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SIXTY SENATORS INTRODUCE RESOLUTION IN SENATE ON SOVIET JEWRY

WASHINGTON, Sept. 25. (JTA) -- Fifty-nine U. S. Senators joined with Senator Abraham Ribicoff, Dem., Conn., today in a resolution condemning the Soviet Union for discrimination against Jews. They appealed to the Soviet Union "in the name of decency and humanity" to cease executing persons for alleged economic offenses. They also asked the Soviet Government to fully permit freedom of religion for Jews--and all others--within its borders.

In the Ribicoff resolution, Senators from both political parties and from all sections of the country declared there is now "abundant evidence" that the Soviet Government was persecuting Jewish citizens. The resolution specifically condemned Russia for singling out Jews for extreme punishment for alleged economic offenses, confiscating synagogues, closing Jewish cemeteries, arresting rabbis and lay religious leaders and curtailing religious observances.

It also protested the practice of discriminating against Jews in cultural activities and access to higher education, imposing restrictions that prevent the reuniting of Jews with their families in other countries, and--through other acts,--oppressing Jews from freely exercising their faith.

By responding to their resolution, the Senators said, the Soviet Union now has "a clear opportunity to match the words of its constitutional guarantees of freedom of religion with specific action." They affirmed their deep belief in freedom of religion for all people and their opposition to infringement of this freedom anywhere in the world. The resolution was referred to the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

Sen. Ribicoff Says Jews Are Chief Victims of Persecution in Russia

In introducing this resolution on the floor of the Senate, Sen. Ribicoff said: "Today--the day after the United States Senate gave its advice and consent to the limited nuclear test ban treaty--the world looks with renewed strength and spirit toward the prospect of peace. It looks with renewed strength and spirit toward the day when all men will enjoy the basic freedoms.

"Yet even today, as we look and work towards this goal, freedom of religion is trampled by one of the principal parties to a treaty which has given new hope to the world. In the Soviet Union, the free exercises of religion in any meaningful sense has been denied to everyone. But today the chief victims of religious persecution are the Jews."

The list of the co-sponsoring Senators follows:

Gordon Allott, R., Colo.; Clinton P. Anderson, D. N. Mex.; E. L. Bartlett, D. Alas.; Birch E. Bayh, D., Ind.; J. Glenn Beall, R., Md.; J. Caleb Boggs, R. Del.; Daniel Brewster, D., Md.; Clinton N. Burdick, D., N. D.; Clifford Case, R., N. J.; Frank Church, D. Ida.; Joseph Clark, D. Penn.; John S. Cooper, R. Ky.; Norris Cotton, R. N. H.; Thomas J. Dodd, D. Conn.; Peter Dominick, R. Colo.; Paul Douglas, D. Ill.; J. Howard Edmonson, D. Okla.

Also Barry Goldwater, R. Ariz.; Ernest Gruening, D. Alas.; Philip A. Hart, D. Mich.; R. Vance Hartke, D. Ind.; Spessard L. Holland, D. Fla.; Hubert Humphrey, D. Minn.; Daniel K. Inouye, D. Hawaii; Henry M. Jackson, D. Wash.; Jacob K. Javits, R. N. Y.; Len B. Jordan, R. Ida.; Kenneth B. Keating, R. N. Y.; Edward M. Kennedy, D. Mass.; Thomas H. Kuchel, R. Cal.; J. Frank Lausche, D. Ohio; Warren Magnuson, D. Wash.; Eugene McCarthy, D. Minn.; George McGovern, D. S. D.; Thomas J. McIntyre, D. N. H.; Patrick McNamara, D. Mich.; Lee Metcalfe, D. Mont.; Mike Monroney, D. Okla.

Also Wayne Morse, D. Ore.; Thurston Morton, R. Ky.; Frank E. Moss, D. Utah; Karl Mundt, R. S. D.; Gaylord Nelson, D. Wis.; Mrs. Maureen Neuberger, D. Ore.; John O. Pastore, D. R. I.; Claiborne Pell, D. R. I.; William Proxmire, D. Wis.; Jennings Randolph, D. W. Va.; Leverett Saltonstall, R. Mass.; Hugh Scott, R. Penna.; Milward L. Simpson, R. Wyo.; George A. Smathers, D. Fla.; Stuart Symington, D. Mo.; Strom Thurmond, D. S. Caro.; John G. Tower, R. Texas; Herbert Walters, D. Tenn.; Harrison Williams, Jr. D. N. J.; Ralph Yarborough, D. Texas; and Stephen M. Young, D. Ohio.

