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CONGRESSIONAL BODY REQUESTED TO SUMMON STEVENSON ON ISRAEL ISSUE

WASHINGTON, April 25. (JTA) -- Democratic Congressman Leonard Farbstein of New York today asked the chairman of the Near East Subcommittee of the House Foreign Affairs Committee to invite United Nations Ambassador Adlai Stevenson "or the official in the Department of State most responsible" for U.S. Middle Eastern foreign policy, to testify before the House unit on "the motivations" of the United States-sponsored resolution in the UN Security Council, censuring Israel, earlier this month.

Rep. Farbstein, a member of the subcommittee, said in a letter to Subcommittee Chairman L. H. Fountain, North Carolina Democrat, that he was making his request because he, "along with other of my colleagues have become increasingly disturbed by the conduct of our affairs in the United Nations" with respect to the Middle East. The New Yorker said U. S. votes in the United Nations during the past four months appear "on the face" to be "in harmony with the views of Israel's sworn enemies."

In addition to U. S. sponsorship of the censure resolution, the Congressman cited the American UN delegation's efforts in the General Assembly, last December, to defeat a 16-nation proposal for direct Israel-Arab peace talks which, he said, "caused widespread concern in Congress."

Rep. Farbstein pointed out that the U. S. vote was cast against the resolution "despite repeated pronouncements by our State Department, reaffirming our support for direct talks among parties to all disputes." Similarly, he said, U. S. sponsorship of the censure resolution "again failed to go to the root of the difficulties--the refusal of the Arabs to negotiate and make peace with Israel."

"One wonders if these two recent developments are not part of a pattern, suggesting an emerging new policy in the Middle East," Mr. Farbstein stated in his letter. "If such new policy has been adopted, it cannot serve the cause of peace in the Middle East." The New Yorker also stated that his request for the appearance of Mr. Stevenson, or a State Department official, before the Near East Subcommittee was in keeping with Congress' "right and obligation to know how the foreign affairs of this Nation are carried out."

The request comes some two weeks after Mr. Farbstein's introduction of a resolution in the House, calling on the State Department to furnish "full and complete information with respect to the reasons underlying the United States sponsorship and active support" of the UN censure vote against Israel.

U. S. Urged to Protect American Jews Against Arab Discrimination

BOSTON, April 25. (JTA) -- Rep. Laurence Curtis, a member of the House of Representatives Committee on Foreign Affairs, urged here today that the Federal Government take vigorous steps to protect American citizens against discrimination" by foreign governments. He referred to bias practiced against American Jews by Arab states in general and, specifically, by Saudi Arabia, pointing out that "a certain country" is not permitting the entry of "persons of a certain minority group."

"There is ample evidence" in the hands of the Government, the Congressman charged, of such discrimination. He alleged that even an American plane carrying a Congressional delegation might not be permitted to land "in one Arab country until assurance had been given that no person of a certain minority group would be included in the visiting party."

Congressman Curtis, a Republican, is a candidate for the United States Senate, seeking election to the Senate seat formerly held by President Kennedy. He is opposed by Edward Kennedy, President Kennedy's youngest brother, and by George Cabot Lodge, former Assistant United States Secretary of Labor, who is a son of Henry Cabot Lodge, former Director of the United States delegation to the United Nations.

Saudi Arabian Ruler Calls for War on Israel; Pledges Weapons and Money

LONDON, April 25. (JTA) -- King Ibn Saud of Saudi Arabia called last night on Palestinians to go to war against Israel and promised weapons and money to them for that purpose, it was reported here today from Dhahran.

asserting that "Palestine cannot be liberated except by the blood of Palestinians," he urged the Arabs to follow the example of the Algerian Moslems and said he would back them against the Algerians "morally and materially."

ISRAEL LABOR OPPOSES PROPOSAL TO RECEIVE WAGE INCREASE IN BONDS

TEL AVIV, April 25. (JTA) -- Finance Minister Levi Eshkol's proposal to pay a portion of the next increase in cost-of-living allowances in Government bonds ran into stiff opposition today from the head of the Trade Union department of the Histadrut, Israel's Labor Federation.

