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G. O. P. PLATFORM COMMITTEE ADOPTS PLANK THAT FAILS TO MENTION ISRAEL

SAN FRANCISCO, July 10 (JTA) -- The Republican Platform Committee today announced adoption of a platform including a weakened and vague version of the Middle East plank submitted by pro-Israel elements and, for the first time since 1944, made no reference to Israel or Jewish aspirations in the Near East. The platform, however, said: "We condemn the persecution of minorities, such as the Jews, within Communist borders;"

Committee sources stated that the committee, in weakening the Israel plank, wished to avoid involvement with the Israel issue as "not appropriate for a domestic political platform;"

The new Middle East plank came as a disappointment to many witnesses who had testified before the platform committee, and to liberal members of the committee itself. It was pointed out that the platform committee acted as it did because of the opposition of the Conservatives, who dominated the committee, to the civil rights and pro-Israel stand of the Eastern liberals;

On the subject of foreign aid generally, the platform said that the administration aid program would not "bolster and sustain anti-American regimes;" A question exists as to whether this would apply to Egypt.

Strong Planks Proposed by Some Committee Members and Witnesses

In the place of the specific plank on Israel submitted by liberal Republicans, the statement emerging from the platform committee said only that "respecting the Middle East, and in addition to our reaffirmed pledges of 1960 concerning this area, we will so direct our economic and military assistance as to help maintain stability in this region and prevent an imbalance of arms;"

The plank submitted by members of the Senate and House who support Israel had called for American initiative for Arab-Israel peace, the support of Israel's water development program, condemnation of Egypt for its anti-Israel hostility and acquisition of Soviet arms, and for American efforts to end Arab boycotts and blockades against Israel;

The proposed plank also called for support of Israel and for measures "to integrate Israel into our defense system so that she may be strong enough to defend herself and to deter attack;"

Sen. Kenneth Keating, of New York, told the platform committee the Republican Party "should express its desire for a lasting peace in the Near East, to be achieved through direct negotiations between the Arab states and Israel;" He said: "We are deeply concerned over Soviet arms shipments to the Near East and the activities of former Nazi scientists in developing new horror weapons for President Nasser; We urge curtailment of economic assistance to Arab nations which in any way is used to subsidize military ventures; To make clear the commitment of the United States to resist aggression in the Near East; and to emphasize our determination to guarantee the survival of Israel, measures should be supported to integrate Israel into the free world's defense system;"

California Legislator Favored Strong Plank on Soviet Jewry

Sympathetic consideration of a plank hitting at the Soviet Union's anti-Jewish policy had been promised earlier by Milton Marks, a California State Assemblyman who had testified on the behalf of the American Conference on Soviet Jewry. Mr. Marks, a Republican leader from San Francisco, cited wide interfaith support for the move. He said that precedents existed in previous planks condemning Nazi tyranny and the oppression of people generally in Eastern Europe. The plank submitted by Mr. Marks, which is similar to one previously offered by Sen. Jacob K. Javits of New York, states:

"Historically, the Republican Party has condemned all forms of oppression and persecution based on race, religion or national origin, wherever this has occurred; We now condemn the campaign being waged by Soviet authorities against all religious groups in the Soviet Union, and especially protest the Soviet repression of its Jewish citizens;"

GOLDMANN HITS ARAB-NAZI AXIS AS WORLD JEWISH CONGRESS MEETS IN ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, July 12 (JTA) -- Dr. Nahum Goldmann, president of the World Jewish Congress, today warned Arab propagandists around the world, especially in Latin America, against making common cause with domestic anti-Semites; He also demanded that the Soviet Union halt its "clearly undeniable discriminations" against Jews; and requested the Federal Republic of Germany not to launch an "ungenerous, narrow-minded" attitude in regard to compensation of Jewish victims of Nazism heretofore excluded from receipt of such payments.

Dr. Goldmann was the principal speaker here as the World Jewish Congress open a week-long session, the first plenary session ever held by the WJC in Israel; More than 100 delegates from nearly 30 countries around the world are attending the sessions; President Zalman Shazar and Prime Minister Levi Eshkol, as well as Jerusalem's Mayor Mordechai Ish-Shalom greeted the delegates;

Noting that the entire Jewish world has undergone tremendous changes since the WJC was founded due to the Nazi holocaust and the establishment of Israel, Premier Eshkol told the delegates that the "classical struggle confronting the Jewish people today, including concern for the future of Soviet Jewry and Jewry in other countries, "are tasks that must not be overlooked; "

Dr. Goldmann warned the Arab world not to engage in an open fight with the entire Jewish people; Stressing the fact that, in many parts of the world, anti-Semitic movement "are beginning to develop, based on contacts between various neo-Nazis and Fascists, aide by the lack of political stability, especially in Latin America, " he underscored the "active participation of Arab propagandists; " In those places, he asserted, "Arab propaganda is not only anti-Zionist but anti-Jewish, and is supported and subsidized by Arab embassies;

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Charges Kremlin Policy Threatens Entire Soviet Jewish Community

