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ARABS WALK OUT OF AFRO-ASIAN CONFERENCE; PROTEST ISRAEL

GENEVA, March 30: (JTA) -- Fighting bitterly against the seating of a member of the 62-nation Afro-Asian bloc attending the United Nations Conference on Development here, Arab delegations walked out of the Afro-Asian caucus today against Israel's participation.

The Afro-Asian bloc, a strong group of members at United Nations Headquarters in New York, voted to recognize Israel's right to full and equal participation of the members representing the Asian and African states. When the caucus of the group, with Israel represented by Moshe Bartur, Israel's permanent representative to the UN's Geneva headquarters, decided to take a public stand against cooperation with Africa and Portugal, due to the racist policies of those governments.

As soon as that topic had been completed, R.J. Lall, of India, chairman of the Conference announced: "Now that our main work is done, I propose that we disperse for the Conference and resume our consultations, should these be needed, on an as at the United Nations in New York."

The meaning of his linking the basis of the bloc to the situation existing where the Afro-Asians have consistently kept Israel out of their group--was present. A number of African members, led by Nigeria, immediately voiced protests against the chairman's formulation. Whereupon all the Arab delegates and Three Moslem delegations--from Indonesia, Pakistan and Mauritania--renounced their seats, although these members always support the Arab anti-Israeli views at the United Nations.

While the Arabs thus mounted an offensive designed to remove Israel from the Afro-Asian bloc--which Israel has achieved here for the first time in its history, Minister of Commerce and Industry, Pinhas Sapir, launched a counter-strategy. He who arrived here to act as chairman of Israel's delegation to the 123-nation conference met today with a number of top Cabinet members from various African and Asian countries, inviting many of them to visit Israel. His invitations have been accepted, including high-ranking Ministers from Nepal, the Ivory Coast, Tanganyika and the Philippines.

Mr. Sapir is scheduled to address a plenary session of the Conference, the more than 1,500 delegates his Government's interest in the use of global resources to underdeveloped lands. He will stay on as chairman of Israel's delegation until when that top post will be taken over by David Horowitz, Governor of the District of Columbia. The Conference is scheduled to last three months.

U.S. FOREIGN AID DIRECTOR CITES ISRAEL AS EXAMPLE FOR OTHER

HOUSTON, Tex., March 30: (JTA) -- "Israel illustrates what can be done on an unpromising base of natural resources, by intelligence, hard work, sound management and sensible application of modern scientific and technological knowledge," American Aid Director David Bell declared in a speech at the University of Houston.

Reviewing problems of assistance to underdeveloped countries, Mr. Bell cited Israel as an example of success, and said: "Israel has had extensive help from the United States and Europe; but, above all, it has had the kind of strong and sensible leadership which has been able to make most of its own resources plus those obtained from the United States and Europe."

"Israel was just recently established as an independent nation whose future was in much doubt. Today the Israelis have achieved a remarkable economic growth with an annual growth rate for the last five years of around 10 per cent--one of the highest in the world. U.S. soft loans and grants have helped in the process; they have been used wisely and have been successful; and the need for them will soon end," Mr. Bell said.

23 SYRIANS ACCUSED OF SPYING FOR ISRAEL; APPEAR BEFORE MILITARY COURT

LONDON, March 30: (JTA) -- The Syrian Government announced today that 23 Syrians, alleged spies for Israel, pleaded guilty before a military court here yesterday. Seven other alleged spies for Israel are expected to be tried and sentenced by the military court.

SOVIET COURT SENTENCES FIVE JEWISH STATE WITNESSES TO PRISON

LONDON, March 30: (JTA) -- Five Soviet Jews were given prison sentences in Kiev ranging from two to six years, for alleged "economic crimes," a dispatch from the Soviet Union reported here today.

All five, according to the report, had testified last year against a local Jew named Jacob Sheinkin, charged with amassing "several hundred thousand dollars' worth of peoples property" through "speculation in gold." In December, the highest court in the Ukraine had confirmed a lower court's death sentence against Sheinkin, ordering him to be shot.

Meanwhile, according to the Soviet newspaper Kiev Evening News, there had been "demands from readers that the witnesses who had appeared against Sheinkin be prosecuted and given due justice." The witnesses included Sheinkin's daughter and son-in-law, Dora and Moses Gittleman; a Dr. Steiman, a Mr. Braginski and a fifth Jew named B. L. Shenkino. All had presumably testified they knew that Sheinkin was hiding gold in boxes buried in a cemetery.

