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ISRAEL ADDRESSES 'GROUP 77' AT UNITED NATIONS; CLAIMS MEMBERSHIP

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Nov. 24: (JTA) -- After fighting intense Arab opposition for five months, Israel finally gained the opportunity here today to address the "Group of 77," pressing Israel's insistence that it rightfully belonged among the underdeveloped countries that have formed this group of "have-not" nations concerned with social and economic growth.

The so-called "Group of 77" is the largest combination of blocs ever formed at the United Nations. It is composed of the African, Asian and Latin American countries, all of them "underdeveloped" and seeking the aid of the "affluent" nations.

Arab representatives on the group, supported by other Moslem states, have been trying since the UN International Trade Conference concluded at Geneva last June to exclude Israel. Last month, the chairman of the group refused to recognize Israel at a stormy meeting marked by loud shouting by Arab delegates. As the November session of the group convened today, this month's chairman, Francisco Cuevas Cancino, of Mexico, formally invited Israel to state its case. He asked Ambassador Michael S. Comay, Israel's permanent representative here, to address the group today.

Outlining Israel's case, Mr. Comay recalled that, at the first informal session of the bloc's preparatory committee in October 1963, that committee had ruled that the group would include "all the developing countries, members of the United Nations." He cited a number of official UN actions and documents which had definitely included Israel among the "developing countries."

"Israel," he said, "had mobilized all our creative energy and pioneering zeal in tackling the development problems of our own small country; sought to share with others our experience in nation-building and today we have projects of economic and technical cooperation in 51 other developing countries in Africa, Asia and Latin America."

"On the international scene," Mr. Comay continued, "we have completely identified ourselves with the positions of the developing world as a whole." He told the group that there was no reason whatever for the exclusion of Israel except for efforts by some members to give the group a "political character."

After Mr. Comay spoke, Mr. Cuevas Cancino appointed a "working group" of nine members, composed equally of representatives from Asia, Africa and Latin America, to consider the entire group's "composition and integration," and report back to the body as a whole not later than December 15.

One more point that Mr. Comay made in anticipation of the appointment of the "working group" was an expression of hope that the group would not rule that "a claim to membership should be endorsed by the region to which the claimant belongs." Such a ruling would of course amount to giving the Arab states a veto against the admission of Israel.

'MAN-IN-TRUNK' RESCUED BY ROME POLICE LEAVES ITALY FOR ISRAEL

ROME, Nov. 24: (JTA) -- Mordecai Louk, the man who was rescued by the police in Rome from abduction by Egyptian diplomats who brought him in a sealed "diplomatic" trunk to the Rome airfield for shipment on an Egyptian airplane to Cairo, left today for Israel to face charges of desertion there.

Prior to his departure, he told a press conference that he had asked to return to Israel, because he feels he would be secure there, though he understood he would be arrested on arrival. He said he was ready to pay the penalty for any crime; but added that he did not feel he was a deserter because he had not been in military service when he crossed the border to the Egyptian-held Gaza Strip in 1961.

He reiterated earlier statements that he had been kept in an Egyptian prison for 21 months, despite promises on the Cairo radio that escapees from Israel would be given the opportunity by Egyptian authorities to emigrate overseas.

Asked why he did not register in Frankfurt with the Israel Consulate when he was in West Germany, he replied that he had been afraid of Egyptian threats against his life and against the lives of his four children in Israel. He insisted that he had never furnished any information either to Egypt or to Israel.

CHIEF RABBI OF ROME LAUDS ECUMENICAL COUNCIL STATEMENT ON JEWS

ROME, Nov. 24; (JTA)-- Dr. Elia Toaff, the Chief Rabbi of Rome, called today the declaration on Jews adopted provisionally last Friday by the Ecumenical Council a good one and cited particularly the absolution of all Jews, past and present, from the charge of deicide in the crucifixion of Christ. He also mentioned the quotations in the declaration from the Prophets.

He said the placement of the declaration within the wider frame of reference of a declaration on non-Christian religions reflected in a "well-balanced way" the entity in itself of the Jewish religion. He termed the large majority for the declaration in the voting "highly satisfactory" and giving hope for approval at the next and final session of the Council.

