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KNESSET REJECTS MOTIONS TO DISCUSS ROLE OF GERMAN SCIENTISTS IN EGYPT

JERUSALEM, July 4. (JTA) -- The Knesset, Israel's Parliament, rejected today four opposition party motions calling for general debate on the issue of the West German scientists working in Egypt on the development of advanced weapons systems. The vote was 48 to 33 against the motions, which were submitted by the right-wing Herut, leftist Mapam, the Liberal party and the Communists.

The House also rejected a proposal by Herut leader Menahem Beigin to have the motions referred to committee for consideration.

In the debate following introduction of the motions, Foreign Minister Golda Meir rejected opposition charges that Government agencies had "muted" the unanimous resolution passed by the Knesset on March 20 which urged all-out efforts at alerting world opinion against the German experts working in Egypt. Declaring that additional debate would be "redundant," the Foreign Minister assured the Knesset that the Government would persist in carrying out effective measures to halt the activities of the German scientists in Egypt.

Spokesmen for the four opposition parties had argued that disclosures at the trial in Basle last month of two persons charged with being Israeli agents, and reports on the use of poison gas in the fighting in Yemen, warranted debate on the issue. They also charged that Government agencies, notably the Defense Ministry, had inspired local press reports that Egypt had not obtained cobalt weapon raw materials or any components of weapons for mass destruction in spite of the revelations of the Basle trial.

The opposition speakers argued that these press reports had sabotaged the campaign to rally world opinion against the German scientists. Reiterating that the Government had disregarded the Knesset resolution of last March, the opposition speakers cited the forced resignation of the chief of Israel's security services as a gesture of "appeasement" to West Germany.

In her reply, Mrs. Meir denied that a Government agency had inspired the press reports and expressed regret that they had been published. Asserting that efforts in the spirit of the Knesset resolution had been and would continue to be carried out by the Government, Mrs. Meir expressed appreciation of a draft bill pending before the Bundestag, the lower House of the West German Parliament, designed to outlaw activities by German nationals abroad in the development of weapons of mass destruction.

Mr. Beigin attacked the Foreign Minister for lauding the Bundestag, charging that the Bonn Parliament had procrastinated and would not reconvene after its summer recess until next October, after which, he said, the bill would be shuttled back and forth for longer delays. Israel, meanwhile, had whitewashed West German responsibility in the matter, he declared.

SITUATION OF SOVIET JEWS REFLECTED AT U.N. COUNCIL PARLEY IN GENEVA

GENEVA, July 4. (JTA) -- Discrimination against Jews in the Soviet Union was cited here at today's session of the United Nations Economic and Social Council as an example of the need for the adoption of the draft Declaration on Religious Intolerance.

The importance of immediate adoption of such a declaration, to assure religious freedom, was stressed at today's session by United States delegate W. Means. Yesterday, the same request was voiced by Mrs. Marietta Tree, U.S. delegate, and by delegates from the United Kingdom and Austria during a discussion on the Human Rights Commission of the Economic and Social Council. In the debate over the Commission's report earlier this year, several delegations had raised the problem of the situation of Soviet Jews. The Soviet delegates at that session had blocked any declaration alluding to Soviet Jewry.

With obvious reference to the Soviet Union, but, in accordance with accepted procedure, without mentioning that country by name, Mr. Means said today that in a country

where freedom of religion is officially granted by the constitution, synagogues are closed, Jews are discriminated against, sacramental food is denied them and only one yeshiva is open for a community of millions.

U. S. Delegate Stresses Denial of Emigration Rights to Jews in Russia

Noting that Jews are systematically accused and put to trial for economic crimes, Mr. Means said the Jews "have no possibility to emigrate" and that this denial of their right to leave was a disregard of fundamental human rights. Other delegates who raised the question of the fate of Soviet Jewry at today's session were M. Bouquin of France, Sir Samuel Hoare of the United Kingdom, Mr. Garcia of Argentina and the Austrian delegate.