Yeruham Meshel told the Finance Minister he was flatly opposed to the idea, but added he would bring the matter before his colleagues in the Histadrut. The idea was worked out by the Finance Minister as part of his strategy to dampen inflationary tendencies which, he has contended, would arise from increases in wages greater than increases in productivity, thus imperiling the gains from Israel's devaluation of the pound last February 9.

The Histadrut official reminded the Finance Minister that categorical promises had been given that all employees would be paid the full allowance in cash in July, when such allowances are payable. The secretariat of the leftist Mapam Party similarly strongly opposed the Eshkol bond proposal. The issue was expected to come to a head at the meeting of the Histadrut's central committee next Sunday.

GENERAL ZIONIST GROUP IN EUROPE MEETS IN PARIS; BACKS PARTY UNIFICATION

PARIS, April 25. (JTA) -- Following a two-day meeting here of the European leaders of the World Confederation of General Zionists, the group headed by Dr. Emanuel Neumann, a decision was announced today to ask for the convocation of a joint conference of the World Confederation, the Liberal Party in Israel and "all General Zionists who are in favor of unification in the General Zionist movement" for the purpose of designating a world leadership solely authorized to speak on behalf of the General Zionist movement in Israel and in the countries outside of Israel.

The Liberal Party in Israel is a merger, effected a year ago, between the former General Zionist and Progressive Parties of Israel. "One year after the fusion of the two groups in Israel, the existence of two Confederations of General Zionists prejudices the General Zionist movement and Zionism in general," the conference here emphasized.

The decision adopted by the conference said that unification of the two competing Confederations "means neither identification with any Israel party, nor interference in the internal affairs of Israel and of the Knesset. It is based solely on the problems in connection with the World Zionist Congress, on the Zionist activities, and on a common approach to Zionist problems."

TWO TRIALS OF NAZIS CHARGED WITH MURDER OF JEWS OPEN IN GERMANY

BONN, April 25. (JTA) -- Two separate trials involving three ex-Nazis charged with war crimes in the murder of Jews during World War II were opened in Germany today.

At Verden, a jury court started hearing testimony against Heinrich Wessel, aid to the commandant of the Sachsenhausen concentration camp. Wessel, a former colonel in Hitler's SS, is 57. He was arrested two years ago at Dorfmark, Lower Saxony, where he had been living under an assumed name since 1945. The charge against him is manslaughter and participation in mass murders at Sachsenhausen.

Two former members of the German security police, who served in Galicia, went on trial before a jury court at Saarbruecken. One, Kurt Koellner, 53, is charged with brutally murdering 18 Jewish men, women and children in eastern Galicia between August 1942 and August 1943. The second man, 57-year-old Heinrich Peckmann, is accused of murdering two Jews in the same area during the same twelve-month period.

INDUSTRIALIST, NOW IN U.S., CHARGED WITH FINANCING ANTI-SEMITES IN RUMANIA

NEW YORK, April 25. (JTA) -- Fulton Lewis, Jr., nationally syndicated columnist, charged today that Nicolae Malaxa, former Rumanian living "in palatial elegance" in this city, has been implicated in the death of 100,000 Rumanian Jews during World War II. Declaring that efforts to deport him to Rumania have been unavailing, Mr. Lewis stated: "There is no explanation why Malaxa is still here. Nor is there an excuse."

According to the columnist, Malaxa, an industrialist in Bucharest, "financed the infamous Iron Guard of Rumania, which massacred, tortured, imprisoned and hanged hundreds of thousands of Jews in the early days of 1941."

Later, during the war, Mr. Lewis alleges, Malaxa "hooked up" with Albert Goering, brother of Marshal Goering, Hitler's No. 2 man, and "helped supply Hitler's army with some of the metallurgical products so badly needed during the war." Mr. Lewis asserted that Malaxa came to the United States in 1946 to represent the Communist Rumanian Government, and has remained here since.

The United States Immigration Service, which has held deportation hearings against Malaxa, "has been stymied in its efforts to send him back to Rumania," according to Mr. Lewis.

41% OF ALL CONTRIBUTORS TO JEWISH FUNDS ARE WOMEN, C.J.F.W.F. SURVEY SHOWS

NEW YORK, April 25. (JTA) -- Women in both 1960 and 1961 represented 41 percent of all contributors and gave 11 percent of all funds raised in Jewish community campaigns, according to a two-year survey of women's divisions in the United States and Canada released today by the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds.

