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STATE DEPARTMENT CRITICIZED IN CONGRESS FOR BARRING J.T.A. FROM BRIEFING

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7. (JTA) -- Democratic Congressman William F. Ryan of New York told the House of Representatives today that the barring of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency's chief Washington correspondent, Milton Friedman, from a State Department briefing on the Arab Refugee question was "nothing less than a blatant effort to pressure a respected newsman to write in a manner more to the Department's liking."

In a speech on the floor of the House, Mr. Ryan said he was filing a written protest to Secretary of State Dean Rusk over what he termed "an incredible incident" and he urged his colleagues to do likewise.

Calling Mr. Friedman a "distinguished expert on Jewish affairs," Mr. Ryan warned that the action taken against the JTA correspondent could be repeated against other "responsible" reporters whose writings displease the Department.

Congressman Ryan recounted to the House the sequence of events leading up to the barring of Mr. Friedman on January 28 by Robert C. Strong, director of the Department's Office on Near Eastern Affairs, who conducted the session for correspondents.

Pointing to the fact that JTA has always enjoyed full status as a newsgathering agency, Mr. Ryan termed "ridiculous" the contention by Mr. Strong that the citing of JTA dispatches by Israeli diplomats in their discussions with him or members of his staff was evidence that the news agency was in the service of a foreign power. "The same could be said of the New York Times or any other medium whose reports are quoted in diplomatic discussions," said Rep. Ryan.

JEWISH GROUPS ASK SPEEDY RATIFICATION BY SENATE OF GENOCIDE PACT

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7. (JTA) -- A delegation of American Jewish leaders called on the Administration here today to press for immediate ratification by the United States Senate of the United Nations Genocide Convention.

The eight-member contingent, representing six Jewish organizations, told State Department officials that "the United States can no longer remain one of the uncommitted nations of the world on the issue of genocide." The six Jewish organizations represented were the American Jewish Congress, the Jewish Community Council of Washington, D. C., the Jewish Labor Committee, the Jewish War Veterans of America, the Union of American Hebrew Congregations and the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America.

The Genocide Convention, which has been ratified by 65 countries since it was unanimously adopted by the United Nations in 1948, condemns the mass murder of racial, religious, national and ethnic groups as an international crime. It was actively promoted by the U. S. mission to the UN in 1948 and reported out favorably by a Senate Foreign Relations Committee subcommittee in 1950. Since that time, however, the Genocide Convention has not been acted upon by the Senate Committee.

Louis E. Shacter of the American Jewish Congress, who served as spokesman for the group, said that Department officials were told that Administration support for the measure would undoubtedly meet with speedy and positive reaction by the Senate. He cited that Senate Foreign Relations Committee Chairman J. W. Fulbright (D.-Ark.) had said in a recent statement that his Committee might act to ratify the convention if such move received "the full weight and support of the Administration."

"What is needed now," Mr. Shacter emphasized, "is a simple declaration by the Executive Branch that this country is prepared to consider affirmatively participation in appropriate international undertakings in the field of human rights and that to begin with it will commend ratification of the Genocide Convention."

NATE GETS BILLS SEEKING TO ERASE DISCRIMINATION IN IMMIGRATION

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7. (JTA) -- Two separate but similar bills aimed at liberalizing United States immigration quotas were introduced in the Senate today.

One measure, introduced by Democratic Senator Philip Hart of Michigan with the bipartisan support of 30 other Senate members, would authorize the annual issuance of 1,000 visas distributed as follows: 50,000 for refugees or escapees regardless of

quota restrictions; 120,000 to be allocated among countries on the basis of a proportion of immigration to the U. S. during the last 15 years; and 80,000 to be divided among countries in proportion to the size of their population. It would set a ceiling of 3,000 per country.

The other bill, introduced by Senator Claiborne Pell, Rhode Island Democrat, who was also one of the co-sponsors of the Hart Bill, contains virtually the same provisions with the exception that it would reduce to 40,000 the number of visas reserved for refugees without regard to national origin. The remaining 10,000 visas would be granted to persons with special skills critically needed by the United States.