Turning to the problem of Soviet Jewry, Dr. Goldmann said that, in the USSR, where the Jews are enjoying "formal equality, they are denied the opportunity to live their own lives, a policy which threatens this second largest community in the world; "

He noted that this Soviet phenomenon is not a product of Communist ideology since in Poland, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Rumania and Yugoslavia "the Jews are not only allowed to lead a Jewish life, but are also given economic and moral assistance by their governments; "

As long as the situation of the Jewish people in the USSR prevails as it does at present, he said, it is the "duty of the Jewish people to insist that Soviet Jews are granted the same rights given to other minorities; The Soviet Jews are being clearly and undeniably discriminated against; " He expressed the hope that, with the strengthening of the policy of co-existence, the USSR will realize it is also against its own interests to continue the anti-Jewish discriminations;

Says U.S. Jewry is 'Backward' in International Leadership

Turning to internal Jewish affairs, Dr. Goldmann warned the dangers of assimilation and disintegration facing the Jewish community; Asserting that the principle of Jewish unity had been weakened in recent years, he said: "While performing the brilliant task of philanthropic aid, American Jewry especially is far from the idea of international Jewish action and is backward in the assertion of leadership in international Jewish affairs; American Jewry has not even succeeded in organizing itself for joint action within the United States; "

Dealing with German-Jewish relations, Dr. Goldmann referred to the need for firm German Parliamentary action on restitution and indemnification of the victims of Nazism "The spirit of moral obligation which prevailed in West Germany hitherto, " he stated, "should not be replaced by a policy based on fiscal considerations, so as not to destroy by an ungenerous, narrow-minded attitude the tremendous effect" of the former German legislation, which was "beneficial to Germany and to Jewish victims of Nazism; "

The WJC leader also asked the German Government to take action against the continuation of work by German scientists aiding the Egyptian program of developing mass weapons of destruction aimed against Israel; Noting that Germany has been, recently, "dealing more energetically with Nazi war criminals, " he said that the existence of those criminals justified extension of the German statute of limitations, so that more of those criminals may be brought to justice;

ESHKOL SELLS BOTH FRANCE, U. S. A. AS 'PILLARS' OF ISRAELI POLICY

TEL AVIV, July 12 (JTA) -- Premier Levi Eshkol, back home in Israel after a 13-day visit to France, spoke enthusiastically today about French hospitality and of France's unchanging friendly attitude toward Israel.

Referring also to his official visit to the United States last month, he said that "in the last two months I have visited two large nations and their leaders; two states that are fundamental pillars of our policy; The conclusion of the two visits is that Israel - which fosters its security and relies on its own physical and political deterrent power - does not stand alone and isolated; "

He said his visit to France had made it possible to renew and freshen ties of friendship with that country. "My most interesting meetings with the French Premier, the Foreign Minister, as well as with other Cabinet members, and above all, with President de Gaulle, " he declared, "strengthened my belief that there is great understanding and friendship between the two nations, and the two governments; "

Noting that his meeting with President de Gaulle had been his first with the French statesman, he declared: "I was very impressed by his warm, friendly attitude towards Israel and its achievements, against a background of deep knowledge and close follow-up of events in our region; " He added that the French were as "ardent" as ever in their friendship toward Israel in all spheres and all fields. He expressed his gratitude to the French people and their leaders for their hospitality, and expressed the hope that he might be able to return that hospitality to President de Gaulle and other French leaders in Israel.

'Complete Identity' of Franco-Israeli Views Reported by Premier Eshkol

PARIS, July 12 (JTA) -- Premier Levi Eshkol summed up the results of his stay here with the statement that "relations between France and Israel are as firm and strong as ever before; " He told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, prior to his departure, that his visit had been a "highly satisfactory" one which "has still further bound together our two countries; "

"I take back with me the assurance of France's friendship for Israel and its President's understanding for our problems, " he added. He also told a press conference that relations between France and Israel were "excellent" and that he had found a "complete identity of views on all subjects which were discussed; "

He also disclosed that he had "great hopes" that plans for Franco-Israeli scientific cooperation in oceanography, arid zone and solar energy research would "bear rich fruit for both countries; "

He said that a 10-man scientific commission of five Israeli and five French scientists planned to initiate such cooperative efforts, and would probably meet in September in Paris to map out the joint programs. He added that France's political assistance and support was no less important to Israel than French aid in the military field; He also praised France's "understanding" of a number of other important Israeli problems;

Shortly before the Premier's departure, the French Foreign Ministry released a statement declaring that France and Israel had "decided to examine the possibility of instituting scientific cooperation between French and Israeli research in the fields of oceanography and development of arid zones; "

The communique said that "certain reports have appeared concerning conclusions reached by Premier Eshkol and Science Minister Gaston Palewski. Authorized circles in Paris confirm that the Israeli Premier has been in contact with the French Minister of State for Scientific Research. It has been decided to examine the possibility for instituting cooperation between French and Israeli research workers in the fields of oceanography and development of arid zones; "

Defense Minister Stresses Solidarity, Pledges Aid In 'Hour of Need'

At a dinner Thursday night, tendered by French Defense Minister Pierre Messmer the Minister proposed a toast in which he stressed "the solidarity" between French and Israeli armies; He also said that France admired Israel for the renaissance of the coun and for the way in which the Israelis had shown they knew how to protect their freedom. hinted that France would be at Israel's side in another "hour of need; "

In his reply, Premier Eshkol toasted Franco-Israeli friendship, recalled the friendly hand which France had given Israel in its "hour of need, " and expressed Israel everlasting gratitude. A score of French generals and senior members of the French Defense Ministry were present as were Eshkol aides and Ambassador Walter Eytan.

