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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVE ADOPTS COMPROMISE MEASURE ON ARAB BOYCOTT

WASHINGTON, June 8, (JTA) -- The House of Representatives adopted today a compromise amendment to the Export Control Act to oppose the Arab boycott after hours of bitter debate. Republicans and some Democrats maintained during the debate that the compromise was a concession to the State Department that would allow the Executive Department to evade implementation of the measure.

The adopted measure, known as the Multer-Halpern Amendment, was worked out by the White House with the chairman of the House Committee on Banking and Currency, the chairman of the Subcommittee which held hearings on the bill and by Rep. Abraham Multer, New York Democrat, and Rep. Seymour Halpern, New York Republican.

On the floor of Congress, however, an unexpected event occurred when the Committee's ranking Republican, Rep. William Widnall, of New Jersey, said that the Republicans were not bound by any compromise and indicated Rep. Halpern had acted in his own behalf. Rep. Widnall took the position that the compromise took the teeth out of the original anti-boycott measure and made implementation dubious. He proposed a stronger substitute, reverting to the original measure advocated by many Subcommittee members, but the substitute was voted down by a vote of 96 to 64.

It was pointed out that the approach to drafting of "rules and regulations" in the compromise measure was vague and subject to evasion by the State Department while the more definitive and specific language contained in the Widnall substitute measure would place a direct requirement of anti-boycott action.

New York Republican Congressmen Demand Stronger Measure

The need for a measure stronger than the substitute was stressed in addresses by such members as Republicans John Lindsay and Ogden Reid of New York, the latter being the former U. S. Ambassador to Israel. Mr. Reid said that Congress should not be "faint-hearted" because the Arab boycott is repugnant and should use strong and definitive language in opposing it.

Rep. Lindsay said that many previous condemnations of Arab policies had been made by Congress in various legislation, but that the State Department had paid no attention. He deplored the State Department attempts to equate the Arab boycott of Israel with the American boycotts of Cuba, Communist China and North Vietnam.

Among the Democrats, Rep. William F. Ryan of New York took a stand favoring the stronger Republican substitute. Chairman Wright Patman of Texas of the Committee that reported out the bill, and Rep. Thomas Ashley of Ohio, chairman of the Subcommittee, made known that they did not favor even the compromise measure because they said it interfered with the President's conduct of foreign affairs, but agreed to support it in preference to stronger legislation.

The Republican substitute measure offered by Rep. Widnall called for the mandatory prohibition of the furnishing by American firms of boycott information to the Arabs. The compromise calls for "rules and regulations" to implement the provisions of this Act to be set forth in keeping with the expressed policy contained in the Act.

The policy voiced in the Act would "oppose restrictive trade practices or boycotts fostered or imposed by foreign countries against other countries friendly to the United States, and to encourage and request domestic sources engaged in the exports of articles, materials or supplies or technical data, to refuse to take any action, including the furnishing of information or the signing of agreements which have the effect of furthering or supporting the restrictive trade practices or boycotts fostered or imposed by any foreign country against another country friendly to the United States."

Incorporated into the compromise amendment was wording offered by Rep. Halpern to strengthen it. This provided that the President should be called upon to promulgate implementing rules and regulations as soon as possible.

ESHKOL CONGRATULATES JOHNSON ON SUCCESS OF GEMINI 4 SPACE FLIGHT

WASHINGTON, June 8, (JTA) -- Prime Minister Levi Eshkol today sent to President Johnson a message of congratulations on the success of Gemini 4 space mission.

BRITISH PARLIAMENT DISCUSSES ADDING 'RELIGION' TO BILL ON RACIALISM

LONDON, June 8. (JTA) -- A proposal that the race relations bill now pending in Parliament add the word "religion" to the measure, so as to include Jews specifically, was debated today as a House of Commons committee continued to consider the draft.

The amendment to the act, by specifically adding the word "religion," was introduced by Paul Rose, and warmly supported by Reginald Freeson. Both are members of the Labor Party; Mr. Freeson is a Jew. Mr. Rose argued that "religion" must be added, in addition to "ethnic and racial groups," if the bill would "work effectively for the prevention of anti-Jewish bias." Mr. Freeson told the committee that, "whatever the intentions of the drafters of the bill may be, many people doubt whether the Jews would be covered. These doubts must be dispelled."

