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ISRAEL ENVOY BRIEFED BY RUSK ON CUBA CRISIS, REPORTS TO GOVERNMENT

WASHINGTON, Oct. 23. (JTA) -- Israel Ambassador Avraham Harman was among foreign diplomats summoned to the State Department last night by Secretary of State Dean Rusk for an emergency briefing on United States moves in connection with the Cuban blockade crisis.

Mr. Harman, it is believed, has conveyed to the Israel Government his evaluation of developments, at least partially based on the extraordinary briefing.

Israelis are intently observing Cuban developments, aware of the parallel situation existing in the Middle East, where the Soviet Union is providing a massive, offensive arms build-up to a number of Arab states hostile to Israel. The flow of Soviet missiles and jet bombers to the Arabs motivated the United States Government's recent decision to provide Israel with defensive Hawk anti-aircraft missiles.

Israel Most Regularly Supports United States Position in U. N.

An evaluation of the United Nations voting records of members not formerly aligned with either world bloc, published here today as the U.S.A. is rallying its friends for U.N. action on the Cuban blockade crisis, revealed Israel's record was the most pro-American, while the Arab states sided overwhelmingly with the Soviet Union.

Israel's votes coincided with the U.S. stand 48 times, and only four times with the Russian vote. The Israeli record, from a viewpoint of most frequent similarity with the American position, surpassed even such nations as Ireland, Sweden, Finland, Austria and Cyprus. Votes by the Arab League states compared with those of leftist Indonesia in frequency of support of the Soviet side. Iraq's votes coincided with Russia's 43 times, but only twice with the American stand.

These statistics were viewed with special interest here in view of the UN General Assembly votes required to back the American move at the United Nations, calling for the dismantling and withdrawal of all offensive weapons from Cuba under supervision of UN observers, before the quarantine can be lifted.

The study was compiled by Francis O. Wilcox, who served as U.S. Assistant Secretary of State for International Organizational Affairs from 1956 to 1961. He was also in the American UN delegation. Mr. Wilcox analyzed the voting pattern of non-aligned nations on 80 important roll call votes in the 15th and 16th General Assembly sessions, including plenary and committee meetings. The conclusions were published in a foreign policy report issued by the Foreign Policy Association.

ISRAELI SEES U.N. MEMBERS RELUCTANT TO PRESS ARABS TO NEGOTIATE PEACE

LONDON, Oct. 23. (JTA) -- While many members of the United Nations would like to see direct peace talks between the Arab states and Israel, "very few would approach the Arab governments on this problem, and still fewer would press them to agree to negotiate," Mrs. Zena Harman declared here tonight. The wife of Avraham Harman, Israel's Ambassador to Washington, and herself familiar with affairs at the UN, where he has represented Israel in the past, was the principal speaker at the annual meeting of the Federation of Women Zionists.

Referring to the secret proposals regarding the Arab refugee issue, recently made by Dr. Joseph E. Johnson, special emissary of the UN Palestine Conciliation Commission, Mrs. Harman said his thinking "tries to go to the root of the problem, but will have to be amended considerably before they reach the General Assembly's Special Political Committee." Dr. Johnson has proposed that Arab refugees be given a choice between "return" to Israel or compensation by Israel, with the alternative of resettlement in Arab countries. Both Israel and the Arab states have, thus far, rejected his proposals. The refugee issue is scheduled for debate in the UN Assembly's committee next month.

ISRAELI INFLUX POINTS TO \$66 MILLION NEED FOR HOUSING, U. J. A. MISSION TOLD

TEL AVIV, Oct. 23. (JTA) -- The 145-member United Jewish Appeal Study Mission was told today that immigration to Israel may continue at a pace calling for huge expenditures, with possible housing outlays of \$66,000,000 for the newcomers.

The \$66,000,000 figure was given by Aryeh Pincus, Jewish Agency treasurer, at the start of the working session of the mission after its arrival here from Europe early today. He

also told the United Jewish Appeal leaders that such funds would have to be raised in addition to those for projects to provide permanent housing for 2,500 immigrant families still in transit camps, for young couples and for slum dwellers.

