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INTERNATIONAL PARLEY BACKS CULTURAL RIGHTS SOUGHT FOR JEWS IN RUSSIA

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia, June 23. (JTA) -- The two-week international conference on a multi-national society, dealing with problems of human rights and protection of national minorities, concluded here today with recommendations which deal indirectly with the treatment of Jews in the Soviet Union.

The recommendations urged all governments "to promote and protect the rights of ethnic, religious, linguistic or national groups" by encouraging their activities inside the country and permitting them to associate with national and international organizations in other countries. The conference was sponsored by the United Nations with the cooperation of the Yugoslav Government. The participants were named by 19 governments but attended the parley in their personal capacity. They included Cabinet Ministers, Supreme Court judges, other high ranking government officials and university presidents.

The recommendations were transmitted today to U.N. Secretary General U. Thant with a request that the proceedings and conclusions of the conference be submitted to the Commission on Human Rights of the U.N. Social and Economic Council and to the sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities. The countries represented at the conference included the United States, Britain, the Soviet Union, Canada, Israel, and several countries of South America and Africa. Greece and Turkey sent observers. There were also observers from 13 non-governmental organizations.

Asks for Measures to Preserve Cultural and Religious Traditions

There was general agreement that the UN member nations, as well as the different UN institutions, should undertake more intensive research on ethnic, religious, linguistic and national problems affecting human rights. Several participants recommended creation of a United Nations High Commissioner to help ensure the realization of human rights and fundamental freedoms to all without discrimination.

The participants discussed measures to be taken to ensure realization by ethnic, religious, linguistic or national groups of special rights necessary to enable them to preserve their traditions. In that connection, the conference agreed it was not desirable for a nation to impose the use of an alien language on an isolated and culturally less developed group.

The participants also agreed unanimously that the right of association included the right of international association, which meant the right of national associations to associate with international organizations, the right of individuals to associate with both national organizations in other countries and international organizations, and the right of individuals in one country to associate with individuals in other countries.

The conference agreed that various forms of international cooperation, based on both bilateral and multi-lateral agreements, should be encouraged and utilized to supplement measures already being undertaken to promote the maximum exchange at all levels in the fields of trade and culture, as well as contacts between individuals, regardless of differences in political systems of participating nations.

Advocates Establishment of Private Schools to Impart Heritage

On the question of the right of ethnic, religious and linguistic or cultural groups to establish autonomous educational institutions, it was agreed by the participants that a group could establish private schools to impart its heritage to its children, provided that these schools conformed to national standards. The participants agreed that the right of autonomous action to ensure the preservation and continuity of the group's traditions and characteristics formed an integral part of its way of life and provided the surest means of protecting its collective identity.

A contrast was noted between the support by the Soviet delegates for the conclusions of the parley and the consistent denial of most of those rights by Soviet authorities to Russian Jewry for which the Soviet Union has been under repeated criticism throughout the western world. The Soviet representatives originally opposed the recommendations, especially the conclusion that minorities have a right to maintain contact with their co-religionists abroad. After several days, however, during which they probably consulted Moscow, they gave up their opposition.

U.S. TO PROVIDE MILITARY TRAINING FOR ARMIES OF SYRIA AND IRAQ

WASHINGTON, June 23. (JTA) -- American military training for the armies of Syria and Iraq, in addition to both arms and training for other Arab forces, is to be provided for the fiscal year 1966. This and other information pertaining to American policies in the Middle East emerged today when the House Appropriations Committee made public the recent testimony of the Defense and State Departments.

Revelation of a military training program for Syria came as a surprise in view of the generally poor relations of America with Syria. Chairman Otto Passman of the Appropriations Subcommittee on Foreign Operations indicated surprise and displeasure on learning of the U.S. training program for Syria.

The 1966 program for Syria is based entirely on training, according to Gen. R. J. Wood, who testified. He made known that Syria's Soviet-equipped forces will receive maintenance training and instruction of "professional specialists to a higher staff level, which is probably lieutenant colonel or maybe even colonel." The cost of the training is paid by the U.S. Military Assistance Program. The Syrians are to be trained in the United States in professional military specialists schools and orientation trips.

