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EASTLAND, McCLELLAN LEAD OPPOSITION TO IMMIGRATION REFORM MEASURE

WASHINGTON, Sept. 21; (JTA) -- Chairman James O. Eastland, of the Senate Judiciary Committee, today took a leading role on the Senate floor in opposition to the immigration reform bill which would eliminate the national origins quota system. He charged that the move to do away with such a system catered to pressures of "organized minority blocs in the great urban areas of this country."

The Mississippi Democrat denounced the bill as "politically-motivated." He said it was an effort to "curry the favor of minority blocs of voters" through destruction of the national origins quota system. He stated that he felt America should retain selectivity and restrictions on the character and origin of immigrants.

Sen. John L. McClellan, Arkansas Democrat, told the Senate that the United States has "absolutely no business liberalizing its immigration laws."

Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, Massachusetts Democrat, led the forces favoring the bill. He opened debate by stressing that "favoritism based on nationality will disappear" if the bill is adopted. He termed present immigration policy "as much a failure, as a device, as it is an embarrassment as a doctrine." He said passage of the reform bill would keep faith with the hopes of such men as the late President John F. Kennedy and Sen. Herbert H. Lehman.

Senators Robert F. Kennedy, Democrat, and Jacob K. Javits, Republican, both of New York, called for an end to the discriminatory national origins quota system.

The national origins quota system, in effect since 1924, has been opposed by Jews in this country as well as by many other ethnic minorities, for many years. Under that system, immigration was favored from Anglo-Saxon and Nordic countries in Europe, as well as from countries like Italy and Greece were held to very small minimums.

The House of Representatives has already passed the bill, including elimination of the quota system and permitting total annual immigration to the United States of 355,000 persons. A vote on the Senate version of the bill is expected tomorrow.

NASSER REPORTS MOSCOW VOW AGAINST ZIONISM; SHUKAIRY SAYS HE QUIT

WASHINGTON, Sept. 21; (JTA) -- President Nasser of Egypt today praised what he called the Soviet Union's fight against colonialism and Zionism, according to a Moscow dispatch received here today.

The Egyptian leader made this remark in a message to Soviet Premier Alexei Kosygin, thanking Kosygin for good wishes which the Russians cabled last week's Arab summit conference at Casablanca. Nasser's statement, as reported by Tass, said "The success of the conference will of course strengthen the unity of the Arab nations and the peoples of Africa and Asia who, together with the Soviet people, are fighting against colonialism and Zionism."

Another dispatch, from Beirut, reported today that Ahmed Shukairy, head of the Palestine (Arab) Liberation Organization, has tendered his resignation because Arab states are unwilling to go far enough in aiding his group to wage hostilities against Israel.

The Beirut report said that Shukairy, most militant Arab agitator, resigned because of a dispute with the Jordanian Government on the military training of Palestinian Arab refugees. The PLO office made the announcement, claiming that the resignation originally was tendered at last week's Arab League summit conference at Casablanca, but that Arab rulers had rejected it.

Shukairy is still insistent on resigning from his post and has called for an emergency meeting of the executive committee in Cairo on September 30 to examine the matter.

The "Liberation" group was formed in May 1964, to organize and train Palestine refugees for the "liberation of the homeland."

ESHKOL GROUP TO AIM MAIN FIRE OF CAMPAIGN AGAINST HERUT-LIBERAL LIST

TEL AVIV, Sept. 21: (JTA) -- Prime Minister Levi Eshkol and other leaders of the Mapai-Achdut Avoda alignment decided last night to concentrate the major portion of their campaign for the November 2 elections to the Knesset, Israel's Parliament, against the Herut-Liberal (Gahal) joint list which emerged from Sunday's Histadrut elections as the second largest political force among the seven groups that competed in the labor federation balloting.

The decision was made at a meeting of the Premier and other leaders after tabulations covering 90 percent of the Histadrut vote showed that the alignment had polled slightly more than 50 percent of the votes. Today's tabulations gave Gahal between 17 and 18 percent; Mapam 14 percent; Ben-Gurion's Israel Workers List (Rafi), 12 to 13 percent; the Independent Liberals (who refused to join the Herut-Liberal list), 4.7 percent; the Mikounis-Sneh faction of the Communists (supported mainly by Jews), 1.5 percent; and the Wilner-Toubi Arab-supported Communist faction, .5 percent. The results of the remaining 10 percent of the ballots cast, comprising votes by military personnel and Israelis overseas, will not be known for another three days.

