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U. S. STATE DEPT. SEES STRENGTH, MORAL REBUKE TO SYRIA IN UNITED NATIONS VOTE

WASHINGTON, Sept. 4. (JTA) -- State Department sources said today that despite the Soviet veto of the American-backed United Nations Security Council resolution condemning Syria's murder of two Israelis, the American stand and the seven other favorable votes in the Council yesterday must be noted in Syria, and should be a source of gratification to Israel. According to State Department thinking, it was obvious that the Soviet Union, through the veto, is attempting to exploit Arab, anti-Israel passions.

State Department officials said that the free world had to live with the Soviet veto in many instances in the past. They said that, while the veto hindered and weakened the United Nations, it did not destroy all the impact of the UN action.

The general view of the United States on the veto was described as similar to that of Israel. Despite the veto, officials said, a strong moral judgment has been expressed. The American role, particularly, cannot be ignored by Syria, it was said.

Note was taken here of criticism of the American stand by the Arab press and radio. The State Department's reaction was that the Department reacted properly, and pursued the only course it could conscientiously follow.

(London dispatches from Cairo today reported Egypt's President Gamal Abdel Nasser as telling his army that Egyptian armed forces are ready to help any other Arab country against Israel. He made this announcement in an address to troops returning from service in Yemen. He said Israel might feel now that "it could seize the opportunity of present maneuvers by the Syrian Baath Party." But he proclaimed that his forces were ready to shed blood against Israel, regardless of political differences among various Arab states.)

The Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations today telegraphed to President Kennedy its "profound appreciation" for the position taken by the United States in the Security Council debate and final balloting concerning the latest Syrian-Israeli dispute. Rabbi Irving Miller, president of the Conference, told Mr. Kennedy that the Jewish leaders were "greatly heartened" by America's call on the Council, through an address by the U. S. delegation head, Adlai E. Stevenson, urging the UN body "to accept its responsibilities and act with courage and wisdom." "It is our sincere hope," the wire to the President stated, "that, regardless of the final outcome, our country's firm position will deter further aggression in the Middle East, and promote stability and order."

Associated with Rabbi Miller's wire to the President were the presidents of the following organizations: American Israel Public Affairs Committee, American Jewish Congress, American Zionist Council, American Trade Union Council for Histadrut, B'nai B'rith, Hadassah, Jewish Agency for Israel, Jewish Labor Committee, Jewish War Veterans of the U. S. A., Labor Zionist Movement, Religious Zionists of America, National Community Relations Advisory Council, National Council of Jewish Women, National Council of Young Israel, Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America, Union of American Hebrew Congregations, United Synagogue of America, and the Zionist Organization of America.

ESHKOL, GOLDA MEIR LAUD SECURITY COUNCIL MAJORITY; REGRET SOVIET VETO

JERUSALEM, Sept. 4. (JTA) -- Prime Minister Levi Eshkol and Mrs. Golda Meir, Israel's Foreign Minister, expressed satisfaction today in separate statements over the vote in the Security Council yesterday on the United States-British resolution on the Syrian murder of two Israeli farmhands last August 19. Both also expressed regret that the Soviet Union had blocked passage of the resolution through a veto.

The Prime Minister and Mrs. Meir also both noted with satisfaction the eight votes cast for the resolution, which, they said, proved that the majority of Security Council members deplored the murders of the Almagor settlement members.

Mrs. Meir viewed the eight votes as indicating the desire of those countries to exercise the authority of the Security Council to maintain peace on Israel's northern border. She said the report of Gen. Odd Bull, chief of staff of the United Nations Truce Supervision Organization, presented by UN Secretary-General U Thant, the utterances of Council

members, and the draft resolution which received an overwhelming majority of votes, "have fixed Syrian responsibility for the murders in Israeli territory at Almagor."

She stated that the Security Council discussion and vote "also made it clear" that the Syrian complaint that Israel massed armor in the area, "was without foundation."

"Israel deeply regrets that the Soviet Union, which recently gave its support to a step which opens horizons of hope to mankind," the signing of the limited nuclear test ban pact, "did not find it necessary at one and the same time to give its support and make its contribution to the relaxation of tension in our region as well," she declared, adding that a "technical veto cannot detract from the moral and political significance of the stand formulated in the Security Council."