The Kiev newspaper reported they had been tried now to meet "public demand," convicted of complicity in Sheinkin's "crimes," and sent to prison. The newspaper mentioned another Sheinkin son-in-law, named Zaprudski, as having been accused of helping Sheinkin, but did not report whether he had been convicted or sentenced.

KHRUSHCHEV URGED TO REPUDIATE CONTENTS OF SOVIET ANTI-SEMITIC BOOK

NEW YORK, March 30: (JTA) -- Soviet Premier Khrushchev was challenged today to repudiate the contents and further dissemination of the anti-Semitic book "Judaism Without Embellishment," published in Kiev, depicting Jews in words, cartoons and caricatures reminiscent of Nazi propaganda.

The challenge was made in a wire to Soviet Ambassador Anatoly F. Dobrynin from Jacob T. Zukerman, president of the Workmen's Circle, the 65-year-old labor fraternal order with a membership of some 70,000 families in the United States and Canada.

"Does Premier Khrushchev underwrite the contents of this anti-Semitic propaganda and will he continue to authorize its continued disseminations?" Mr. Zukerman queried the Soviet Ambassador. "Will it be withdrawn from circulation and from all Soviet propaganda outlets?" he asked.

Italian Communist Newspaper Warns Moscow on Anti-Semitism

ROME, March 30: (JTA) -- In an article referring to the Soviet anti-Semitic book, "Judaism Without Embellishment," the Italian Communist Party newspaper, L'Unita warned today that failure to fight anti-Semitism would damage the Soviet Union throughout the world.

The article, signed by the paper's Moscow bureau chief, Giuseppe Boffa, said that Stalin was responsible for anti-Semitism in the Soviet Union. "Stalin, particularly in his last years, spread a certain nationalistic and therefore anti-Semitic spirit among the people," the article declared. This spirit was also extended to intellectuals, Government officials and even officials of the Communist Party, the article stressed.

Communists in Holland Protest Soviet Anti-Semitic Book

AMSTERDAM, March 30: (JTA) -- Paul de Groot, president of the Dutch Communist Party, today added his voice to those of Communist leaders in other western countries when he protested against the publication in Kiev by the Ukrainian Academy of Sciences of the anti-Semitic book, "Judaism Without Embellishment." He voiced the protest at the opening of the party's annual convention.

JEWISH JUDGE IN MOROCCO NAMED MEMBER OF CONSTITUTIONAL CHAMBER

CASABLANCA, March 30: (JTA) -- A Jew, Azoulai Maxime Nessim, has been nominated to the Moroccan Constitutional Chamber, according to the Moroccan official gazette published here today. M. Nessim has for several years been a judge of the Supreme Court, to which another Jew, Salomon Bensabat, was recently appointed.

King Hassan II received representatives of the Jewish community and the Grand Rabbi of Casablanca on the anniversary of Moroccan independence. The King reiterated his sentiments of concern for the welfare of Moroccan Jews. The Grand Rabbi offered a prayer for the Royal Family.

PRESIDENT OF TUNISIA ASSAILS ISRAEL; SPEAKS OF ARAB 'COMMANDOS'

PARIS, March 30: (JTA) -- President Habib Bourguiba of Tunisia declared in an interview with a Lebanese newspaper that "the cancer of this part of the world is Israeli colonialism," it was reported here today from Tunis. This, he added, was something that "neither the statesman nor the man in the street can ignore."

There was a need, he said, for the Arab countries adjacent to Israel to provide a base and a place for refuge for Arab commandos. He pointed out that such was the case in Tunis when that country provided sanctuary for Algerians during the underground war against France.

PROMINENT NATIONALIST CONDEMNS ANTI-SEMITISM IN SO. AFRICAN PARLIAMENT

JOHANNESBURG, March 30. (JTA) -- A prominent leader of the governing Nationalist Party and a member of the South African Parliament, has added his voice of condemnation of the "Go to Israel" and other anti-Jewish remarks made recently by some of his colleagues in the Parliament, which provoked an angry retort from the floor by Alec Gershel, Jewish member of Parliament.