During the debate, a heated discussion took place on the issue between the Soviet delegate, who tried to minimize the importance of the question of religious intolerance, and the French and British delegates. The representatives of Britain and France insisted on the urgency for the adoption of a declaration against religious intolerance.

At an earlier session today, the Social Committee of ECOSOC defeated by a vote of 15 to two, a Czech proposal calling for the postponement of the publication of a U.N. study by Judge Ingles of the Philippines on the right of persons to leave any country -- a sensitive issue in the eyes of the Soviet Bloc delegates. The Soviet delegate also favored the postponement, declaring that the problem of the right to leave a country was "of no importance."

The World Jewish Congress, today submitted a memorandum to the Economic and Social Council stressing the need to deal with the problem of religious intolerance. Citing the problem of restrictions placed on the baking of matzot by the Soviet Government, the document refers to the U.N. study on religious intolerance prepared by M. Krishnaswami of India, which declares:

"The members of a religion or belief shall not be prevented from acquiring or producing all materials and objects necessary for the performance or the observance of prescribed rituals or practices, including dietary practices. Where the Government controls the means of production and distribution, it shall make such material or objects, or the means of producing them, available to the members of the religion or belief concerned."

WOMAN LEADER OF RELIGIOUS PARTY NAMED DEPUTY SPEAKER OF KNESSET

JERUSALEM, July 4. (JTA) -- A woman leader of the National Religious Party, Mrs. Tova Sanhedrai, was named Deputy Speaker of Israel's Parliament yesterday.

A co-founder of the Hapoel Hamizrachi's Women's Organization and its chairman since it was founded in 1934, Mrs. Sanhedrai was a Knesset Deputy of the Religious party in 1961. Married to Rabbi Yisrael Sanhedrai, she succeeded the late Yaacov Greenberg, also of the Religious Party, as Deputy Speaker. She is one of two women on the five-member Knesset presidium. The other is Miss Bebe Idelsohn of Mapai.

ISRAEL GOVERNMENT ENDS 1962-63 FISCAL YEAR WITH BUDGETARY SURPLUS

JERUSALEM, July 4. (JTA) -- The Israel Government has ended its 1962-63 fiscal year with a budgetary surplus of 100,000,000 pounds (\$33,300,000), it was reported here today. The year was also the first in Israel's history without any supplementary budget.

While the Government budget had called for a surplus of 40,000,000 pounds (\$13,330,000), the higher surplus was due to the fact that actual expenditures amounted to only 91.5 per cent of the estimated amount, while actual revenues totaled 98.6 per cent of the estimates.

The report on last year's budget, which was issued by the Accountant General, also pointed out that the Government cash balance grew by about 100,000,000 pounds (\$33,330,000), bringing the total reserves to 395,800,000 pounds (\$131,933,000).

PRO-ARAB 'POLITICAL ACTIONS COMMITTEE' FORMED IN WASHINGTON

WASHINGTON, July 4. (JTA) -- A new "political action committee" devoted to the Arab cause was launched in Washington today with the announced objective of blocking security arrangements involving America and Israel and ensuring continued flow of U.S. assistance to the Arabs.

Prof. William Ernest Hocking, chairman of the new organization, stated "This new committee is frankly and openly a political action committee. It is to be called 'The Citizens Committee on American Policy in the Near East.'" The identity of its organizers indicated a heavy sprinkling of pro-Arab pressure groups of previous years and the so-called "American Friends of the Middle East" as well as American diplomats who leaned toward the Arabs.

COUNCIL FOR JUDAISM ASKS VATICAN FOR RESOLUTION AGAINST ANTI-SEMITISM

NEW YORK, July 4. (JTA) -- The anti-Zionist American Council for Judaism today asked the Vatican authorities to introduce its reported resolution against anti-Semitism at the next session of the Ecumenical Council without fear of antagonizing the Arabs.