Sees 'Clear Condemnation'; Army Head Warns Arab Aggressors

She declared also that the Security Council stand represented "a clear condemnation of the act of murder of the two Israelis and of the Syrian Government which bears responsibility for it and for the chain of incidents which preceded it, including the kidnaping of three Israelis on Israeli territory and their continued detention in Syria." This was a reference to the abduction by Syrians of six persons in an excursion boat on Lake Tiberias last July. The Syrians released the three Belgian passengers, but not the three Israelis.

Mrs. Meir said that, in response to the appeal of the Security Council president, Israel was ready for an immediate exchange of all prisoners, including the three kidnaped Israelis, and that Israel welcomed the Council president's appeal for maintenance of the cease-fire arranged in the Almagor area by UN observers. She added that Israel hoped that "this appeal and the Security Council discussion will have a real effect on Syria's conduct."

Chief of Staff Zvi Tsur said last night, at the close of armored brigade exercises, that he hoped quiet would come to Israel's northern border "so that we will not be forced to prove to our neighbors that the Israel Army will not forever withhold its fire." He added that it was the duty of Israel's defense forces to guarantee the security of citizens living along the borders "by all available means."

The right-wing Herut party announced meanwhile that it planned to demand that the Parliament's Security and Foreign Affairs Committee meet to condemn the Soviet veto. The committee is scheduled to meet next Wednesday. Another proposal planned by Herut would be a call for censure of the Government for its policy of "withholding action" against unprovoked attacks by Syria and Jordan. The party argued that the killing of an Israeli workman yesterday in the Jerusalem zone by Jordanians was "just the result of such a hands-folded policy" of the Government.

ISRAEL'S MORAL VICTORY NOTED AT U. N. ; STANDS BY U. S. A. , COMAY APPLAUDED

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Sept. 4. (JTA) -- Most United Nations diplomats were of the opinion today that the Security Council's action of yesterday, when eight members voted an anti-Syrian resolution which failed of official adoption only because of a Soviet veto, was the most serious blow given any Arab state here in exactly 12 years. The opinion was supported by editorials in most of the leading newspapers in this country.

The last time the Council voted an anti-Arab resolution was on September 1, 1951, when Egypt was ordered to stop barring Israeli shipping from the Suez Canal. Since that vote, the Security Council has never been able to agree on Arab censure, due to Soviet vetoes or threats of such negative action by the USSR. Yesterday's veto by the Soviet Union was the third instance when a negative Soviet vote blocked Council action against an Arab state; it was the 101st time the Soviet had exercised its veto power to frustrate Security Council action.

Anger was high here today against the Soviet Union's action among nearly all diplomats except those belonging to the Soviet and Arab blocs. At the same time, there was high praise here for the United States and British positions, which persisted in efforts to put through the resolution absolving Israel while by implication condemning Syria for the murder of two young Israeli farmers at Kibbutz Almagor on August 19.

There was almost universal praise--again with the exception of the Soviet and Arab diplomats--for the manner in which Michael S. Comay, Israel's permanent representative here, handled the entire issue. It was particularly noted that both the U. S. representative, Charles W. Yost, and Mr. Comay had made it clear that the eight-ballot majority for the vetoed draft did not alter the fact that Syria had been found guilty.

"The fact that the resolution was vetoed," said Mr. Yost, "does not in any way detract from the judgment of the majority of the Council on these complaints." "The fact that the formal passage of the resolution has been prevented," said Ambassador Comay, "should give Syria very little comfort. No veto can wipe out the damning facts which have been so carefully gathered, sifted and set out. The veto cannot delete from the Council's records the clear view of the matter expressed in this debate by every single member except the Soviet Union--not taking into account Morocco, which would naturally identify itself with the Arab side. My Government regards its complaint as having been vindicated, and Syria as morally condemned. It is our hope that, in their future conduct, the Syrian authorities will not fail to pay heed to the weight of international opinion."

ADL SENDS EXCHANGE MISSION TO GERMANY TO DISCUSS ANTI-BIGOTRY ACTIONS

NEW YORK, Sept. 4. (JTA) -- Twelve Jewish civil rights specialists left here today for Bonn, Germany, on an exchange mission concerned with problems of democracy. The group, representing the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, will work with German civic officials, youth and community leaders, at the invitation of the Federal Republic, in an effort to explore how American experience in combating bigotry can be applied to the German scene.

