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HOUSE GROUP SEES EASING OF ARAB BIAS AGAINST TRAVEL BY AMERICAN JEWS

WASHINGTON, Aug. 12. (JTA) -- The House Foreign Affairs Committee formally reported today that it was "encouraged" that some progress had been made in implementation of non-discrimination policies of the Foreign Assistance Act, and that some Arab states have "eased travel restrictions affecting American citizens of the Jewish faith." "However," said the committee report, "forward movement has been slow and further effort is required. Congress has repeatedly insisted that no country receiving U. S. aid should make distinctions among our citizens on the basis of religion or race."

The committee noted that, while aid programs have contributed to economic progress in the Near East, and there was evidence that Soviet influence sustained setbacks in some countries of the region, "the Near East continues to be unstable."

It was concluded by the committee's study that "there has been no progress toward an Arab-Israel peace, and little progress toward settlement of the conflicts that divide the Arab states." The committee pointed out that virulent threats disrupt stability, and warned of the growing arms race. "This arms race began with conventional weapons which the Soviet bloc furnished to Egypt in 1955, and has been intensified in kind and in proportion until there is now danger of escalation to more sophisticated weapons."

The committee observed that "while Israel continues to make rapid economic progress, it has been compelled to go deeply into debt in the effort to maintain the arms balance." The committee held that an arms race nullified the salutary effects of U. S. economic assistance, and raised the threat of hostilities. In the committee's view, "our aid to Israel and the Arab states should be administered so as to discourage conflict and to promote stability in the area."

"Consideration should be given," stated the committee, "to the withholding of economic assistance from those countries which persist in policies of belligerence, and in preparations for their execution, and to entering into security guarantees with those nations that would be willing to make appropriate commitments for promoting peace and stability in the area." The committee expressed belief that assistance to Egypt should not be continued unless that country honored an agreement for withdrawal of Egyptian forces from Yemen.

Arab Refugee Issue Remains a Problem; \$24,700,000 UNRWA Gift Proposed

Meanwhile, the Administration has informed the committee that, although the Palestine Arab refugee problem remains, a number of initiatives are under way which ultimately should lead to the achievement of a greater degree of self-support by the refugees, and a lessening of the need for U. S. assistance.

The Foreign Affairs Committee reported, however, that the task of caring for "the over 1,100,000 Palestine refugees" remains pending the achievement of a political solution. But the committee expressed belief that, "for the immediate future at least, the UN Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees appears to be the most economical means of providing essential basic services to the refugees."

The committee proposed that the U. S. contribution to UNRWA for fiscal year 1964 remain at the same level as in fiscal 1963 -- \$24,700,000, of which \$17,200,000 would represent a cash contribution to the UNRWA budget and \$7,500,000 would be made available under the Food-for-Peace program. This would represent about 70 per cent of total estimated contributions to UNRWA. There are 39 countries contributing to UNRWA.

Davis Resigns from UNRWA Post; U Thant to Name Successor

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Aug. 12. (JTA) -- Dr. John H. Davis, Commissioner-General of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees, the UN organization that aids the Arab refugees in four Arab countries adjacent to Israel, resigned today, effective December 31, 1963. He has held the post since February 1959.

Secretary-General U Thant, who announced the resignation, said Dr. Davis was quitting "for compelling personal reasons." His successor, said Mr. Thant, will be named soon. Meanwhile, the UN chief said, Dr. Davis will still present his agency's annual report to the next General Assembly, which is to convene in September. An American, Dr. Davis was formerly on the faculty of Harvard University's Graduate School of Business Administration.

NASSER REPORTED PLANNING TO PRODUCE NUCLEAR WARHEADS FOR ROCKETS

LCNDCN, Aug. 12. (JTA) -- Although President Gamal Abdel Nasser of Egypt has signed the three-power nuclear test ban treaty, "he still aims to produce nuclear warheads for his rockets," Arthur Kook, Daily Mail correspondent, reported today from Beirut.

The correspondent said that the warheads were intended for rockets being developed for Egypt by West German scientists. He added that Nasser, in his speech in Alexandria yesterday to returning troops from Yemen, made it plain that the Middle East "can expect little peace" as long as he is in power. The Egyptian leader told the troops that the time had come to "wash out the stain" of Egypt's defeat by Israel in 1948.