During fiscal 1966 military training for Iraqi military personnel will be provided and instruction of Iraqi Air Force personnel broadened, it was made known. Programs aimed at modernizing the Jordanian army will be continued. Military equipment will be provided to Jordan. Arms, especially military aircraft, will be provided to Saudi Arabia together with training.

STATE DEPARTMENT CRITICIZED IN SENATE FOR RESUMING FOOD AID TO EGYPT

WASHINGTON, June 23. (JTA) -- Sen. Ernest Gruening, Alaska Democrat, today charged in a Senate speech that the Administration's resumption of aid to Egypt revealed that "the State Department is again up to its old game of appeasing Egyptian dictator Gamal Abdel Nasser."

Denouncing the renewal of aid to Egypt, Sen. Gruening said it was ironic to depict Nasser as improving relations when he is doing "more to destroy the peace of the Middle East" than any other man. He said Egypt waged aggression in Yemen and continues to do so with 50,000 troops while constantly threatening that he is preparing for the final war against Israel.

The criticism in the Senate came following an announcement by the State Department last night that President Johnson has determined that it is in the interests of the United States to fulfill remaining commitments of the Food for Peace agreements with Egypt, which terminate June 30. Accordingly, the U.S. Government is proceeding with the issuance of authorizations totaling approximately \$37,000,000 for Egypt. Included is wheat valued at \$22,400,000, vegetable oil valued at \$5,600,000, dry milk \$1,000,000, and tobacco \$8,900,000.

The State Department said: "In connection with this agreement the Egyptian Government has undertaken to enter into discussions with us on any outstanding differences and to resolve these to our mutual satisfaction." State Department spokesman Robert J. McCloskey said today that aid is being resumed to Egypt because "there has been a definite improvement in our relations with the United Arab Republic since aid was suspended six months ago."

COMMUNIST PARTY IN ISRAEL SPLITS; HOLDS TWO SEPARATE CONVENTIONS

JERUSALEM, June 23. (JTA) -- The two wings of the badly split Israeli Communist party proceeded today with separate conventions, one in Haifa and one in Tel Aviv. The basic issue which has split the tiny party is the Arab-Israeli deadlock. A "Nasserist" group, led by Tawfik Toubi and Meir Wilner, opposes the stand of the "loyalist" group led by Emanuel Miznits and Moshe Enen. The "Nasserist" wing is supported mainly by Arab elements.

The "loyalists" hold that Israel must make concessions, including acceptance of Arab refugees and cutting its Western alliances, but they openly criticize Arab threats to destroy Israel and contend that Arab recognition of Israel's existence is a prerequisite to peace. The clash of views at meetings for elections to the annual convention led to a rift so deep that two conventions, scheduled to open today, were decided on.

Fraternal delegates from the Soviet Union, East Germany, France, Italy, Canada and Mongolia have accepted invitations but it was not known which of the two Communist party conventions the fraternal delegations would attend.

HEAD OF ISRAEL MISSION IN GERMANY PAYS FAREWELL VISIT TO CHANCELLOR

BONN, June 23. (JTA) -- West German Chancellor Ludwig Erhard received today for an hour Dr. Felix Shinnar, head of the Israel Mission in Cologne in a farewell meeting. Dr. Shinnar is leaving West Germany this weekend. In Israel, he will be on call for special assignments by the Government.

U. J. A. REPORTS RISE IN FUND-RAISING; \$32,100,000 COLLECTED IN CASH

NEW YORK, June 23. (JTA) -- Jewish community central fund-raising campaigns in 1965 in support of both local and overseas needs are running at 7.4 percent increase over last year's campaigns and already have remitted \$32,100,000 in cash to the United Jewish Appeal for its 1965 aid programs.

That was the current picture reported to 150 key community leaders attending the meeting of the UJA National Campaign Cabinet at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel here today by Edward Ginsberg of Cleveland, Cabinet chairman. Speakers at the all-day sessions included Avraham Harman, Israel's Ambassador to the United States; Rabbi Herbert A. Friedman, executive vice-chairman, and Philip Zinman, a UJA national chairman who heads the National Cash Committee.