In a letter to the Apostolic Delegate to the United States, the Most Reverend Egidio Vagnozzi, Clarence Coleman, president of the ACJ said that a statement by the Catholic Church condemning anti-Semitism would have "unquestionable moral force." He expressed belief that a ringing statement in condemnation of anti-Semitism could be done "without political offense to the 'Arab states'."

(Saadat Hasan, chief of press and public liaison for the Arab Information Center, commenting on reports that the Ecumenical Council might be considering a statement opposing anti-Semitism, said today: "A statement by the Ecumenical Council distinguishing between Jews and Judaism and the Israeli Zionist apparatus would not be regarded as offensive to Arab feelings.")

SURVIVORS OF VILNA GHETTO PROTEST ACQUITTAL OF EX-NAZI IN AUSTRIA

TEL AVIV, July 4. (JTA) -- Several hundred survivors of the Nazi occupation of the Vilna Ghetto made a formal protest last night to the Austrian Charge d'Affaires here against the acquittal in Graz of Franz Murer, on charges of murdering thousands of Jews in the Ghetto.

The Austrian official, who met the protesters at the Austrian Embassy, promised to send a cable immediately to his Government on the survivors' demand that Murer be tried again. Presentation of the demand followed a mass meeting of the former Ghetto inmates, survivors of concentration camps and former partisans, all wearing the yellow Mogen David which the Nazis forced Jews to wear in all occupied countries. Speakers at the mass meeting said that the acquittal was approved despite clear evidence that Murer committed the murders.

JEWS URGED TO PLAY LEADING ROLE IN FOSTERING NEGRO-WHITE UNDERSTANDING

SAN FRANCISCO, July 4. (JTA) -- The American Jewish community has a "priority role" to play in helping to establish "some genuine human communications" between the white and Negro communities, B'nai B'rith president Label A. Katz said last night. He told the centennial convention of B'nai B'rith District 4 that Negroes and whites "are really not talking to or understanding each other," thereby adding to racial tensions and mistrust.

Mr. Katz, a southerner and native of New Orleans, said the absence of real communications based on "first-hand and hard-headed knowledge of how the other group thinks, lives and acts, leads to vague generalizations and confused images that give root to misunderstandings and hostility. The Jewish community," he added, "needs to be sensitive to the fact that the country is experiencing nothing less than a revolution in race relations. The Negro community is weary of promises. It wants performance."

Urging support of civil rights proposals before Congress, Mr. Katz said that the intensity of the protest marches and demonstrations "should be a prod to Capitol Hill to overcome its legislative anachronisms and a prod to the white community to accelerate efforts for racial equality. We Jews have to be a responsive part of that white community," he declared.

DR. NEUMANN LEAVES FOR Z.C.A. CONVENTION IN ISRAEL; 1,200 TO ATTEND

NEW YORK, July 4. (JTA) -- Dr. Emanuel Neumann, honorary president of the Zionist Organization of America and chairman of the Jewish Agency, American section, left for Israel today to attend the annual convention of the ZOA, as well as the World Conference of General Zionists. Before his departure, Dr. Neumann said that during his stay in Israel he also plans "to confer with the Jewish Agency executive in Jerusalem on recent important developments."

Commenting on the forthcoming convention of the ZOA in Israel, which will be attended by more than 1200 delegates and visitors from the United States, Dr. Neumann pointed out that "this was the first time that any Zionist Organization in the Diaspora was holding its convention in Israel." He expressed the hope that this would set a precedent for Zionist groups in America and other countries.

Regarding the World Conference of General Zionists to be held in Tel-Aviv, Dr. Neumann stated that its purpose is to reorganize the World Confederation of which he is President, by enlarging its base to include many groups and organizations not hitherto affiliated with it. The conference will be attended by delegates from Europe, North and South America, Australia and Israel.