The Rhode Island lawmaker said his bill was designed to correct what he termed "noxious barriers" to U. S. Immigration. He charged the present quota system is based on "prejudice rather than arithmetic." In introducing his jointly sponsored bill, Senator Hart told his colleagues that the measure would make this country's "permanent immigration policies more consistent with the demands of our present foreign policy requirements" and would erase "present national and racial discriminations from current U. S. immigration practices."

The Administration is reportedly readying its own version of a liberalized immigration quota system which is expected to be presented shortly to Congress.

Jewish Organizations Urge Liberalization of Immigration Laws

NEW YORK, Feb. 7. (JTA) -- Hadassah and the American Jewish Congress today each urged the liberalization of the existing immigration laws. In a resolution adopted at the concluding session of its four-day convention, held here, the 200 delegates at the Hadassah parley called upon Congress to enact immigration legislation that would include "permanent provisions for the allocation of quotas for refugees."

Under the McCarran-Walter Act, the resolution declared, "the needs of refugees are not met, thereby necessitating special legislation to meet each emergency as it arises." The delegates also urged Congress to "eliminate the discriminatory practices of the National Origins Quota System" of the McCarran-Walter Act, which "places discriminatory limitations on immigration from many countries."

In a letter to the White House, Dr. Joachim Prinz, president of the American Jewish Congress, urged the administration to go beyond immigration legislation limited to the pooling or redistribution of unused quota numbers. He said the proposal to distribute unused quotas "fails to go to the heart of the issue--the racist and discriminatory national origins quota system, which has determined the issuance of immigration visas since 1924."

MOROCCAN NATIONALISTS ASK FOR RENAMING STREETS NAMED AFTER JEWS

CASABLANCA, Feb. 7. (JTA) -- Morocco's powerful Istiqlal party, now in the opposition, demanded today that all streets in Morocco named for Jewish leaders should be renamed.

The demand appeared in the party's official organ, Al Alam, which said the renaming should include those streets named for persons with pro-Jewish sympathies. The journal cited the Rue Rabbi Abraham Israel in Tetuan and the Rue Belfort in Casablanca.

The periodical said that existence of streets with such names was tantamount to "planting miniature Israels" in the Moslem country. Other streets listed included Rue Moise in Essauoria, Rue Rabbi Toledano, Rue de Jerusalem and Rue Rabbinical Tribunal in Mekness.

JEWS IN RUSSIA WILL BE PERMITTED TO BAKE MATZOTH, SOVIET EMBASSY SAYS

NEW YORK, Feb. 7. (JTA) -- An official of the Soviet Embassy in Washington today assured leaders of Young Israel, an association of Orthodox congregations in this country, that Soviet Jews will be permitted this year to bake matzoth for Passover.

The delegation, led by Rabbi David H. Hill, national president of Young Israel, met with Genardy Gavrikov, a Secretary of the Soviet Embassy at Washington, to discuss the matzoth situation in the USSR. The Young Israel leaders also discussed plans for a visit by Young Israel officials to the Soviet Union this year, to observe the freedom granted to Jews in the baking of matzoth, and also requested that Soviet authorities make flour for matzoth available to Russian Jews.

After the conference, Mr. Gavrikov issued the following statement: "The Jews of the Soviet Union are entitled to practice their religious rituals as freely as any other nationality in the Soviet Union. The same idea applies to the program of baking matzoth for the Jews for Passover."

Last year, Soviet Government factories were forbidden to bake matzoth. In some cities--Kiev, Riga and Leningrad--Jews did bake their own matzoth. Later, some Jews in those cities were arrested for "illegal activities" after selling matzoth to nearby Jewish communities, but those arrested were soon released.

ISRAEL ASSURED OF EFFICIENCY OF HAWK MISSILES BY U.S. PRODUCER

TEL AVIV, Feb. 7. (JTA) -- Israel could be supplied with the Hawk ground-to-air, supersonic missiles more quickly, if the United States Army were willing to wait for delivery of those missiles it had ordered, Charles Adams, president of the Raytheon Corporation, the firm making these defensive weapons, declared here today.

