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HOUSE BANS U. S. FOOD AID TO EGYPT; ANTI-NASSER VOTE IS 204 TO 177

WASHINGTON, Jan. 26. (JTA) -- The House of Representatives today adopted an amendment to curtail further shipment of surplus foods to Egypt, despite appeals by the Administration for continuation of assistance to the Nasser regime. The Johnson Administration lost its first legislative test on the question of American policy toward Egypt when Republicans and many Democrats combined in support of the anti-Nasser amendment.

The amendment, offered by Rep. Robert H. Michel, Illinois Republican, was first defeated on a vote by division, but was adopted when a rollcall was demanded. The final vote was 204 to 177. The measure amended an agriculture appropriation bill increasing funds for the Commodity Credit Corporation fund. This corporation provides the surplus commodities to Egypt under Public Law 480.

Frantic appeals by the White House and State Department failed to stem the anti-Nasser revolt by House members. Speaker of the House John McCormack, Massachusetts Democrat, appealed in vain for defeat of the amendment. He said the amendment would hamper the President in conducting foreign relations and tie his hands in dealing with Egypt.

The bill now goes to the Senate, where a number of Senators of both parties are already on record against further aid to the Nasser regime. If the amendment is retained by the Senate, President Johnson would be forced to veto his entire agricultural appropriations bill to kill it. The State Department was described by informed sources as "furious" over the House vote and is said to have voiced apprehension lest the House alone "drive Nasser into a real frenzy of anti-American actions."

Democratic Members Oppose Party, Joining Republicans on Issue

Chairman George H. Mahon, of the House Appropriations Committee, opposed the amendment, asking Congress not to be influenced by Egyptian-Israeli differences. Rep. Seymour Halpern, New York Republican, replied that the issue was much broader, and involved support by the American taxpayer of "the Castro of the Nile." He compared Nasser with Cuba's Fidel Castro, citing Nasser's anti-American expressions and actions, his support of Communist policies, backing of pro Communist Congolese rebels, and "gangster-like tactics." He said Nasser "made a mockery of our aid program" which only subsidized Egyptian arms acquisitions from Russia and policies of subversion and intrigue undermining the peace of the Near East and Africa.

Rep. Leonard Farbstein, New York Democrat, and member of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, differed with his own Administration by backing the amendment. He said that Nasser has disregarded previous expressions by the Congress, and that nothing less than mandatory action severing aid would at this point uphold the dignity of the United States. Rep. Benjamin Rosenthal, New York Democrat, who has joined the Foreign Affairs Committee, agreed with Rep. Farbstein and indicated that the true interests of the United States were not consistent with further assistance to Egypt.

Rep. Gerald Ford, Michigan Republican and minority leader for his party, called for a stand against Egypt, and rallied support for the amendment. Rep. Silvio Conte, Massachusetts Republican, cited the burning of the U.S. library in Cairo and Nasser's backing of Communist causes on the world scene.

Another Democrat who differed with his party's position was Rep. William Fitts Ryan, of New York. He had offered a parallel amendment, but the one proposed by Rep. Michel, member of the Appropriations Committee, was called up first. Rep. Ryan stated that the lessons of recent history taught that leaving the matter to the discretion of the Executive Department was useless, and that the time for severing aid to Egypt was past due.

U. S. FIRM YIELDS TO ISRAEL'S REQUEST NOT TO ACCEDE TO ARAB BLOCKADE

WASHINGTON, Jan. 26. (JTA) -- The Goodyear Tire and Rubber Corp. today made known that it will appoint an agent in Israel and conduct normal trade relations with that country in view of a recent Israel Government decision to discontinue Goodyear imports because of Goodyear's concessions to the Arab blockade.

Maurice C'Reilly, public relations director of Goodyear International Corporation, said in a letter to the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith that a Goodyear agent in

Israel will operate like other Goodyear distributors elsewhere in the world, and that the company will indicate recognition of Israel in letterheads and signs.

The letter was generated by reports from Israel that Goodyear, among other companies, had yielded to Arab efforts to impose economic boycott restrictions against Israel. In 1962, Goodyear made concessions to the Arab pressures. The company's distributor in Israel no longer was able to represent the company directly. Israeli customers were serviced through subsidiaries abroad. It is now expected that Israel will consider lifting the recently imposed ban on Goodyear imports.