JERUSALEM BISHOP AVERS ISRAEL JEWS DO NOT DISCRIMINATE AGAINST CHRISTIANS

TORONTO, Aug. 12. (JTA) -- The Anglican Bishop of Jerusalem declared flatly today that Jews in Israel do not discriminate against Christians. He said that "to my knowledge, there has been no social discrimination against Christians in Israel similar to the kind of discrimination against Jews in other countries."

The Rev. A.C. MacInnes, whose diocese takes in the entire Middle East, came to Toronto to attend the World Anglican Congress which starts this week. He said there has been discrimination against the 200,000 Arab Christians in Israel, "but they have been discriminated against as Arabs, not as Christians." He added that it was necessary to remember that "Israel is at war with the Arab nations."

He agreed there had been much controversy in Israel concerning Jews who have married Christians, but he did not regard this as having anything to do with discrimination. There is still much debate in Israel over the age-old question of defining a Jew, he said, adding he felt that this accounted for one of the difficulties in Jewish-Christian marriages and problems faced by Jewish converts to Christianity. He said that, in Israel, the act of a Jew becoming a Christian was "simply looked upon as a contradiction."

ORTHODOX JEWS IN SO. AFRICA TCNE DOWN BITTER FIGHT AGAINST REFORM

JOHANNESBURG, Aug. 12. (JTA) -- The need for cooperation of all segments of South African Jewry emerged as the dominant theme of the Federation of Synagogues Conference that closed here today.

In spite of recent controversy between Orthodox and Reform Jews here, South African Jewry remained a united community in which the Orthodox could be expected to cooperate with other Jewish religious groups in all matters other than theology and worship, the conference concluded.

Rabbi Samson Weiss, executive vice-president of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America, who was a guest speaker at the conference, told the delegates that, although Orthodox Jews cannot allow Reform Jews "to adulterate our Judaism," they must keep hate from marring their attitude toward Reform Jews.

Although many of the delegates endorsed the Johannesburg Beth Din (Jewish Religious Court) ruling that cooperation with Reform Jews in the religious sphere was impossible, they deplored the bitterness injected into the controversy by some members of the South African rabbinate.

JEWS STUDENTS TOLD ISRAEL HAS AMPLE OPENINGS FOR THEIR TALENTS

JERUSALEM, Aug. 12. (JTA) -- Yigal Allon, Israel's Labor Minister, appealed today to Jewish university graduates throughout the world to settle in Israel, where ample opportunities existed for their talents.

He made the proposal at the opening session of the 30th Congress of the World Union of Jewish Students, attended by 50 delegates and observers from 20 countries. He referred to the current situation in South Africa, asserting there was no future for South African Jewry because Jews could not be citizens of a country which proclaimed racism as the law of the land. He added that it was "disconcerting" that Jewish emigrants from that country were settling in the United States, Britain, Canada and Australia--but not in Israel.

Prof. Ernest D. Bergman of Hebrew University, the union's honorary president, urged the delegates not to get bogged down in petty matters. They were greeted by Dr. Eliahu Elath, Hebrew University president; Major Mordechai Ish-Shalom, of Jerusalem; and Eliahu Dobkin, head of the Jewish Agency's Youth and Hechalutz department. The Congress will end tomorrow with a visit to the Negev settlement of Sde Boker, for a discussion with former Premier David Ben-Gurion.

WORLD JEWISH CONGRESS DISCUSSES MEASURES TO COMBAT FASCISTS, NEO NAZIS

MONTREUX, Switzerland, Aug. 12. (JTA) -- Reports on recent activities of neo-Nazi and fascist organizations were presented today at the current meeting of the executive committee of the World Jewish Congress. The delegates also discussed measures to combat such activities. Debate also was held on cooperation between the organization and other global Jewish bodies, and on its relationship with the Conference of Jewish Organizations.

AUSTRIAN MINISTER OF JUSTICE SEEKS NEW EVIDENCE AGAINST FORMER NAZI

WASHINGTON, Aug. 12. (JTA) -- Dr. Christian Broda, Minister of Justice in the Austrian Government, has agreed to take any evidence available in the United States against Franz Murer, who served as Gestapo chief in Vilna, and personally prosecute the Nazi war criminal.