Mr. Adams, who came here yesterday to discuss implementation of the American Government's agreement to let Israel buy the Hawks, said his firm has not as yet met the U.S. Army's needs for the devices. The Hawks, he declared, are in production.

Mr. Adams met today first with Deputy Defense Minister Shimon Peres, then with Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion. The latter is also Defense Minister. The final date for delivery of Hawks to Israel, said Mr. Adams, will be determined by negotiation between Israel and the U.S. Government.

Speaking of the Hawk's efficiency, Mr. Adams said that no aircraft has as yet been designed that can withstand attack by the Hawk. Tests showed, he said, that the Hawk can be used not only ground-to-air but also ground-to-ground. He said his mission here was not to discuss with Israel either the price of the missiles or dates of delivery. Those details, he said, are up to the two governments, the United States and Israel.

INDONESIA SUSPENDED BY INTERNATIONAL OLYMPICS FOR BOYCOTTING ISRAEL

LAUSANNE, Switzerland, Feb. 7. (JTA) -- Indonesia was today suspended from membership in the International Olympics Committee for refusing, last year, to permit the participation of Israel and Ceylon in the Asia Olympics games.

The motion for suspension of Indonesia was made by the Indian delegation. The suspension, ordered by a subcommittee of the international organization meeting here, is, however, subject to review by the entire committee when it meets next summer at Nairobi, Kenya.

HADASSAH URGES CONGRESS TO 'EXAMINE' UNCONDITIONAL U.S. AID TO NASSER

NEW YORK, Feb. 7. (JTA) -- A resolution asking the Congress "to examine the theory of unconditional aid" when it reviews the United States foreign aid program was adopted here today at the closing session of the four-day conference of Hadassah attended by 200 delegates from all parts of the country.

The resolution expressed Hadassah's concern over the continuing "militant posture" of President Nasser of Egypt. It cited Nasser's constant threats to destroy Israel; his defiance of the Government of the United States in continuing to maintain a military force of about 15,000 men in Yemen; and the apprehension expressed in Congress that United States massive aid to Nasser is making it easy for him to acquire arms from the Soviet Union.

The conference endorsed the view taken by Senator Jacob K. Javits (R. N. Y.) in a recent statement, asserting that "by shoring up Nasser's economy with large grants of assistance while he continues to barter his country's agricultural products for Soviet arms, we are in fact contributing to the defeat of our own objectives."

In its resolution, Hadassah reiterated its long-held position "that it is a disservice to the objectives of the American Government and people for the United States to continue giving aid to any nation without making it a prior condition that such aid will not be used to intensify local conflicts in any area of the world, and, further, will not be used to purchase arms for such purposes."

Hadassah also went on record as supporting the foreign aid objectives of President Kennedy's Administration "to help nations willing to help themselves build new bulwarks of freedom." The resolution stated: "We especially welcome the President's suggestion that in extending such aid it be used to best advantage and that recipients of this aid not be diverted by needless quarrels with other independent nations."

LORD HERBERT SAMUEL EULOGIZED IN KNESSET; SERVICE TO JEWRY STRESSED

JERUSALEM, Feb. 7. (JTA) - Kaddish Luz, Speaker of Israel's Parliament, eulogized the late Viscount Herbert Samuel, Britain's First High Commissioner for Palestine, at the opening session of the Knesset today.

President Ben-Zvi, in a cable of condolence to the family of the British leader, who died Tuesday at the age of 92, said his "life, activity and devotion will forever be inscribed in the memory of the Jewish people." The message emphasized Lord Samuel's "indefatigable service in behalf of Jewry, his contributions to human progress and his brilliant achievements in the fields of political and social science."

AIR FORCE VETERAN FINED FOR BURNING CROSS ON LAWN OF TEXAS JEW

FCRT WORTH, Texas, Feb. 7. (JTA)-- A former Polish Jew who survived the Nazi holocaust was the target of a cross-burning by an Air Force veteran who objected to a talk by the former refugee assailing the tactics of extreme right-wingers.

