CONGRESS GETS ANOTHER RESOLUTION FOR U.S. ACTION ON JEWS IN RUSSIA

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28; (JTA) -- A concurrent resolution calling on both Houses of Congress to urge the U.S. delegation to the United Nations to seek "early adoption" of a resolution condemning the Soviet Union for its anti-Jewish acts, was introduced today by Congressman Leonard Farbstein, New York Democrat. A similar resolution was introduced in the House earlier this week by Representative Charles Buckley, New York Democrat.

Rep. Farbstein, a member of the House Foreign Affairs Committee asked both chambers to support his call for a resolution in the U.N. General Assembly which would not only condemn the Soviet Government for "recent manifestations of anti-Semitism" but would also prevail upon Moscow authorities "to adopt such measures as may be necessary to guarantee human rights, including the right of persons separated from their families to be reunited with them."

The New York lawmaker told the House, in introducing his resolution, that the United Nations had the "legitimate right" to intervene in whatever way it could on behalf of Soviet Jewry because "recent manifestations of anti-Semitism appear to be in violation" of the principles of the preamble of the Charter of the world organization which guarantees human rights free from "distinction as to race, sex, language or religion."

Mr. Farbstein said the arrest of religious leaders, the closing of synagogues and the restriction placed upon travel in and out of the Soviet Union "which prevents many Jewish families from being reunited" are instances of such U.N. charter violations.

In a separate resolution, Rep. Farbstein also called on both Houses of Congress to urge our United Nations delegation to seek "appropriate means" for bringing to world attention "instances where nations practice discrimination against minorities or persecution of minorities." He asked that where such activities occurred, "direct representations" be made to the U.N.'s Human Rights Commission. Rep. Farbstein's resolutions were regarded as indicative of the growing feeling in Congress that something should be done on behalf of Russia's Jews.

Meanwhile, it was reported here today that Secretary of State Dean Rusk received an appeal from the Jewish Labor Committee in New York asking him to intervene on behalf of the four Jews in Vilna sentenced to death by a Soviet court there on charges of illegal traffic; A similar appeal from the same organization was received here by Soviet ambassador Anatole D Obrynin.

Hope for Renewal by Israel of Trade With Russia Fades

TEL AVIV, Feb. 28; (JTA) -- Hopes for a renewal of Israeli citrus exports to Russia faded today when a delegation of the Israel Citrus Marketing Board returned from a brief visit to that country with a report that there was no chance of such exports this year.

Members of the delegation went to Russia on a tourist visas and not as members of the marketing board; However, they sounded out Soviet officials on the possibility of export renewals. They said they felt that there was also no indication as to whether there were any possibilities for the next season.

Soviet Russia halted all oil sales to Israel as a reprisal for the 1956 Sinai campaign; since the oil was part of a barter arrangement on the Israeli citrus exports, those were halted automatically and neither phase of the arrangement has been resumed since.

Czechoslovakia Broadcasts Anti-Israel Propaganda; Incites Arabs

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28; (JTA) -- Israel was labeled "a bridgehead for imperialist forces that back conspiracies in the Arab countries" in a Czechoslovak Arab-language broadcast monitored here today.

The Prague broadcast, beamed to the Arab world, linked Israel with recent U.S. Sixth Fleet activities in the Mediterranean, charging that the maneuver was part of an "imperialist military force" which "surrounds the Middle East region completely." The broadcast advised the Arab nations to "unite and cooperate" so as "to avert danger."

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MOROCCAN MINISTER DEFENDS RIGHTS OF JEWS TO OBTAIN PASSPORTS

CASABLANCA, Feb. 28; (JTA) -- Moroccan Jews are citizens of the country "and have the same right to obtain passports as any other citizens," Allal el Fassi, Minister for Islamic Affairs, declared here today. Mr. el Fassi is not only a member of the Cabinet but is also the leader of the right-wing, nationalist Istiglal Party.

He made the statement in answer to a question at a conference held here by the Moroccan National Students Union; "I don't see," he added, "why the Government should prevent Jewish citizens from leaving for abroad." The leftist opposition party issued a statement sharply criticizing Mr. el Fassi for his assertion on the question of passports for Jews.