U. N. TRUCE CHIEF GOES TO DAMASCUS TO CONFER ON SYRIAN-ISRAEL BORDER

JERUSALEM, Jan. 26. (JTA) -- Lt. Gen. Odd Bull, chief of staff of the United Nations Truce Supervision Organization, left his headquarters today for a visit to Damascus to confer with the leading Syrian military authorities about the situation on the Syrian-Israeli border.

The UN truce chief, it is understood, will discuss particularly the problem of resurveying a portion of the Syrian-Israeli frontier where grave fighting developed last November between Syria and Israel after Syria claimed that Israeli military patrols used a border path that edged into its territory.

Last month, a majority of the UN Security Council voted a resolution, vetoed by the Soviet Union, calling for a resurvey of that path. Israel has repeatedly asserted that it is willing to cooperate in that demarcation, but Syria is understood to be insisting that the entire length of its frontier with Israel be resurveyed.

PRESIDENT SHAZAR TO REPRESENT ISRAEL AT CHURCHILL FUNERAL IN LONDON

JERUSALEM, Jan 26. (JTA) - President Zalman Shazar, accompanied by one aide, will go to London this week to attend the funeral service for the late Sir Winston Churchill next Saturday, it was officially announced by the Government today.

The plan to send former Premier David Ben-Gurion also, as a member of a four-man delegation headed by the President, has been dropped because the British Government informed Israel there will be room in St. Paul's Cathedral, where the funeral services will be held, for only one official governmental mourner from Israel. Similar notices, it is understood, were sent by Britain to all governments except the United States, the Soviet Union and France, limiting all nations except the Big Three to one official mourner each.

The British Government also notified Israel that, due to the fact that the funeral services will be held on the Sabbath, special arrangements are being made for President Shazar to walk from his hotel to the cathedral.

Meanwhile, Kaddish Luz, Speaker of the Knesset, Israel's Parliament, who is currently on an official visit to West Africa, has been ordered to return immediately. Under Israel's law, the Speaker becomes Acting President when the President is away from the country. Mr. Luz will resume his African tour after President Shazar's return.

IMPRESSIVE EXHIBIT OF JEWISH RESISTANCE TO NAZIS OPENED IN PARIS

PARIS, Jan. 26. (JTA) -- With impressive ceremonies at which President Charles de Gaulle was officially represented by a member of his Cabinet, an exhibit proving to the world once and for all that Jews under the Hitler regime fought in organized resistance against Nazism in many places, including Berlin itself, was opened here today. The exhibit, organized by the Memorial to the Unknown Jewish Martyr and the Center for Contemporary Jewish Studies, has assembled documents, official reports and photographs from European countries occupied by the Germans during World War II, including the Soviet Union, Poland, Bulgaria, Rumania, and Czechoslovakia. Another part of the exhibit showed Jewish resistance against the enemy in pre-Israel Palestine.

The three principal speakers at the ceremonies were Jean Saintenny, Minister for War Veterans and the Victims of War, who represented President de Gaulle; Dr. Nahum Goldmann, president of the World Jewish Congress; and Walter Eytan, Israel Ambassador to France.

As presidential guards in dress uniform, swords drawn, flanked him, M. Saintenny said: "The Jews, with other democrats, were the first in the world to oppose Hitler and the Nazis-- first in Western Europe, then in occupied territories of the East. They fought back and, at Warsaw, managed for six weeks to hold at bay the might of the Wehrmacht. Young people of France and elsewhere--never forget those heroes!"

Dr. Goldmann, in his address, castigated the Allied Governments in power during the war for failing to react against Hitler's Holocaust aimed at the Jews. "This exhibition," he said, "stands as an accusation against the democratic nations which did not take Nazism seriously enough. They tried nothing to save even a small remnant of the victims. An entire generation, Jews and non-Jews alike, will stand charged by history with lack of imagination, lack of foresight, and willpower and, above all, for not having reacted at a time when such reaction could have crushed the Nazi evil at its origin."

SOVIET AGENT IN ISRAEL BEGINS TO ACCEPT MATZCH PACKAGES TO RUSSIA

TEL AVIV, Jan. 26. (JTA) -- Orders for shipment of matzoh from Israel to individual addressees in the Soviet Union were being accepted here by Soviet shipping agents, beginning today.