Mr. Harman told the leaders that by keeping its doors open to all Jews who wish or need to go there, and diverting such a huge percentage to its national resources to absorb them, Israel was protecting the most vital interests of the Jewish people in this century. He urged the leaders to remember that Israel is the only country which has as its central purpose Jewish immigration.

Rabbi Friedman warned the leaders that the fund-raising results reported to them, while showing an encouraging upswing, would fall far short of meeting the total needs this year for the UJA-sponsored programs in Israel, Europe and other areas of distress. He pointed out that the principal source of contributions to the Jewish Agency for Israel, which is responsible for the transfer, resettlement and economic absorption of Jewish immigrants coming to Israel, was the United Jewish Appeal.

Mr. Zinman, leading the UJA's National Cash drive, said the \$32,100,000 realized by the UJA thus far "was a heartening response from the Jews of America to meet a financial emergency confronting overseas welfare agencies." This financial emergency, he noted, was created partially by the termination beginning this year of the West German Reparations Agreement which had provided more than \$7,000,000 annually, for the past 12 years, for the Joint Distribution's global welfare and reconstruction programs.

A eulogy for Moses A. Leavitt, the executive vice-chairman of the Joint Distribution Committee, and national secretary of the United Jewish Appeal, who died Monday, in Geneva, Switzerland, was given by Mr. Ginsberg. He praised Mr. Leavitt as "a man whose wisdom counselled us in our hours of trial, whose strength helped us to undertake great tasks and responsibilities, and whose leadership enabled us to assume and meet the historic responsibilities of our generation."

NEW COLORADO CODE PERMITS STATE BANKS TO PURCHASE ISRAEL BONDS

DENVER, June 23. (JTA) -- A new Colorado code enacted into law permits state banks to purchase Israel bonds up to five per cent of their capital and surplus. Prior to enactment of the new code, only national banks could buy Israel bonds.

Adolph Kiesler, regional bond governor, and Henry G. Frankel, Colorado state chairman for Israel bonds, announced the new code. Mr. Kiesler expressed the appreciation of the Israel Bond Organization to State Rep. Ben Klein, and to State Banking Commissioner Henry H. Bloom, who had major roles in the preparation and passage of the measure.

(The Union National Bank of Pittsburgh has purchased \$500,000 in Israel bonds this week. A. J. Aberman, a leading member of the Israel Bond Committee, presented the bonds to the bank following completion of the sale.)

MORE ALL-DAY JEWISH SECONDARY SCHOOLS PLANNED BY U. S. RELIGIOUS GROUPS

NEW YORK, June 23. (JTA) -- The Jewish all-day school movement, which has created nearly 300 primary schools in the United States during the past 25 years, will concentrate its efforts in the next 25 years on the creation of additional all-day secondary schools to provide maximum high school facilities for its primary school graduates, a Jewish expert on the movement stated here tonight.

The statement was made by Dr. Isidor Margolis, executive vice-president of the National Council for Torah Education, on the occasion of the 25th anniversary of the council. The event was celebrated at a dinner at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel here attended by more than 1,000 supporters of the Hebrew Day school movement. The National Council for Torah Education is the education arm of the Religious Zionists of America.

The dinner guests also heard an address by Dr. Zorach Warhaftig, Israel's Minister for Religious Affairs, who reported that Jewish religious life in Israel had been strengthened in recent years despite the struggle between Israeli Jews who observe Jewish religious tradition and those of a secular, nationalistic orientation. The dinner was also the occasion for conferring the Chief Rabbi Herzog Gold Medal Torah Scholarship Award on a group of American Jews in recognition of their services to traditional Jewish education.

ANTI-SEMITIC GROUP IN ARGENTINA GIVES YOUTHS PARAMILITARY TRAINING

Buenos Aires, June 23. (JTA) -- A leader of the ultra-nationalistic Tacuara movement, which was banned by the Government but continues to operate, told a press conference here today that the movement was "mortally anti-Zionist" and would fight Zionism with guns if necessary.

