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JEWISH VETERANS SPOKESMAN HITS FULBRIGHT ON ANTI-ISRAEL 'WITCH HUNT'

WASHINGTON, Aug. 6. (JTA) -- The investigation of pro-Israel organizations by Chairman J.W. Fulbright, of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, was condemned today by Abraham Kraditor, chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the Jewish War Veterans of the U. S. A., at the organization's 68th annual national convention here.

Mr. Kraditor asked: "If Sen. Fulbright's probe of Zionist organizations is actually designed to obtain data to improve the foreign agents registration laws, and is not a biased witch-hunt aimed at supporters of Israel, why doesn't the Senator subpoena the foreign agents of the Arabs in this country?"

It was suggested by the JWV foreign affairs chairman that Sen. Fulbright "consider the operations of the Arab Information Office, major oil companies with interests in the Near East, and such pressure groups as the so-called American Friends of the Middle East." The Senator was also urged to "probe the attempts of the Arab Embassies to import religious prejudice into America by insisting on blacklists and boycotts against American citizens of Jewish faith."

Mr. Kraditor said he doubted, however, that Sen. Fulbright really wanted to provide the public with a balanced picture of activities in this country involving our policies in the Near East. He charged that "the Senator had already indicated a one-sided, anti-Israel view by his open expressions in recent years, in which he appointed himself a champion of the Arab cause."

Accuses Senator of 'Fishing Expedition,' Hopes He Would Abandon Inquiry

Sen. Fulbright's "fishing expedition into the activities of groups supporting Israel raised the specter of some sort of an international Jewish conspiracy - a tragic and mean-spirited innuendo when we recall that this, in effect, is the same sort of image of the Jewish people the Nazis and Communists have tried to project," according to Mr. Kraditor.

The Senator's "insinuations, guilt-by-association technique, and lack of compassion for the humanitarian orientation of those who tried to provide a haven in Israel for the survivors of the monstrous Nazi persecutions does not speak well for a Senator who pontificates in the name of international culture and education," said Mr. Kraditor. He expressed confidence that the American public would recognize Sen. Fulbright's "petty pre-occupation with a personal peeve for what it is, at a time when such vital matters as the avoidance of nuclear conflict are in the forefront."

Mr. Kraditor expressed hope that the Senator would abandon his "narrow and unilateral inquiry" or broaden it to "really implement the objectives he has stated as its true goal."

U. S. A. REPORTED DISCUSSING AID TO EGYPT'S ROCKET AND SPACE PROGRAM

WASHINGTON, Aug. 6, (JTA) -- Initial talks have been held between Egypt and the U. S. National Aeronautics and Space Agency with a view to American assistance to the Nasser regime's rocket and space capabilities, the Electronic News, a Fairchild publication, has reported from Cairo.

The electronic industry's weekly newspaper reported that "in general terms, the outlook is considered optimistic: Cairo has signed an investment guarantee agreement with Washington; U. S. electronics gear is said to be preferred here; several American electronics firms are currently engaged in important projects in Cairo and nearby."

Egypt's President Gamal Abdel Nasser is seeking contacts on the pretext of furthering his space efforts. Sources close to the Egyptian Government told Fairchild News Service that Cairo is "quite aware of the great costs involved in independent space research, and is seeking ways to work with NASA so Egyptian scientists trained in electronics and aerospace--some 200 are currently studying in the United States--can maintain a 'space capability.'"

According to the Fairchild report, "objections voiced about German technical participation in Egyptian rocket development were met last year with the Cairo explanation the Germans were working only on scientific space projects. Some observers viewed the new announcement of a 'scientific' two-stage rocket as at least a partial attempt to legitimize the German scientists' presence in Egypt."

ISRAEL TRADE BALANCE OFF BY \$120 MILLION; NET EXPORTS RISE IN VALUE

JERUSALEM, Aug. 6. (JTA) Israel again recorded an adverse trade balance for the first half of the current year, an imbalance of \$120,000,000. But the total was \$44,000,000 less than the deficit in the corresponding period last year, according to official statistics published here today.

The improvement in the trade balance resulted from a \$50,000,000 increase in net exports, for a total of \$200,000,000. Net imports in the same period rose slightly from \$314,000,000 to \$320,000,000.