The Premier also discussed, at a press conference of Israeli correspondents, Jewish and Zionist situation in France which he called "encouraging. " He said he had found "considerable change on the part of French Jewish leaders toward Zionism and Israel; "

RABBI LELYVELD HAS 'ONLY PITY' FOR SEGREGATIONISTS WHO BEAT HIM

FLORENCE, Ala., July 12 (JTA) -- Rabbi Arthur J. Lelyveld, spiritual leader of Fairmont Temple, Cleveland, who was badly beaten by segregationists in Mississippi this weekend, declared here today that he has "only pity" for the men who attacked him, and "only a deep sorrow for the State of Mississippi."

Resting here under a doctor's care at the home of a relative, after having been released from a hospital at Hattiesburg, Miss., the rabbi declared: "It is pitiful that the leaders of the State of Mississippi fail to realize that they are shaping their own doom along with that of the closed society they have created."

Rabbi Lelyveld, who is 51 and former national director of the B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation, was attacked in Hattiesburg as he and two other white civil rights workers, accompanied by two local Negro girls, were walking near railroad tracks in an uninhabited section of Hattiesburg. The rabbi suffered a deep gash over his right eye, contusions in the chest and abdomen, and a cut over the left eye. He had come to Hattiesburg early last week to work with the National Council of Churches as a counselor to young civil rights workers and as an aide in the drive in Mississippi to help Negroes register for voting.

Reports reaching here from Hattiesburg today stated that local police authorities were still searching for the men who attacked the rabbi and the two other civil rights workers. Thus far, no arrests have been made.

TIES BETWEEN ISRAEL, U. S. JEWS SEEN STRENGTHENED BY UNTERMAN'S VISIT

NEW YORK, July 12 (JTA) -- Rabbi Issar Unterman, the Chief Ashkenazi Rabbi of Israel, declared here today that as a result of his visit to this country, the ties between the Jews of Israel and the United States had been strengthened. Rabbi Unterman made this statement prior to his departure for Israel tonight.

According to Rabbi Unterman's aides, his visit, although private in nature, had great significance for the Orthodox as well as the Jewish community in general. During his visit of several weeks Rabbi Unterman went to Washington, where a special reception in his honor was held at the Israel Embassy. Rabbi Unterman noted with satisfaction that the Jewish community in each city he visited accorded him great respect. In Kansas City, the Chief Rabbi met with former U. S. President Harry S. Truman and discussed current world issues.

CHASE MANHATTAN BANK ISSUES STATEMENT ON REPORT OF BLACKLIST BY ARABS

NEW YORK, July 12 (JTA) -- Responding to dispatches from Damascus, which reported that the Arab League's office for the boycott of Israel had placed the Chase Manhattan Bank of New York on its blacklist, the bank issued a statement here this weekend, noting that it has acted as fiscal agent for Israel bonds since 1951. The statement declared:

"Since 1951, the Chase Manhattan Bank has acted as fiscal agent for Israeli bonds held by investors in the United States and abroad. This involves authenticating bonds and, together with other banks, disbursing principal and interest. Such fiscal agency functions are performed by banks throughout the world as part of their normal domestic and international business.

"There has been no change in Chase Manhattan's functions with respect to Israeli bonds for the last 13 years. Since we have had no direct communication regarding the reported action, further comment would be inappropriate at this time."

AMERICAN GETS FIRST PH.D AT WEIZMANN'S FEINBERG GRADUATE SCHOOL

REHOVOT, July 12 (JTA) -- An American has been awarded the first Doctor of Philosophy degree given by the Feinberg Graduate School of the Weizmann Institute of Science here. Dr. Benjamin S. Benjaminov, a professor of chemistry at Rose Polytechnic Institute, at Terre Haute, Ind., received his doctorate for a study on anti-tumor compounds in cucumbers.

The Feinberg Graduate School was established by a \$1,000,000 grant from Abraham Feinberg of New York and his family, in memory of his parents, Jac and Eva Feinberg.

ABRAM HAITOWITCH, RUSSIAN-BORN JEWISH VIOLINIST, DEAD AT 70

NEW YORK, July 12 (JTA) -- Abram Haitowitch, a blind Russian-born, Jewish violinist, renowned for his concerts here in the 1920's and '30's, died this weekend at the age of 70. Born in Russia, he went blind at the age of 3, when a fall paralyzed his optic nerve. But with the aid of his brother, he transcribed into Braille all the violin music he wanted to master.

The violinist played before members of the Russian royal family, before World War I. During the war, he and his brother left Russia for New York, and later toured the major cities of Europe and the United States.