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N. C. R. A. C. URGES JEWISH VIGILANCE ON FEDERAL AID TO EDUCATION PROGRAM

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., June 27. (JTA) -- The National Community Relations Advisory Council--coordinating body of eight national Jewish organizations and 76 local community relation agencies--completed its annual plenary session here today with a warning to the American Jewish Community that it must exercise unremitting vigilance to insure that the principle of separation of church and state is not breached in the implementing of the federal aid to education program and the war on poverty.

At the same time it adopted a resolution appealing to all federal, state and local officials involved in expenditure of federal funds for elementary and secondary school education under the new federal aid program to take adequate measures to "assure that state constitutional prohibitions against aid to religious institutions are not violated." It also urged them to "exercise scrupulous care against involvement of religious groups in curriculum planning or administration of public school programs."

The resolution--on a subject which has created a great deal of friction between Orthodox and other Jewish groups which welcome federal aid to religious schools, and Jewish agencies which had feared the breaching of the separation of church-state principle--was acted on here with a remarkable degree of unanimity. It expressed recognition of the need for federal aid to education but stressed the need for alertness to "any steps which would impair the principle of separation of church and state, promote religious divisiveness and strengthen sectarian education at the expense of improving education equally available to all children."

At the same time the conference reminded American Jewry that its entire community relations program for the coming year must be envisioned within the framework of the struggle for racial equality. Deliberations at the conference reflected the shift in emphasis from the struggle for civil rights to the broader arena of equality of opportunity.

President Johnson, in a message to the conference, said "America is today meeting a challenge much broader than that of the civil rights of man. Citizens are striving to eliminate the curse of poverty to improve educational possibilities for youth and to reduce unemployment. We are meeting the challenge of human rights and we are working progressively to create a good life." He praised the NCRAC for its role in this activity and appealed "to all of you to sustain and deepen your commitment as we work together in this great task."

In a recommendation dealing with the problem of prayer and Bible reading in the public schools the guide lines urged a survey to establish the extent to which the Supreme Court ruling outlawing prayer in the public schools was being observed and to establish the nature of non-compliance and evasion in order to eliminate unconstitutional practices.

Asks for U. S. Government Intervention for Soviet Jews

After protracted discussion of the condition of Soviet Jewry the conference adopted a resolution calling on "men of good faith in all lands to join with us in a concerted demand upon the Soviet Government to put an end to its religious and cultural persecution of Soviet Jewry." The resolution urged the United States Government to "pursue this matter vigorously through various diplomatic channels and within the United Nations."

The resolution also expressed confidence that men of good will everywhere will join with us in calling on the Soviet authorities to end the restrictions and deprivations that deny to Soviet Jewry the rights that are granted to other nationalities and other major religious bodies in the USSR."

The resolution cited recent developments in the Soviet Union which it said suggested an amelioration of the situation of Soviet Jewry. It concluded, however, that "these changes have not affected any fundamental changes in the tragic situation of Soviet Jewry nor do they in and of themselves justify the hope that the new Soviet leadership are removing the barriers of discrimination that apply to Jews."

The conference also adopted a resolution calling on Congress to "complete the unfinished business it began in 1949" and ratify the United Nations Genocide Convention. It urged President Johnson and the U. S. State Department "to express more affirmative leadership" in pressing the Senate Foreign Relations Committee to schedule early hearings on

the Human Rights treaties on forced labor, slavery and the political rights of women and to report the Genocide convention out of committee without delay.

The conference also urged the 89th Congress to "play the historic role of eliminating the shameful national origins quota system" by passage of the administration sponsored Hart-Celler immigration bill.

Urges U. S. Government to Extend Direct Arms Aid to Israel

In a resolution on the Middle East adopted with little discussion and virtual unanimity the conference declared that Egyptian President Nasser's campaign for hegemony in the Arab world and his hostility to Israel as well as Arab water diversion activities threatened the peace of the world.

After describing these Arab activities, the resolution affirmed that "under these circumstances it is clear that Israel must be provided the necessary military strength to effectively deter aggression by the Arab states." It therefore called on the United States Government to extend direct arms aid to Israel instead of through other countries "to assure Israel of the capacity to maintain a convincing and effective deterrent to Arab aggression and thus to reinforce America's commitment to Israel's security."

