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### U.S. DELEGATE RAISES ISSUE OF SOVIET ANTI-SEMITISM AT GENEVA PARLEY

GENEVA, June 26. (JTA) -- A slashing attack by an American delegate on anti Jewish discrimination in the Soviet Union spotlighted the session today at the current meeting of the International Labor Organization.

Bert Seidman, the United States delegate, said the matter was properly one for consideration by the specialized United Nations Agency because "the listing of ethnic extraction in any document required for employment--a practice of Soviet officials--is in itself incompatible with the principle of non-discrimination in employment and occupation."

Mr. Seidman was immediately denounced by the Soviet delegate, Semione Ivanov, who accused the American delegate of lying. Chayim Raday, an Israeli delegate, associated himself with the American's charges, although the Israeli was careful not to refer to the Soviet Union by name.

"The whole world now knows about the resurgence of anti-Semitism in the USSR, where there is a conscious and determined policy of holding Jews up to public opprobrium and of denying Jews both the opportunity for religious expression and for equal treatment in education and employment," Mr. Seidman stated. "The Jew is a second class citizen in the Soviet Union and Soviet Jews are considered as a national entity only when it is to their disadvantage."

The Soviet delegate retorted that "Mr. Seidman's allegation that there is discrimination against the Jews in the Soviet Union is an invention, a falsehood and an irresponsible statement."

He was supported by Pepo Cohen, Government adviser from Bulgaria, who declared that "all the Bulgarian Jews were saved by the Communist party and the Bulgarian people" during the Nazi period. "In the socialist countries for the first time in recent history, the Jews are really free and have access to all posts and functions without discrimination," the Bulgarian delegate said. "The true bastions against anti-Semitism and discrimination of every kind are the socialist countries and particularly the Soviet Union."

The Israeli delegate declared that it would be "well understood" that the subject of discrimination against the Jewish minority "in a certain important member state of ILO" was of special concern to the Israeli delegation. He said that while it might be argued that religious or ethnic discrimination was irrelevant to discrimination in employment, "we all know that discrimination is in fact indivisible."

"Where there is a numerus clausus limiting opportunities for professional and academic training, applied according to written regulations, there can be and there exists a numerus clausa de facto," he stated.

The Israeli delegate added that in discussing applications of international agreements, "the important aspect of performance in actual life of the indivisible principle of non-discrimination should be foremost" in the minds of the delegates. In that respect, he stated, the Israeli delegation welcomed the fact that "the issue has been raised, pointing to an important area of discriminatory practices among member states of this organization, which certainly warrants serious further study and concern."

### Congress Registers American Protest Against Soviet Anti-Semitism

WASHINGTON, June 26. (JTA) -- Rep. Clement J. Zablocki, Wisconsin Democrat and important member of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, today called attention of Congress to a statement by ten Milwaukee religious leaders of different faiths protesting Soviet anti-Semitism.

The Milwaukee statement, sent to Nikita Khrushchev in Moscow was read into the Congressional Record. Rep. Zablocki pointed out, in remarks on the House floor, that the signatories of the appeal to the Soviet Union urged Khrushchev "to put into practice the freedom of religion so often preached by Soviet leaders."

He pointed out that "Jews behind the Iron Curtain are not even accorded the minimal rights grudgingly conceded to other religions." He said the Wisconsin expression "itself a hopeful sign of unity between those who embrace Judeo Christian tradition, is a compelling and forceful statement for freedom of conscience and religion."

## NEW ISRAEL CABINET SWORN INTO OFFICE IN KNESSET; GERMAN ISSUE RAISED

JERUSALEM, June 26. (JTA) -- Israel's twelfth government in 15 years of statehood was sworn into office today in the Knesset, Israel's Parliament, headed by former Finance Minister Levi Eshkol as Prime Minister. It was based on the same four party coalition as that of its predecessor under David Ben-Gurion.

The Knesset approved the new Government by a vote of 64 to 43 and the 15 member Government then took the oath of allegiance. The new Government was then received by President Shazar.

