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COJO CRITICIZES USSR ON JEWISH BIAS, HOPES KHRUSHCHEV LETTER WILL HELP

NEW YORK, March 6. (JTA) -- The World Conference of Jewish Organizations, representing leading Jewish organizations of five continents, criticized the Soviet Union today for not allowing Jews the "same rights and facilities granted to other religious and national groups." COJO expressed the hope that the "recent applied condemnation of anti-Semitism by Premier Khrushchev" in his letter to Bertrand Russell, the famous British philosopher will "exercise a restraining influence" on those responsible for the closing of synagogues and other prejudicial acts against the Jews. The resolution was passed unanimously by the 65 delegates attending the two-day session.

In a second resolution, the COJO representatives also expressed concern over "the anti-Semitic manifestations and activities which have occurred in certain Latin American countries." This statement declared that the Latin American events cause particular concern, as there is evidence that the local anti-Semitic groups and parties are stimulated and inspired by external forces linked together through international networks aimed at the destruction of the very foundations of the democratic way of life." The conference called upon all governments, the United Nations and other international bodies, as well as national, religious, social and educational institutions "to promote political, legislative and other measures to counteract this danger to democracy and fundamental human rights."

The resolution on Soviet Jewry voiced the "distress" of COJO because the Jewish citizens of the USSR are denied the rights granted to other religious and national groups. It stated: "We are particularly concerned that facilities are denied to Soviet Jewry to establish organizations both to unite Jewish congregations for common religious purposes and to further develop Jewish cultural activity. We are equally concerned that facilities granted to other groups to maintain contact and participate in the activities of international bodies are not available to Soviet Jewry."

The reference to Premier Khrushchev expressed the hope that his letter to Bertrand Russell "and its publication in the Soviet press" will exercise a restraining influence on "the manifestations of national prejudice and religious and cultural intolerance, and on the publicity calculated to make it appear that Jews are primarily responsible for economic offenses." The resolution appealed to the Soviet Union to facilitate the reunion of families through emigration.

Another Jew Given Death Sentence; COJO Schedules Two More Sessions

(From Paris, it was reported today that yesterday's issue of Pravda, official organ of the Communist Party of the USSR, brought news of a death sentence imposed on one more man evidently a Jew. The man's name is Kanzberg. He was convicted on another "economic crime" show trial in Azerbaijan of "traffic in and theft of goods destined for Soviet cooperatives.")

The conference announced it has scheduled two meetings for the coming 12 months, one in the summer and another next January, both to be held in New York. They will be called to consider a draft proposal which the Executive Council of Australian Jewry has undertaken to write. This is intended to strengthen COJO's organization by replacing the veto right now available to all member organizations with the right to abstain. This will be debated fully by the organizations concerned before the forthcoming meetings, and then acted upon at the COJO conference.

COJO is composed of the American Jewish Congress, B'nai B'rith, the Board of Deputies of British Jews, the Canadian Jewish Congress, Conseil Représentatif des Juifs de France, Delagacion de Asociaciones Israelitas Argentinas, the Executive Council of Australian Jewry, the Jewish Labor Committee, the South African Jewish Board of Deputies and the World Jewish Congress. The Jewish Agency for Israel was represented by an observer.

Dr. Nahum Goldmann was re-elected chairman of COJO; Label A. Katz, president of B'nai B'rith, co-chairman; and Sir Barnett Janner, president of the Board of Deputies of British Jews, vice-chairman. Yehuda Hellman was again elected as secretary-general.

GOLDMANN SEES HOPE FOR SOVIET JEWS IN KHRUSHCHEV LETTER TO RUSSELL

NEW YORK, March 6. (JTA) -- Dr. Nahum Goldmann, president of the World Jewish Congress, expressed hope today that the Khrushchev-Bertrand Russell exchange of letters on the subject of anti-Semitism in the Soviet Union "may mark the beginning of a new and positive approach to the consideration of Jewish questions" in that country.

Dr. Goldmann described Premier Nikita S. Khrushchev's letter as a "strong repudiation of anti-Semitism" which, he said, would be widely welcomed. He pointed out, however, that "the fundamental problems remain unchanged. Religions other than Judaism are granted the facilities to maintain national federations of congregations with common institutions to serve common purposes, and to associate with and participate in international organizations."

"Similarly," Dr. Goldmann continued, "nationalities however small, other than the Jewish are encouraged to develop their own distinctive culture and receive massive support from the authorities for this purpose. This difference of treatment has been a cause of anxiety to Jewish communities throughout the world as well as to large bodies of international public opinion deeply committed to the promotion of closer international understanding."

"We address an earnest appeal to the Soviet authorities, in accordance with their own declared principle of equal treatment of all nationalities, to develop a policy in relation to Soviet Jewry which will assure for them full equality of treatment with all other religions and nationality groups."

