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GOLDA MEIR CHIDES LEADERS FOR SAYING U.S. JEWS WILL NOT COME TO ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, Aug. 11. (JTA) -- Mrs. Golda Meir, Israel's Foreign Minister, last night chided American Jewish leaders for propagating among the Jewish youth the idea that American Jews will not emigrate to Israel. "By preaching that American Jews will not come," she said, addressing the annual America-Israel "dialogue" conducted here by the American Jewish Congress, "you are educating the young generation to believe it."

More than 700 persons attended the opening meeting of the "dialogue," held in the Hebrew University auditorium. In her address, Mrs. Meir referred to a statement made at the opening session by Dr. Joachim Prinz, president of the AJC, that there would be little emigration from the United States to Israel.

"One of the greatest tragedies of present Jewish life," she said, "is that Israel has tailed to attract any considerable number of Jews from the free world," Noting that Dr. Prinz had said "we must face reality that there will be no transfer of American Jewry to Israel," the Foreign Minister stated she realized that American Jews were not coming here in masses, but she affirmed she could not understand "the instinctive recoil whenever aliyah is mentioned,"

Dr. Prinz said that Mrs. Meir's words "left me in a state of depression because I fully agree with criticism regarding American Jewry. It is the greatest tragedy in my life that I did not come to Israel (instead of to the United States). But taking the floor again, Mrs. Meir declared: "I cannot accept this surrender. Zionism was born as a revolt against reality."

Dr. Prinz, in his address, warned Israel's religious authorities that they cannot disregard the variety of Jewish religious life that has developed outside Israel. He cautioned that the idea of immigration to Israel would be "meaningless, unless the teachings of the rabbis outside Israel" were respected. "Since aliyah also means the transfer of families in a Jewish context," he said, "the authenticity of their Jewish way of life, including marriage and divorce, must be accepted."

Dr. Prinz, who is a rabbi in Newark, N.J., stressed the "mutual recognition and respect" accorded one another by the American Orthodox, Conservative and Reform branches of Judaism. "Even the most Orthodox circles in the United States," he declared, "understand now that ritual observance alone camot define Judaism." He told the "dialogue" participants that Judaism must not shrink from participation in the solution of such problems as racial injustice and poverty."

SYRIAN GUNS FIRE SHELLS ON ISRAELI FIELD WORKERS FOR SECCND DAY

TEL AVIV, Aug. II. (JTA) -- For the second successive day, Syrian guns today fired shells against Israeli tractors working in Israeli fields near the settlement of Haon, on the shore of Lake Tiberias.

Two attacks were carried out by the Syrians this morning, directing the ammunition from automatic weapons into the same field where two attacks took place yesterday morning. A spokesman for the Israeli Army here said there were no Israeli casualties in any of the four attacks, and declared that Israel did not return the Syrian fire.

Israel made another complaint about these attacks today to the United Nations Syrian-Israel Mixed Armistice Commission. A complaint against yesterday's attacks had been lodged earlier.

Israel Rejects Syrian Charges; Tells U. N. They are 'Preposterous'

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., Aug. II. (JTA) -- Syrian charges to the effect that Israel had carried out "a premeditated" attack against Syria last week are "obviously preposterous," Israel informed the United Nations Security Council today.

Syria had made its charges in a letter to the Security Council last week, claiming that an Israeli platoon "supported by automatic weapons" had attacked Syrian posts on August 6; Outlining "the true tacts," Dr. Joel Barromi, Israel's acting permanent representative here, told the Council that, in fact, a routine Israeli border patrol, consisting of only stemen carrying nothing but small personal weapons, had crossed the Syrian frontier inadvertently.

ISRAEL ENVOY REPORTS TO CABINET ON AMERICAN-ISRAELI RELATIONO

JERUSALEM, Aug. 11. (JTA) -- The Cabinet yesterday heard a report by Avraham Harman, Israel's Ambassador to the United States, on Israel-U.S. relations. It is assumed that development soince Premier Eshkol's visit and the forthcoming U.S. elections were discussed. Yosef Tekoa, Israel's Ambassador to the Soviet Union, reported to the Cabinet on Israel's relations with that country.