Opposition to inclusion of the word "religion" was voiced by Sir Frank Soskice, the Home Secretary, and by a Conservative member of Parliament, Norman St. John Stevas. The latter, a well-known writer, argued that, if the Jews were to be singled out by religious identification, Parliament would, in effect, employ the very terminology used by neo-Nazis like Colin Jordan, leader of the British Nazi Movement. Such terminology, he maintained, would be "putting the Jews into a separate category."

Sir Frank, opposing the Rose amendment, told the committee that the drafters of the bill assumed that religion was "something personal to each citizen, and not a distinctive definition applying to a group." For that reason, he said, "it is better to have Jews and other religious minorities covered in the definition of racial and ethnic groups."

THREE NEW BUILDINGS DEDICATED AT HOMES FOR JEWISH CHILDREN IN FRANCE

PARIS, June 8. (JTA) -- A \$500,000 program of modernization of Jewish children's homes in France neared completion with the dedication today of three new buildings at the home of the OSE, the Jewish children's health agency, at Taverney, near Paris.

The modernization program covers 10 homes in France housing a total of nearly 700 children. It was implemented by the Fonds Sociale Juif Unifié, the central Jewish fundraising agency in France, jointly with the Joint Distribution Committee and the OSE. A pioneer venture which introduced child care concepts still new in France, the Taverney project has received substantial aid from the French Government and a grant from the Swiss Aid for Europe, as well as from the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany.

More than 90 percent of the children in the Jewish homes in France are from North Africa. Their situation reflects the difficulties which many North African Jewish families settling in France are facing. Only a minority of the Jewish children now are orphans, in contrast to the immediate postwar situation when many thousands of Jewish orphans were cared for in more than a hundred homes.

The majority of the children in Jewish homes now come from families who, struggling with overcrowding, inadequate housing and bad economic conditions, simply could not cope with the care of the children. Hence they have been sent to the homes.

The OSE home at Taverney is not organized along the traditional pattern of orphanages. It is so built that it provides for small groups of children to live with their own living room, dining quarters and kitchenettes, in a self-contained unit with the group monitor to create a more family-life atmosphere. George Garel, president of the OSE of France, Moses Levine of the JDC, Edgar Abramanel, FSJU secretary general, and French and Swiss Governmental officials took part in the dedication.

ANTI-DEFAMATION LEAGUE URGES VETOING OF BILL OUTLAWING GROUP LIBEL

NEW YORK, June 8. (JTA) -- The Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith urged Governor Rockefeller today to veto a bill dealing with group libel that has been passed by both houses of the legislature. The bill, introduced by state Senator Irwin Brownstein, would make it a crime to libel a racial or religious group.

In a letter responding to the governor's request for its opinion of the bill, the Anti-Defamation League pointed out that for almost half a century it has been and continues to be engaged in a broad educational program aimed at the eradication of bias and prejudice, and that a "carefully drawn statute punishing group libel may serve the state well."

However, the letter pointed out that "this bill reveals a number of serious shortcomings." Among these, the League contended, were "vague language that may render the bill open to the charge that it violates due process of law." According to the Anti-Defamation League, "the bill fails to set forth clear standards of guilt" and may therefore fail to achieve the goal sought.

SECRETARY OF STATE NAMES ALLAN STROOCK TO U.S. COMMISSION ON UNESCO

WASHINGTON, June 8. (JTA) -- Secretary of State Dean Rusk has appointed Alan M. Stroock to the United States Commission for the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization as representative of the American Jewish Committee. Mr. Stroock's appointment is effective immediately and his term continues until the end of the 1967 fall meeting of the commission.

ITALIAN GROUP SUBMITS EVIDENCE AGAINST NAZI WHO SENT JEWS TO DEATH

ROME, June 8; (JTA) -- An ad hoc committee in Cuneo, a town in northern Italy, disclosed today it had submitted new evidence against an SS officer named Peiper, who is now being tried in Stuttgart on war crimes charges growing out of his activities in the Cuneo area against Jews;

The committee reported to the Stuttgart court that in September 1943, a group of more than 200 Jewish refugee men, women and children, who until then had been living in Italian-occupied France, crossed the Italian border with retreating Italian troops and found a new refuge in the mountain villages near Cuneo.