WORLD CONFERENCE ON JEWISH EDUCATION MAPS PLANS FOR NEW COUNCIL

NEW YORK, March 6. (JTA) -- The World Conference on Jewish Education announced establishment at a meeting here last night of a World Council of one year's duration to be composed of 50 representatives from all major Jewish communities. The new Council was instructed to act within the frame of reference set in the resolution of the first meeting held in Jerusalem last year, which bars establishment of schools by the World Council and specifies a policy of non-interference in the basic philosophies of various approaches to Jewish education.

Council representatives resolved to set up centers of the Council in Israel, Europe, South America and North America. These centers will serve as clearing houses, collect and disseminate information and material in Jewish education, programs of study and educational aids of all kinds.

A presidium was named, consisting of Dr. Nahum Goldmann, Label A. Katz, B'nai B'rith international president, Sir Barnett Janneer, president of the Board of Deputies of British Jews, and Zalman Shazar, head of the Jewish Agency education department. Yehuda Hellman, secretary-general of the World Conference of Jewish Organizations, was named liaison between the presidium and the Jewish communities and organizations. Dr. Moshe Avidor, director general of the Jewish Agency in Israel was named coordinator in Israel.

SO. AFRICAN RABBIS RULE AGAINST RECOGNITION OF REFORM BY ORTHODOX

JOHANNESBURG, March 6. (JTA) -- A decision of the Beth Din (rabbinical court) that no Orthodox rabbi should attend any communal function also attended by a Reform rabbi threatened today to unleash a inter-religious war in the South African Jewish community.

The ruling followed an Orthodox-Reform press controversy which began shortly after Rabbi Ahron Opher, formerly of Chicago, took office several months ago as Chief Minister of the Johannesburg United Progressive Jewish Congregation. Rabbi Opher's statements about the classical Reform attitudes of opposition to the Jewish dietary laws, skullcaps and related Orthodox sanctities sparked Orthodox charges that Reform was undermining Judaism.

At a meeting of the South African Jewish Deputies, Chairman Teddy Schneider appealed to both religious groups for moderation and avoidance of a communal schism. A similar appeal was made by Sidney Walt, chairman of the Cape Jewish Deputies Council, at a Capetown meeting.

Despite these appeals, the Johannesburg Beth Din issued its decision and sent a delegation to Capetown in an effort to persuade Chief Rabbi Abrahams and the Capetown Beth Din to follow suit. The mission reportedly was successful. The Jewish Deputies Board was exerting efforts to resolve the deadlock and avoid a rupture of South African religious Jewry into two opposing communities.

HUSSEIN CHARGES NASSER 'INDIFFERENT' TO ISRAEL'S 'THREAT' AGAINST JORDAN

PARIS, March 6. (JTA) -- King Hussein of Jordan today accused Egyptian President Gamal Abdel Nasser of "indifference" toward the "Palestine problem" and to "Israel's permanent threat against Jordan."

In an interview published in this evening's edition of Le Monde, the Jordanian monarch said that his country constantly feels the "menace" of Israel and declared: "We know that any Israeli expansionist attempt will be made against Jordan."

FRENCH DEPUTIES OF ALL PARTIES BACK ISRAELI LINK WITH EUROMART

PARIS, March 6. (JTA) -- A group of French Parliamentary Deputies from all political parties, Government and opposition alike, today pledged their support to Israel's efforts to achieve some form of association with the European Economic Community. The legislators expressed their views favoring an Israeli link with the EEC at a luncheon given by Raymond Schmittlein, head of President de Gaulle's UNR parliamentary group, in honor of Israel Ambassador Walter Eytan. Some 30 members of the French National Assembly attended the luncheon.

The Deputies also discussed with the Israeli envoy the possibilities for further increasing economic and cultural exchanges between the two countries.

Israeli Exports Exceed \$78,000,000 In Two Months, Topping 1962

JERUSALEM, March 6. (JTA) -- Exports from Israel during the first two months of 1963 totaled \$78,000,000 in value, officials reported today. This is some \$20,000,000 more than the value of exports in the corresponding period in 1962. More than half of the increase came in citrus fruits, and the rest in diamonds and other industrial products.

ISRAELI MINISTER SEES COUNTRY NEEDING HOMES FOR 5,000,000 PEOPLE

JERUSALEM, March 6. (JTA) -- Housing Minister Yosef Almogi announced today in Parliament, during debate on his Ministry's budget, a new housing plan for families with limited means. At the same time, the Jewish Agency's absorption department reported it had provided nearly 15,000 housing units to new immigrants during 1962.

Mr. Almogi said that apartments under the new Government plan would be two types, selling at 15,000 pounds (\$5,000) and 17,000 pounds (\$5,666), with the buyer required to provide half of the price, and the balance to be covered by a mortgage. He also said that, while home building has been carried out until now in a framework of a master plan for housing a population of 3,000,000, the time had come to prepare an overall plans for 5,000,000 inhabitants.

The Housing Minister said that the present policy of sending all new immigrants straight from ships to development areas should be discontinued. He added that the old and disabled among the newcomers should be sent to established areas where they could be more easily absorbed. On the other hand, he reported, there were veteran residents who were ready to go to development areas. He reported that 500 young couples had registered for housing in such areas during the past two weeks.