Asserting that the Jewish nation had never been prepared for "tomorrow's emergencies," the Agency official said "it is time we start to take measures for tomorrow at least with the yardsticks of today." He said that, if the current UJA goal was not reached "and it is essential that we raise even more," the efforts of 25 years of UJA activities may be wasted.

Describing the efforts made by Israeli Jews in absorbing immigration, he said they covered two-thirds of such expenditures, with the remaining one-third being covered from abroad. With the anticipated greater immigration and the corresponding expected larger outlays for housing and settlement, he added, this ratio would change, and the burden on Israeli Jews would be greater. He added that this would be in addition to the security load which was being increased by the need to provide new weapons. Joseph Meyerhoff, UJA general chairman, presided.

Two plane loads of immigrants arrived at Lydda airport during the day. Members of the mission accompanied the newcomers to new homes waiting for them in the Negev.

PIONEER WOMEN LAUD U.S.A. FOR AIDING ISRAELI DEFENSES, URGE PEACE

NEW YORK, Oct. 23. (JTA) -- The Larger National Board of Pioneer Women concluded a two-day policy making session here today with adoption of a resolution commending the United States Government for helping to restore the arms balance in the Middle East making defensive missiles available to Israel. The women called upon the American Government to "take the leadership in promoting a peace settlement and ending the conflict in the Middle East."

The governing body of the 40,000-member women's labor Zionist organization also expressed "full support of President Kennedy's actions with regard to Cuba and the maintenance of peace and security in the Western Hemisphere."

During the conference, plans were made to expand the Pioneer Women program in Israel, which provides social services for women, youth and children in nearly 1,000 child care and immigrant rehabilitation centers. Special emphasis was placed on the expansion of vocational and educational instruction for Israel's Arab women and children.

Resolutions were also passed by the board expressing support for Federal aid to education, civil rights legislation in the field of publicly assisted housing, health care for the aged under Social Security, and purchase by the United States of the United Nations bond issue.

CALIFORNIA AFL-CIO CALLS FOR DIRECT ISRAELI-ARAB PEACE TALKS

LOS ANGELES, Oct. 23. (JTA) -- A resolution calling upon the governments of the Middle East "to resolve their differences through direct negotiations between Israel and the Arab states, on the basis of mutual recognition of their territorial integrity and national independence" was adopted at Long Beach, at the annual convention of the California Labor Federation of the AFL-CIO.

The delegates, representing 1,500,000 trade unionists in this state, also called on the United States Government and "other free nations" to exert their moral leadership in developing a basis for peace in the Middle East. Still another resolution endorsed the activities of the American Trade Union Council for Histadrut, the Israel Federation of Labor.

CATHOLIC HIERARCHY IN SOUTH AMERICA URGED TO OPPOSE ANTI-SEMITISM

SAO PAULO, Brazil, Oct. 23. (JTA) -- A call to the Catholic Church to take "a forthright stand" against anti-Semitism in South America was voiced here today by Dr. Maurice L. Perlzweig, director of the international affairs department of the World Jewish Congress. He was the principal speaker at the four-day meeting of the WJC's South American executive. The parley, concerned principally with the recent outbreaks of anti-Semitism in South America, opened yesterday and is being attended by Jewish leaders from 10 Latin American countries.

Praising the stand against anti-Semitism taken in this country by the Catholic hierarchy, he said that a similar "forthright" attitude in behalf of ecclesiastical authorities in other Latin American lands "would encourage both public opinion and security authorities to proceed against hatemongers."

Dr. Perlzweig pointed out that many former Nazis and European fascists have taken refuge in South American countries, where "they are acting with increasing impunity as the agents of the international movements which they represented." He stated that these activities "give additional significance and importance" to such steps as are being advocated at the United Nations now "to arrest and ultimately to eradicate the movements organized to undermine and destroy human rights everywhere."

