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GOLDMANN WARNS AGAINST 'DISTORTIONS' IN JEWISH CHARGES AGAINST RUSSIA

NEW YORK, June 10. (JTA) -- Dr. Nahum Goldmann, president of the World Zionist Organization, told a press conference here today that protests against Moscow's discrimination against Soviet Jews were necessary, but he warned that "too often the problem is being distorted in its character, with the result that accusations are being made against Russia which are not justified, and which can only delay the solution of the problem, and even harm Soviet Jewry."

"The problem," Dr. Goldmann said, "is not one of persecution in the usual meaning of the word, although there is anti-Semitism in many parts of Russia, and the Government must be criticized for not acting more vigorously against anti-Semitic incidents, especially since anti-Semitism is a crime under the Criminal Code of the USSR. But to compare in any way the policy of the Soviet Government with the Nazis is not only a hideous distortion, but highly unfair to Soviet Russia, which saved hundreds of thousands of Jews when they escaped from the Nazis at the start of the Second World War."

He said the issue was that the Soviets denied Jews "facilities to maintain their Jewish identity and to develop their existence as a distinct religious and national minority recognized as such under the law." For this reason, he added, world Jewry has to continue to arouse public opinion in support of the demand for equal treatment of the Jewish minority, as a minority.

"But," he stressed, "we must not expect to force the Soviet Union to change its policy by extreme attacks and methods to which a great power is not likely to yield. Our only hope is to arouse support through personalities and groups whose opinion is very highly respected by the Soviet Government and by establishing contacts with the Soviet Government in an effort to persuade it that it is against their own interest to pursue this policy and thereby antagonize millions of Jews and non-Jews who feel that it is the sacred right of the Soviet Jewry to safeguard its specific character, maintain its contact with the Jewish people as a whole and to allow those who want to be reunited with their families in Israel and elsewhere."

Dr. Goldmann said that the issue was not the form of protests, such as the rallies which are being frequently staged in American cities, but what was said at the rallies. He pointed out that Soviet officials called comparisons between Nazi and Soviet policy on Jews "impudence" and that attitudes of such officials had been hardening on the issue in recent months.

He declared that there had been small signs of improvement in the situation, noting that the number of Jews leaving Russia, though still very small -- "only in hundreds" -- had doubled in the past year. This year, in the widening cultural exchanges between Russia and Israel, the Russians are sending top-ranking artists, compared with second ranking ones of previous years, he noted.

Urges to Create Atmosphere for Arab-Israel Talks; Lauds Bourguiba

Discussing a recent appeal to Arab rulers to accept Israel's existence and to seek peace negotiations made by Tunisian President Habib Bourguiba, Dr. Goldmann lauded the Tunisian leader's "courageous stand." He suggested that "many Arab leaders in their hearts think in a similar vein, although they may not have the courage displayed by Mr. Bourguiba to state it publicly."

He said that the time had come to seek to create the atmosphere "for Arab-Israel talks" which may follow later. He said he had urged Israeli leaders to seek to interest Jewish communities outside of Israel in the problem, especially in countries where there is "a large Arab diaspora which for many years lived in good relations with the Jewish communities, primarily in South America."

Dr. Goldmann said it would be a tragedy if the Arab League succeeded in its present effort to widen the Arab-Israel conflict into an Arab-Jewish conflict. He asserted it "would be a denial of the past and a violation of the tradition of Arab-Jewish relations for many centuries, if a violent conflict were to develop between the Arabs and the Jewish people, with the Arabs becoming the forefront of neo-Nazi movements."

He held that it was urgent to seek to create dialogues between Jews and Arabs and he revealed that several Arab intellectuals had been invited to participate in a meeting in

Strassbourg, scheduled for July 11-16, of the executive of the World Jewish Congress, and that he expected at least one of the Arabs to attend. He said a leading West German intellectual also had been invited, explaining that "both the problems of Arab-Jewish relations and German-Jewish relations on a high level of historical approach" would be on the agenda.