Prior to the confidence vote, Prime Minister Eshkol told the House that security was and would be the Government's prime concern. He said the Government would abide by the Knesset resolution concerning West German scientists working on advanced weapons systems in Egypt, adding that various measures which could not now be disclosed were underway.

He declared that he saw a sign of earnest concern in the issue in three pending private bills before the West German Bundestag to outlaw such activities by West German nations abroad. He said the parties backing the bills represented an overwhelming majority.

He urged the Knesset, however, to drop any illusions that this was the main threat to Israel's security. The danger, he stressed, came from the wide variety of conventional weapons which continued to flow into the Arab states. Turning to his critics on the left, he asked: "Who but the Soviets are aggravating the Middle East arms race?"

He appealed to both sides on Israel's religious question to observe tolerance and understanding of opposite views and not to exacerbate the problems in this sensitive field. He noted that prior governments had worked out a modus vivendi based on maintaining the status quo.

He assured the Arab and Druze minorities in Israel that their rights would be safeguarded and he expressed appreciation for the support his administration had been tendered earlier in the day by a deputation of minorities.

The only new member of the Cabinet sworn in today was Zalman Aranne as Minister of Education, replacing Abba Eban, who was named to a new post as Deputy Premier. Mr. Eshkol's Finance Ministry was given to Pinhas Sapir, who continued as Minister of Commerce and Industry. Premier Eshkol also serves as Defense Minister, as did Mr. Ben-Gurion.

### Peres Outlines Israel's Security Problem in Knesset

JERUSALEM, June 26. (JTA) -- Deputy Defense Minister Shimon Peres declared today in the Knesset that the Government was acting to implement a parliamentary resolution concerning West German scientists working on advanced weapons systems for Egypt but added that this was only one aspect of Israel's security problem. The Government has been severely criticized in the Knesset on the issue.

Stressing that the enemy was not West Germany but Egypt, Mr. Peres said the arms which Israel needed could be found in three areas, the Soviet bloc, the United States and Western Europe. He pointed out that the Soviets had their own reasons for not supplying arms to Israel. The United States agreement to sell Hawk ground-to-air anti-aircraft missiles, he said, was appreciated but did not signify a change in permanent United States policy which is opposed to escalation of the arms race in the Middle East.

Thus, he continued, West Europe was the only source of arms and while aid from France was available, there was a question of whether, in view of the trend toward European unity, France would be able to continue aiding Israel with arms independently of the course adopted by France's neighbors. For that reason, he added, Israel must follow a procedure design to win members of the European community over to the French position on aiding Israel.

He insisted, however, that the Israel Government had never taken the position that Israeli relations with West Germany required Israel to "go easy" in the struggle against West German scientists working on arms in Egypt. He said no such conditions or proposals entered into Israeli ties with West Germany.

### ISRAEL INCREASES FOREIGN CURRENCY ALLOCATION FOR TRAVELERS ABROAD

JERUSALEM, June 26. (JTA) -- The Israel Treasury announced today that the foreign currency allocation to Israelis traveling abroad will be raised from the present \$400 to \$500 per person. The \$400 allocation was introduced last year in one of a series of currency allowance liberalizations.

### POPE PAUL VI REPLIES TO GREETINGS SENT BY ITALIAN JEWISH COMMUNITIES

ROME, June 26. (JTA) -- The Union of Italian Jewish Communities today received a reply from the Vatican to their greeting to Pope Paul VI on the occasion of his election. The Vatican telegram, which was signed by Cardinal Cicognani, declared: "The Holy Father accepts with sincere satisfaction the kind congratulations extended by you on the occasion of his accession to the Holy See and takes joy in reciprocating them with prayers and good wishes."

## EFFORTS TO 'LIBERALIZE' CONGRESSIONAL IMMIGRATION BODY FAIL

WASHINGTON, June 26. (JTA) - Chairman Emanuel Celler of the House Judiciary Committee has failed in an attempt to liberalize his Immigration Subcommittee.

Following the death last month of Chairman Francis E. Walter of the Subcommittee, co-author of the discriminatory McCarran-Walter Act, Rep. Celler tried to enlarge the Subcommittee. That would have enabled him to add members favoring elimination of biased features in the immigration laws.