N.Y. PRESSES HUNT FOR KILLER OF HASSIDIC LEADER AS PROTESTS MOUNT

NEW YORK, Oct. 23. (JTA) -- New York City police today installed a special telephone, advertising the number (EV 8-2304) widely, in a stepped-up effort to apprehend the killers who, a week ago, beat to death Rabbi Bernard Eisdorfer, a prominent disciple of the Satmar Rebbe. Police Lieutenant Alfred W. Dougherty, of the precinct embracing the Williamsburg section of Brooklyn where the Hassidic scholar had been robbed and fatally injured, said the special telephone will be manned day and night, in the hope that some information might be received, possibly leading to the arrest of the hoodlums who killed Rabbi Eisdorfer.

The death has raised protests, not only from about 10,000 Hassidim in Williamsburg but also from all sections of New York City. Today, the Brooklyn Jewish Community Council, declaring it was speaking "as the voice of the organized Brooklyn Jewish community," requested that the city take "swift action to put at rest the fears of citizens of the Williamsburg Jewish community." The Council also asked that District Attorney Edward Silver probe the outrage.

WORKMEN'S CIRCLE OPENS DRIVE TO SUPPORT IMMIGRATION LAW REVISION

NEW YORK, Oct. 23. (JTA) -- A national campaign to line up support for a bill pending in the United States Senate for the liberalization of the immigration laws was launched today by the Workmen's Circle, according to an announcement by Nathan Chanan, general secretary of the fraternal order. The bill, introduced by Senator Philip A. Hart, Michigan Democrat, and co-sponsored by 24 Senators, would allow for an overall increase in immigration into the United States from the 156,000 now permitted to approximately 250,000.

CALIFORNIA JEWS SAY ANTI-COMMUNIST MEASURE ENDANGERS CIVIL RIGHTS

LONG BEACH, Calif., Oct. 23. (JTA) -- An agency of the Long Beach Jewish community assailed today a proposed anti-Communist amendment, which will be on the California ballot in November, as providing "a whole array of denunciations with privileged irresponsibility." At the same time, an interfaith committee, the "Northern California Citizens Against Proposition 24" (the amendment's ballot number), was formed to fight the draft. Membership of the group comprises citizens of various faiths, including several of the Jewish religion.

The Community Relations Committee of the Jewish Community Federation of Long Beach attacked the proposed amendment in a report which was published in the Jewish Federation News here. The report urged Long Beach Jews to "investigate before you vote" and offered speakers on the issue to Jewish organizations.

The report noted that the proposed amendment was meant to prevent Communists and other subversives from taking advantage of the privileges and protections guaranteed by the Constitution. However, the committee added, "proposition 24 proposes to do this by violating the basic controlling concept of American justice--trial by jury and innocence until proven guilty."

YESHIVA UNIVERSITY OPENS FIRST WEST COAST BRANCH; LEON STITSKIN IS DEAN

LOS ANGELES, Oct. 23. (JTA) -- The West Coast Institute for Jewish Studies, the first branch of Yeshiva University outside its New York City headquarters, was inaugurated last night at the Torah Education Center in Los Angeles. The program opened with some 20 courses in education, religion, history, Hebrew and Bible. The courses will be augmented by a comprehensive lecture series by visiting professors.

Courses initially are being offered in the evening, with two sessions each Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, for 15 weeks. Dr. Leon Stitskin, professor of philosophy at Yeshiva University, is serving as acting dean. One of the primary objectives of the new branch, he said, was to ease the critical need for teacher training facilities, to keep pace with the constantly growing Jewish educational system on the West Coast.

CHICAGO RABBIS SEEK HEALTH PLAN PAYMENTS FOR RITUAL CIRCUMCISIONS

CHICAGO, Oct. 23. (JTA) -- The Chicago Rabbinical Council disclosed today that it was negotiating with the Blue Cross and Blue Shield hospital and medical plans to provide payments for ritual circumcisions when performed by a licensed mohel approved by hospitals.

The negotiations were undertaken at the suggestion of Rabbi Alvin I. Kleinerman. He asserted that doctors in Chicago were seeking to persuade parents of Jewish boys to have circumcisions performed by them, rather than by a mohel, "as an economy measure," since mohelim are not recognized by Blue Cross and Blue Shield for benefit payments.

Negotiations are being conducted by Rabbi Moses Mescheloff, chairman of the rabbinical group's community relations commission. Rabbi Mescheloff said that, in recent years, Blue Shield had relaxed its rules to pay for surgical work performed by dentists and podiatrists, and that the rabbinical group felt the plan might also include ritual circumcizers in the same special category.