Dr. Broda made this pledge on a visit here, after meeting with a delegation representing the Jewish Nazi Victims Organization of America and the group's volunteer counsel, James B. Donovan, who negotiated with Cuban Premier Castro on the prisoner exchange transaction. Mr. Donovan offered his services to the Nazi victims to assure that Murer, who was recently released from Austrian custody despite his guilt in many murders of Jews, is brought to justice. Other participants in the meeting, at the Austrian Embassy here, included Ambassador Wilfried Platzer and officials of the Nazi Victims Organization, including Moses I. Socachevsky, president, and Felix Lasky, secretary.

Dr. Broda assured the Jewish delegation and Mr. Donovan that, since he himself had been a concentration camp inmate under the Nazis, he would do anything in his power to see that the Gestapo officer is properly punished. Mr. Socachevsky was asked to obtain evidence before Dr. Broda's return to Austria.

Mr. Socachevsky issued an appeal to any victim of the Nazis, residing in the United States or Canada, who possesses evidence against Maurer, to send it to the Jewish Nazi Victims Organization of America, Inc., in New York.

POLISH HISTORIAN RAPS VIEW THAT GHETTO JEWS HAD FAILED TO RESIST NAZIS

LONDON, Aug. 12. (JTA) -- A Polish Jewish historian has taken issue with views expressed recently that there was a general absence of resistance by the Jewish victims of the Nazis, it was reported here today from Warsaw.

In the latest issue of the Bulletin of the Jewish Historical Institute of Warsaw, Prof. Ber Mark said that Raoul Hilberg, author of the recent book, "The Destruction of the European Jews," had advocated his thesis on the absence of resistance among European Jewry without knowing even a small part of the data, "apart from the fact that his approach is wrong and distorted."

Describing Dr. Hilberg's assertion that scholars know all there is to know about the Warsaw Ghetto Revolt as "absurd," Prof. Mark said: "We have not exhausted the whole of the available material on the subject, nor do we know what is available, as more and more documents and other data come to light almost every week."

The Bulletin also contained a hitherto unpublished collection of documents with annotations by Tatiana Bernstein about forced labor in the Warsaw Ghetto; and featured a previously unpublished study by Ruta Sakowska of communications in the ghetto.

ANTI-SEMITISM, NEO-NAZISM SEEN AS THREATS TO JEWS IN ARGENTINA

BUENOS AIRES, Aug. 12. (JTA) -- Six out of 10 recently married Jewish couples in Buenos Aires consider anti-Jewish bias a serious problem, which threatens the security of Argentine Jews, according to results of a study made by the Latin American office of the American Jewish Committee.

However, 87 per cent of the couples expressed optimism about the possibilities of neutralizing such dangers, Abraham Monk, director of the office, said. One-third of the respondents said they had personally experienced anti-Semitism during childhood, and 15 per cent said they had been injured personally in anti-Semitic attacks in recent years. Forty per cent said they thought anti-Semitism had increased in recent years, while 10 per cent felt that such prejudice had diminished. The sample of 200 couples was selected from 3,000 such couples in Buenos Aires.

In a related development here, two Argentine officials agreed at a roundtable discussion that "the seeds of neo-Nazism are still latent" in Argentina.

The officials were Silvano Santander, former member of Parliament and leader of the People's Radical party, and Eugenio Hender, of the Argentine Institute for Culture and Information. Speakers at the roundtable, sponsored by the Argentine-Israeli Institute, stressed that a program of information was needed among labor unions and public officials to halt the spread of anti-Semitism.

POLAND ERECTS MONUMENT COMMEMORATING PROF. ALBERT MICHAELSON

LONDON, Aug. 12. (JTA) -- A monument to the late Albert Michaelson, the American Jewish physicist, will be unveiled next month in the Polish town of Czelnio, where he was born in 1852, it was learned here today.

Dr. Michaelson, who died in 1931, was a student of Albert Einstein, and one of the world's foremost authorities on Einstein's theory of relativity. He was brought to the United States by his parents when he was 5 years old, and eventually became a professor of physics at the University of Chicago. The monument will be dedicated during an international conference of physicists scheduled to take place in Poland in September.