The Cabiret also discussed the problem of the religious status of the Bnei Israel community of Indian Jews who have been on a sit-down strike against the Chief Rabbinate charging the latter with discrimination against them. The discussion will continue at the next meeting of the Cabinet.

CONCERN OVER FATE OF JEWISH DECREE AT ECUMENICAL COUNCIL REPORTED

MILWAUKEE, Aug. 11. (JTA) -- "Considerable concern and anxiety" of the tate of the Jewish decree scheduled to come before the forthcoming session of the Ecmiemical Council--which opens on September 14 at the Vatican--is felt in the United States, a conterence of Catholic teaching nuns held at Marquette University here was told by Rabbi Marc Tanenbaum, national director of the Interreligious Affairs Department of the American Jewish Committee.

Addressing the conference, Rabbi Tanenbaum said that such concern is especially expressed at Christian-Jewish meetings in this country dealing with Catholic-Jewish relations; "Wh'lle it is reassuring to know that the Jewish declaration is definitely scheduled on the agenda of the third session," he said, "reports that the content and language of the decree have been significantly watered down here have left a terribly negative reaction, as much in American Christian quarters as in Jewish.

"Cther reports that the decree contains a reference to the falsity of the concept of collective Jewish guilt for the murder of Jesus have been welcomed, but this is countervailed by the reported omission in the present version of the apparent strong concemnation of the delcide charge contained in the text introduced in the second session, "the American Jewish Committee official stated."

"If this is true," Rabbi Tanenbaum added, "no one should be surprised if major segments of the Jewish community turns its back on this entire enterprise, terming this widely publicized, universally hailed effort to rectify the wrong of centuries as another tailure of conscience of the Western world with regard to the Jews."

Growing Scepticism Among Jews Stressed; Shelving of Decree Feared

The American Jewish Committee official stressed that "the many American Bishops who have in the most fraternal ways sought to reassure Jewish leaders of their personal support of the Jewish decree in its strongest form, and who have expressed publicly and privately their optimism over the passage of the decree, need to be made aware of a growing skepticism among Jews."

From the newspaper reports and from other informed sources, he said, it appears the Ecumenical Council "parliamentary" and voting procedure announced several weeks ago by the Council secretariat is such as to reduce the possibilities for open floor discussion of this, as well as other decrees, to a bare minimum.

"Given the experience of the closing days of the second session with regard to the Jewish decree which was introduced but withheld from a vote, many Jews are openly predicting a similar fate at the third session--the decree will be introduced, those opposed to it will find technical ways to postpone, to filibuster, and finally to shelve the decree into limbo," Rabbi Tanenbaum told the Conference of the Catholic Nuns.

"Those who oppose the decree, and especially those who are isolated from the realists of the non-Latin Hispanic world, do not begin to comprehend what severe damage such action would do to intergroup and interreligious solidarity, which is the foundation-stone of American democracy and the Western Alliance, 'In eemphasized.' If will take literally generations of effort to overcome the divisive fallout in religious, cultural, social, and political relations that would inevitably ensue should the Jewish decree, and with it, the religious liberty decree, die at the third session, "he pointed out;

1'AZI GENERAL SAYS 89 GERMANS KNEW OF HITLER'S 'FINAL SOLUTION' FOR JEWS

MUNICH, Aug. 11. (JTA) -- Only 89 persons in Germany knew that Hitler's "final solution" for the Jewish question was mass annihilation of the Jews, a tormer SS general, for the wartime murder of 300, 000 Jews.

Berger said that he himself did not know that Jews were being exterminated "only because they were Jews," believing they were being rounded up by the Nazis only for deportation to Madagascar. He said he found out about the Auschwitz mass murder program only in 1943. He declared that the "secret" of Hitler's real aims against the Jews, and the names of the 89 who knew the facts in that regard, had been kept locked in a vault.

SEN, JAVITS INTRODUCES BILL IN SENATE FOR ISSUING 51,152 UNUSED VISAS

WASHINGTON, Aug. 11. (JTA) -- A "stop gap" immigration bill for immediate enactment pending revision of the immigration and Naturalization Act was introduced in the Senate here ye sterday by Sen, Jacob K. Javits, New York Republican.