However, Peiper, upon learning of this, issued a warning that everyone protecting the Jewish refugees would be shot. When the Jewish refugees learned of the warning, they surrendered to the Nazis to avoid endangering the lives of their Italian hosts. The refugees were transported to the Auschwitz death camp where they were murdered.

The committee stressed that official high command orders to arrest Jews in Italy were not issued until later and that the SS officer's activities were "obviously" a case of personal zeal.

\$400,000 FOUND IN WARSAW GHETTO; BELIEVED SENT TO JEWS UNDER NAZIS

LONDON, June 8; (JTA) -- A survivor of the Warsaw Ghetto expressed today the belief that a cache of \$400,000, plus a large sum in American gold coins, found in a Warsaw ghetto cellar by a Pole, may have been part of the funds sent by overseas Jews to help save Polish Jewry under the Nazi occupation.

Michael Zylberberg, now representative in Britain for YIVO and the Yad Vashem, the Memorial Center in Israel for the Nazi Holocaust victims, cited the disclosure of the cache in a book by Leon Chain, a member of the first Polish Government in Lublin after the war, who is of Jewish descent.

The disclosure concerned the finding by the Pole in 1944 of a ghetto cellar full of American dollars. The Pole hid the find in the hope of returning to Warsaw after the war and retrieving the money. He did return, took the money and buried it in his garden. When police learned the Pole was using dollar bills, they searched his house and found \$300,000 in bank notes. Another \$100,000 was found in the cellar. In addition, a large sum in gold dollars was found.

There are several theories as to how the huge sum was hidden in a Warsaw cellar apparently during the war. Zylberberg told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that he believed it was part of the money Jewish organizations abroad sent to Poland by various means to help the trapped Polish Jews. The Polish Government in Exile helped to remit these funds through their own underground channels but in any case, Mr. Zylberberg contended, it was Jewish money.

CANADIAN JEWISH CONGRESS REQUESTS BAN ON DISSEMINATION OF HATE MATERIALS

MONTREAL, June 8. (JTA) -- A lengthy memorandum urging the Canadian House of Commons to enact legislation outlawing the dissemination orally or by publication of any materials harmful to any ethnic, religious or racial group in this country was submitted by the Canadian Jewish Congress today to the External Affairs Committee of the House of Commons.

Two bills dealing with the general subject are before the External Affairs Committee. One of the measures, introduced by Milton Klein and J. E. Walker, links hate mongering to the United Nations Convention Against Genocide. It is for that reason that the draft had been assigned to the External Affairs group. The other bill was authorized by two other members of Parliament, Dr. Orlikow and Stanley Knowles.

In its memorandum, the CJC seeks legislation against any type of hate mongering actions, requesting "legislation to provide religious, ethnic and racial groups with protection from the abusive, scurrilous, insulting and injurious actions." Amendments of present laws are sought by the CJC and Parliament is requested to set specific penalties for violations. The Congress memorandum was signed by Michael Garber, president of the CJC, and Sydney M. Harris, chairman of the national joint community relations committee of the CJC and B'nai B'rith.

SENATE BILL SEEKS TO RELIEVE GOVT. EMPLOYEES FOR RELIGIOUS OBLIGATIONS

WASHINGTON, June 8; (JTA) -- Senator Jacob Javits, Republican, New York, today introduced a bill "to provide time off duty for government employees to comply with religious obligations prescribed by religious denominations of which such employees are bona fide members." A companion bill to the same effect was introduced in the House of Representatives by Representatives John Lindsay, Republican and Jonathan Bingham, Democrat of New York.

The bill would provide Federal employees with time off for religious observances on days not recognized as universal religious holidays. Instead of taking time off without pay as is now the case, the employees concerned would be allowed to make up such time by arrangement with the Department or agency concerned. For example, a Jewish employee could exchange work on Christmas day for time off on Yom Kippur.

JACOB GOLDFARB ANNOUNCES \$500,000 GIFT TO BRANDEIS UNIVERSITY; IS HONORED

NEW YORK, June 8. (JTA) -- Gifts to Brandeis University totaling \$1,550,000, some in the name of university trustee Jacob A. Goldfarb, were announced here tonight at a 70th birthday dinner in honor of the Jewish industrialist and philanthropist attended by 1,500 guests. Principal speakers at the event included Chief Justice Earl Warren and Dr. Abram L. Sachar, Brandeis University president.