EPISCOPAL BISHOP BACKS HIGH COURT RULING BANNING SCHOOL PRAYERS

LONDON, Ont., Canada, Aug. 12. (JTA) -- The Presiding Bishop of the Protestant and Episcopal Church in the United States said today he was in full agreement with the United States Supreme Court ruling last June, which outlawed recitation of the Lord's Prayer in the public schools.

The Rev. Arthur Lichtenberger made his statement on a visit here before going on to Toronto for the World Anglican Congress there. He added that some Episcopalians approved of the Supreme Court ruling and some did not.

"The Lord's Prayer is not necessarily a mark of religious faith," he asserted. "The Supreme Court decision was not a denial of the Christian faith--it simply put it in proper perspective. The United States is a secular state of minorities." He added that he felt the ban on prayer recital "has opened the way for the objective study of religion."

His comments came against a background of repeated statements in the local diocesan Anglican monthly, strongly upholding religious instruction in public schools, which is permitted in the Province of Ontario. The Bishop of Huron has denounced persons he said tried to "interfere" by pressing for modification or abolition of such teachings in Ontario schools.

PIONEER WOMEN REPORT RAISING OVER \$2,600,000 FOR ISRAEL WORK

DETROIT, Aug. 12. (JTA) -- Pioneer Women, the Women's Labor Zionist Organization of America, has raised more than \$2,600,000 during the past two years for programs for Moetzet Hapoalot, the Working Woman's Council in Israel, Mrs. Sidney Leff, national president of the organization, reported here today at the 18th national biennial convention of the women's group. She said large sums were given to Youth Aliya, Jewish National Fund and Histadrut, and that the organization had a "tremendous" record in Israel bond sales.

Mrs. Beba Idelson, Deputy Speaker of the Knesset, Israel's Parliament, and head of Moetzet Hapoalot, addressed the 600 delegates on women's role in Israel. Tracing the role of the women workers movement in Israeli community development, she said that "in accordance with basic principle of self realization, our struggle from the beginning has been for the privilege of taking full part in the duties of the country and our society, rather than merely the rights of women."

Membership in Moetzet Hapoalot, she said, has now reached 300,000 women of diverse occupations and ways of life. The organization, she reported, maintains an extensive network of guidance and instruction centers for immigrants, covering such activities as home economics, child care, hygiene and farming. Arab women who until recently never left their homes now participate in community activities and attend courses seminars, she reported.

JEWISH ORGANIZATIONS URGE MEMBERS TO TAKE PART IN CIVIL RIGHTS MARCH

WASHINGTON, D.C., Aug. 12. (JTA) -- With the active support of Jewish organizations, Jews are expected to swell the ranks of participants in the March on Washington on August 28 in support of civil rights legislation, it was disclosed here today.

Spokesmen for several national Jewish organizations said that they had issued appeals to members to join in the march, but only one had a specific figure. A spokesman for the American Jewish Congress said that about 1,000 members were expected to march as a unit in the August 28 action.

Dr. Joachim Prinz, president of the American Congress, is a member of the general coordinating committee for the march. The New England region of the Congress announced it was raising funds to sponsor a 40-passenger bus from Boston to Washington for the AJC march participants.

Other organizations known to have arranged or encouraged members to converge on the nation's capital are the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations, the United Synagogue of America, the Synagogue Council of America, the Jewish War Veterans of America, and local Jewish Community Councils of many cities.

Steps were being taken today in Washington to muster facilities of synagogues and Jewish centers as assembly and meeting points, and for lodging and feeding of marchers.

The Interreligious Committee on Race Relations of Washington, a tri-faith group, urged all citizens in the capital to "consider prayerfully" the purpose of the march as "a legitimate expression" of support for the right of Negroes to equal opportunity. The committee urged churches and synagogues in the area to offer their facilities as assembly and assistance centers for marchers. Rabbi Lewis Weintraub, a co-chairman of the committee, and Isaac Franck, executive director of the Jewish Community Council here, and secretary of the committee, were among those signing the appeal.