The resolution condemned "the criminal waste of the area's most precious resource--water--to which the Arab states have committed themselves and it called on the American Government to "condemn destructive acts of water diversion and to make it clear to the Arab countries that such acts constitute aggression which they cannot pursue with impunity."

The resolution also endorsed amendment of the Export Control Act of 1949 to strengthen resistance to the Arab boycott and urged the Administration to issue regulations to curb and eliminate boycott procedures. It concluded by proposing that "bringing the Arab states to the peace table with Israel be the unequivocal policy goal of our Government."

Opposes Free Transportation for Pupils of Religious Schools

The conference concluded with a recommendation to the Jewish community to continue efforts to find means for court tests of the constitutionality of the controversial church-state provisions of the law. It advised the Jewish agencies to seek inclusion of representatives sensitive to these viewpoints and broadly representative of the Jewish community in such advisory committees as may be set up to implement the school aid program. It also recommended opposition to legislation to provide free bus transportation for pupils attending non-public schools. Aaron Goldman of Washington was re-elected NCRAC chairman.

Bayard Rustin, the Negro civil rights leader, addressing the conference, appealed to the Jewish community to take the lead in creating a wide coalition of all liberal forces to wage the war for economic equality. He deplored the fact that many Negroes were unaware of the role of the Jews in the Negro struggle and proposed that the story of the late Julius Rosenwald and his contributions to Negro education be written for young Negroes.

EBAN DISAGREES WITH GOLDMANN'S VIEWS ON REACHING ARAB-ISRAEL PEACE

TEL AVIV, June 27. (JTA) -- Deputy Premier Abba Eban expressed disagreement with Dr. Nahum Goldmann's contention that peace in the Middle East might be achieved more easily through mediation of Jewish communities throughout the world.

Addressing a Foreign Press Club luncheon, the Deputy Premier said that peace would come not via New York or Buenos Aires but via Jerusalem and the Arab leaders. Dr. Goldmann suggested at a press conference in New York on June 10 that Jewish communities could help to create an atmosphere to pave the way for eventual Israel-Arab peace talks.

Mr. Eban also rejected another Goldmann thesis, expressed here several months ago, that the road to peace led through Moscow and that Israel should cultivate better relations with the Soviet Union. The Deputy Premier said that though the Soviet Union like every other major power, could greatly influence peace developments, peace itself would be reached by direct Arab-Israeli talks.

Summing up the two years of office of Premier Levi Eshkol's Government, the Deputy Premier said that Israel had continued during that time to consolidate friendly relations on all fronts of the international arena.

GOLDMANN JUSTIFIES HIS VIEWS ON HANDLING THE PROBLEM OF SOVIET JEWRY

TEL AVIV, June 27. (JTA) -- Dr. Nahum Goldmann, president of the World Zionist Organization and of the World Jewish Congress, told press representatives here that he considers his way of dealing with the problem of Soviet Jewry as the right one and is not afraid of criticism.

The world Zionist leader emphasized that whatever he said was in his own name. He stressed that he would have preferred that the problem of Russian Jewry be dealt with by Jewish organizations in countries outside of Israel. "In Russia, they listen more to the voices coming from New York and Chicago," he stated.

DAYAN SEES NO REASON FOR SPLITTING MAPAI; BEN-GURION INSISTS ON SPLIT

TEL AVIV, June 27. (JTA) -- As the continuing struggle for Mapai leadership between Prime Minister Levi Eshkol and former Premier David Ben-Gurion appeared to be coming to a head within the ranks of the Mapai party, Mr. Ben-Gurion announced that if the party minority decides not to form a separate list in the forthcoming Knesset elections he would withdraw from all party activity and devote his time to writing books and explaining why the nation should no longer trust Premier Eshkol.

The former Premier issued the warning after former Agriculture Minister Moshe Dayan, a Ben-Gurion supporter, expressed doubts whether the issues separating the two factions--reform of the electoral system and renewal of the Lavon affair--justified splitting up the party. The minority faction convened here today to arrive at a final decision on whether to form a separate list.