A major share of income from the increased exports--\$23,000,000--came from a larger crop and higher prices for Israel's citrus exports. Diamond exports were up by \$15,000,000; and other industrial exports rose by \$17,000,000. Exports of eggs, cotton and peanuts dropped during the six-month period.

Changes Shown in Trade with Britain; Exports Up, Imports Decline

LONDON, Aug. 6. (JTA) -- Israel's exports to Britain during the first five months of this year totaled 12,470,000 pounds sterling (\$34,916,000), a 25 percent increase over the same period last year. At the same time, Britain's exports to Israel decreased from 10,318,000 pounds sterling (\$28,890,000) in 1962 to 9,261,000 pounds sterling (\$25,931,000) for the first five months of 1963.

U. S. JEWISH YOUTH REPORTED COOL ON IMMIGRATION TO ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, Aug. 6. (JTA) -- An American delegate to the Second World Jewish Youth Conference said today most American Jewish young people did not consider immigration to Israel as a "main goal." However, the speaker, Daniel Siegel, added, American youth were more receptive to Jewish values than their parents, and wanted satisfaction of their Jewish interests.

He also told the 400 delegates from 39 countries at the conference that there was "no doubt" that American Jewish youth were ready to be "inspired" if only given the opportunity. He criticized "superficial activities" of American Jewish youth organizations.

Emanuel Tennenbaum of Uruguay underscored the general indifference to Jewish values of youth in Latin American countries and said this was due to a lack of knowledge about Judaism which he blamed in turn on a lack of leadership and lack of examples from the older generation of Jews in those countries.

He added, however, that Latin American Jewish youth "have zeal in their hearts." It was these same "indifferent youth," he said, who defended Jewish honor during the recent anti-Semitic incidents in many Latin American countries.

Another speaker, Mordecai Gerstenfeld, of Holland, told the delegates that the "negation" of non-Israeli Jews by Israeli leaders was reflected in the "negative attitudes" shown by Israeli students abroad toward the Jews of those countries. He warned that the situation contained the danger of alienation of Jewry from Israel. He also deprecated the Jews whose sole identity with Jewishness was fighting anti-Semitism.

AMERICAN CLERGYMEN, EDUCATORS ATTEND SEMINAR AT HEBREW UNIVERSITY

JERUSALEM, Aug. 6. (JTA) -- Some 50 American clergymen and educators took part in the opening session at the Hebrew University here today of a seminar on "Contemporary Israel in the Perspective of History." The event was sponsored by the University's Adult Education Center in cooperation with the Jewish Agency's external relations department.

At the session's opening ceremonies, Dr. Cecil Humphreys, president of Memphis State University, said that the group's two-week tour of Israel, which preceded the seminar, afforded the participants a memorable spiritual stimulation.

The five-day seminar will comprise lectures and discussions on Bible study, the Dead Sea scrolls and Christianity, the historical background of ancient Israel, the rebirth of Hebrew and Biblical scholarship, America and the Holy Land, religion and culture in Israel, and other aspects of Israeli life. Rabbi Judah Nadich of New York is head of the group.

AMERICAN RABBIS 'ADOPT' MILITARY-AGRICULTURAL SETTLEMENT IN ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, Aug. 6. (JTA) -- A military-agricultural settlement established last year by a group of Orthodox Israeli youth at Mount Gilboa, along the Jezreel Valley border of Jordanian-occupied Palestine, has been adopted by the Rabbinical Council of America, it was announced here today by Rabbi Zev Segal, a member of the American Orthodox rabbinical group.

The adoption agreement, signed between the Council and the Jewish National Fund, calls for a first-stage program under which the rabbinical group will, in the next three years, raise \$300,000 for the construction of a synagogue and cultural and social center in the settlement. A 50-foot watchtower to guard some of the 3,000,000 trees planted by the JNF in the area will also be built as part of the project.

Yaacov Tzur, chairman of the JNF board, hailed the program of the Rabbinical Council as another in the chain of activities linking Orthodox Jewry in the United States with Israeli projects.