Under the proposed legislation, the President would be permitted to distribute immigration quotas left unused by June 30, 1964, among countries with oversubscribed quotas. There are 51,152 quotas in that unused category now.

The Javits bill would also authorize Congress to veto any "pooling" arrangements submitted by the President. The legislation would also permit entry of persons who filled preference applications with the Attorney General by last August 1, if they were otherwise eligible for entry into the United States.

REV. MARTIN LUTHER KING LAUDS ROLE OF JEWS IN FIGHT FOR NEGRO RIGHTS

ATLANTA, Aug. 11. (JTA) -- The Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr., president of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, and one of the most prominent Negro leaders in the civil rights field, expressed his "dismay and disappointment" over the recent wrecking and looting by Negroes of Jewish stores in New York and Rochester;

In a statement to The Southern Israelite here, he pledged "solemnly" to co his utmost "to uphold the fair name of the Jews," Commenting on Jewish Telegraphic Agency reports published in the English-Jewish newspaper, about the havoc wrought during Negro rioting in neighborhoods where the shopkeepers were largely Jewish, the Rev. King stated:

"While the outbursts in New York City and Rochester cannot be considered expressions of anti-Semitism, I am particularly pained to learn that a large percentage of the looted stores were owned by our Jewish friends since, as a group, the Jewish citizens of the United States have always stood for freedom, Justice, and an end to bigotry. Cur Jewish friends have demonstrated their commitment to the principle of tolerance and brotherhood in tangible ways, often at great personal sacrifices.

"Can we ever express our appreciation to the rabbis who chose to give moral witness with us in St. Augustine during our recent protest against segregation in that unhappy city? And who will ever forget the sacrifice of two Jewish lives, Andrew Goodman and Michael Schwerner, in Mississippi this past June? It would be impossible to record the contribution that the Jewish people have made toward the Negro's struggle for freedom—it has been so great.

"I solemnly pledge to do my utmost to uphold the fair name of the Jews. Not only because we need their friendship, and surely we do, but mainly because bigotry in any form is an affront to us all,"

Negro Leaders Say Anti-Semitism Among Negroes is Declining

NEW YORK, Aug. 11. (JTA) -- Anti-Semitism among Negroes is believed to be on the decline, according to a survey of Negro leaders conducted by the New York World Telegram and Sun and made public here. The consensus of the Negro leaders, the paper said, is that there is a rising tide of resentment in Harlem and in other New York Negro areas, but it is more anti-white than anti-Jewish.

Conceding that there has been a strong feeling of anti-Semitism among some Negroes who deal regularly with Jewish landlords and merchants, the leaders telt that the Jew is no longer the target of Negro frustration and that most Negroes even view the Jews as allies in their struggle for civil rights.

Vithout exception, the Negro spokesmen interviewed by the paper took issue with a statement issued recently by Shad Polier, chairman of the national governing council of the American Jewish Congress, who predicted that "we are in for a period of increasing anti-Semitism among Negroes."

James Farmer, national director of the Congress of Racial Equality, said that the Jews "have made the fight of the American Negro their fight" and added that the civil rights movement and the liberal Jewish community are natural allies.

Er. Kenneth B. Clark, professor of psychology at City College and head of Harlem Youth Copportunities Unlimited, said that he did not think that anti-Semitism was "a salient part of the contemporary Negro protest." He said the contemporary scapegoat of the Negro ghetto was the police and that there was "much less anti-Semitism today than 20 years ago,"

Whitney M. Young, Jr., executive director of the National Urban League, said that although "the Jewish person bears the brunt of the resentment against the whites," he is not seen as a Jew but as a white. He said he felt there was less anti-Semitism today "because the forces at work hostile to the Negro are nostile to the Jew too."