Mr. Ben-Gurion, meanwhile, sent a letter to the Mapai secretary today demanding that Premier Eshkol be brought to "trial" before a party tribunal for his statement two weeks ago charging that "during Ben-Gurion's regime, several things were not in order."

ISRAEL RELEASES TWO GROUPS OF ARABS CAPTURED IN ISRAELI WATERS

TEL AVIV, June 27. (JTA) -- Two groups of Arabs from Egypt's Gaza Strip, captured in Israeli waters, who said they were seeking refuge in Lebanon, were en route today to that Arab country after being released.

Six were Arab youths who said they left the Gaza Strip by boat two weeks ago. They were detained while trying to enter Jaffa harbor. They told Israeli police that life in the Gaza Strip was hard and that they were afraid they would be forced to join the new El Fatah commando group recently organized by Syria for infiltration attacks on Israeli settlements. A police boat towed them out of Israeli territorial waters so they could continue their journey to Lebanon.

The other group was made up of ten fishermen who were arrested when their boat went aground on a reef near a kibbutz. They were allowed to continue to Lebanon after claiming they also were refugees from the Gaza Strip.

1,568 STUDENTS OF HEBREW UNIVERSITY GET DEGREES; LARGEST GROUP

JERUSALEM, June 27. (JTA) -- In its largest commencement ceremony ever, the Hebrew University today conferred 1,568 degrees to students completing both graduate undergraduate courses of study.

Among those graduating 549 received Masters and Doctorate degrees including 76 Doctor of Medicine degrees, 70 Ph.D's, 87 Master of Science degrees and 85 Master of Jurisprudence degrees. The remaining 318 graduate degrees were granted in the humanities. The total number of degrees granted this year was 21 percent over 1964. The graduating class included five Arabs and students from Burma, India, Ethiopia as well as several other countries.

In his address, Hebrew University president Eliahu Elath warned that unless there was a "radical" change in the government's attitude towards the needs of Israel's institutions of higher learning they will be unable to fulfill their tasks. While voicing appreciation for the government's financial aid, Mr. Elath stressed the university's growing needs which, he said, must be met particularly in the field of science.

The outgoing University Rector Dr. Yoel Racha reported that in past years the university has been forced to turn away applicants to its science facilities and may soon have to restrict enrollment in its humanities faculties because of lack of funds.

CONGRESS OF WORLD ORT UNION OPENS IN ROME; MARKS 85TH ANNIVERSARY

ROME, June 27. (JTA) -- The international congress of the World Ort Union opened here today marking the organization's 85th anniversary. Dr. William Haber, president of the World Ort Union, presided over the opening session which was addressed by Zalman Aranne, Israel's minister of education; Rome Chief Rabbi Elio Toaff; and Daniel Mayer, chairman of the Ort executive.

Among the guests attending the session with the delegates from 30 countries were the Ambassadors of Israel, France, Sweden and other countries, and representatives of the Italian Government. Eulogies were delivered at the conference for Moses Leavitt, late executive vice-chairman of the Joint Distribution Committee, by Dr. Haber and by Charles Jordan, overseas director general of the JDC.

BLAUSTEIN REAPPOINTED MEMBER OF ADVISORY BODY TO GOVERNMENT ON OIL

WASHINGTON, June 27. (JTA) -- Jacob Blaustein, noted Jewish leader and industrialist, has been reappointed by Secretary of the Interior Stewart L. Udall as a member of the National Petroleum Council which serves as advisor to the Federal Government on petroleum matters of national significance. Mr. Blaustein was a co-founder, with his father the late Louis Blaustein, of the American Oil Company and is a director of the Standard Oil Company (Indiana).

280 U. S. AND CANADIAN STUDENTS FLY TO ISRAEL TO WORK IN KIBBUTZIM

NEW YORK, June 27. (JTA) -- Two groups comprising 280 American and Canadian college students left by plane to Israel today and last night to spend a summer working in Kibbutzim and studying life in the country for eight weeks. They represent 50 colleges located in 25 states and three Canadian provinces.

On July 8, another younger group of American students 140 high school boys and girls, will emplane for a camping season at Kfar Hayarok, the Histadrut agricultural school north of Tel Aviv. All three groups are sponsored by Histadrut Student Tours, a project of the American Histadrut Cultural Exchange Institute.