Rep. Celler proposed at a caucus of the Democratic members of the Judiciary Committee that the Subcommittee be enlarged from five to seven members. Rep. Michael A. Feighan, Ohio Democrat, would have replaced Rep. Walter under the seniority rule and was known to share Rep. Walter's narrow views on immigration. Rep. Feighan fought the move to expand the Subcommittee and gained enough support that Rep. Celler concluded that a vote of the full Committee would favor the Feighan position.

The construction of the Subcommittee and its chairmanship is deemed vital to the President's new immigration bill. There have been reports that Rep. Celler also wanted to make himself chairman of the Immigration Subcommittee. But Rep. Celler stated today he had no intention of trying to assign himself to the Subcommittee.

## ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF N. C. R. A. C. OPENS TODAY; WILL DISCUSS CIVIL RIGHTS

ATLANTIC CITY, June 26. (JTA) -- The success of President Kennedy's legislative program on civil rights before Congress depends on the vigorous demand for action by individuals in the communities to their legislative representatives "in voices that can be heard, in unmistakable terms." This opinion was expressed here today by Lewis H. Weinstein, chairman of the National Community Relations Advisory Council as representatives of the organization's 64 community councils and six national agencies gathered for the 20th annual Plenary Session at the Hotel Shelburne.

The four-day session which opens here tomorrow will discuss, in addition to civil rights, also the effects of the recent Supreme Court decision on prayer on the individual communities, the current attitudes and make-up of the American Catholic community, and a report on current activities of right-wing groups. Several major resolutions will be presented to the delegates, including such topics as civil rights, the Middle East, immigration, federal aid to education, and Soviet anti-Semitism.

Mr. Weinstein, a member of the executive committee of President Kennedy's Committee on Equal Opportunity in Housing, called the Negroes' struggle for equal rights "one of the major concerns facing the American Jewish community, indeed the entire American community, during the coming year. He urged individuals to communicate with their Senators and Congressmen, participate in organizational study and action groups, and make their voice felt in the expression of democratic rights.

He recognized that each community must determine its own steps in bringing about the necessary implementation of the Supreme Court decision and legislation. "North and South have an equal burden in dealing with this national problem but act they must or our nation may face a racial civil war which could give comfort to the extremist racist groups in this nation as well as those totalitarian forces which are ever threatening to undermine our democratic foundations," he said.

### Will Study Jewish Community Approaches to Negro Demands

Roy Wilkins, executive secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, will address the meeting tomorrow. The gathering, through three workshops geared for large, intermediate, and small communities, will discuss the implications of the current Negro demands and approaches for the Jewish community.

Another area that should be closely watched by the American Jewish community was pointed out by Isaiah M. Minkoff, NCRAC executive vice-chairman. He called for continued close vigilance in protecting the rights of the State of Israel in the Middle East.

"Thus far," Mr. Minkoff said, "Arab political power has been built upon the single theme of hatred and destruction of Israel. It is time the Arab leaders were told by the other nations of the world that they should turn their attention to the economic and social development of their own people and lands, and not to use Israel as a scapegoat for their own shortcomings. This is what is necessary to the establishment of stability in that part of the world. It is upon such stability that a just and lasting peace can be built."

He urged that the United States Government scrutinize its programs of aid to Middle Eastern countries so as to assure that such aid is not used to build up aggressive military forces against other states in the area.

## CONGRESS GETS RESOLUTION DESIGNATING ALBERT EINSTEIN MEMORIAL DAY

WASHINGTON, June 26. (JTA) -- A resolution designating March 14 of each year as Albert Einstein Memorial Day, was introduced in the House of Representatives today by Rep. Leonard Farbstein, New York Democrat. Rep. Farbstein also called for annual observance of the date by Presidential proclamation.

## SENATOR BACKS CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO PERMIT PRAYERS IN SCHOOLS

WASHINGTON, June 26. (JTA) -- A proposed Constitutional amendment which would permit Bible reading and prayer recitation in public schools received a co-sponsor in the U. S. Senate today while a controversy was developing in nearby Delaware on the issue.