PREMIER ESHKOL SEEKS TO SETTLE CONFLICT ON RELIGIOUS ISSUES

JERUSALEM, Sept. 25. (JTA) -- Religious issues which have strained relations between Mapai and the National Religious party were discussed today at a two-hour meeting between Premier Levi Eshkol and Interior Minister and religious leader Moshe Shapiro.

The discussions covered the recent demonstrations by Orthodox youth zealots at three Christian mission schools, disturbances created by zealots in Jerusalem over Sabbath traffic, the projected second non-kosher kitchen on the luxury liner SS Shalom and the forthcoming Chief Rabbinate elections.

The meeting was described as having been held in "good spirit" and as having produced a "meeting of minds" on a number of points. However, the only publicized agreement was to air the problems within the Cabinet and at another Eshkol-Shapiro meeting next week.

Meanwhile Transport Minister Israel Baryehuda asked the Road Controller's office to study the possibility of re-routing traffic via the Mandelbaum Gate between old and new Jerusalem to enable vehicles to bypass Orthodox sections of the Israeli capital. The Minister acted in accordance with his undertaking at the last Cabinet meeting to investigate the traffic question with a view to ending clashes between the zealots and police over Sabbath traffic.

GOLDA MEIR ARRIVES IN NEW YORK TO PARTICIPATE IN U.N. ASSEMBLY

NEW YORK, Sept. 25. (JTA) -- Mrs. Golda Meir, Israel's Foreign Minister, arrived here last night, and immediately undertook a heavy schedule as head of Israel's delegation to the United Nations. With her was her political secretary, Simcha Dinitz. Two other members of Israel's delegation to the current General Assembly also arrived last night. They are Simcha Pratt, who just completed a tour of duty as Minister to South Africa; and Dr. Eliezer Yapou, consul-general in Holland.

Mrs. Meir had arranged a long list of appointments with prominent diplomats prior to her arrival here. Among her appointments for this week are conferences with the Foreign Ministers or other delegation chairmen from Brazil, Rwanda and Senegal. On Monday, she will hold a luncheon for all women delegates to this year's Assembly. This luncheon by Mrs. Meir to the distaff side of the diplomatic corps at the United Nations is an annual event.

TWO AFRICAN FOREIGN MINISTERS APPEAL AT U.N. FOR ARAB-ISRAEL PEACE

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Sept. 25. (JTA) -- Two foreign ministers of recently liberated African states, Niger and Dahomey, appealed to the United Nations General Assembly in impassioned terms today for an end to hostilities between the Arab states and Israel and peace in the Middle East.

Both speakers, Adamou Mayaki, Foreign Minister of Niger, and Emile D. Zinsou, Foreign Minister of Dahomey, referred to the Middle East situation during their addresses in the Assembly's general debate. Mr. Mayaki, noting that peace in all areas is an "immediate" issue before the Assembly, said:

"There are the resolutions which have not been applied and the hatreds which have accumulated, and frontiers that are violated day and night, and the permanent insecurity which has been installed in the heart of the Middle East. What more poignant drama and what more dangerous threat to peace can there be? Basing ourselves on the bonds which unite us one to the other, and concerning ourselves with this drama which divides the peoples whose virtues of hospitality and tolerance we all know and admire, we launch from this high rostrum an appeal for harmony and reconciliation through discussion in justice and in peace."

Mr. Zinsou in his address told the Assembly: "The Israel-Arab conflict will remain the unfortunate consequence of a refusal to negotiate and refusal to show tolerance. If everyone really wanted peace and decided to bring it about, one hundredth of the sums now being swallowed up in destructive undertakings would be sufficient to change considerably the meaning of life and to change for all of us the aspect of our earth."

ISRAEL MINISTER CONFERS WITH HIGH OFFICIALS IN WASHINGTON

WASHINGTON, Sept. 25. (JTA) -- Pinhas Sapir, Israel's Minister of Finance and Commerce and Industry, paid calls today on high Washington officials, including George Ball, Undersecretary of State, and David Bell, administrator of the Agency for International Development.