The exchange is sponsored jointly by the Bonn Government and the ADL. To obtain personal understanding of postwar problems in Germany, the League group will live with German families in the cities they visit. Headed by Benjamin R. Epstein, ADL national director, the group includes educators, lawyers, social scientists and public affairs specialists. The program is a continuation of an exchange inaugurated in 1960, after a visit to Germany by Mr. Epstein and Nathan C. Belth, an ADL executive, to study the causes of swastika smearings which had broken out in Cologne and spread to the United States and elsewhere in the world.

Mr. Epstein said that, after conferences with Bonn officials, the League representatives--including men who were refugees from Hitler's Germany--will divide into teams and live with communal workers in Hamburg, Muenster, Bad Hamm, Beuel, Michelstadt, Stuttgart, Berlin and Frankfurt while examining German institutions and current attitudes. The group will convene with West Berlin civic leaders before returning home.

In addition to Mr. Epstein, the group included Mr. Belth, Herman Edelsberg, Kurt Bachrach-Baker, Harold Braverman, Monroe Sheinberg, Morton J. Sobel, Nissen Gross, Hans Adler, Nathan Perlmutter, Seymour Gorchoff and Mrs. Ethel S. Epstein.

Hamburg Takes Steps Against Anti-Semitic Attitude of U. Professor

HAMBURG, Sept. 4. (JTA) -- The city-state of Hamburg began proceedings today against Dr. Peter R. Hofstatter, a Hamburg University professor, for his advocacy of a general amnesty for Nazi war criminals and for his contention that the wartime mass killing of Jews was "an act of war." The professor's stand, made in a newspaper article, touched off a storm of criticism from scholars, generals, university students and most of West Germany's newspapers. Moving to discipline him, Hamburg officials started action which may lead to his ouster from the university faculty.

The 50-year-old Austrian-born psychologist discussed, in the article, Germany's "unmastered past," a term generally used by Germans in considering their individual guilt for crimes of the Nazis. He declared that "personally, I would endorse an act by the state that, though not erasing the deed of a man, would renounce punishment. Those who have committed a crime must account for it before God."

AUSTRIAN RELEASE OF GESTAPO OFFICER PROTESTED BY CANADIAN JEWS

OTTAWA, Sept. 4. (JTA) -- The Canadian Jewish Congress today conveyed to the Ambassador of Austria to Ottawa, Dr. Eugen Buresch, the concern of the Jewish communities over the release from Austrian custody of Franz Murer, former Gestapo chief in Vilna. He was freed recently after a trial in Graz.

In asking the Ambassador to convey to the Austrian Government "the anxiety of the Canadian Jewish Community in this matter," Michael Garver, president of the CJC, emphasized that "surely the victims of Nazism who were fortunate enough to have escaped have a right to demand the trial and punishment of the guilty, and surely decency requires that the memories of the immediate victims be not sullied by the escape of people such as Murer." The Austrian Ambassador replied that he will forward the protest to the competent authorities in Austria.

Israeli News Briefs

JERUSALEM, Sept. 4. (JTA) -- Israel's Ministry of Education stated today that the new school year, which opened this week, shows an enrollment of 495,000 students but shows also a shortage of 300 teachers. About 1,700 new teachers have been engaged for the country's elementary schools, but about half of them are replacements for others who left the school system. About 85,000 children entered kindergarten this year. The budget for the current academic year is 200,000,000 Israeli pounds (\$67,000,000), a 20 per cent increase over last year.

JERUSALEM, Sept. 4. (JTA) -- United States Commerce Secretary Luther Hodges arrived here today with his wife from Athens for an unofficial 36-hour visit as a guest of the Israel Government. He expressed the hope that the visit "will contribute to the fostering of closer trade relations between our two countries."

TEL AVIV, Sept. 4. (JTA) -- The Acre Steel Works, which for years has been in difficulty over the high prices it has charged for finished products, announced its decision to substitute imported steel ingots for ingots it has been making with its own facilities. The high prices have given rise to repeated questions in Parliament.