In directing most of their efforts against the Gahal, the Mapai-Achdut Avoda alignment will try to convince Israelis that an "increase in power of the right-wing movement endangers the labor movement and the country's image," party leaders said after the meeting. They also decided to aim at local coalitions with Mapam in most of the workers councils throughout the country and, in cases where that is impossible, to seek coalitions with the Independent Liberals. They said that, in any case, they would seek to avoid coalitions with Gahal, Rafi or the Communists.

Gahal circles said today that Mr. Eshkol's statement reflected the "confusion" that beset the alignment, in view of the "unprecedented success" of Gahal among the Histadrut members and the "clear landslide against the alignment."

EISENHOWER REVEALS HIS 1957 AIMS TO PENALIZE ISRAEL ON SINAI ISSUE

WASHINGTON, Sept. 21: (JTA) -- Former President Eisenhower has revealed in his new book, "The White House Years: Waging Peace 1956-1961," that, in order to pressure Israel into withdrawal from the Sinai in 1957, he preferred "a resolution which would call on all United Nations members to suspend not just governmental but private assistance to Israel."

Mr. Eisenhower said "such a move would be no hollow gesture. As we discussed it, George Humphrey, then Secretary of the Treasury, put in a call to W. Randolph Burgess, Under Secretary of the Treasury for monetary affairs, who gave a rough estimate that American private gifts to Israel were about \$40,000,000 a year and sales of Israel bonds in our country between \$50,000,000 and \$60,000,000 a year. His information was in part based on Treasury figures on income tax deductions."

Mr. Eisenhower revealed that Secretary of State John Foster Dulles "strongly expressed the view that we had gone as far as possible to try to make it easy for the Israelis to withdraw. To go further, he said, would surely jeopardize the entire Western influence in the Middle East, and the nations of that region would conclude that United States policy toward the area was, in the last analysis, controlled by Jewish influence in the United States. In such event, the only hope of the Arab countries would be found in a firm association with the Soviet Union."

A charge was made by the former President that Congressional leaders who met with him on the Israeli withdrawal issue were motivated by "politics." He recalled that both Lyndon B. Johnson, then Senate Majority Leader, and William F. Knowland, then Minority leader, argued that, in "cracking down" on Israel we are using a double standard -- following one policy for the strong and one for the weak. They contrasted the Administration's pressure on Israel with its failure to act strongly on Hungary.

(When President Eisenhower communicated his plan for sanctions against Israel to Senate leaders, the then Sen. Johnson called on Mr. Eisenhower and bluntly informed him that the Senate would not approve economic sanctions against Israel. The outspoken Texan told the Eisenhower Administration that threats to impose sanctions on Israel were unwise and unfair, and that he was against "pressure on one side in a two-sided dispute." Deploring the attempted "coercion" of Israel as a "method of settlement," Mr. Johnson told the Eisenhower Administration it had lost sight of the basic facts in the Israel-Arab dispute.)

A White House staff member termed the meeting with the Congressional leaders "a can of worms." Mr. Eisenhower said: He "reflected on the pettiness" of those reluctant to sanction Israel. He found it "somewhat disheartening that partisan considerations could enter." The "question of principle," in Mr. Eisenhower's thinking was: "Should a nation which attacks and occupies foreign territory in the face of United Nations disapproval be allowed to impose conditions on its own withdrawal?"

PITTSBURGH GROUP JOINS WASHINGTON PROTEST ON SOVIET JEWISH ISSUE

WASHINGTON, Sept. 21: (JTA) -- The Eternal Light Vigil conducted here Sunday by the American Jewish Conference on Soviet Jewry, to protest continuing oppression of Soviet Jews, continued its impact on Washington today.

An editorial in the Washington Star today commended highly the demeanor and appearance of the 7,500 to 10,000 demonstrators from all over the country who participated in Sunday's event.