The Peltours Travel Agency, an agent of Moscow's Posyltorg, the Soviet agency for accepting packages abroad for delivery in the USSR, announced today it will accept orders for matzoh for this year's Passover in packages ranging in weight from 6.6 pounds to 22 pounds. Payment must be made in Israeli pounds.

The payment here will include the cost of shipping as well as customs duty imposed by the USSR. According to the agency, first shipments, next month, will be by airmail. (Passover begins this year the evening of April 16.)

APPROVAL BY VATICAN OF DECLARATION ON JEWS SEEN BY CATHOLIC PRIMATE

LONDON, Jan. 26. (JTA) -- The Catholic primate of Britain, Dr. John Heenan, Roman Catholic archbishop of Westminster, expressed "confidence" here today that the recent Ecumenical Council's declaration on relations with Jews, removing the ancient charge of deicide from the Jewish people, would be approved and would be promulgated by Pope Paul VI before the end of this year. Such promulgation would make the views expressed in the Council's declaration official Catholic Church doctrine.

Reviewing the "strange adventure" of the declaration in the Ecumenical Council, Dr. Heenan noted that Augustin Cardinal Bea, who had drafted the document presented to the first session of the Council, had intended that the Church "make reparation to the Jewish people" and break down any anti-Semitism existing among Catholics today.

Dr. Heenan pointed out that "the barrage from the Middle Eastern camp," led by Arabs, saw the Bea draft as a political document, rather than as a religious treatise. The second session of the Council, he recalled, received a draft which "once again condemned the Jews as a people for the death of Christ." "These alterations," he continued, "were distasteful to the majority of the Council fathers." But the final document, approved by the third Council, said the archbishop, "should be satisfactory to the Jews and, with its supplement on other non-Christian peoples, also to people of all creeds."

While discussing the Jewish question, Dr. Heenan also said that the Council declaration "seeks to prevent further persecution of Jews" and alluded to the situation of the Jews in the USSR. "In the Soviet Union," he said, "they (the Jews) share with Christian brethren restrictions and hostility of a still bitterly anti-religious state. There is less religious liberty in Russia today than in the last days of Stalin. In our prayers, we should remember the persecuted Jews in the Soviet Union."

CANADIAN LEADER DISASSOCIATES HIS PARTY FROM ANTI-JEWISH GROUPS

MONTREAL, Jan. 26. (JTA) -- Robert N. Thompson, a member of Parliament who is national leader of the Social Credit Party of Canada, today disassociated himself and his party unequivocally from all and any individuals or groups in the Dominion who advocate or practice "anti Jewish discrimination or incitement."

He added that he and his party are equally opposed to "prejudice, discrimination or incitement against any race or religion" and pledged that, as long as he is the Social Credit leader, there will be "no room" for the hate peddlers in the Social Credit Association.

The name of Mr. Thompson and the Social Credit movement has been, from time to time, used by various native and visiting hate peddlers, some from Australia, as friendly to neo-Nazi groups. In a letter to the Canadian Jewish Congress, received today, Mr. Thompson stated that, whenever such use was made of the movement, or whenever any members of the party were found to be advocating anti-Semitism, the party's name had been used without authorization and members were expelled from the party.

"Because of accounts which have appeared from time to time in the press, linking my name and that of the Social Credit Party of Canada with the activities of certain elements that propagate religious enmity and ill will, elements which have not scrupled to distribute material attacking the Jewish people in a defamatory manner," he wrote to Congress, "I cannot refrain from restating my position with specific reference to these matters.

"I, therefore," he continued, "absolutely repudiate even the suggestion of any relationship between the Social Credit Party of Canada with the Canadian Intelligence Service (an anti-Semitic group with no official government connection), the Christian Action Movement or with such individuals as Eric Butler, Ron Gostick, Pat Walsh, Neil Carmichael or any other persons in any way involved or associated with anti-Semitic or anti-minority group association. Any use by these persons of my name or of the name 'Social Credit Association of Canada' or any claim by them to association, directly or indirectly, with the Social Credit Party or with myself, is false, and can only be intended to mislead the public."

