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MOROCCO INTRODUCES ANTI-ISRAEL RESOLUTION AT U.N. SECURITY COUNCIL

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., Dec. 7. (JTA) -- Morocco, which is currently a member of the Security Council, introduced a resolution in the Council today calling for strong condemnation of Israel as a result of the Syrian-Israeli clash that occurred on Israel's northern frontier on Nov. 13. Israel and Syria have charged each other with aggression, and, to date, the Council has held six meetings on the issue.

There was little doubt here that the 11-member Council--scheduled to meet again tomorrow--would reject the proposed Moroccan resolution. The United States, Britain and France, backed by several other members, seemed to be inclined, when the Council held its last meeting, last Thursday, to a more conciliatory attitude, blaming neither side or blaming both equally, but calling upon the disputants to keep their border tranquil and cooperate more closely with the United Nations Truce Supervision Organization. Morocco was sure today of having the support only of the two Communist members of the Council, the USSR and Czechoslovakia.

Meanwhile, it was learned here that American-Israeli relations in general are still as close as they were last June, when Israel's Prime Minister Levi Eshkol visited President Johnson in Washington. Satisfaction over those relations was expressed in Israeli circles following a weekend conference between Israel's Deputy Prime Minister Abba Eban and U.S. Secretary of State Dean Rusk. The two met for an hour in Mr. Eban's New York hotel suite, discussing general issues before the United Nations now, as well as specific problems facing Israel and the Middle East.

BEN-GURION IS BACKED BY MINISTER OF JUSTICE ON REOPENING OF LAVON CASE

JERUSALEM, Dec. 7. (JTA) -- Prime Minister Levi Eshkol was seen here today as facing the need for a possible compromise with his predecessor, former Premier David Ben-Gurion, in their disagreement on the latter's insistence for reopening a probe into the case of Pinhas Lavon.

Mr. Ben-Gurion's view that a new inquiry be made into the exoneration of Mr. Lavon by a committee of Cabinet ministers in 1960 was reportedly supported here yesterday during the current Cabinet's weekly meeting by Minister of Justice Dov Joseph. He was said to have told the Cabinet that the 1960 findings, which found that Mr. Lavon had not been guilty of a 1954 "security mishap" for which he was dismissed from the post of Minister of Defense, and later from his secretary-generalship of Hista'adrut, were "unacceptable" and urged a new inquiry.

The Minister of Justice based his views at yesterday's Cabinet meeting on an opinion by the Attorney General and upon a study of material presented by Mr. Ben-Gurion. Members of the Cabinet opposing the reopening of a probe into the Lavon Affair contend that a "dangerous precedent" would be established if the current Cabinet ignored findings adopted by a previous Cabinet as well as by Parliament. They also question some of the factual grounds upon which Mr. Ben-Gurion bases his demands.

Among the opponents to Mr. Ben-Gurion's request are not only Cabinet members belonging to the National Religious Party and Achdut Avodah but also some who are members of Mr. Eshkol's own Mapai Party.

ISRAEL TO START ON 'ECONOMIC RETRENCHMENT'; NEW MEASURES APPROVED

JERUSALEM, Dec. 7. (JTA) -- Israel will start on a program of "economic retrenchment" which will involve restraint on expenditures at the public level, tightening of credit regulations, increased tax collections, and a slow-down in the public construction of housing.

A decision to this effect was taken today by an economic committee composed of Cabinet members. The committee approved a program of economic retrenchment proposed by Pinhas Sapir, Minister of Finance, who stressed that he took into consideration an expected decline in revenue from foreign sources.

The Finance Minister reported that while this year's regular budget includes 132,000, - 000 pounds (\$44,000,000) from foreign sources normally reserved for development, next year's process will be reversed, and ordinary revenue will have to be used to finance the development budget.

VIENNA JEWISH COMMUNITY ASKS BONN TO EXTEND STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS

VIENNA, Dec. 7: (JTA) -- A memorandum asserting that the whole world would consider as an "incomprehensible injustice" any limitation on prosecution of persons responsible for the Nazi mass killings during the war was submitted today by the Vienna Jewish Community to the West German Ambassador to Austria.