REPUBLICAN CONGRESSMAN ASKS NIXON TO CLARIFY REPORTED PRAISE OF NASSER

WASHINGTON, Sept. 4. (JTA) -- Former Vice-President Richard M. Nixon was asked today by a Republican Congressman, Rep. Seymour Halpern, of New York, to explain his recent pro-Nasser statements, voiced in Egypt, and his failure to balance the Egyptian visit with one to Israel.

Recalling Mr. Nixon's many pro-Israel statements prior to November 1960, the New York Republican said: "I frankly do not understand why, inasmuch as you were so close by, that you did not balance your visit to the United Arab Republic, with one to Israel. This question has been raised by many who feel that you lavished a lot of attention on Nasser but, in effect, ignored Israel."

Rep. Halpern said he was "horrified" to read in the Egyptian Gazette "that you justified the presence of German ex-Nazis in Egyptian military industry, building weapons for use against Israel. You were quoted as saying on this issue that 'the UAR is free to obtain technical assistance from any country, be it the United States, the Soviet Union, or any country. There is no reason for fear or alarm.'"

The Republican Congressman enclosed texts of reports, and told Mr. Nixon that "I would prefer to believe that you were misquoted, and the reports as complete misrepresentations or actually false." These reports portrayed Mr. Nixon as tacitly endorsing the role of Egyptian troops in Yemen and even criticizing an anti-Nasser policy decision on the last Republican Administration regarding the Aswan Dam, in 1956.

Rep. Halpern said Mr. Nixon was also quoted as "lauding Nasser and virtually campaigning for him." The Congressman said Nasser's role, "as the center of discord and agitation in the Near East" was such that Chairman William Miller, of the Republican National Committee, had questioned continued American aid to Nasser. He quoted statements by Mr. Miller citing the Republican view of Nasser's aggressive threats to peace.

Mr. Nixon was told by Rep. Halpern that "I would leave you under no illusion as to the depth of feeling of these matters among Republicans." He told Mr. Nixon that support of the UAR, in view of Nasser's reliance on Soviet arms and military training, proliferation of the rocket race, hiring of ex-Nazis, and unrelenting boycotts and blockades affecting American citizens of the Jewish faith, were "contrary to the national security of the United States."

Citing Nasser's aggression, plots and intrigues against neighbors, Rep. Halpern told Mr. Nixon he was "truly amazed to read reports that you have praised him." Mr. Nixon was asked to "put the record straight."

JEWISH CANDIDATES PROMINENT IN ELECTION CAMPAIGN IN PROVINCE OF ONTARIO

TORONTO, Sept. 4. (JTA) -- Jewish candidates are prominent among political figures currently campaigning in Ontario's provincial elections, scheduled for September 25. It was noted here today. In the suburban riding of Forest Hill, J. Sidney Midanik, a prominent figure in local Jewish life, is running for the New Democratic party and is favored to win. In another race, in suburban Downsview, three Jewish candidates are vying with one another: David Vanek, a Conservative; A. Alan Borovoy, of the NDP; and Vernon Singer, the incumbent M. P., who is a Liberal. All are Jews.

The Canadian Jewish Congress is again following an established practice of distributing a pre-election policy statement to all Jewish candidates, urging them to avoid the injection of racial or religious issues in their campaigns, and rejecting the notion of "bloc" voting.

CJFWF TO OPEN INSTITUTE TODAY ON FUND-RAISING FOR BIG ORGANIZATIONS

NEW YORK, Sept. 4. (JTA) -- A two-day institute for fund-raising directors of larger Jewish community organizations will open tomorrow under the sponsorship of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds, at its New York Headquarters.

Robert Hiller, executive director of the United Jewish Federation of Pittsburgh, and chairman of the CJFWF campaign technical advisory committee, said a series of presentations on key aspects of community drives will be made at the institute by campaign directors from various cities.

NEW YORK CITY POSTPONES TAX FILING DEADLINE DUE TO JEWISH HOLY DAYS

NEW YORK, Sept. 4. (JTA) -- The filing deadlines for various New York City business tax returns which would have been due this year on Friday, September 20 have been extended to Monday, September 23 because the earlier date is the second day of Rosh Hashanah, it was announced here today.

Returns affected by the three-day extension due to the Jewish Holy Day include those for quarterly payments on sales tax, commercial rent or occupancy tax, amusement tax and the hotel room occupancy tax.