BALTIMORE COMBINED JEWISH CAMPAIGN SETS \$3, 410, 000 GOAL FOR 1965

BALTIMORE, Jan. 26. (JTA) -- A goal of \$3,410,000 has been set for the 1965 Combined Campaign of the Associated Jewish Charities and Welfare Fund, it was announced today by Irving Blum, general campaign chairman.

"Of this amount," Mr. Blum said, "\$3,025,000 will be sought for our Regular Campaign to take care of local, national and overseas services, and the UJA Special Fund will require an additional \$385,000 to assist in the immigration of Jewish refugees to Israel and other free lands." He stressed the fact that the goals set for the 1965 Combined Campaign were realistic figures, based on definite budgeted needs, and said: "If we are to meet our increasing obligations here and abroad, it is imperative that we meet these goals."

The Combined Campaign is the once-a-year effort to raise support for 33 local, national and overseas agencies. Local beneficiaries include three hospitals, six social welfare agencies, three educational and recreational agencies, seven community relations agencies, and a migration service agency. The United Jewish Appeal is the largest overseas beneficiary.

DR. NEUMANN REVIEWS THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE WORLD ZIONIST CONGRESS

NEW YORK, Jan. 26. (JTA) -- A review of the developments at the World Zionist Congress which took place this month in Israel was given here today by Dr. Emanuel Neumann, president of the World Union of General Zionists, following his return from Israel where he participated in the congress.

"The course of the 26th World Zionist Congress presents a striking paradox," Dr. Neumann said. "While its concluding session was marred by a public display of interparty conflict, yet the congress as a whole was decidedly constructive in spirit, with a remarkable degree of unanimity on matters of basic policy.

"The clash of partisan interests was severe enough to prevent the election of a new executive, which caused resentment among the delegates in Jerusalem and unfavorable comment abroad. But such criticism, however justified, can not obscure the positive achievement of the congress as the most important and influential deliberative assembly of World Jewry."

With respect to the problems and tasks confronting the Zionist movement in countries outside of Israel, Dr. Neumann said that the congress achieved "a broad consensus." It agreed on the extreme urgency of combating the negative forces of assimilation, the weakening of traditional bonds and the erosion of Jewish values threatening the continuity of Jewish life in most countries, he pointed out.

"Of vital significance was the understanding reached with the Government of Israel providing for fullest cooperation and partnership in a joint effort to pursue common Zionist objectives, not only in Israel but throughout the Jewish world," he stressed.

\$1, 000, 000 IN SHARES OF ISRAEL INVESTORS CORP. SOLD AT MEETING

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif., Jan. 26. (JTA) -- More than \$1,000,000 in additional capital had been subscribed to at a report meeting of Israel Investors Corporation held here last night at the Beverly Hilton Hotel.

More than 1,250 people were in attendance to hear a report on the progress of the company presented by Samuel Rothberg of Peoria, president of the Corporation. The meeting took place on the eve of the departure of Louis Boyar, chairman of the board, and Mr. Rothberg to Israel to discuss further investment programs with Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir.

MOSHE RON, ISRAELI JOURNALIST, HONORED; GREETED BY SHAZAR, ESHKOL

TEL AVIV, Jan. 26. (JTA) -- President Zalman Shazar and Prime Minister Levi Eshkol today sent greetings to Moshe Ron, general secretary of the Israel Journalists Association, who was honored at a reception here marking his 25th anniversary in that post.

Both President Shazar and Premier Eshkol hailed Mr. Ron for serving as a bridge between Israeli and Jewish journalists abroad. Among those attending the reception were Mayor Mordechai Namir of Tel Aviv and the country's leading editors and journalists.

DR. NYMAN LEVIN, PROMINENT BRITISH ATOMIC SCIENTIST, DIES IN LONDON

LONDON, Jan. 26. (JTA) -- Dr. Nyman Levin, a prominent Jewish physicist who was appointed only last week as a full-time member of Britain's Atomic Energy Authority, died here yesterday of a heart attack. He was 58 years old.

Born in London, Dr. Levin had served as director of the Atomic Weapons Research Establishment and was formerly superintendent of the Admiralty Gunnery Establishment. During the Second World War, he was responsible for building the VHF communications system for the invasion of Europe. He also helped to develop underwater television techniques with which the sunken submarine "Affray" was located in the English Channel in 1951.