Mrs. Harold Miller of Milwaukee, chairman of the Council's Committee on Women's Communal Service, which conducted the survey, announced that 69 communities participated in the study. Of these, 49 communities reported that the average woman's gift amounted to \$33.00 in both years. However, she said, this varied according to the size of the Jewish population, the average gift being \$29 where the population surpassed 40,000; \$39 where it was below 40,000 but above 10,000; and \$47 where it was below 10,000. The total amount raised by 53 communities was \$5,638,530 in 1960 and \$5,564,728 in 1961.

Mrs. Miller reported also that a growing number of communities--48 in 1961 as compared to 16 in 1955--had developed year-round women's divisions or women's service committees, and had supplemented fund-raising activity with interpretation and education programs. She pointed out that the survey sought not only statistics but methods of campaigning.

The communities participating in the survey included:

Cities over 40,000 Jewish population--Chicago, Cleveland, Detroit, Los Angeles, Miami, Montreal, San Francisco, Baltimore, Newark, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh and St. Louis.

Cities with 10-40,000 Jewish population--Atlanta, Cincinnati, Dallas, Houston, Jersey City, Kansas City, Milwaukee, Minneapolis, New Haven, New Orleans, Paterson, Providence, St. Paul, Trenton, Winnipeg and Buffalo.

Cities with under 10,000 Jewish population--Akron, Allentown, Binghamton, Columbus, O., Dayton, Des Moines, Edmonton, El Paso, Erie, Flint, Fort Worth, Gary, Hamilton, Indianapolis, Little Rock, Long Beach, Louisville, Madison, Manchester, Memphis, Nashville, New Brunswick, Perth Amboy, Plainfield, Portland, Me., San Diego, San Jose, Savannah, Scranton, Shreveport, Vancouver, Waco, Wilkes-Barre, Wilmington, Windsor, Worcester and Youngstown.

RABBINICAL ASSEMBLY OF AMERICA CHALLENGES USEFULNESS OF JEWISH CENTERS

NEW YORK, April 25. (JTA) -- The Jewish Center, "which did yeoman service decades ago in helping to Americanize and integrate Jewish immigrants, has outlived its usefulness as it stands and must either change its approach or give way to the synagogue."

This is the claim made by the Rabbinical Assembly of America, central body of Conservative rabbis, in its organ, "Conservative Judaism." The claim was developed from the results of a symposium on the relationships between the synagogue and the center in the current issue of the quarterly periodical, published today.

The Assembly argued that "as a 'Jewish' but non-religious institution, the Center tends to 'ghettoize' Jewish children and adults for non-Jewish activities."

Dr. Max Arzt, vice-chancellor of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, argued that it was "high time" that the Jewish Center "became a religious institution in fact, even as it appears to be in name." He proposed that to accomplish "this transformation," Jewish Centers should employ staffs which are "religiously committed" and which "can expose those who frequent the Center to religious interest rather than to religious indifference."

Rabbi Mordecai S. Halpern of Oak Park, Mich., cited the decision of the Jewish Community Center of Detroit to open all its facilities on the Jewish Sabbath and asserted that "there is immediate need for a new look at priorities in the Jewish community--in organization, leadership, programing and obviously in Federation allotments."

Rabbi Harold Schulweis of Oakland, California, demanded that the synagogue "challenge the position of economic priority which the Center holds today upon Federation allocations for local needs."

Other participants included Rabbi Bernard Ducoff, executive director of the Bureau of Jewish Education of San Francisco, Rabbi David W. Silverman of Riverdale, N. Y., and Dr. Jacob Neusner, assistant professor of Hebrew studies at the University of Wisconsin.

Carl Urboni, director of the 92nd Street YMHA in New York City, offered a critical self-analysis of the Jewish content in programing at the 92nd Street Y, one of the largest Jewish Centers in the United States. He pointed out that if the adolescent observes that the Center is primarily devoted to the pursuit of fun and socials, and that it is not so much concerned with the spirit, the intellect and the history of the Jews, it will have an effect on his personality development, but a negative one. It will merely reinforce the judgment of the majority culture that "Jewish values are best avoided," he asserted.