YEVTUSHENKO SAYS RUSSIAN PEOPLE CHEER HIS CRITICISM OF ANTI-SEMITISM

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 6. (JTA) -- The Russian people in the Soviet Union--as distinct from Government and Communist Party officials--have shown overwhelming approval of the poem Babi Yar, by the rebel Soviet poet Yevgeny Yevtushenko, thus taking their stand against government condoned anti-Semitism, it was indicated today in an article by Yevtushenko, published in the Saturday Evening Post.

According to Yevtushenko, he was "showered with letters" from all over the Soviet Union as soon as the poem appeared in the Literary Gazette, a Moscow daily, in September 1961. The day that journal appeared on the newsstands in Moscow, he wrote, "every copy was sold out in a matter of minutes. By that afternoon, I was getting batches of telegrams from strangers congratulating me." When the letters started coming in, he declared "out of 20,000, only 30 or 40 were abusive, and they were all unsigned and in obviously disguised handwriting."

In his article, entitled "A Precocious Autobiography," Yevtushenko made it clear that his intent was to attack anti-Semitism when he wrote Babi Yar. He stated in his autobiography:

"I had long wanted to write a poem on anti-Semitism. But only after I had been in Kiev and had seen Babi Yar (site of a Nazi massacre of Jews) with my own eyes did the poetic form come to me. I wrote the poem in only a few hours after my return to Moscow. That evening I gave a talk on Cuba at the Polytechnic Institute. After my talk I read Babi Yar for the first time.

"Ordinarily I recite my poems from memory, but this time I was so agitated that I had to have the text in front of me. When I finished there was dead silence. I stood fidgeting with the paper, afraid to look up. When I did I saw that the entire audience had risen to their feet; then applause exploded and went on for 10 minutes. People leaped onto the stage and embraced me. My eyes were full of tears."

Yevtushenko's article in the current issue of the Saturday Evening Post did not mention the fact that the poet was subsequently forced by the Communist Party in the USSR to add some stanzas to Babi Yar, somewhat softening the anti-Semitic accusation against Russian Communists. Nor did the article note that the Soviet Union's Premier, Nikita Khrushchev, criticized the poet for the manner in which he treated the anti-Semitic theme in Babi Yar. However, an introduction to the Yevtushenko autobiography in the Post, written by Allen W. Dulles, former director of the Central Intelligence Agency, noted that "despite the urgings of his fellow liberals to stand firm, Yevtushenko had already compromised and agreed to changes in his most famous poem, Babi Yar."

WITNESSES SOUGHT TO MASS MURDERS OF JEWS IN MOGILEW AND UKRAINE

NEW YORK, Aug. 6. (JTA) -- Witnesses to mass executions of Jews by Nazis and their aides during World War II in the Russian city of Mogilew and in a number of slave labor camps in Ukraina, between Tarnopol and Stalino, were sought here today in a call for such testimony issued by the World Jewish Congress.

According to information available to the WJC, several thousand Mogilew Jews were murdered in February 1942.

The second case, in Ukraina, concerns probes being conducted now by the West German Government into mass murder of Jews in at least 15 transit camps conducted by the Nazis. A "considerable number" of Nazi criminals are involved in the investigations, the WJC reported. Witnesses were asked to contact Dr. Nehemiah Robinson, director of the WJC's Institute of Jewish Affairs here.

SEVEN NEW YORK BANKS PLEDGE TO AVOID BIAS; JEWISH EMPLOYMENT A FACTOR

NEW YORK, Aug. 6. (JTA) -- An announcement that seven leading New York City commercial banks had affirmed a policy of employing executive trainees, and promoting executives without bias, was lauded today by the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith. An ADL study had shown that only 3-1/2 percent of 844 top officials of the banks were Jews in a city with a 25 percent Jewish population.

The announcement was made by New York State Attorney General Louis J. Lefkowitz. The ADL study had been filed with the Attorney General's office after the findings were made public during a 1961 hearing of a special subcommittee of the House of Representatives Committee on Education and Labor. The study found that only 30 of the 844 officials were Jewish.

Benjamin R. Epstein, ADL national director, said the outcome of the talks between the banks and the Attorney General was evidence of "a genuine desire" by banks to hire and promote qualified persons of all backgrounds. He expressed the hope that the affirmation would be "implemented by vigorous and effective action."