Mr. Sapir, who is in the United States to attend the annual meeting of the International Monetary Fund, and World Bank, also met with officials of those organizations.

MEMBER OF U.S. ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION TO CONFER IN ISRAEL

WASHINGTON, Sept. 25. (JTA) -- John G. Palfrey, a member of the United States Atomic Energy Commission, will visit Israel to discuss projects involving nuclear cooperation between the United States and Israel. Mr. Palfrey will go to Israel and Lebanon following an international atomic energy conference in Vienna.

THE 'DEPUTY' OPENS IN SWITZERLAND; POLICE GUARD BASLE THEATER

GENEVA, Sept. 25. (JTA) -- The first performance in Switzerland of "The Deputy," the German play claiming that the late Pope Pius XII failed to take a stand against the Nazi genocide of Jews, took place last night at the Basle Municipal Theater under the protection of more than 100 policemen.

The police were called in after the theater management received anonymous letters and telephone calls threatening bomb explosions in the theater, a synagogue and a Masonic lodge if the play was performed. Written by Rolf Hochhuth, the play contends that the late Pontiff did not adequately oppose the Nazi wartime slaughter of European Jewry.

Firemen who were posted in the area in the event the threats were carried out did not have to act but the police had to use their batons against demonstrators. In addition to the protesting demonstrators, Catholics organized a silent march. The full house attending the initial performance applauded the play.

Dr. Schweitzer Supports the Play; Blames Also Protestants

LONDON, Sept. 25. (JTA) -- On the eve of the opening tonight of the controversial play "The Representative"--which is now being performed in other countries under the title "The Deputy"--in which the late Pope Pius XII is presented as having abstained from protesting against the Nazi annihilation of Jews, the Nobel Peace Prize winner Dr. Albert Schweitzer said in a statement that not only the Catholic Church but also the Protestant Church "was guilty in her simple acceptance of the persecution of the Jews."

Declaring that the play is "a judgment on an historical figure who invited the greatest responsibility upon himself" Dr. Schweitzer said in his statement released by the Royal Shakespeare Company, which is presenting the play at the Aldwych Theater, that it "is not only an historical judgment but an alarm call to our age which is sinking into inhumanity and unawareness."

"We are all guilty today for the reason that we were all guilty then," he stressed. "The Catholic Church bears the greater guilt, because as a great international organization, she could have taken some action but the Protestant Church too was guilty in her simple acceptance of the fearful, inhumanity of the persecution of the Jews."

CANADIAN JEWS DEMAND REPRESENTATION ON QUEBEC'S EDUCATION COUNCIL

MONTREAL, Sept. 25. (JTA) -- The Canadian Jewish Congress was disclosed today to have requested the appointment of a least one Jew to a proposed Superior Council of Education of the Province of Quebec. The Council proposal is a provision of an educational bill now before the Quebec legislature. A substantial number of Jewish children attend Protestant-sponsored schools in the province.

The CJC also demanded Jewish representation on the Council's Protestant Committee, to be chosen after consultation with the CJC as the central representative body of Jews in Quebec. The demands were made at a meeting with members of the Protestant Committee at which provisions of the educational bill were discussed.

The CJC had previously submitted a brief on the issue to Paul Gerin-Lajoie, the Quebec Youth Minister, pointing out that numerically, Quebec Jews constituted the largest non-Protestant, non-Catholic part of the province's population, and that "historically, we are the oldest ethnic group outside of the English and the French."

The brief also noted that in Montreal "Jewish children number close to 25 per cent of the child population of the Protestant schools, and a considerable number of Jewish children attend independent Jewish schools" where "intense training in Jewish religion and culture" is coupled with a full secular curriculum.

The brief noted that special tax rolls identify Jewish taxpayers, "indicating the special position of the Jews in the school system." In the field of school taxation, the brief added, "about 75 per cent of the revenue of the Protestant schools from school taxation is being paid by Jews. For all practical purposes, Jews have been considered a part of the Protestant framework, even with regard to children" attending Jewish-sponsored schools.

"The Jewish community pays its school taxes to the Protestant school board and yet Jews are not free to present themselves for election or be appointed to any of the boards," the brief concluded, declaring that despite the admitted legal and other complications, the situation constituted "an inexcusable violation of even the most basic tenets of democracy."