BOSTON JEWS ASK STATE FOR 'CLEAN CUT' POLICY ON SUNDAY EXEMPTIONS

BOSTON, April 25. (JTA) -- The Jewish Community Council of Metropolitan Boston has adopted a resolution calling for a "clean-cut" state legislative policy which would permit persons or businesses closed on Saturdays to stay open on Sundays.

According to Rabbi Roland B. Gittelsohn, president of the Council, and Robert E. Segal, executive director, legislative revision being planned now, to amend the Massachusetts Sunday closing law, "fails completely to meet the basic issue of injustice to those who observe Sabbath on a day other than Sunday."

There is a proposal before the State Legislature to exempt from the Sunday closing provisions shops and stores with from one to three employees. While this proposal is "well intentioned," the Council resolution declared, it does not meet the need for a "clean cut" revision of the law.

SEVENTY-FIVE % OF CLEVELAND JEWISH CHILDREN IN JEWISH SCHOOLS

CLEVELAND, April 25. (JTA) -- Approximately 75 percent of the Jewish children in the Cleveland public schools attend some Jewish schools here, according to the 37th annual report of the local Bureau of Jewish Education.

The bureau's report indicated that the organization serves about 30 communal and congregational schools here, with a total enrollment of 12,518 pupils and about 600 teachers. Of the total, 4,173 pupils are enrolled in weekday schools, 570 in day schools, 866 in communal Hebrew schools, 54 in the Yiddish school, and 2,683 in congregational Hebrew schools. There are 473 children in nursery schools sponsored by synagogues and Jewish schools.

The communal Hebrew High School has an enrollment of 130 pupils; 32 students attend Prozdor, a secondary school conducted by the Institute of Jewish Studies; 34 are in congregational Hebrew high schools; and 28 girls are in a day school at the secondary level.

140 ISRAELI TEACHERS ARE ENGAGED IN JEWISH SCHOOLS IN UNITED STATES

NEW YORK, April 25. (JTA) -- Approximately 140 Israeli teachers are currently serving Jewish schools throughout the United States, according to figures compiled here by the Department of Education and Culture of the American Zionist Council. The program of Israeli teachers exchanges is conducted by the department in cooperation with the American Association for Jewish Education.

The Israeli teachers are located in 49 communities in 15 states. They were brought here to serve for periods ranging from two years to four years, after being selected in Israel for their suitability and experience. All possess teachers licenses.

\$1,000,000 GOAL REACHED BY CINCINNATI'S ORTHODOX HOME FOR AGED

CINCINNATI, April 25. (JTA) -- The Orthodox Jewish Home for the Aged announced today it had reached its goal of gifts of \$1,000,000 to build a new and more modern structure.

Jacob Jacobson, president, said the timing of the announcement that the goal had been achieved was set for Passover to emphasize that the home was "gaining freedom from the overcrowding and inadequate facilities in the present building." The new facilities will provide room for 130 residents in an air-conditioned building.

NEW BRUNSWICK LEGISLATURE NAMES JEW TO STUDY CITY PROBLEMS

FREDERICTON, New Brunswick, April 25. (JTA) -- The New Brunswick Legislature after a long debate on the future of the Parish of Simonds near Saint John, appointed H. Carl Goldenberg of Montreal to make a one-man inquiry into municipal organization in the greater Saint John area. Mr. Goldenberg, an expert on municipal problems, is expected to start the inquiry after the terms of reference are published next week.

CHIEF RABBI OF PARIS GETS HIGH DECORATION FROM THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT

PARIS, April 25. (JTA) -- Dr. Jacob Kaplan, chief rabbi of Paris, has been promoted to the rank of commander in the French Legion of Honor, one of the highest ranks in that order, it was announced here today. The promotion, which was hailed in Jewish circles here, raised Rabbi Kaplan to equal status in the order with Cardinal Feltin, head of the Catholic church in France, and with Pastor Westphal, leading Protestant churchman.

ISRAEL IMPORTS 55,000 TONS OF WOOD PULP PAPER FROM CANADA ANNUALLY

HALIFAX, Nova Scotia, April 25. (JTA) -- Israel imports 55,000 tons of wood pulp paper annually from Canada, John Donaldson, manager of the Halifax Power and Pulp Company, said here today. He made the announcement as his firm shipped 2,500 tons of ground wood pulp to Israel.