\$2,232,942 RAISED FOR CHICAGO JEWISH APPEAL IN SEVEN COUNTRY CLUBS

CHICAGO, July 4. (JTA) -- A record breaking total of \$2,232,942 was raised at the annual "Country Club Day for CJA" -- one of this community's programs to support the Combined Jewish Appeal of Metropolitan Chicago. Almost 1,000 golfers from seven clubs took part in the event, which is the largest inter-club tourney in the United States.

The Bryn Mawr Country Club reported the highest receipts -- \$695,950. Other totals were: Briarwood Country Club -- \$355,387; Green Acres Country Club -- \$325,000; Idlewild Country Club -- \$268,605; Twin Orchard Country Club -- \$244,000; Ravisloe Country Club -- \$227,000 and Brookwood Country Club -- \$117,000.

ISRAEL'S HABIMAH THEATER TO COME TO U.S. FOR 18-WEEK ENGAGEMENT

NEW YORK, July 4. (JTA) -- The Habimah Theater, Israel's oldest repertory group, will make its third visit to the United States with a nine-week engagement starting next February 1 in New York City. It will then go on the road for an additional nine weeks.

The company of 30 performers will make its United States tour under sponsorship of the America-Israel Cultural Foundation, of which Habimah is a beneficiary agency. Plans for the tour were announced jointly by Samuel Rubin, president of the foundation, and Roger Euster, president of the Little Theater, where the New York engagement will take place. Mr. Euster will assume responsibility for all expenses of the New York City performances.

Habimah will offer three plays in Hebrew, one of which will be Ansky's "The Dybbuk," and two contemporary Israeli plays. The theaters will have earphones providing simultaneous translations. The last prior visit of Habimah was in 1948.

ANTI-SEMITIC SCENE ELIMINATED FROM ARGENTINE FILM IN BERLIN SHOWING

NEW YORK, July 4. (JTA) -- A scene showing Argentine neo Fascist anti-Semites attacking a Jewish picnic party has been eliminated from the Argentine film, "The Roof Garden," prior to its showing in a Berlin, Germany film festival, the trade paper, Variety, reported in its current issue.

The scene ran for about two and a half minutes. The cut was made by Leopold Torre Nilsson who directed the film, at the request of Alfred Bauer, director of the film festival. Herr Bauer, the paper said, thought it would be "an error of judgment and taste for such a scene to be shown in Berlin." The paper said the director readily agreed to the cut.

STATE DEPARTMENT WARNS ARAB EMBASSY AGAINST IMPROPER AGITATION

WASHINGTON, July 4. (JTA) -- The State Department has issued a warning to charge d'affaires Fathi Sawfat of the Iraqi Embassy because of his attempt to pressure Mrs. Lyndon B. Johnson, wife of the Vice-President, into withdrawing from honorary chairmanship of an Israel Bonds function held here.

The Department revealed this today to Sen. Hugh Scott, Pennsylvania Republican, who had questioned the propriety of the Arab diplomat's conduct in a strong protest to the Secretary of State. Sen. Scott was informed that the Iraqi had been summoned to the Department, officially informed of the displeasure of the United States Government, and served with tacit notice that any further improper agitation could result in his being declared persona non grata.

Mrs. Johnson had rejected the Arab demands and continued her support of the Israel Bond campaign. She told the offending Arab that she backed worthy causes "without distinction as to religion, race or region, and certainly including--all states of the Near East." She added that "I shall continue to do so." The Vice-President was informed of the State Department's action.

ISRAEL AMBASSADOR TO CANADA SLATED FOR HIGH POST IN FOREIGN MINISTRY

MONTREAL, July 4. (JTA)-- Israel Ambassador Yaacov Herzog was given a reception here by David Rivlin, Consul General in Montreal on the occasion of the Ambassador's return to Israel on the completion of his three-year tour of duty as Israel's envoy in Ottawa.

Ambassador Herzog is slated to assume the post of Deputy Director General of the Israel Foreign Ministry in Jerusalem, in charge of the United Nations and Middle East desks.