The Air Force veteran, who admitted burning the cross on the lawn of the home of Jack Cran of Richardson, Texas, was fined \$10. His name was withheld by authorities, however, because he was not convicted in a court of record. Under Texas law, only persons charged with felonies or convicted in a court of record are subject to public disclosure of their names.

The arsonist testified that he burned the cross because he wanted Cran "to stay in his home and not come over here and preach his pro-Communist speeches where I reside." Cran made his talk before Lion's Club of Garland, a small town near here. He received a number of calls from right-wingers after his talk.

TORONTO PRESS HAILS JUDGE FOR REBUKING POLICE MISHANDLING OF RABBI

TORONTO, Feb. 7. (JTA) -- The Toronto Star and the Toronto Telegram have hailed the report of a justice who this week rebuked Toronto police for their mishandling of an American rabbi.

Justice Dalton Wells, who conducted an investigation of the arrest of Rabbi Norbert Leiner of New Jersey, denounced the police for "foul and abusive" language and for striking Rabbi Leiner in the face twice "without any justification whatever." Justice Wells made his investigation as a one-man Ontario Government Royal Commission. Previously it was disclosed that Rabbi Leiner had filed suit for damages against 18 Toronto police.

Rabbi Leiner was arrested by police seeking a burglary suspect. When he declined to ride to the police station in the police car because it was Sabbath, he was forced into the car. Justice Wells absolved the policemen of anti-Semitism but criticized them for not understanding the religious reasons given by the rabbi for his lack of cooperation with the police.

The Toronto Star said it was "no excuse" that the arresting officers were "inexperienced" or that Rabbi Leiner was not cooperative in answering questions. The Star also asserted that Justice Wells' report "rightly criticizes the tendency of police to arrest on a charge of vagrancy. This is altogether too convenient a hold-all for the police. Rabbi Leiner was obviously not a vagrant."

The Telegram declared in its editorial that the case pointed up the need for police "to know something of the people who live in this area." The police, the Telegram added, "need not be authorities in comparative religion but they should expect differences in religious and cultural customs that may require adjustments in the ordinary application of police rule."

CONSERVATIVE JEWS FAVOR ENDING OF MANDATORY DEATH PENALTY IN N. Y.

NEW YORK, Feb. 7. (JTA) -- The United Synagogue of America, central body of Conservative Judaism, today endorsed a New York State Commission's recommendation to abolish the mandatory death penalty. The recommendation was contained in an interim report issued by New York's Temporary Commission on Revision of the Penal Law and Criminal Code.

The commission noted that New York is alone among America's many jurisdictions in its "adherence to the mandatory death penalty." It proposed a bill extending the jury's power of recommendation to all murder cases and rendering the jury's determination binding on the court, thus eliminating the mandatory death penalty.

TURKEY ANNOUNCES JOINT TURCO-ISRAELI CAMPAIGN TO PROMOTE TOURISM

NEW YORK, Feb. 7. (JTA) -- Turkey and Israel have launched a joint effort to promote tourism to the two countries, the Turkish Information Office here reported today. The joint campaign stresses the access to Biblical sites in the two countries as well as the existence of a variety of modern resort areas.

The announcement said a brochure had been prepared entitled "For Sun and Fun Visit Turkey and Israel" which was being distributed by the Turkish Information office and the Israel Government Tourist office both to prospective tourists and to travel agents and organizations planning travel presentations.

EXPORT OF ISRAELI CITRUS PRODUCTS EXPECTED TO REACH \$75,000,000 THIS YEAR

JERUSALEM, Feb. 7. (JTA) -- Israel's citrus exports are expected to gross a record \$65,000,000 to \$75,000,000 this year as against sales of \$45,000,000 last year, it was reported here today.

A total of 12,000,000 cases of the fruit is expected to be exported in 1963. The anticipated record income is attributed to high prices and a 30 percent increase in Israel's citrus crops. Prices are influenced by a shortage of Spanish citrus fruits, Israel's main competition in world markets.