Abraham Jonker, the Nationalist leader, said in an interview in "Sunday Times" here that the anti-Jewish remarks made in Parliament had come from a few individuals and did not reflect the feelings of the National Party. "If they were manifestations of anti-Semitism, then they were to be condemned as strongly as possible," he said "If they were meant to be light-hearted, they were in bad taste, and if they were made in the heat of the moment, they were out of place."

"I have had the personal assurance of our leaders that they will not tolerate anti-Semitism, and I think we can state that emphatically," Dr. Jonker said. The Prime Minister, Dr. Verwoerd, and the previous Prime Ministers, Dr. Malan and Mr. Strijdom, had all spoken out against anti-Semitism. "I am quite sure that the majority of my colleagues feel as I do. These remarks must stop, as they are doing us great harm," Dr. Jonker said. Another Nationalist Member of Parliament, J. von S. Von Molte, who had in the 1930's been a leader of the anti-Semitic Greyshirt movement, told the "Sunday Times" that the Government stood for racial peace and was against anti-Semitism. He blamed some of the Jewish Members of Parliament for the comments that had been made. "They taunt the Nationalists to such extent that they must expect this sort of retaliation," he said.

"Die Burger," the Cape Town Nationalist newspaper which generally supports the Government, says editorially that just as people should not give offense by ill-considered remarks, people should not take offense when certain types of remark are made. "We should be as little touchy about our own race as offensive about another's." But the paper adds: "In this connection the Jewish South Africans are in a special position. They are members of a race with an extremely tragic history, especially in the recent past. They have more reason than most to be touchy, and it therefore behooves us to practice so much the more self-control towards them. Foolish and humorless ejaculations and stings such as sometimes occur in Parliament cannot be excused by pleading provocation by a member of that race, because he is not there as a mouthpiece of his race."

(The New York Herald-Tribune, in a cable from London today by Seymour Friedin, its executive editor, reported: "The Jewish community in South Africa is singled out by the militant apartheidists today as the most influential internal bloc supporting African desegregation aspirations. Jews also have been charged with furnishing, illegally, funds to Africans to promote their objectives. A demand has already been made--still somewhat muted--to detail income and outgo of all Jewish-held business and property. There also have been some ugly, outward anti-Jewish manifestations. Apartment doors in some buildings in Johannesburg have been smeared in white paint with the word "Jew."")

CHRISTIAN AND JEWISH LAWYERS' CLUBS MERGE IN TORONTO; JEWS PUT ON BOARD

TORONTO, March 30. (JTA) -- The 960 member Lawyers' Club of Toronto has unanimously decided to invite the total male membership of the Reading Law Club, a Jewish fraternity, to merge with it. The Reading Law Club has accepted the offer and all its male members will now automatically belong to the Lawyers' Club, it was announced here today.

The Lawyers' Club, until the year 1951, had a clause restricting membership to attorneys who were male, Christian and white. After this clause was removed only a few Jewish lawyers joined. However, both clubs had excellent relations and frequently held joint meetings. For the coming season 1964-1965, the dues of the 330 members of the Reading Law Club will be applied to the Lawyers' Club and for the first year they will have two places on the Board of Trustees.

DR. GOLDMANN ARRIVES IN ATHENS; WILL CONFER WITH GREEK PREMIER

ATHENS, March 30. (JTA) -- Dr. Nahum Goldmann, president of the World Jewish Congress, arrived here today for a week's visit during which he will meet with Greek Jewish leaders and deal with a number of communal problems. He is also expected to meet with the Greek Premier.

Dr. Goldmann declared on his arrival that it will be the official future policy of the WJC and the World Zionist Organization to strengthen small communities. He announced that the board of directors of a foundation to succeed the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany will meet in Athens in 1965.

GURFEIN RE-ELECTED PRESIDENT OF UNITED HIAS SERVICE FOR FIFTH TIME

NEW YORK, March 30. (JTA) -- Murray I. Gurfein, prominent New York attorney and civic leader, has been elected to his fifth consecutive term as president of United Hias Service, the world wide Jewish migration agency now observing its 80th anniversary. Edwin Rosenberg was re-elected chairman and Daniel G. Ross vice-chairman of the National Council. Adolph Held and Mrs. Albert Speed were newly elected vice-presidents.

