20. (JTA) -- The Milford Board of Education has decided to retain the recitation of the Lord's Prayer in Milford's public schools pending a study by a subcommittee of clergymen.

The action of the board was in response to a petition submitted by five parents, several of them Jewish and three of them teachers in the Milford school system. The petition asked that the morning prayers, which have been a part of morning school exercises since 1918, be eliminated as a "sectarian religious observance." The petitioners were Mr. and Mrs. Bertram Cohen, Elayne Landau, Robert Pinco and Joseph Kaschmann.

The Milford Clergy Association issued a statement recommending such a study and offering the services of its members for that purpose. Rabbi Leon Weinberger of the Milford Jewish Center, who is association secretary, subscribed to the statement.

The statement also deplored "distortions of fact and personal vilification" developing from the petition and said the clergymen respected "the courage and integrity of those who have brought this problem to the attention of the community." Adding a reminder that "ours is a pluralistic society," the clergymen urged Milford residents to accept the "responsibility to respect the views of others."

AMERICAN FRIENDS OF HEBREW UNIVERSITY PRESENTED WITH \$100,000 GIFT

NEW YORK, Dec. 20. (JTA) -- Mrs. Harry Cahane, president of the Women's League for Israel, and Mrs. William Prince, honorary president, today presented a \$100,000 check to former Senator Herbert H. Lehman, chairman of the national council of the American Friends of the Hebrew University, for construction of the Student Center on the central campus of the Hebrew University in Jerusalem.

The women's organization is raising \$500,000 for the Student Center and, with its latest gift, has transmitted \$200,000 to the Hebrew University. The presentation ceremony took place at Mr. Lehman's home. The Women's League for Israel Student Center will consist of a student activities building, an athletics building and a student organization building.

ISRAEL OFFERS TANGANYIKA 100 SCHOLARSHIPS; WILL TRAIN YOUNG MEN, WOMEN

DAR ES SALAAM, Tanganyika, Dec. 20. (JTA) -- Israel has offered Tanganyika 100 scholarships as an Independence Day gift to the newly independent African country, General Moshe Dayan, Israel's Minister of Agriculture, announced here today.

The Israeli Cabinet member conveyed the offer to Prime Minister Julius Nyerere when he called on the Prime Minister to extend greetings from the Government and people of Israel. "We have agreed in negotiations with your Government to train a number of your young men and women," Gen. Dayan said.

He added that training would be provided in agriculture, industry, public administration, community development and medicine. Through the program, he said, Israel also would assist in training and treatment for eye diseases and "we hope to help you in the building of your pioneering training center and to assist in guiding it through its initial stages."

JEWISH COMMUNITY IN BELGIUM CONGRATULATES NEW HEAD OF CATHOLIC CHURCH

BRUSSELS, Dec. 20. (JTA) -- The Belgian Jewish Consistory sent a cable of congratulations and greetings today to Msgr. Suenens, the new head of the Belgian Catholic Church. Msgr. Suenens, who succeeded the late Cardinal Van Roey, is known as a sincere friend of the Jews and Israel. The message was signed by Dr. Max Gottschalk, president of the Consistory.

MOSS HART, JEWISH PLAYWRIGHT AND PRODUCER, DEAD; WAS 57

PALM SPRINGS, Cal., Dec. 20. (JTA) -- Moss Hart, playwright and producer who was born on the lower East Side of Manhattan, died today from a heart attack at his home here. He was 57.

A playwright since 1925, he was the author of scores of Broadway-hit plays and musicals. He won the Pulitzer prize for "You Can't Take it With You." He had been president of the Dramatists Guild.