Senator Vance Hartke, Indiana Democrat, announced his co-sponsorship of the amendment which was introduced by Senator J. Glenn Beall, Maryland Republican. The proposal was evoked by the Supreme Court ruling earlier this month banning those practices in public schools as unconstitutional.

The developing debate in Delaware centered on a ruling by State Attorney General David P. Buckson that Bible readings and recitation of the Lord's Prayer could be continued in the public schools of the state on a voluntary basis. Harry D. Zutz, a member of the Delaware Board of Education, said the ruling did not "comply" with the U. S. Supreme Court decisions. The ruling also was questioned by Dr. Thomas W. Howie, superintendent of a north Delaware school district, and by Gail C. Velden, president of the Wilmington Board of Education, covering the state's largest school district.

## RABBINICAL CONVENTION APPEALS FOR EXEMPTIONS FROM SUNDAY LAW

SOUTH FALLSBURG, N. Y., June 26. (JTA) -- An appeal to all legislative bodies and governors in every state of the union to exempt Sabbath-observing Jews from the Sunday closing law, was voiced here today at the national convention of the Rabbinical Council of America, an Orthodox group, by Rabbi Fabian Schoenfeld, chairman of the convention.

"The Sunday laws constitute an infringement on the basic structure of American freedom," Rabbi Schoenfeld said. "By compelling small retail merchants to cease operating during two full days of the week, the Sunday law is conducive to a most disastrous impact on the economic fortunes of sincere followers of their faith. It is a solemn obligation of our elected leaders in city government to banish forever the discriminating, archaic and unreasonable restrictions which the current statute imposes on our Jewish citizens who are practicing the fundamental tenets of their religion." Rabbi Abraham AvRutick, of Hartford, Conn., was reelected president of the Rabbinical Council.

## DR. SCHWARTZ RETURNS FROM ISRAEL; LAUDS COUNTRY'S ECONOMIC PROGRESS

NEW YORK, June 26. (JTA) -- Deep satisfaction with the continuing progress of Israel toward full economic stability was expressed by Dr. Joseph J. Schwartz, vice-president of the Israel Bond Organization, following his return from conferences in Israel with Premier Levi Eshkol and other top Israeli leaders.

Dr. Schwartz discussed with Mr. Eshkol plans for intensifying the settlement and industrialization of the Negev, the development of which is being financed in large measure with the proceeds of Israel bond sales. "Israel's economy is moving forward at a very encouraging rate," he said. "Export trade is forging ahead of last year and the development program in the Negev is already producing fruits of greater settlement and increased economic activity in formerly barren and unpopulated regions.

"From the point of view of immediate development needs as well as from the long range view of opening up wider areas of the vast Negev desert to economic rehabilitation, the leaders in Israel regard Israel bonds as the most important source of large-scale, long-term financing," Dr. Schwartz said. "The people of Israel," he added, "take great pride in the fact that the first Israel bonds are now being redeemed. They consider redemption as a very heartening signpost of their economic progress. They also believe that redemption will serve to broaden their economic partnership with American Jewry in the future."

## COMMISSION SEEKS TO RESTORE JEWISH GRAVES OF 'GOLD RUSH' PERIOD

PITTSBURGH, June 26. (JTA) -- Leonard Weitzman, a veteran Pittsburgh Jewish communal worker, has been named a member of the Commission for the Preservation of Pioneer Jewish Cemeteries and Landmarks of the West.

The commission was organized to acquire title, restore and provide for the perpetual maintenance of a number of long abandoned Jewish cemeteries rediscovered in the Mortimer Lode country of California and Nevada. The burial grounds attest to the major participation of Jews in the pioneering days of the Gold Rush but, over the years as the gold ran out, the area was abandoned and reverted to nature, along with its temporary homes and its burial grounds.

Mr. Weitzman came across the cemeteries on a trip West and was shocked at the condition of the graves and the inaccessibility of the cemeteries. Meanwhile, California Jewish leaders also had been acting to develop some organized effort to restore the graves and out of this grew the commission. It will function as a branch of the Judah L. Magnes Museum in Oakland, California.