ARGENTINA TO ACT AGAINST ARAB ANTI-JEWISH PROPAGANDA IN COUNTRY

BUENOS AIRES, March 30. (JTA) -- Under-secretary of Interior Jose Luis Vesco today received a delegation of DAIA, central representative body of Argentine Jewry, and assured them that strict orders have been issued by the government to suppress the activities of the anti-Semitic Tacuara group. He also indicated that the government will "liquidate" any activity causing friction between the Arab and Jewish communities in Argentina. He said he was "disgusted" with the activities of Hussein Triki, the representative of the Arab League in this country.

The Jewish leaders met with Mr. Vesco, after it was discovered that Joe Baxter, one of the Tacuara leaders, had visited Egypt shortly before a group of Tacuara members was arrested for bank robberies believed to have been staged for the enrichment of the Tacuara coffers. When police authorities started detaining and questioning Tacuara members in connection with the robberies, it was disclosed, Baxter disappeared. He was last seen here about 10 days ago when he appeared on a television program.

Dr. Isaac Goldenberg, president of the DAIA, reiterated today that his organization will remain "in permanent session," awaiting "firm" action by the Government "before adopting a more active defense attitude."

One report today, printed in the daily Pregon, pointed to the charges made frequently in this country that military authorities stand in a close relationship to Tacuara. The report stated that the Interior Ministry had been requested to permit the reopening of the Tacuara headquarters, closed by the Government in April 1963. That request, which the Ministry rejected, had been made, according to the report, by Lt. Col. Pasquale Ulloa, chief of police intelligence. While other police activities are under the jurisdiction of the Interior Ministry, police intelligence is conducted by the military forces of this country.

UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA URGES MEMBERS TO CONDEMN ANTI-SEMITISM

TORONTO, March 30. (JTA) -- The United Church of Canada, the largest Protestant denomination in that country, called upon its members today to condemn anti-Semitism in all its forms and to seek to develop understanding relations with their Jewish neighbors.

The appeal was part of a comprehensive resolution on opposition to racial and religious prejudice based on the Christian doctrine of the equality of all men in the sight of God.

Members and congregations were urged to refrain from ridiculing other races or minority groups by falsely typing them or caricaturing them in public performances such as plays and minstrel shows. The denomination also urged members to ignore the argument that "the time is not yet ripe for reform" and to work for the immediate removal of discrimination.

The action was taken at a meeting of the denomination's Board of Evangelism and Social Service which also condemned the federal and provincial governments which have passed anti-bias laws and urged the other provinces to do so.

AMERICAN LEGION POST TO GO ON TRIAL BEFORE BOARD FOR ADVOCATING BIAS

LOS ANGELES, March 30. (JTA) -- Charged with advocating anti-Semitic and anti-Negro propaganda and the distribution of hate literature, the Signal Hill Post of the American Legion will go on trial April 4 before an American Legion Board. If found guilty the accused post may lose its charter.

The Signal Hill Post was ordered to surrender its charter last September 20, which the post refused to obey. The post continued in its statements in its official bulletin that it was a "white Christian post--we are proud of it."

The Legion charged that the post advocated contributions to "publications admittedly anti-Semitic and anti-Negro, and advocating contributions to Gerald L. K. Smith's publications."

EXHIBITION OF ANCIENT JEWISH OBJECTS OPENED IN ROME SYNAGOGUE

ROME, March 30. (JTA) -- An exhibition of objects highlighting the 2,000-year history of Rome's Jewish community has been opened for Passover in the Rome Synagogue.

Exhibits include tombstones from the Jewish catacombs, stones from the ancient Ostia synagogue, and texts referring to the Jewish community. Among its works of art are decorative curtains made in the 16th century in Rome and Venice to adorn Holy Arks, Torah covers, and silver candelabra. One of the exhibition's key items is a 13th century Portuguese Bible.

CANADIAN JEWISH CONGRESS CALLS RALLY TO HONOR WARSAW GHETTO HEROES

TORONTO, March 30. (JTA) -- An urgent call to the Jewish community here to turn out en masse for the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising Memorial, to be conducted the night of April 9, was issued here today by the Canadian Jewish Congress. The rally, said Meyer Gasner, chairman of the CJC's central region here, will not only commemorate the death of the 6,000,000 Jews murdered by the Nazis, but will also act as a protest against the recent spread of anti-Semitic literature here and elsewhere in Canada.