The memorandum urged the West German Government to change its decision against extending the statute of limitations on prosecution of such crimes beyond next May. In presenting the memorandum to the envoy, Ernst Feldsberg, president of the Jewish community, asked that it be forwarded to Bonn.

Jewish Organizations Picket West German Consulate in Chicago

CHICAGO, Dec. 7: (JTA) -- A delegation of Jewish leaders were told by a West German vice-consul here that West Germany would not extend its statute of limitations on prosecution of Nazi war crimes because "my government does not want to amend the constitution to favor any one group."

The delegation, which also organized a picket line in front of the consulate in downtown Chicago, was sponsored by the Illinois Conference of Jewish organizations. David C. Bern, president of the Zionist Organization of Chicago, was acting chairman of the 15 organizational leaders who met with Dr. Karl Lauteritz.

Dr. Lauteritz urged the Jewish leaders to look for witnesses who could identify war criminals "who are not among the 5,000 already known to the authorities." He also told them that even if an arrest warrant was issued in May 1965, when the statute expires, the war criminals so named would eventually be tried if found, no matter when the criminal was found. The delegates represented the American Jewish Congress, Pioneer Women, Israel Histadrut, the Farband, the Chicago Board of Rabbis and the Student Zionist organization.

BUDAPEST JEWISH LEADER TESTIFIES AGAINST EICHMANN'S AIDE IN VIENNA

VIENNA, Dec. 7: (JTA) -- A former member of the Budapest Jewish Council who negotiated several times with Franz Novak testified today at the former Gestapo officer's trial here that Novak certainly knew of the fate of those he helped to send to the Auschwitz death camp as Adolph Eichmann's transport officer.

Philip Von Freudiger, whose duties in 1944 included negotiations with Eichmann, accused Novak of having personally directed the transport of 1,500 Jewish men, women and children from Camp Kistres to Auschwitz. Novak has denied that he knew of the Nazi plan to kill every Jew seized in the lightning conquests of European countries during World War II.

Freudiger also testified that two Jews who escaped from Auschwitz sent 333 messages to Britain and the United States, asking them to bomb the railroad lines on which the death transports were rolling but that nobody "had an ear" for the appeals. Novak is on trial on charges of complicity in thousands of Nazi murders.

JEWS IN ROME SEEK EQUAL TREATMENT FOR ALL RELIGIONS IN ITALY

ROME, Dec. 7: (JTA) -- The president of Italy's legislature, the Chamber of Deputies, today assured a delegation of Jewish leaders here that parliamentary committees are examining two draft bills dealing with practical means for implementing Italy's ratification of the United Nations Convention Against Genocide and with guarantees of equal treatment for all religions in this country. Judge Sergio Piperno, president of the Union of Italian Jewish Communities, and the other Jewish leaders, held a conference with the head of the Chamber of Deputies to inquire as to the status of the two drafts.

Italy signed and ratified the anti-genocide convention some years ago but, to date, has enacted no legislation implementing the UN document. A number of jurists here have objected to the UN convention's provision about the extradition of persons charged with genocide. They hold that such a law would be contrary to the Italian Constitution. Several requests for the extradition of Nazi war criminals deemed guilty of genocide have been denied by the Italian courts.

The second measure is being advocated by a group of members of the Socialist Party, the party to which the Government belongs now. This draft would eliminate clauses in the penal code differentiating between offenses against the state religion and punishment for acts against minority religions.

TWO YOUTHS SENTENCED IN POLAND FOR ATTACKING A JEW IN LIGHTS

LONDON, Dec. 7: (JTA) -- Two youthful hooligans, both 17, were sentenced to one year in prison for an attack on a Jew in the Polish town of Lignitz, it was reported here today from Warsaw.

During the proceedings, in which both Jews and non-Jews testified, it was brought out that the two youths attacked Moshe Kasatzki in the street without any provocation.

B'NAI B'RITH BOARD APPROVES DECISION TO REAFFILIATE WITH N.C.R.A.C.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7. (JTA)-- B'nai B'rith took formal action today toward closing a 12-year breach in Jewish community relations activities, through reaffiliation with the National Community Relations Advisory Council. The B'nai B'rith board of governors adopted a proposal to reaffiliate with NCRAC, a coordinating body of national and local Jewish groups engaged in combating anti-Semitism and religious and racial discrimination.