The Star said: "It is a cause that all Americans can sympathize with, even though not much can be done beyond what has been done." According to the Star, "There is no reason to hope for much from such a discussion" at the United Nations, as proposed by Vigil speaker James Roosevelt, U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations Economic and Social Council.

Former Gov. David Lawrence, of Pennsylvania, today joined a delegation of about 40 persons representing the Jewish Community Council of Pittsburgh, on a visit here to recite prayers at the Eternal Light Vigil for Soviet Jewry. The group later met with members of Congress representing Pennsylvania. The delegation also visited the grave of President John F. Kennedy.

American Orthodox Leader Replies to Letter From Three Soviet Rabbis

NEW YORK, Sept. 21: (JTA) -- Rabbi Israel Miller, president of the Rabbinical Council of America (Orthodox), replied today to an "open letter" addressed to him last week-end, on the eve of the Eternal Light Vigil in Washington, calling that action "senseless." The letter, released by the Soviet Embassy in Washington, bore the signatures of Moscow's Chief Rabbi Yehudah Leib Levin; another Moscow Jewish leader, Rabbi Natan Olevsky; and Rabbi Avraam Haim Lubanov, of Leningrad. In his reply, Rabbi Miller told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency:

"I was surprised at the reaction of the respected Russian rabbis in their open letter to me released by the Soviet Embassy. From the tenor of their letter, I assume that they did not ask for an opportunity to read my complete recent statement which I made upon my return from Moscow, and which I will be pleased to send to them.

"The fact that all is not well for the Jewish community in the Soviet Union was affirmed by the Communist Party newspaper, Pravda, which, about two weeks ago, published a widely distributed editorial condemning anti-Semitism. Pravda does not editorialize against a non-existent condition.

"I was pleased to hear from the rabbis that preparations for the publication of the prayerbook are completed, that they are getting ready for 'new' enrollment in the yeshiva, and that matzon will be baked in all religious communities. I repeat the words of my statement that 'these concessions represent only the beginning of a change which will result in the normalization of life for the entire Jewish community of Russia.' I pray that this will be so.

"When I was in Russia I understood that Moscow's Central Synagogue was the only one which had been granted the right to immediately seek a facility for baking of matzon for the next Passover. I am delighted to learn from the rabbis that matzons will be baked for all religious communities throughout the country. We in the United States hope for a betterment between the Soviet Union and the United States, and pray that peace and well-being will be our lot in the years ahead."

STAR OF DAVID, YIDDISH ERASED FROM SOVIET MONUMENT TO VILNA MARTYRS

LONDON, Sept. 21: (JTA) -- A Yiddish inscription on a monument to Jewish martyrs buried in a mass grave at Paner, near Vilna, Lithuania, in the USSR, has disappeared, it was reported here today from the Lithuanian capital. The report said that the monument now bears only the legend in Lithuanian and Russian: "To the Victims of Fascist Terror." Also gone from the monument, according to the report, is a Star of David which has been replaced at the top of the monument with the Red Star.

Moscow Audience Hails Shostakovich '13th'; Includes 'Babi Yar' Poem

WASHINGTON, Sept. 21: (JTA) -- Dmitri Shostakovich's Thirteenth Symphony, setting to music the poem "Babi Yar," Yevgeny Yevtushenko's protest against anti-Semitism, was played in the Moscow Conservatory's great hall last night to a tumultuous ovation, after being banned for three years, the Washington Post reported today.

Post correspondent Stephen S. Rosenfeld, in an account of the rendition dedicated to the Jewish victims buried in a mass grave at Babi Yar, in Kiev, said "A great ovation -- half elation, half electricity -- greeted the first public performance" of the symphony since Nikita Khrushchev forbade its playing nearly three years ago. When the work was first rendered in 1962, Khrushchev, in banning it, condemned both the symphony and Yevtushenko's "overconcern" for Jews.