The Agency's absorption department, in its report, said that its 15,000 housing units included 1,700 built especially for large families. The department said that 53 per cent of immigrants coming in 1962 were sent to development areas, and that the department had granted last year nearly 6,000 loans totalling, 5,000,000 pounds (\$1,666,000), to help immigrants acquire housing, vocational and professional training and other urgent needs.

EL AL GROUNDED BY STRIKE; HISTADRUT CALLS IT 'WILDCAT' ACTION

TEL AVIV, March 6. (JTA) -- El Al planes in Israel were grounded today by a strike of air crews which started at midnight in a dispute about working procedures. Histadrut, the Israel Federation of Labor, declared the walkout a "wildcat strike."

The immediate cause given by the strikers was the appointment of two captains to prepare flight manuals -- a standard procedure during the winter season, when a number of captains are free to do such work. A committee representing the aircrews said it was not consulted about the assignment. It was pointed out that the captains had been working on the manuals for a whole month without anyone raising the question.

KENNEDY EVASIVE ON BACKING MEASURE DENYING AID TO BIASED ARAB STATES

WASHINGTON, March 6. (JTA) -- President Kennedy today told a press conference that, before commenting on a proposed amendment to deny aid to nations, like the Arab states, that discriminate against Americans on a basis of race or religion, he "would like to take a look at its language, and find out under what conditions it would give us this power, before I could comment on the amendment."

The President was asked specifically about a new proposal by Rep. Leonard Farbstein, New York Democrat, to link foreign aid with non-discrimination by beneficiary nations. The Administration previously accepted "discretionary" authority, empowering the President to sever aid, but Mr. Kennedy has failed to take such action. This gave rise to current discussion in Congress of a mandatory clause in forthcoming legislation.

ARAMCO Believed By N.Y. State To Be Complying With Anti-Bias Rule

NEW YORK, March 6. (JTA) -- A spokesman for the New York State Commission For Human Rights said today that it appeared the Arabian-American Oil Company (ARAMCO) was taking steps to comply with a commission order that it stop discriminating against Jewish applicants for jobs.

The spokesman said that the grace period for compliance expires on March 15, and that the Commission had been informed that ARAMCO has changed its hiring applications and procedures. He added that it was "too early to tell" the degree of ARAMCO compliance, and added the Commission plans to keep a close watch. It has the right to go to court for enforcement if it considers ARAMCO guilty of further discrimination.

The Commission order ended a six-year legal fight by the American Jewish Congress against ARAMCO. The oil firm, representing a combine which extracts oil in Saudi Arabia, withdrew an appeal last December from a Commission order. At that time the oil firm waived any right to contest the Commission's ruling, issued in September, that the firm had illegally questioned job applicants for its domestic offices on their religion, and had refused to hire Jews for those offices.

THREE JEWISH STUDENTS PLACE FIRST IN NATIONAL SCHOLASTIC CONTESTS

NEW YORK, March 6. (JTA) -- Three Jewish youths have been named winners in nationwide scholastic contests in various fields, it was announced today. Carla Lipsig, a 17-year-old student at Brandeis University, was chosen the co-winner in a national essay contest on the topic, "Youth's Challenge in the Labor Market of the 60's." Sylvan Cappell, 16, a student at the Bronx High School of Science in New York, and Arthur Shapiro, 17, who attends Central High School in Philadelphia, won first and second prizes respectively in the Westinghouse National Science Talent Search.

As a winner of the essay contest held in connection with the 50th anniversary of the United States Department of Labor, Miss Lipsig was personally introduced to President Kennedy by George Meany, president of the AFL-CIO.

Cappell, who is a former student at New York yeshivas and a great-grandson of the Mozhitzer Rebbe, was awarded the top prize in the Westinghouse competition, a \$7,500 scholarship to the college of his choice. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Cappell of the Bronx. Shapiro, who is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Shapiro of Philadelphia, was awarded a \$6,000 scholarship as second prize.

BRANDEIS CAMPAIGN, SPURRED BY FORD GRANT, REACHES HALF OF LARGE GOAL

WALTHAM, Mass., March 6. (JTA) -- Brandeis University has completed more than half of its national development campaign to provide \$65,100,000 for the university's future growth, John M. Linsey, a trustee and national campaign chairman, reported today. He said \$37,000,000 had been pledged to date.

The drive, which was initiated in February 1962, received a \$6,000,000 gift from the Ford Foundation on a matching basis of three dollars for each Ford dollar. Linsey said the Ford announcement had already resulted in national support from the university's backers to match the Ford gift with the additional \$18,000,000 needed in cash.

DR. ISIDOR GOLDSTICK, CANADIAN JEWISH EDUCATOR, AUTHOR, DEAD AT 73

LONDON, Ont., Canada, March 6. (JTA) -- Dr. Isidore Goldstick, member of a well-known Canadian Jewish family, teacher of modern languages in London High Schools and the first Jewish secondary school teacher in Ontario, died here at the age of 73. A native of Latvia, he was educated in Toronto and was a graduate of the University of Toronto. He had made many translations from Yiddish writers and was a founder and board member of the Canadian Jewish Congress.