Label A. Katz, president of B'nai B'rith, said his organization's stand is conditional, requiring similar approval by the national commission of the Anti-Defamation League, its community relations arm. The ADL commission, whose executive committee has already recommended approval, meets in February.

The move to reaffiliate came after two years of discussions and negotiations between a joint B'nai B'rith-ADL committee and NCRAC representatives. The negotiators ironed out the differences which had caused B'nai B'rith and the American Jewish Committee, then the two largest constituents of NCRAC, to resign from that body in 1952.

The differences grew out of a study by sociologist Robert I. MacIver who proposed a division of activities and responsibilities among Jewish community relations organizations. A major controversy erupted in the Jewish community. When a majority of NCRAC affiliates--these now number six national agencies and 74 local community relations councils--voted to implement the MacIver report, B'nai B'rith claimed that the status of NCRAC had been altered from that of an advisory "roof organization" to a functional agency.

Mr. Katz said today that B'nai B'rith's decision to rejoin NCRAC "on the basis of mutually agreed terms which provide for a coordinative process that respects voluntarism and the integrity and autonomy of its constituent members" was "in keeping with B'nai B'rith policy 'to encourage and support cooperative activity in Jewish community life.' He called it "an example of a working and practical unity in which all elements, and particularly the community itself, stand to gain."

Aaron Goldman, of Washington, national chairman of the NCRAC, welcomed the announcement by B'nai B'rith that its board of governors had approved rejoining the NCRAC, subject to similar action by the national commission of the ADL. He said "this is the most welcome and gratifying step toward more effective cooperation among Jewish community relations agencies engaged in pursuit of a common cause."

Adopts \$9,476,000 Budget for 1965; Addressed by Catholic Leader

The B'nai B'rith board of governors adopted a new budget, highest in the organization's 121-year history. The board voted \$9,476,000 for the year 1965. This includes \$4,339,000 for the youth program next year--a jump of more than \$262,000 over current expenditures. The board also endorsed a proposal to inaugurate a campaign for a \$5,000,000 development fund as a major step toward meeting the growing needs of the expanding number of Jewish teenagers and college students.

Monsignor George C. Higgins, of the National Catholic Welfare Council, predicted in an address to the board of governors that the next session of the Ecumenical Council would overwhelmingly approve declarations on deicide and religious liberty. "The crisis, if anything, tended to galvanize support for the resolution rather than weaken it," said Msgr. Higgins who participated in the Council held in Rome.

"Then they get down to the finish vote line, most of the negative votes will evaporate," he said. "I hope and pray, once the doctrine is promulgated, it will be the beginning of a new era in Catholic-Jewish relations. He cautioned B'nai B'rith against expecting any dramatic changes. "No doctrine is going to change the face of the earth between Monday and Tuesday," he said.

Asked whether the deicide declaration would lead to revision of parochial school textbooks which sometimes reflect anti-Semitism, he replied: "I would expect it to lead to all kinds of activities at the local diocesan level in refining all that needs to be re-fined, including the reforming of textbooks." Implementation, he said, would vary from place to place, depending on the "experience and initiative of the people involved."

ADOLPH HELD HONORED ON 80TH BIRTHDAY; PRESENTED WITH PORTRAIT

NEW YORK, Dec. 7. (JTA) -- Adolph Held, noted Jewish leader and general manager of the Jewish Daily Forward, was honored here on his 80th birthday at a special gathering in the Atran House at which a portrait of him, painted by Joseph Margolies, was unveiled. The portrait, presented to him by the WEVD radio station, will hang in the building of the Forward.

The celebration was arranged by the Forward Association, which is the owner of the Jewish Daily Forward. Principal speakers included Judge Jacob Pankin; Harry Rogoff and Dr. L. Fogelman, honorary editor and editor-in-chief, respectively, of the Jewish Daily Forward; Dr. S. Silverberg, president of the Forward Association, and others. Numerous greetings were received by wire. Mr. Held is the national chairman of the Jewish Labor Committee, and is active in various other Jewish organizations.