With regard to the German-Jewish problem, Dr. Goldmann said: "The specific issues are for the time being solved. Germany is normalizing its relations with Israel, the Statute of Limitations is prolonged for four and a half years, which although not fully satisfactory has eliminated the problem for the time being; with regard to the legislation on indemnification, the final bill was adopted only a week ago and although it does not satisfy all demands of the Jewish victims of Nazi persecution, it does provide enough funds (another amount of more than a billion dollars) to satisfy the most necessary demands of these victims.

"But the solution of these concrete problems has not yet solved the great historical problem of the relation between Germany and the Jewish people after the unique crime committed against millions of Jews by the Nazi regime. This problem will require a long period to be solved," he declared.

Opposes Proposal of Conservative Rabbis on Jewish Representation

In reply to a question, Dr. Goldmann said it was "naive" for the American Conservative rabbinate to expect that it could create a new international Jewish body. This was a reference to a report by a committee at the annual convention of the Rabbinical Assembly of America last month, calling the World Zionist Organization outmoded and proposing establishment of a new world organization under rabbinical auspices. Dr. Goldmann said that the rabbinical proposal involved a distortion of the character of the Jewish people, which he said was more than religious.

He also repeated his frequently stated proposal for a representative central body for American Jewry to replace "the present chaos." He suggested that a start be made with an informal consultative Jewish body for international questions and then an effort might be made for a similar group on domestic issues.

U. S. NEGRO LEADER URGES AMERICANS TO PROTEST SOVIET POLICY ON JEWS

WASHINGTON, June 10. (JTA) -- The Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr., a top leader of the American Negroes, appealed last night to all Americans to "speak out against the persecution of Jews in the Soviet Union." He made his appeal in a telegram sent to a mass-meeting here protesting Soviet suppression of Jewish culture and religion.

Expressing his regret that he could not attend the meeting in person, Rev. King said in his message: "We in the civil rights movement have repeatedly made clear our commitment to the freedom of all men regardless of color, race, or creed. In light of this principle, we deplore anti-Semitism as we deplore discrimination and segregation in Mississippi and Alabama." He assured the audience that he will lift his voice against harassment of the Jewish faith in Russia.

Morris B. Abram, U.S. Representative in the United Nations Human Rights Commission and president of the American Jewish Committee, told the meeting that "we do not say that the Soviets are operating gas ovens or firing squads against Jews." But, said Mr. Abram, it was correct to emphatically charge "that the Soviet Union is harassing, persecuting and practicing willful discrimination against every person in its jurisdiction who was born a Jew and who wishes to remain one--to practice his religion, to retain cultural ties, to remain who he is, to continue the heritage from which he springs, and to pass that heritage to his children." Mr. Abram pledged that protests would continue until discriminatory Soviet practices are halted.

The chairman of the Greater Washington Committee on the Plight of Soviet Jewry, Dean William E. Moran of the School of Foreign Service of Georgetown University, said that many felt guilt and shame for inadequately responding to Nazi barbarity. In the face of present oppression of Jews by the USSR, he said, "we shall not be silent." Dr. Moran stressed that special treatment of Jews was not being asked but only the same rights accorded other minority groups in the USSR.

SENATE VOTES ON SEVERING AID TO EGYPT; LEAVES DECISION TO PRESIDENT

WASHINGTON, June 10. (JTA) -- The Senate adopted today an amendment to the Foreign Aid Bill which could be applied to sever aid to Egypt as long as that country continues "to commit aggression."

The amendment, offered by Sen. Fred R. Harris, Oklahoma Democrat, was accepted by a vote of 73 to 13. The amendment provided that no further aid could be given "so long as such countries shall continue to commit aggression," as the President shall determine, in accordance with the principles of the anti-aggression amendment put into law in the past by Sen. Ernest Gruening, Alaska Democrat.

JEWISH AGENCY, INC. ALLOCATES \$37,000,000 FOR IMMEDIATE USE IN ISRAEL

NEW YORK, June 10. (JTA) -- The Jewish Agency for Israel, Inc.--chief beneficiary of the United Jewish Appeal campaigns--today allocated \$37,000,000 to carry out urgent humanitarian programs among Israel's large immigrant population.

The action was taken by the Agency's board of directors, headed by Dr. Dewey D. Stone, at a special meeting, after a detailed analysis of pressing refugee problems was outlined by Louis Pincus, treasurer of the Jewish Agency, Jerusalem, and also a member of the board of directors of JAFI, Inc., who had arrived here for the meeting.