SINATRA DEDICATES CULTURAL YOUTH CENTER IN ISRAEL BEARING HIS NAME

NAZARETH, June 27. (JTA) -- Frank Sinatra, American film star, officially dedicated the Brotherhood and Cultural Youth Center bearing his name here today. He was accompanied by Yul Brynner and other stars of the film "Cast A Giant Shadow" which is about the life of the American-Jewish Army Colonel David (Mickey) Marcus who was killed while fighting for Israel in the 1948 War of Liberation.

In the film which is now being shot in Israel, Sinatra plays an American pilot. He announced that his fee for the appearance--estimated at \$100,000--will be contributed to the Brotherhood Center. He added that he had first felt strongly pro-Israel because of his sympathy for the underdog. "Later, I admired the tremendous fight you put up and the vision you showed in winning and building your homeland," he said. Chairman of the Upper Nazareth Council Mordechai Alon praised Sinatra's work for humanity.

JEWISH COMMUNITIES ALL OVER THE WORLD MOURN DEATH OF MOSES LEAVITT

NEW YORK, June 27. (JTA) -- Jewish communities from all over the free world expressed their grief over the death of Moses A. Leavitt, executive vice-chairman of the Joint Distribution Committee, in messages of condolence to the organization here and to its European headquarters in Geneva. Mr. Leavitt died last Monday in Geneva, Switzerland, while attending a session of the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany. His body was interred last Friday in Beth Moser Cemetery, Farmingdale, Long Island, following funeral services which were held at the Free Synagogue here.

More than 500 welfare, religious and civic leaders, both Jewish and non-Jewish, attended the funeral services. Rabbi Jacob Rudin, Rabbi Emeritus of Temple Beth El, Great Neck, Long Island, where Mr. Leavitt resided, and Rabbi Edward Klein, of the Free Synagogue, conducted services. Among those present were Edward M. M. Warburg, JDC chairman, and Mrs. Warburg; Israel Ambassador and Mrs. Avraham Harman; Michael Arnon, Israel Consul General in New York; Bishop Edward Swannstrom and James Norris of the National Catholic Welfare Conference; James McCracken of Church World Service; George Warren, Advisor on Refugee Programs of the U. S. State Department; and Louis Brodov, New York Commissioner of Commerce.

Dr. Dwey D. Stone, chairman of the Jewish Agency for Israel, Inc., and United Israel Appeal, recalled in a statement, Mr. Leavitt as a man whose whole life was devoted to the assistance of fellow Jews throughout the world. "During his long and distinguished career which spanned one of the most turbulent periods in recent Jewish history," Dr. Stone said, "there had been few crises in which his wise counsel and deep human concern have not helped to rally American Jewry to supreme efforts. His courage and fighting spirit in the service of great humanitarian causes, his personal modesty, loyalty and dedication will long be a shining example to all those privileged to have known him."

JOSEPH BARR, EX-COMMANDER OF JEWISH WAR VETERANS, DEAD; FUNERAL TODAY

WASHINGTON, June 27. (JTA) -- Funeral services will be held here tomorrow for Joseph F. Barr, past national commander of the Jewish War Veterans of America, who died Friday at the age of 65. An attorney, he was Associate General Counsel of the Veterans Administration and, until last February 1, executive director of the JWV.

He received his law degree at Boston University and served in World War I. He was elected national JWV commander in 1954 and served through 1955. He was named executive director in 1959. He served on the boards of the National Conference of Christians and Jews and the National Community Relations Advisory Council. He was a founder of the Jewish Community Council of Greater Washington and served as chairman of the Washington unit of the Jewish Welfare Board.

HARRY GREENBERG, U. S. JEWISH LABOR LEADER, DIES IN ROME SUDDENLY

ROME, June 27. (JTA) -- Harry Greenberg, a vice-president of the International Ladies' garment Workers Union for more than 30 years, died here last night of a heart attack, was 75.

Mr. Greenberg was in Rome attending the international congress of the World CRT Union, an organization he had been associated with for more than three decades. In addition to being chairman of the administrative committee of CRT, he was also vice-chairman of the Histadrut-National Committee for Labor Israel in New York.