GERMANY TO PAY \$31 MILLION TO VICTIMS OF NAZISM IN THE NETHERLANDS

AMSTERDAM, Oct. 23. (JTA) -- The West German Government will pay 125,000,000 marks (\$31,250,000) for indemnification for the victims of the Nazi occupation of Holland, it was announced here today. Payment will be made after ratification of a Dutch-West German treaty.

Jewish communities and Jewish welfare organizations protested strongly against announced plans of the Dutch Government to distribute the money to Dutch Jewish victims or their survivors and to members of the resistance movement. The Jewish groups argued that all of the money should be distributed to the Jewish survivors and relatives.

BRITISH LABORITE THREATENED FOR ADVANCING ANTI-RACIST LEGISLATION

LONDON, Oct. 23. (JTA) -- Sir Leslie Plummer, Laborite MP, told the High Court today that his life had been threatened after he introduced a bill in Parliament to make it a criminal offense to insult a person because of his color or religion.

Sir Leslie appeared in connection with his suit for damages for libel against three members and one former member of the British right-wing National party who, in a Council election address, called Sir Leslie the "pro-black MP." The former member is John Tyndal, who was expelled from the party and who is now in jail serving a sentence for violation of the British Public Order Act, along with British National Socialist leader Colin Jordan and two other neo-Nazi leaders.

Foreign News Briefs

LONDON Oct. 23. (JTA) -- The Earl of Mountbatten, chief of Britain's Defense Staff, will visit Israel next month for two days, and will participate there in the dedication of the Edwina Mountbatten Forest of the Jewish National Fund, it was announced here today.

BRUSSELS, Oct. 23. (JTA) -- Paul Henri Spaak, Foreign Minister of Belgium, will visit Israel soon, as a guest of the Israel Government, it was announced here today. He will be accompanied by Robert Rothschild, his chef du cabinet.

RIO DE JANEIRO, Oct. 23. (JTA) -- Professor Fritz Feigl, noted scientist and president of the Confederation of Jewish Communities of Brazil, today accepted an invitation from the Hebrew University, Jerusalem, to act as guest lecturer at the institution. Dr. Feigl is to spend three months annually at the university lecturing on analytical chemistry.

MEXICO CITY, Oct. 23. (JTA) -- Dr. Samuel Reznikoff, well-known Mexican brain specialist, was notified here today that he has been elected to membership in the American Academy of Surgery, along with 23 other Mexican surgeons. Dr. Reznikoff is the son of Tuvia Reznikoff, a prominent Mexican Zionist and former president of the Jewish National Fund here.

LONDON, Oct. 23. (JTA) -- The Council of Christians and Jews issued an appeal today to all Christian churches in Britain to avoid presenting the Easter passion story "in such a way as to bring the odium" for the crucifixion of Jesus "upon all Jews or upon Jews alone." Rev. W.W. Simpson, secretary of the council, said the appeal was one of 10 points for greater interfaith harmony prepared at a representative international meeting of Christians and Jews.

PARIS, Oct. 23. (JTA) -- December has been designated "Israel Month" throughout France with a number of Israeli events scheduled in major French cities, it was announced here today. Among the planned activities are a lecture by Israeli Education Minister Abba Eban at the University of Paris, concerts here and in various provincial centers by Israeli musical groups, and a Jewish Book Week in Paris, Lyons and Marseilles where hundreds of Jewish and Israeli books will be on view.

NICOSIA, Cyprus, Oct. 23. (JTA) -- Israelis comprised one-third of all tourists visiting Cyprus during the month of August, according to official figures released here today. Of the 1,512 tourists who came here that month, 2,366 were Israelis.

BRUSSELS, Oct. 23. (JTA) -- The 10th anniversary of the establishment of the Central Social Center in Brussels was celebrated here today at a public meeting addressed by Edmond Leburton, the Belgium Minister for Social Welfare. The Minister expressed the high esteem of the Belgian Government for the activities and accomplishments of the center. The Jewish Choir of Belgrade was enthusiastically applauded for a presentation at the meeting.