Latin American Jews Welcome the Ecumenical Council Declaration

BUENOS AIRES, Nov. 24. (JTA) -- Jewish leaders from six Latin American countries expressed the hope here today that Catholic Church leaders in Latin America would implement the Ecumenical Council declaration against anti-Semitism among Catholics.

The leaders were delegates from Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Paraguay, Peru and Uruguay to the ninth plenary session of the South American executive of the World Jewish Congress. They lauded the action of the Council last Friday in passing the declaration on Jews in a resolution which cited the need for a ban on anti-Semitic activities by Catholic clergy and for elimination of anti-Jewish materials in Catholic school textbooks.

The delegates also approved a resolution asking the West German Government to extend the statute of limitations for prosecution of Nazi war crimes in Germany beyond next May. The delegates paid tribute to the memory of President Kennedy and considered evaluations of the Jewish situation in South America.

Council for Judaism Criticizes Arabs for Attacking the Declaration

NEW YORK, Nov. 24; (JTA) -- The American Council for Judaism, an anti-Zionist group, charged today that the Arab countries were "serving Zionist aims" by attacking the statement of the Ecumenical Council absolving the Jewish people of the charge of deicide and condemning anti-Semitism.

The charge was voiced by Rabbi Elmer Berger, executive vice-president. He welcomed the clarification by the Ecumenical Council of the position of the Catholic Church on Jews and the crucifixion of Jesus and pointed out that "the historic religious-theological document clearly intended no political implications," as the Arabs assert.

"The Arab linking of all Jews to the Israel-Zionist sovereignty is inconsistent with previous Arab statements that their political quarrels with Zionism and the State of Israel are not coextensive with those citizens of Jewish faith in many countries who reject Zionism's alleged political-national identification of all Jews with the State of Israel," Rabbi Berger said.

INTERMARRIED COUPLES WILL NOT BE BARRED FROM IMMIGRATION INTO ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, Nov. 24; (JTA) -- No Jew who had intermarried abroad will be barred from immigration into Israel, Zalman Shragai, head of the Jewish Agency's immigration department, declared here today.

At a press conference, Mr. Shragai stated that the immigration department does not decide on who is a Jew. "No one's immigration will be barred," he declared, "because one member of a couple is not Jewish or because the couple had not been married in accordance with Jewish religious ceremony. We shall find a way of accommodating them within the provisions of traditional Jewish religious law."

The National Religious Party today warned, in reference to recent statements by Moshe Charett and Dr. Nahum Goldmann, respectively chairman of the Jewish Agency executive and president of the World Zionist Organization, that such statements could "upset the unity of the nation and the organizational integrity of the Zionist movement."

BRITAIN SELLS TWO SUBMARINES TO ISRAEL; TO BE DELIVERED NEXT YEAR

LONDON, Nov. 24. (JTA) -- Reports of a sale by the British Government of two submarines to Israel were confirmed here today. It was understood that both submarines would be transferred to Israel's Navy early in 1965. The sale is the second of submarines to Israel by Britain.

SURGICAL NURSES IN TWO HISTADRUT HOSPITALS END TWO-WEEK STRIKE

JERUSALEM, Nov. 24. (JTA) -- Surgical nurses in two hospitals of Kupat Holim, the sick fund of the Histadrut, ended a ten-day strike today and returned to their posts. They walked off their assignments in an effort to obtain higher pay but many remained at their posts for emergency operations.

TOTAL OF JEWISH CONGRESSMEN RISES TO 19 IN NEW U. S. CONGRESS

WASHINGTON, Nov. 24. (JTA) -- The total number of Congressmen known to be of the Jewish faith rose to 19 today when it was learned here that a newly elected Democrat, Paul J. Krebs, of New Jersey, designated his religious preference as Jewish in material furnished to the House of Representatives.

Mr. Krebs, 52 years of age, was elected to the House in the recent election by voters of the 12th District (Newark) in New Jersey. His record showed that he has been active in the Jewish War Veterans Organization and various human rights and civil rights activities.