W. J. C. PARLEY CALLS ON GERMANY TO CHECK GROWING ANTI-SEMITISM

ROME, Feb. 28; (JTA) -- Anti-Semitic forces are increasingly active in efforts to undermine the democratic system in West Germany and other countries, members of the European executive of the World Jewish Congress agreed today.

Meeting at Milan, the executive called attention to the continuing growth of Nazi anti-Semitic elements conducting open large-scale propaganda; In a strong resolution, the executive members fully endorsed the recent warning issued by the Central Council of Jews in Germany concerning the dangers involved in the freedom with which neo-Nazi organizations in West Germany were able to disseminate propaganda to poison the minds of Germans, particularly German youth, against Jews.

The resolution cited slanderous attacks keyed to the argument that the Nazis did not murder 6,000,000 European Jewish men, women and children during World War II. It called on the West German federal government to take immediate steps to eradicate Nazi influence by applying "sterilly" and effectively legal and administrative measures available for that purpose.

The executive also examined the Jewish situation and prospects in North Africa, the Soviet Union and other areas where Jewish communities were encountering difficulties in the free exercise of a Jewish way of life and maintenance the free religious and cultural institutions.

ISRAEL SUPREME COURT NAMES JUSTICES TO HEAR EICHMANN'S APPEAL

JERUSALEM, Feb. 28; (JTA) -- Justice Shimon Agramon, Moshe Silberg, Yoel Sussman and Alfred Wilkow were named today by the Israel Supreme Court to hear the appeal by former Gestapo Col. Adolf Eichmann against his sentence of death for his key role in the Nazi wartime slaughter of 6,000,000 Jews in Europe.

Justice Itzhak Olshan, president of the Supreme Court, will preside at the hearings, which will open March 22. The proceedings, expected to last five days, will be held in Jerusalem's Community Center where the Eichmann trial took place.

ISRAEL PLANS TO RESTRAIN CROP SURPLUSES; MINISTER PRESENTS PLAN

JERUSALEM, Feb. 28; (JTA) -- Agriculture Minister Moshe Dayan proposed today a five-point program to restrain crop surpluses which would not reduce the population of agricultural settlements; He said he opposed any prevention of increase in such populations.

He told a press conference that he favored reducing the number of part-time farmers in urban areas, greater industrialization in settlements, encouragement of outside employment, particularly between seasons to prevent "concealed unemployment," quicker response by Israeli farmers to changing market conditions, and increased exports of citrus, and subtropical fruits and vegetables which are off season in European markets.

BILL BANNING PIG BREEDING IN ISRAEL PASSED IN FIRST KNESSET READING

JERUSALEM, Feb. 28; (JTA) -- A bill to ban pig raising in all but a few non-Jewish areas in Israel passed its first reading last night in Israel's Parliament by a vote of 39 to 23, with five abstentions.

About 10 deputies walked out into the Knesset lobby just before the vote; The bill was supported by the National Religious party, Agudat Israel, most members of Mapai and Herut and two Liberal party deputies; It was opposed by all Mapam, Achdut Avodah and Communist deputies, most of the Liberals and three Herut deputies; The Poale Agudat Israel did not attend the voting session and five members of Mapai abstained.

The supporters included two Arab deputies who expressed regret that the ban did not apply to the entire country; It exempts Nazareth and other Galilee sections with predominantly Christian Arab populations; Sheikh Jadar Maudi, who addressed the Knesset, said that the Moslems of Shfaram, his constituency, were disturbed by the presence there of a pigsty operated by a Jew; He said other exempted localities also were populated by Moslems to whom swine was offensive for religious reasons.


POLISH STUDENT SENTENCED TO SEVEN MONTHS FOR ANTI-JE WISH REMARK

LONDON, Feb; 28; (JTA) -- A 26-year-old Polish student at a polytechnic institute, Julian Dominikl, was sentenced to seven months' imprisonment for telling a Jew 'Hitler had done well by murdering the Jews,' according to a Warsaw dispatch received here today.

A Polish District Court at Zombkowitz found the man guilty, after several other Poles testified they had heard him glorifying the Nazi regime and making anti-Semitic remarks, the dispatch reported; Dominikl told the court he was drunk when he uttered the anti-Semitic remarks, and had already apologized to the Jew he had insulted.