MONUMENT DEDICATED TO MEMORY OF 90,000 JEWS MURDERED IN SOSNOWICE

LONDON, Aug. 6. (JTA) -- A granite monument was formally dedicated at the site of the Sosnowice Ghetto in Poland on the occasion of the 20th anniversary of the destruction by the Nazis of the Sosnowice and Bendin ghettos, where some 90,000 Jews were murdered or deported and later liquidated, it was reported here today from Warsaw.

ALABAMA DEFIES SUPREME COURT RULING ON BIBLE READING IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

MCNTGCMERY, Ala., Aug. 6. (JTA) -- The Alabama State Board of Education adopted unanimously yesterday a resolution generally considered an act of defiance against the United States Supreme Court decision last June barring Bible reading in public schools.

The resolution requires such study in Alabama schools and, with it, the Board adopted a statement of denunciation of the court decision as a "calculated effort to take God out of the public affairs of this nation."

Gov. George Wallace, who temporarily blocked a Federal court order for admission of two Negroes to the University of Alabama earlier this year, said he would personally oppose any Federal action against the new school Bible reading order. He said that, if the courts ruled that "we cannot read the Bible in some school" while he was governor, "I'm going to that school and read it myself."

BRONX SYNAGOGUE WINDOWS SMASHED 6 TIMES; RABBI CHARGES POLICE INACTION

NEW YCRK, Aug. 6. (JTA) -- A Bronx rabbi today called upon New York police to take more vigorous action against neighborhood vandals who have repeatedly broken the stained glass windows of Anshei Emeth Synagogue. Rabbi Shimon Morchudowitz, spiritual leader of the congregation, said the synagogue has had to replace six sets of windows in the past two years. The windows were last broken on July 27.

Asserting that his appeals to the police have not brought any positive action, Rabbi Morchudowitz said that the police "come down, make a report, and that's all we hear about it until we call them the next time."

The vandalism, he noted, occurs after services on Friday and Saturday nights. "If only they would put a detective in the building for one night, they could catch the people," he declared, adding that neighbors have said the culprits were boys between 18 and 20 years of age. The rabbi said that the older members of the synagogue have become worried about their personal safety, fearing that the vandals might act while worshippers were at services.

KANSAS CITY RABBINICAL ASSN. CALLS ON COMMUNITY TO BACK NEGRO CAUSE

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Aug. 6. (JTA) -- The Rabbinical Association of Greater Kansas City, representing the Orthodox, Conservative and Reform religious leadership of the Jewish community here, called today upon civic, business and labor leaders of the city to act "with dispatch" in eliminating racial segregation "and inequality in the social, educational and economic spheres of our community life."

Expressing "our profound sympathy with the Negro community in Greater Kansas City in its struggle to achieve full emancipation and equality in our midst," the rabbis urged the members of their congregations "to act in all their business and social contacts with their fellow citizens in the Negro community in accordance with the moral imperatives of our historic religious tradition." The statement added:

"We call upon every individual in the Kansas City Jewish community to note that, by proper attitude and conduct toward his Negro neighbors, he can make an important personal contribution toward solving the most serious moral problem confronting the American people in our generation."

Detroit Rabbis Urge Participation in Civil Rights Demonstrations

DETROIT, Aug. 6. (JTA) -- Five Detroit rabbis today called on their colleagues in this city to take part in current civil rights demonstrations. The plea was contained in a letter to the other Detroit rabbis signed by Rabbis Morris Adler, Irwin Groner, David Jessel, Max Kapustin and Joel Litke.

The letter noted the rabbis' obligation "as Americans and as Jews and also as religious teachers" to participate wherever possible in the demonstrations. This, it was pointed out, is "to indicate publicly and visibly our repugnance of the repressions and bigotries which they protest."

SCL GLCMOVITZ, COUNTY OFFICIAL IN DETROIT, DIES AT AGE OF 57

DETROIT, Aug. 6. (JTA) -- City, State and Federal officials today joined with representatives of local Jews in paying final tribute to Sol Slomovitz, Wayne County Deputy Treasurer, who died at his desk yesterday of a heart attack, at 57.

A leader in Young Judea in his youth, he continued a lifelong devotion to Zionism. A Democrat, he served in the office of the Register of Deeds here for 30 years, before his elevation to the county post last December. He was the brother of Philip Slomovitz, editor of the Detroit Jewish News and a Jewish Telegraphic Agency vice-president.