The statement was made by Patricio Erreculdt Pueyrredon, national secretary, in the absence of Jose Bazter, its leader, who is now visiting Communist China. The secretary said that the movement has some 200 followers in and around Buenos Aires and that it was training youths in paramilitary tactics in Santa Fe, Entre Rios, Tucuman and Salta.

He said the movement was strongly "anti-Yankee" but that "we are not Jew-hunters, nor are we yearning for the Third Reich" of Germany. He said the movement was not concerned with Jews, "except when they are Zionists." He emphasized the movement's "solidarity" with the Arab world and said it favored the return to power in Argentina of deposed dictator Juan Peron.

LEADER OF CANADIAN NAZIS FINED; CONVERTED HIS HOME TO PARTY QUARTERS

Toronto, June 23. (JTA) -- John Beattie, the self-styled leader of the Canadian Nazi party whose appearance at a rally touched off a riot here several weeks ago, was today fined \$25 for violating a zoning law in allowing his house to serve as Nazi party headquarters.

In imposing the minimum fine, Magistrate Robert Dnieper rejected a prosecution request for the imposition of the maximum fine of \$300 because, he said, Beattie was to be treated as any other first offender. The Nazi was defended by John Weisdorf, a Jewish attorney who said that 50 of his relatives had been murdered by the Nazis. Mr. Weisdorf served as a volunteer counsel on behalf of the Legal Aid Society. Beattie said that he would appeal the fine.

N. Y. STATE ASSEMBLY PASSES BILL PROTECTING SABBATARIAN STATE EMPLOYEES

Albany, N. Y., June 23. (JTA) -- The New York State Assembly unanimously passed a bill which will help remove any discrimination that Sabbath observing Jews may suffer in seeking employment with State or City agencies.

The bill, which was introduced by State Senator Paul Bookson, makes it illegal for any local state or city agency to refuse employment or promotion or to discharge any person on the grounds of his inability to work on certain days due to his religious observance, if he is willing to make up the lost time. The bill had previously unanimously passed the State Senate and is now in the hands of Governor Rockefeller for signature.

JEWISH THEATER FOR CHILDREN OFFERS PRIZE FOR PLAY IN ENGLISH

New York, June 23. (JTA) -- The Jewish Theater for Children announced today that it is offering a prize of \$1,000 for the best full length play for children in English on a Jewish theme. This is the tenth time in as many years that the Theater has offered a similar prize in its annual Golden Pen Playwriting Contest.

Funds for the prize are made available by Norma U. Levitt, a member of the Theater's board of directors. Prize-winning manuscripts are also given a professional production. Manuscripts for the 1965 competition must be submitted no later than May 15, 1966. Rules of the contest may be obtained by writing to the Jewish Theater for Children.

AGUDAH DECIDES TO ESTABLISH SO. AMERICAN HEADQUARTERS IN ARGENTINA

Sao Paulo, Brazil, June 23. (JTA) -- The Agudath Israel World Organization has decided to establish a South American headquarters in Buenos Aires with branches in other Latin American countries. The decision was taken at the first Latin American Agudath Congress held here today under the chairmanship of Benjamin Citron, member of the Agudath World executive.

Groundbreaking ceremonies were held here today for a synagogue building to be erected by the six-year-old Mekor Haim community of Egyptian Jews, the largest such community in South America.

DAVID O. SELZNICK, LEADING MOTION PICTURE PRODUCER, DEAD; WAS 63

Hollywood, Cal., June 23. (JTA) -- David O. Selznick, one of the leading producers in the motion picture industry, died here yesterday at the age of 63. Born the son of a Jewish immigrant from Russia, Mr. Selznick produced some of Hollywood's major films including "Gone With the Wind," the industry's biggest money-maker.

MRS. KATE KNOPFMACHER, EX-OFFICIAL OF WORLD JEWISH CONGRESS, DEAD

New York, June 23. (JTA) -- Mrs. Kate Knopfmacher, the first member of the World Jewish Congress staff in its founding period and later administrative secretary of the organization's New York office, died yesterday in Mount Sinai hospital after a lengthy illness. She was 75. She was born in Berlin and for some time was responsible for the Mexican activities of the World Jewish Congress.