VIRGINIA HOUSE DECIDES TODAY ON REVOCATION OF ROCKWELL'S CHARTER

RICHMOND, Va.; Feb; 28; (JTA) -- Legislation revoking the state charter of the America Nazi party moved one step closer last night when the Virginia House of Delegates rejected by a narrow margin a proposal to return the bill to committee.

By a vote of 44-42 the delegates agreed to vote on the actual bill tomorrow; Referral to a committee would have doomed the measure in this session of the legislature which is fast drawing to a close; The measure will still have to go to the State Senate, if it passes the House of Delegates.

Harrison Mann, Jr., an Arlington lawyer and World War II Marine veteran, said there were two reasons for the introduction of the measure; The Rockwell group, he stated had its offices "in my county and they parade in uniforms with their guns strapped on, People there are sick and tired of the whole business;"

The second reason, he declared, was that Rockwellite literature includes the statement "chartered by Virginia" with an apparent attempt to indicate some sort of legitimacy; "I think that's a blot on the good name of Virginia," he explained; He added that the bill would remove the protection of corporate immunity from the organization whose purposes, he said, he considered inimical to the state and nation.

JE WISH GROUPS WARN ON HUMANE SLAUGHTER BILL PENDING IN NEW YORK SENATE

NEW YORK, Feb; 28; (JTA) -- New Jewish warnings were issued today that the Conklin Humane Slaughter bill, now pending in the New York State Senate, would prevent Jewish ritual slaughter in the State by forbidding shackling and hoisting of meat animals prior to slaughter.

The Jewish Community Relations Committee of Utica said that the Conklin bill -- and a companion Calli bill in the State Assembly -- specifically exempt schechita as a humane method of killing. The committee added, however, that since there are not now any means of pre-handling available to New York abattirs, other than shackling and hoisting, which would not interfere with schechita, the practical effect of passage of the measures would be to halt all kosher meat provisions within the state.

The same point was made by the National Council of Young Israel, which declared: "The Conklin bill was cleverly worded in that, in theory, it does not prevent schechita; It does, however, prohibit the shackling and hoisting of animals; This makes it impossible in practice to carry out schechita properly;"

Nathan Saperstein, chairman of the Young Israel Committee on Law and Legislation, said that while various devices have been experimented to replace shackling and hoisting, none of these have gained the approval of the rabbinate. It has been reported, however, that a device developed by a Philadelphia slaughter house, is an effective substitute and has received rabbinical approval; However, this device cannot be used for smaller food animals.

REP. ROSENTHAL, NEW JEWISH CONGRESSMAN, S WORN IN; WAS ELECTED IN NEW YORK

WASHINGTON, Feb; 28; (JTA) -- Newly elected Congressman Benjamin S, Rosenthal was sworn in today in brief House ceremonies; The 38-year-old New York lawyer, who was elected in a special election last week to fill the unexpired term of Lester Holzman, was introduced to the House by Emanuel Celler, dean of New York's Congressional contingent.

The seating of Rep; Rosenthal brings to 12 the number of Jews currently serving in both Houses -- the same as there were in the first session of the 87th Congress.

MRS. ROOSEVELT HONORED IN ISRAEL; WELcomed BY IMMIGRANT CHILDREN

JERUSALEM, Feb; 28; (JTA) -- Mrs.; Eleanor Roosevelt was welcomed today at the Beersheba Youth Aliyah Center with a large bouquet of flowers bearing her name; The bouquet was presented to her by two wards of the institution, one from Turkey and the other from Morocco.

She also took part in the ceremony of naming the Youth Aliyah center at Ashkim after Mrs; Vera Weizmann, widow of Israel's first president; Mrs; Roosevelt, who is a world patron of Youth Aliyah, and Mrs; Weizmann, who is honorary chairman of World Child's Day for Youth Aliyah in 1962, signed a proclamation of the day. Copies will be sent to Youth Aliyah supporters throughout the world.
$1,644,714 RAISED AT OPENING OF JEWISH WELFARE DRIVE IN LOS ANGELES

LOS ANGELES, Feb 28; (JTA) — A total of $1,644,714 was pledged here yesterday for this year’s United Jewish Welfare Fund campaign, according to an announcement today by Joseph N. Mitchell, general campaign chairman, and Mrs. Victor M. Carter, chairman of the women’s division. The fund will seek to raise $8,000,000 this year.