INTENSIFICATION OF WORK WITH YOUNG JEWISH ADULTS PLANNED BY CJFWF

NEW YORK, Sept. 21: (JTA) -- An intensified program to involve Jewish young adults in communal activities and strengthen their Jewish commitment was reported to the board of directors of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds here today by Philip Bernstein, executive director. An outgrowth of a two-day seminar last June on Jewish young adults, sponsored by the Council, the National Jewish Welfare Board and B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundations, the program calls for pilot projects to be set up at various colleges to arrange for greater involvement of students in communal work.

Other steps envisioned by the program include the establishment of a Jewish social service or "Mitzvah Corps" to build on the idealism of Jewish young adults; efforts to set up more college courses on Judaism for credit; and more systematic use of student Jewish Welfare Fund campaigns on campuses in cooperation with Hillel Foundations and UJA, to deepen student knowledge about community-financed programs.

Changing needs in immigration and absorption services in Israel were reviewed in a report by Louis D. Horwitz, CJFWF director of overseas services, on the Council's budget consultations held with the Jewish Agency for Israel, Inc. and the United Jewish Appeal. The report noted the progress of the UJA's Israel Education Fund as well as developments in cooperation of the UJA with community welfare funds to help upgrade fund-raising efforts.

ORT MAPS WAR ON POCKETS OF JEWISH POVERTY OVERSEAS AS PRIME GOAL

NEW YORK, Sept. 21: (JTA) -- Expansion of the war on pockets of Jewish poverty overseas was declared to be the prime objective of the ORT vocational training programs, which get under way this month, by Dr. William Haber, president of the American ORT Federation, who reported today on the more than 600 training units in 21 countries. The ORT facilities will provide increased educational opportunity to deprived youth, upgrading in skills to adults and aid to refugees in their economic resettlement, Dr. Haber stated.

Noting the enlarged facilities and expanded programs of ORT, Dr. Haber estimated that more than 40,000 persons will enroll in ORT in the new school year, the 86th since the organization's establishment.

The greatest expansion, he reported, is taking place in Israel, where the first phase is under way of a five-year program which aims at doubling last year's 7,000 student capacity of the ORT vocational high schools. Two new schools have been opened, at Ramat Gan and Kiryat Bialik, and 30 new classes have been started in 12 schools, opening the way for the enrollment of 1,000 additional students. In Tel Aviv, the Joseph S. Shapiro Apprenticeship Center, named for the late chairman of Israel ORT, was opened on September, 1 and it will eventually serve 2,500 working youth. A John F. Kennedy Center is under construction in Jerusalem.

More than 7,500 trainees will receive trade instruction in the apprentice phase of ORT activities in Israel during the current school year. The new facilities will be directed specifically toward the needs of immigrant youth of African and Asian origin as part of the effort to overcome the backwardness and lack of productive skills among this segment of the Israel population.

PROBES OF KOSHER FOOD BUSINESS NAME CONVICTED RACKETEER AS CHIEF

NEW YORK, Sept. 21: (JTA) -- United States Attorney Robert Morgenthau's office and the office of Nassau County District Attorney Cahn are both investigating the activities in the kosher meat industry of Johnny Dio, a convicted labor racketeer now associated with New York Kosher Provisions, Inc., which markets products under a brand name of "Tel Aviv."

According to sources close to the Federal inquiry, sales of "Tel Aviv" products have been growing rapidly since salesmen for the company were reported to stress to store-owners the fact that Johnny Dio was behind the company. The office of District Attorney Cahn has been investigating for 10 months "an attempt by organized crime led by John 'Johnny Dio' Dioguardi and others to take over the kosher meat business."

DR. REUBEN RABINOVITCH, PHYSICIAN, WAR HERO, DEAD AT AGE OF 56

MONTREAL, Sept. 21: (JTA) -- Dr. Reuben Rabinovitch, a prominent Jewish physician and war hero, died here yesterday of a heart attack at the age of 56. Born in Montreal, Dr. Rabinovitch was educated in Montreal, New York and Paris. Caught in Paris at the outbreak of the Second World War, he worked with the French underground aiding injured Allied airmen. He was imprisoned by the Germans, and spent 15 months in a prison camp. In 1947, he was awarded the United States Medal of Freedom in recognition of his bravery and help to Allied airmen.

He was senior neurologist at the Jewish General Hospital here, and assistant professor of neurology at McGill University.