The Canadian Jewish Congress reiterated the Jewish community's position previously presented to a Royal Commission on Education, asserting that it was "one of the most glaring undemocratic situations in that no Jews sit on the school board or have any say in the administration of tax monies," a "classical case of taxation without representation."

HASSIDIC GROUP FILES SUIT AGAINST NEW JERSEY TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

NEWARK, N.J., Sept. 25. (JTA) -- A Brooklyn ultra-Orthodox sect seeking to create an Orthodox Jewish community in a New Jersey township accused township committee officials today in a court suit with blocking the project for discriminatory reasons.

The suit was filed by the Yetev-Lev congregation in Superior Court in Morristown against the Mount Olive Township Committee. Mount Olive is about 10 miles northwest of Newark.

The suit asked the court to permit the Hassidic sect to file the required municipal performance bond and to enjoin the township "from interfering with the orderly development and construction of the project." The suit accused the Township Committee of being "motivated by considerations regarding the nature and ancestral characteristics of the persons who were to inhabit the residences" and not by considerations of zoning or planning.

George E. Dakis, Mayor of Mount Olive and one of the three members of the committee, called the suit a surprise and the charges "false, the furthest thing from the truth."

Most of the members of the sect live in the Williamsburg section of Brooklyn and about 1,200 of them plan to move to the proposed self-contained Orthodox community because of urban renewal projects in the Williamsburg section. They formed a corporation, the Satmar Association, Inc., which jointly filed the suit with the Glen Rob Associates of Fair Lawn, N.J.

The Satmar Association bought a 500-acre tract for a reported \$850,000. A projected \$20,000,000 development was to include 368 homes, a shopping center, a synagogue, a day school and ritual bathing establishments. The congregation lived for more than 100 years in Satmar, Rumania until Hitler seized the country and the members were scattered through concentration camps.

MONUMENT FOR JEWISH VICTIMS OF NAZISM VANDALIZED IN CANADA

TORONTO, Sept. 25. (JTA) -- A monument dedicated last week to the memory of the Jewish victims of the Nazi holocaust was vandalized during the weekend, police reported today.

The monument, a stone tablet set up in the burial grounds on Hamilton Mountain, forty miles from Toronto, was dedicated by members of the Ohav Congregation, was dedicated by members of the Ohav Congregation, most of whom are immigrants from Europe. Vandal poured a bucket of paint on the monument and tried to set it afire. They succeeded in searing the stone.

The Association of Lithuanian Jews meanwhile dedicated a monument in the association's burial grounds in Toronto to the memory of the Jews of Lithuania who were slaughtered during the Nazi occupation. Speakers at the ceremony included Rabbi I. Hurwitz; Julius Heyman for the Zionist Organization of Canada; B.G. Kayfetz for the Canadian Jewish Congress; John J. Glass of the Federation of Polish Jews; and Ammon Ajzensztadt of the Sheerith Hapleithah (The Surviving Remnant).

CATHOLIC COLLEGE INTRODUCES COURSE IN CONVERSATIONAL HEBREW

NEW ROCHELLE, N.Y., Sept. 25. (JTA) -- Iona College, a Catholic institution, will offer for the first time this year a course in conversational Hebrew in its General Studies-Adult Education evening program of college courses for the general public, it was announced today.

The college introduced the evening course as an educational community service. No academic credits are required for the program which starts next Monday. Bernard Troy, a graduate of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, will teach the new Iona College course.

College officials cited in a brochure "the remarkable revival" and widespread interest which Hebrew has been receiving in offering the course to those desiring a working knowledge of Hebrew.

UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA OFFERS HEBREW COURSE WITH COLLEGE CREDIT

TUCSON, Ariz., Sept. 25. (JTA) -- The University of Arizona, here, is offering, for the first time, a course in the Hebrew language. The course is being given by Rabbi Albert T. Bilgray. College credit will be given to those who complete the course satisfactorily, university officials announced.

LARGEST EXHIBITION OF CHAGALL'S PAINTINGS WILL OPEN IN TOKYO

TOKYO, Sept. 25. (JTA) -- The largest exhibition ever assembled of the works of the French-Jewish artist Marc Chagall, will open here on October 1 at the National Museum of Western Art, it was announced here today. The exhibition will include 450 of Chagall's works which will be brought here from 15 countries.