Mr. Pincus called attention to the entry of a quarter of a million immigrants into Israel in the last five years, emphasizing that there was an acute shortage of funds to cope with the pressing economic, medical, social and educational needs of "multiplied heterogeneous thousands of Jewish men, women and children." He warned that Israel's new development towns are "seriously lagging behind economically, underprivileged educationally, isolated socially in varying degrees," posing "a grave threat to their residents being integrated into the nation's economic and social life."

Dr. Stone asserted that the emphasis in budgeting and expenditures "is now beginning to change towards the direct relief of human misery and the alleviation of suffering to greater stress on the immediate care of and welfare services to individuals." He told the meeting that the greater majority of Israel's recent arrivals are "still impoverished and had not yet been absorbed into Israel's economic and social life."

A breakdown of the allocations includes such outlays as \$13,030,000 for immigration; \$10,087,000 for absorption; \$2,250,000 for youth care and training; \$3,758,000 for absorption in agricultural settlements; \$5,600,000 for construction of immigrant housing; \$1,2550,000 towards the maintenance of institutions of higher learning.

SEN. KENNEDY DISCUSSES IMMIGRATION LEGISLATION AT UNITED HIAS DINNER

NEW YORK, June 10. (JTA) -- More than \$750,000 in contributions were announced here tonight at a dinner sponsored by the United Hias Service on behalf of the United Jewish Appeal, held at Delmonico Hotel. Senator Robert F. Kennedy, who was the principal guest speaker at the dinner, stressed the need for relaxation of the present immigration law and for the abolishment of the national origin quota system.

Murray I. Gurfein, president of United Hias Service, presented the Senator with the organization's film "He Who Saves a Single Life" which will be deposited in the John F. Kennedy Memorial Library archives. Mr. Gurfein reviewed the Jewish migration situation before the 300 Jewish community leaders who attended the dinner.

"For the third consecutive year, United Hias is facing an upward trend in our migration assistance," Mr. Gurfein reported. "In 1963, we aided 5,200 migrants and refugees to find new homes in freedom. Last year, we helped 10,600 and in 1965 we anticipate resettling 11,700 persons." The dinner paid tribute to Harry Ginsberg, Jakob Michael and Mrs. A. Louis Oresman for their "outstanding leadership and distinguished service in behalf of the Jewish migrant" over many years. Edwin Rosenberg, chairman of the UHS national council and the UJA executive committee, made the award presentations.

CANADIAN JEWISH CONGRESS WARNS ON INDEPENDENT ACTION AGAINST NAZIS

TORONTO, June 10. (JTA) -- The Canadian Jewish Congress today accused members of this city's Jewish community of "irresponsibly creating a tense and inflamed situation" which led to a riot at a neo-Nazi rally here last week resulting in the arrest of nine persons, including John Beattie, Toronto Nazi leader.

In a four-page letter mailed to some 25,000 Jewish families in Ontario, the Congress charged that in the days before the incident in Toronto's Allan Gardens, "meetings were held and irresponsible leaflets circulated, all of which helped whip up some groups within the Jewish community to the pitch of fear and frenzy that assisted in creating the atmosphere that led to the mob violence of that Sunday afternoon."

Asserting that "unfortunately, there are people in our midst who are determined to act on their own in dealing with neo-Nazis with little regard for the consequences," the Congress letter noted that the incident, which had been given little publicity before the event, was widely covered by the press because of the riot.

Describing the strength of the Nazi group in Toronto, the letter said that, in numbers, "the group is extremely small, we might even say absurdly small. In recent months no more than a dozen have been involved. Their finances are equally slender."

The letter was signed by Jacob Finkelman, CJC national vice-president; Meyer W. Gasner, chairman of the Central Region; Sydney M. Harris, vice-chairman; and J. S. Midanik, chairman of the Joint Community Relations Committee.

F.B.I. SAYS AMERICAN NAZI PARTY WORKS CLOSELY WITH KU KLUX KLAN

HATTIESBURG, Miss., June 10. (JTA) -- An agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation charged today that "there is a close working arrangement between the American Nazi Party and the Ku Klux Klan." The agent, Neal Welch, spoke before a civic club. He is an investigator of extremist activities.