At a special dinner last night, 150 Jewish community leaders here raised $1,443,608, as against $906,852 pledged at a similar event in last year’s drive. An additional $201,162 was raised at the Women’s Division’s annual “pace setter’s” luncheon yesterday; Moshe Sharett, chairman of the Jewish Agency executive, and Israeli’s former Prime Minister, was the principal speaker at the dinner.

SCHOOL BOARD DECISION TO READ NEW TESTAMENT IN CLASSES EVOKES PROTESTS

PHILADELPHIA, Feb 28; (JTA) — Four non-Jews and one rabbi today complained to Abington School Board, in nearby Bucks County, against a plan by the township to accept a gift of 3,000 copies of the New Testament which would be used for Bible reading in the public schools in the area. The School Board has scheduled a meeting for next week to decide on a proposal that it appeal the issue afresh to the U.S. Supreme Court, which has already ruled against Bible reading in public schools.

Among the opponents of the Bible-reading proposal are leading members of the Society of Friends, an Episcopal clergyman, and Rabbi Herbert Hendel, of Temple Sholom, Levittown, Pa; Rabbi Hendel and the non-Jews opposing school Bible reading insist that the move would violate the principle of separation of Church and State, and hold that Bible reading by children "are matters belonging to the homes and the religious institutions to which the children and their parents belong."

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS IN CALIFORNIA CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO RELIGION

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb 28; (JTA) — Local school districts in California are using transcripts of records achieved by high school students, showing the student’s race, religion and national origin, thus aiding possible discrimination on these biased grounds. It was revealed here today by the Jewish Labor Committee. The J.L.C. has requested that the State Education Department and California’s Attorney General probe the situation, which is contrary to a State law.

Transcripts furnished by the State Education Department give no indication of the student’s race, religion or national origin; but such data is included on the forms furnished by local school districts, it has been ascertained. The local districts send those transcripts to institutions granting college scholarships; thus enabling the latter to enforce racial or religious quotas, the J.L.C. charged.

NEW YORK CITY REACHES AGREEMENT ASSURING JEISH BURIALS ON SUNDAYS:

NEW YORK, Feb 28; (JTA) — The New York Board of Rabbis reported today that a rabbinical delegation which met with city officials had received assurances that every effort would be made to protect the religious needs of the Jewish community on the issue of keeping Jewish cemeteries open on Sundays.

The assurances were given at a special meeting held Monday in New York City Hall, partly in connection with a threat by the Chauffeurs Union to strike. The, 1,000 drivers man the funeral cars in which bodies are delivered to cemeteries for interment, Deputy Mayor Edward F. Cavanaugh, Jr., said the strike was averted in an agreement reached at a negotiating session in City Hall last night.

The walkout, scheduled for today, would have halted many burials in the metropolitan area. The livery associations, which provide the transport service, sought to eliminate Saturday work because of a recent decision by New York area cemeteries to remain closed on that day to avoid paying grave diggers time and a half overtime on weekends; the drivers union threatened to strike if members who worked on Saturdays were reassigned to Sunday work.

The new agreement provides that men who now work on Sunday will continue to do so; those assigned Saturday will be reassigned to a Monday-thru-Friday schedule. The Deputy Mayor told the rabbinic delegation, headed by Rabbi Salomon Faber of New York, that he had been assured by the drivers union it would supply all drivers necessary to attend to Jewish burials on Sunday.

LAST JEWISH INSTITUTION LEAVES FORMER JEWISH SECTION OF CHICAGO

CHICAGO, Feb 28; (JTA) — The last Jewish institution in the Greater Lawndale section of Chicago, a once-thriving Jewish section often referred to as the “Jerusalem of Chicago,” moved out of the neighborhood today. The Associated Talmud Torahs of Chicago moved to new offices; Last year, the Chicago Jewish Academy quit the area.