James Lawson, head of the United African Nationalist Movement, said that it was nati-Semitism that motivated the Negro. "It just happens black people deal with Jews most;"

KANSAS CITY TERRORISTIC ACTS NOT LINKED TO ANTI-SEMITISM, POLICE SAY

KANSAS CITY, Mo. Aug. 11. (JTA) -- James Newman, chief of detectives of Kansas City Police Department, today denied a Washington report that a pattern of anti-Jewish terrorism has emerged in Kansas City during the past months, when five bombings or attempted bombings occurred at the homes or businesses of Jewish persons;

"We have no basic facts which connect these various bombings and attempted bombings one with another," he said. "There is no apparent pattern and any attempt to link them together is not based on the facts as we know them. There is no proven anti-Semitic aspect, and some of the victims of recent similar bombings have been non-Jews."

The Kansas City office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, while keeping close contact with the Police Department, also indicated that they had no evidence to substantate a charge of anti-Semitic terrorism. They are continuing to follow the bombing cases for any possible violation of Federal laws.

Abe Kaplan, chairman of the Kansas City Jewish Community Relations Bureau, said: "Despite the various coincidences the Police Department has found no circumstantial tact which would tie the several bombings together. There are many differences in the bombing techniques and differences in the circumstances surrounding the bombings raise questions not having to do with the Jewish factor, which the police are trying to resolve.

"The distorted reports of terrorism are unfounded and reports that the FBI is involved are equally unfounded. The Community Relations Bureau is in contact with the Police Department and has confidence that every resource is being used to solve these bombings and bomb scares, "Mr. Kaplan stated.

JEWISH WAR VETERANS CONVENTION OPENS TODAY; 3,000 DELEGATES ATTEND

HCLLYWOOD, Fla., Aug. 11. (JTA) -- More than 3,000 delegates from all over the country arrived here today for the opening tomorrow of the 69th annual convention of the Jewish Var Veterans of the United States.

Abraham Kraditor of New York, chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the JUV, called today for immediate severance of all forms of American assistance to Egypt in view of reports that the Nasser regime provided North Vietnam with the torpedo boats which attacked the American destroyers in the Gulf of Tonkin. Addressing the JWV committee tormulating the convention resolutions, Mr. Kraditor said that the United States Government now has authority under the Gruening-Javits amendment to the Foreign Assistance Act to cancel American aid to any regime which uses its own assets for irrespunsible acquisition of Soviet arms.

Morton London of Teaneck, N.J., a past national commander of the JWV, warned the committee that "1964 may well be the big year for ultra-rightists who are using the civil rights issue to whip up sentiment for their philosophy. Americans must guard against being used as pawns in this very real and very dangerous bid for power;" The convention is expected to act on a number of resolutions pertaining to the ultra-right issue.

*PECTOCOLS OF ELDERS OF ZION' APPEARS ON SALE IN BRAZILIAN CITIES

RIC DE JANERO; Aug. 11. (JTA) -- Copies of "The Protocols of the Elders of Zion," infamous anti-Semitic canard, are now on sale in book stores in this city and in other Brazilian centers, the Confederation of Brazilian Jews reported here today.

Leaders of the Jewish community, calling attention to the dissemination of the "Protocols," noted that they had requested government officials, some months ago, to ban the anti-Semitic book, but declared that no steps in that direction have as yet been taken by the authorities.

ATLANTA JEWS PLAN TO ERECT MONUMENT FOR 6,000,000 JEWISH MARTYRS

ATIANTA, Aug.11 (JTA) - Construction of a monument in this city to commemorate the 6,000,000 Jews who perished in the Nazi holocaust has been recommended by Max M. Cuba, president of the Atlanta Jewish Community Council.

His recommendation was made on the basis of a report by a special committee headed by Camuel L. Eplan. The request for the erection of such a monument had come originally from the Workmen's Circle here. Mr. Cuba's recommendation is to be considered soon at a meeting of the Community Council.

The project, planned and discussed for years, will finally be fulfilled in a twofold manner. One part of the project deals with the erecting of a monument at the Jewish cemetery in Atlanta as "A Memorial to Six Million Martyrs," to which the orphaned survivors of the martyrs, together with the Jewish community, will pilgrimage at least once each year, and observe their Yahrzeit by respective prayers. The second part of the project deals with the erecting of a public monument in honor of the "Unknown Jewish Martyr."