The Democratic National Committee reported today in its official organ, "The Democrat," that President Johnson made substantial gains among Jewish voters in the recent election. The publication cited surveys of election returns revealing that "President Johnson received nearly 90 percent of the vote among Jewish voters." He also made substantial gains among other ethnic and minority groups, the report showed.

PRESIDENT JOHNSON LAUDS U. J. A.; STRESSES U. S. CONCERN FOR ISRAEL

NEW YORK, Nov. 24. (JTA) -- President Johnson lauded last night "the epic accomplishment" of the United Jewish Appeal of "rescuing more than 1,500,000 men, women and children and helping them to begin new lives in Israel and other free lands."

The President's praise was contained in a message to the annual Night of Stars at Madison Square Garden sponsored by the UJA of New York. His message, read to the capacity audience by his daughter, Luci Baines Johnson, said that "anyone acquainted with the history of the last few years" was aware of the "great humanitarian achievements" of the UJA.

"The continued existence and growth of the State of Israel are matters of legitimate concern to the people and to the Government of the United States," the President added. "We share with Israel an unshakeable devotion to democracy." He noted that the United States and Israel were collaborating on research projects, "such as the desalting of sea water, which will benefit all of mankind. In addition, Israel's growth and development have been an inspiring example--especially to other small countries--of what planning, intelligence and hard work can do."

He also stated that over the years, the United States "has welcomed millions of newcomers, many of them brought here and helped to become self-reliant citizens by agencies of the United Jewish Appeal. Their coming is in the American tradition but it is not to our credit that the present laws contain discrimination on a basis other than the sheer merit of the applicant."

VICE PRESIDENT HUMPHREY ADDRESSES AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE DINNER

NEW YORK, Nov. 24. (JTA) -- Vice President-elect Hubert H. Humphrey delivered his first address since his election at a dinner of the American Jewish Committee here tonight. He spoke on the problems of American education and predicted that the accomplishments in the field of education legislation in the forthcoming 89th Congress "will surpass even the excellent record compiled in the 88th."

Arnold M. Grant, an attorney, was presented with the Human Relations Award of the American Jewish Committee by former Federal Judge Simon Rifkind. Other speakers were Newton H. Minow, former chairman of the Federal Communications Commission and Sen. Jacob K. Javits; Sen. Pierre Salinger of California was toastmaster.

JEWISH SURVIVORS OF BERGEN BELSEN CAMP PLAN MEMORIAL PROJECTS

NEW YORK, Nov. 24. (JTA) -- Six memorial projects are planned by the World Federation of the Bergen-Belsen Survivors to commemorate the 20th Anniversary of the Liberation of Nazi camps to be observed next year. It was announced here today by Josef Rosensaft, president of the Federation, at the end of a two-day plenary session. The meeting was attended by 42 delegates of the various Bergen-Belsen Associations in Israel, Europe, Montreal, Toronto, Chicago, Philadelphia, Detroit and New York.

To commemorate the 20th Anniversary of their Liberation, the survivors of Belsen will publish a monumental volume, entitled "Holocaust and Rebirth" which will offer a pictorial record of the story of Belsen, in addition to historical surveys and pertinent statements of 50 leading personalities of the Jewish and non-Jewish world. Planned also is a youth magazine containing the writings of the young people born in Bergen-Belsen after the liberation.

Mr. Rosensaft also announced the establishment of a Memorial Bergen-Belsen Publishing House which will publish, in various languages, books on the Nazi holocaust and Jewish martyrdom, two major libraries in Israel and New York, as well as a special monument in Jerusalem on top of Mt. Zion.

MOSCOW PUBLISHES YIDDISH BOOK OF CONTEMPORARY WRITERS; FIRST SINCE 1948

MOSCOW, Nov. 24. (JTA) -- A 486-page book in Yiddish, the first work of contemporary writing in Yiddish issued in the USSR in many years, was published here today by the editorial board of Sovietish Heimland, the bi-monthly Yiddish magazine, the Soviet press agency Novosti reported.

The book is entitled "The Way We Live," and contains sketches and travel notes by Yiddish writers, showing how Jews live today in the Soviet Union, their occupations and interests, and their participation in the general life of the country. Sovietish Heimland announced last summer that it would publish two books in Yiddish. "The Way We Live" is the first of those volumes.