Mr. Goldfarb was presented with the first Brandeis Medal for Distinguished Service to Education. In his response, he disclosed he was donating an additional \$500,000 to the University. Mr. Goldfarb, Brandeis Board of Trustees treasurer, had previously given the university \$2,500,000, mostly for the Jacob A. and Bertha Goldfarb Library.

President Sachar told the dinner that some 2,000 "friends of Jack Goldfarb" throughout the country had collected \$500,000 for presentation to the university in honor of Mr. Goldfarb's birthday.

Four Other New Yorkers Give \$550,000 to Brandeis University

The university president also disclosed separately that four residents of New York City had made gifts totaling \$550,000. These included a gift of \$250,000 by Mr. and Mrs. Albert J. Dreitzer for cultural purposes. The Dretzers previously gave the university paintings valued at \$175,000.

Samuel Lemberg, a university trustee, gave \$100,000 for the planned Student Union building. His previous gifts total more than \$1,000,000. A third gift of \$100,000 was made by Mr. and Mrs. Jack I. Poses. The contribution by Mr. Poses, a Brandeis trustee, will be used for the work of the Poses Institute of Fine Arts at the university. Max Doft donated \$100,000 for the new Frank Doft Graduate Fellowship at Brandeis in memory of his son.

Mr. Goldfarb is a trustee-at-large of the Federation of Jewish Charities, vice-president and chairman of the Institute of Human Relations of the American Jewish Committee, trustee of Temple Emanuel of New York, and member of the executive committee and board of the United Jewish Appeal. Lawrence A. Wien, vice-chairman of the university board, was dinner chairman.

HARRY ROGCOFF, NOTED JEWISH EDITOR, HONORED; PRESENTED WITH PORTRAIT

NEW YORK, June 8. (JTA) -- Harry Rogoff, for many years editor-in-chief of the Jewish Daily Forward, was honored here by Jewish leaders and writers at a luncheon tendered him at the Atrium House where he was presented with a portrait of himself painted by the noted Jewish artist, J. Margolis.

The services rendered by Mr. Rogoff to Jewish life in this country, to Israel, and to the Jewish labor movement in the United States were emphasized by the principal speakers at the luncheon who included Dr. L. Fogelman, present editor-in-chief of the Forward; Jacob Potofsky, president of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers Union; Louis Stolberg, secretary-general of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union, and others. Adolf Held, general manager of the Forward, presided. Greetings were received from many personalities.

Mr. Rogoff, replying, reviewed the role of the Forward in American Jewish life during the 60 years of his association with the newspaper in various executive editorial positions. He also reviewed Jewish life in the United States today and predicted that interest in Jewish affairs would grow among the American-born generations if Jewish leaders would concentrate more on promoting Jewish education.

RABBI SEYMOUR COHEN ELECTED PRESIDENT OF SYNAGOGUE COUNCIL OF AMERICA

NEW YORK, June 8. (JTA) -- Rabbi Seymour J. Cohen, of Chicago, Illinois, was elected president of the Synagogue Council of America, at the closing plenary session today of the organizational year. He succeeds Rabbi Uri Miller of Baltimore who served as president for two one-year terms. He is the first midwestern rabbi to be selected to this post.

Rabbi Cohen, age 43, was born in New York and had occupied pulpits in New York and Pittsburgh before being called to Chicago in 1950. He has served as secretary of the Rabbinical Assembly and vice-chairman of the National Conference on Religion and Race. He is a member of the American Medical Association's Committee on Medicine and Religion, a director of the National Safety Council and is on the National Executive Council of the Zionist Organization of America. He holds a Master's degree from Columbia University and a Ph.D. from the University of Pittsburgh.

DR. MARTIN NAMED TO FILL ABBA HILLEL SILVER CHAIR OF JEWISH STUDIES

CLEVELAND, June 8. (JTA) -- Western Reserve University announced today that Dr. Bernard Martin of St. Paul, Minnesota, has been named to fill the Chair of Jewish Studies established last fall in memory of Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver. The Jewish Studies Chair was made possible by a \$500,000 grant, with three Cleveland philanthropic foundations each contributing one-third.