PRESIDENT JOHNSON SALUTES ISRAEL'S TECHNION ON FORTIETH ANNIVERSARY

NEW YORK, Dec. 7; (JTA) -- President Lyndon B. Johnson and Prime Minister Levi Eshkol of Israel today extended congratulatory messages to the Technion-Israel Institute of Technology on the occasion of its 40th anniversary. In a message to the annual dinner of the American Technion Society, held at the Hotel Americana here tonight, President Johnson said:

"It gives me the greatest pleasure to salute Israel's Technion and the American Technion Society on this important anniversary. Education and technology are important underpinnings of modern society. The founders of the Technion recognized this fact over 40 years ago. Today, the gleaming buildings (of the Technion) on the slopes of Mount Carmel are a clear symbol of Israel's determination to play a significant role in an age of industrialization and scientific progress. I congratulate the Technion and all those associated with it on its brilliant past and extend my very best wishes for the future."

Israel's Prime Minister Eshkol, in a message from Jerusalem to B. Sumner Gruzen, president of the American Technion Society, predicted that "over the coming years we will have to double, if not triple, the size of all our institutions of higher learning." An announcement at the dinner revealed that the current student enrollment in the Technion has passed the 5,600 mark, compared with the 34 students who were enrolled in its first semester, 40 years ago.

DR. SAMUEL SEGAL, LABOR ZIONIST, NAMED A LIFE PEER IN ENGLAND

LONDON, Dec. 7. (JTA) -- Dr. Samuel Segal, a dedicated Labor Zionist, has been named a life peer; a designation for members of the House of Lords with the title of Baron and full rights during their lifetime. Such Barons cannot pass on their titles to a successor.

Dr. Segal, a physician and scholar, is the son of Prof. Moshe Zvi Segal, emeritus professor of Bible at Hebrew University. Dr. Segal was a member of Parliament for five years, but did not run in the last two elections. He served as a regional medical officer in the British Ministry of Health.

A former member of the Board of Deputies of British Jews, he was a vice-president of the Zionist Federation. He was the only member of Parliament in 1947 to vote against the late British Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin because of the latter's Palestine policy, though the point at issue in the vote did not directly concern the Palestine mandate.

ISRAELI MINISTER OF FOREIGN TRADE MEETS WITH MEXICAN OFFICIALS

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 7. (JTA) -- Akiva Govrin, Israeli Minister of Foreign Trade, met here today with high officials of the Mexican Government to start discussions for tightening economic relations between Israel and Mexico. Mr. Govrin had come here as a special representative of the Israel Government to the inauguration of Mexico's new President, Gustavo Diaz Ordaz.

Mr. Govrin was the guest of honor last night at a mass rally conducted by the Jewish community, commemorating the anniversary of the death of Dr. Chaim Weizmann and marking the adoption of the United Nations resolution for the partition of Palestine, passed by the UN General Assembly in 1947.

U.S. PUBLISHING FIRM SPONSORS COMPETITION FOR BEST ISRAELI FICTION

NEW YORK, Dec. 7; (JTA) -- Random House, a New York publishing firm, today announced its annual sponsorship of the Random House Israel Fiction Competition, with an ultimate goal of making creative Israeli writing known to the entire English-speaking world. Only Israeli authors are eligible for the competition, and submissions are limited to original novels in Hebrew not published prior to the date of the announcement.

Random House will offer an immediate payment of \$2,500 to the author of the winning novel as an advance against royalties. In addition, the publisher will finance the translation of the novel into English, publish it in the United States, and handle its publication throughout the world (except where it appears in the Hebrew language) on behalf of the author. The closing date for entries in the competition is December 31, 1965.

ISRAEL TOUR FOR AMERICAN JEWISH TEENAGERS PLANNED FOR 1965

NEW YORK, Dec. 7. (JTA) -- Plans for encouraging greater numbers of Jewish youth to visit Israel during the summer of 1965 were announced today by the American Zionist Youth Commission. The Commission plans to achieve this through widely publicizing its "Israel Tour for Teenagers," a seven-week educational travel program in Israel for 15-18 year old high school students who are not affiliated with any of the national Jewish youth organizations.

According to Bernard Weisberg, director of the Youth Commission, 250 young people from all parts of the United States have taken part in this program since its inception in 1960. The "Israel Tour for Teenagers" leaves the U.S. by jet the first week in July, and returns the last week of August. The cost of the tour is \$895.00.