(Competent observers of the Soviet scene pointed out in New York today that the issuance of the book in Yiddish is an obvious effort to counter charges around the world that the USSR is discriminating against Jews, especially in the cultural and religious field. No Yiddish volume of contemporary writings has been issued in the Soviet Union since 1948.)

JEWISH PUPILS FORM MAJORITY IN 23 PROTESTANT SCHOOLS IN MONTREAL

MONTREAL, Nov. 24. (JTA) -- The number of Jewish children attending the Protestant schools in Greater Montreal rose by the end of last April to a peak of 18,469, and formed a majority of all students in 23 of the 105 schools in the area, the Canadian Jewish Congress reported here today.

Louis Rosenberg, research director for the CJC, who compiled the statistical study, said there were 77 Jewish children in the area's Protestant schools in 1877, constituting 2.3 percent of the total enrollment in those schools. By April 30, 1964, the ratio of Jewish student enrollment had risen to 26.2 percent.

In addition, Mr. Rosenberg pointed out, about 4,000 Jewish children in the Greater Montreal area received their secular and Jewish education in 1964 in various Jewish community and congregational day schools. These, he noted, are maintained without any financial assistance from municipal and provincial tax funds.

A. D. L. FILES \$600,000 LIBEL SUIT AGAINST LOS ANGELES MERCHANT

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 24. (JTA) -- James Oviatt, Los Angeles haberdasher who is suing the Anti-Defamation League, the Southern California B'nai B'rith Council, the California Jewish Voice, the Heritage, columnist David Weissman and others for libel, asking \$10,200,000 damages, is, in a cross complaint being sued by the ADL and Milton Senn, its Pacific Southwest director in counter-complaint asking \$600,000 in damages.

The counter-complaint is based on a pamphlet alleged to be issued by Mr. Oviatt in which the ADL is a "gestapo organization," and that Mr. Senn was an agent of the ADL "gestapo." The only defendants in the Oviatt action to be served were the ADL and Mr. Senn. Representing Mr. Oviatt is attorney Jack Tenny, long associated with Gerald L.K. Smith.

DR. JONES RE-ELECTED PRESIDENT OF CONFERENCE OF CHRISTIANS AND JEWS

WASHINGTON, Nov. 24. (JTA) -- Dr. Lewis Webster Jones was today re-elected president of the National Conference of Christians and Jews. He will serve until June 30, 1965. Admiral Lewis L. Strauss, former chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission, was re-elected Jewish co-chairman of the organization.

CONGRESS OF CHILEAN ZIONISTS HEARS REPORT ON EMIGRATION TO ISRAEL

SANTIAGO, Chile, Nov. 24. (JTA) -- A total of 218 Jews emigrated to Israel from Chile during the past year, it was reported here today at the closing session of the 44th congress of the Chilean Zionist Federation. Another 300 persons are expected to leave for Israel during the next three months.

Herman Schachner was elected president of the Federation. Other officers elected included Amelia Fliman, and Leon Tchimino, vice-presidents; and Max Epstein, general secretary.

EDWIN MOSLER GETS MACCABIAH AWARD OF U.S. SPORTS GROUP FOR ISRAEL

NEW YORK, Nov. 24. (JTA) -- Edwin H. Mosler, Jr., was presented with the Maccabiah Award of the United States Committee-Sports for Israel for his contributions and service of more than a quarter of a century on behalf of the youth of America in sports and youth programs. The presentation was made at a testimonial dinner in Mr. Mosler's honor, launching the campaign for the U.S. Maccabiah team which will represent this country at the World Maccabiah Games in Israel next August.

DAVID KORMAN, FORMER MAYOR IN CANADIAN TOWN, DEAD; WAS 84

TORONTO, Nov. 24. (JTA) -- David Korman, a former Mayor of the northern Ontario town of Englehart, died here this weekend at the age of 84. Born in Russia, he came to Canada in 1902, and was first elected Mayor of Englehart in 1922. After serving for a number of years as councillor, he was again mayor of the town from 1950 to 1952. His son, Daniel, is the present Mayor of Englehart.