BRANDEIS UNIVERSITY DEDICATES TODAY NEW \$3,500,000 THEATER ARTS CENTER

WALTHAM, Mass., June 10. (JTA) -- Brandeis University will dedicate its new \$3,500,000 Nate B. and Frances Spingold Theater Arts Center tomorrow in ceremonies which will be attended by leading personalities in the theatrical world. Among those taking part will be Mrs. Spingold, who, with her late husband, Nate B. Spingold, vice-president of Columbia Pictures, made the Theater Arts Center possible.

The three-story arts center has a 750-seat main auditorium, a 150-seat director's theater, a dance studio and a gallery that will display works from the Spingold art collection and items associated with the theater. The building is also equipped with a flexible theater suitable as proscenium stage, arena or television studio. There are also facilities for study rooms and faculty offices.

MAYOR NAMIR APPEALS TO AMERICAN JEWRY TO AID TEL AVIV UNIVERSITY

NEW YORK, June 10. (JTA) -- An appeal to American Jewry to provide financial aid to the Tel Aviv University was made here today by Mayor Mordecai Namir of Tel Aviv, at a press conference. Mayor Namir will visit a number of Jewish communities in this country to develop support for the university of which he is chairman of the executive board.

"The role of the university in every country today is a vital one, and for us in Israel, it is absolutely critical," the Mayor said. "With our limited area and limited resources, we must make the most effective possible use of our manpower." He pointed out that Tel Aviv University was conceived with the purpose to permit the families of limited financial means to send their children to a university. "Our university enables families in the lower income groups to send their children to the university since they are able to live at home and also work in their free hours. This was not possible before," he said.

University president Dr. George S. Wise explained that the organization and construction of Tel Aviv University, now underway, would have been impossible ten years ago because of the shortage of staff in Israel.

ISRAEL MINISTER FOR RELIGIOUS AFFAIRS WELCOMED AT N.Y. CITY HALL

NEW YORK, June 10. (JTA) -- Dr. Zorach Warhaftig, Minister for Religious Affairs of Israel, was welcomed to New York City today by Deputy Mayor Paul Screvane, representing Mayor Wagner at a ceremony in City Hall.

Dr. Warhaftig conveyed the greetings of the people of Israel and presented Mr. Screvane with a silver-embossed Passover Haggadah designed by Syzk. In response, Mr. Screvane presented Dr. Warhaftig with a silver letter opener bearing the seal of the City of New York. Later, the Israeli Minister attended a reception given him by the National Conference of Christians and Jews.

INDIA CANCELS WRESTLING MATCH IN ISRAEL; RECALLS ITS TEAM ON ARRIVAL

TEL AVIV, June 10. (JTA) -- An Indian wrestling team which was scheduled to compete with an Israeli team, left for home last night on the same plane which brought them earlier in the evening after notifying Israeli officials that Indian authorities had instructed them not to compete in Israel. The match was to have taken place tonight in Ramat Gan.

Israeli sports officials and representatives of the Foreign Ministry were notified of the cancelation only last night when they met the plane carrying the visiting team on their arrival at Lydda Airport from London. The captain of the Indian team accepted flowers from the Israeli hosts but said that his team was under instructions not to compete in Israel. After the plane was refueled, the visitors left for India.

ISIDOR LEVITON, PROMINENT JEWISH PHILANTHROPIST, DIES IN NEW YORK; WAS 79

NEW YORK, June 10. (JTA) -- Isidor Leviton, a prominent Jewish industrialist and philanthropist, died here yesterday of a heart attack at the age of 79. He was a founder of the Albert Einstein College of Medicine of Yeshiva University and of the United Jewish Appeal and he served as vice-president of the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies of New York and as a director of the Brooklyn Jewish Community Council.

Born in Russia, Mr. Leviton came to the United States when he was 20 years old. He was the donor of a five-story pavilion costing several million dollars at the Jewish Hospital of Brooklyn which he served as president for 12 years. A building was named in honor of Mr. Leviton and his wife at the Jewish Chronic Disease Hospital of Brooklyn. He also played an important role in the founding of a chair in Hebrew at New York University and of the Chicago Medical College.