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U.N. BODY ADOPTS RESOLUTION ON ARAB REFUGEES NEGATED BY U.S.

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., Nov. 17: (JTA) -- The General Assembly's Special Political Committee adopted today a resolution on the Arab refugee problem originally sponsored by the United States, then rejected by the American delegation because its draft had been amended by pro-Arab states.

The U.S. resolution, in its original form, called upon the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees to rectify its relief rolls, and extended UNRWA's mandate for three years beyond its expiration date of June 30, 1966. But, prior to the vote on the U.S. resolution itself, the Arab bloc, aided by other Moslem states and by the Soviet group of members, managed to put through an amendment which, among other instructions, would enlarge the UNRWA relief rolls by extending aid to many refugees not now eligible for U.N. aid.

The amendment, sponsored by Pakistan and Somalia, won by a vote of 43-39, with 24 abstensions. The United States, Britain, France and Israel were among the members who had cast negative votes: Then the U.S. draft as a whole, including the amendment, was put to a vote. This time, the United States voted against its own amended resolution, poined again by Israel, Britain, Canada and others. Despite the extraordinary step by the United States in rejecting its own resolution, the measure was carried by a vote of 47-31, with 17 abstensions;

However, the resolution must now go to a plenary session of the General Assembly, where it would need a two-thirds majority of the entire U.N. member ship to obtain final approval. The committee's vote today fell far short of the two-thirds vote needed.

There was uncertainty as to the next steps that might be taken by the committee or by a General Assembly plenary session, now that the amended U.S. measure has been rejected by the Washington delegation. There was general consensus on the need for extension of UNRVA's mandate beyond next June, or face the danger that the agency might have to end all its operations after next June, because the Assembly could not muster a two-thirds majority against the opposition of the U.S.A.

Resolution on Gustodian for Arab Property in Israel Defeated

The day-long session of the committee was filled with many other procedural moves in which Israel's Ambassador, Michael S; Commay, tangled repearedly with the Arab and other Moslem representatives. During these maneuvers, Israel withdrew an amendment to the U; S; draft which would have called upon the Arab states and Israel to negotiate directly for a settlement of the refugee problem. The Arab bloc withdrew one of its amendments to the U; S; draft which would have criticized Israel sharply for "failing" to repatriate or commensate the refugees.

Then Malayasia withdrew a resolution it had co-sponsored with Afghanistan for appointment of a U.N. custodian over property allegedly abandoned by the refugees inside Israel. However, under pressure by Afghanistan, Malayasia withdrew its previous withdrawal. The resolution was put to a vote -- and was defeated by a vote of 38 against, 34 in favor and 23 abstensions;

BEN-GURION BACK AT WORK; WILL PRESIDE AT OPENING SESSION OF NEW KNESSET

TEL AVIV, Nov. 17: (JTA) -- Former Premier David Ben-Gurion was back at work today in his Tel Aviv home after being confined to bed earlier this week suffering from spells of dizziness. Doctors attributed his indisposition to the strain of the election campaign preceding the municipal and mational balloting on November 2.

Mr. Ben-Gurion, as the oldest member of Israel's Parliament, will preside at the opening of the sixth Knesset (Parliament) next Monday, as scheduled.

MEMBERS OF CONGRESS WARN JOHNSON ON U. S. AID TO EGYPT; URGE CONDITIONS

WASHINGTON, Nov. 17: (JTA) -- President Johnson was urged today by members of Congress to desist from resuming aid to Egypt unless Egyptian President Nasser was willing to promise an end to his arms race and to cease fomenting wars in the Middle East. The State Department is urging the White House to renew large scale shipments of surplus commodities to Ecvpt.

Sen. Hugh Scott, Pennsylvania Republican, informed President Johnson that he objected to U.S. economic aid now planned for Egypt unless "very rigid conditions" were attached. The Senator suggested that the President link aid to Egypt with some manner of arms control. According to Sen. Scott, the U.S. policy in the Middle East has led Egypt and other Arab states "to infer that their attitude toward England, Israel, and other pro-Western governments was a matter of indifference to us;

Sen: Abraham Ribicoff, Connecticut Democrat, warned of a continuing Egyptian military build-up for a "genocidal war against Israel" and urged the executive department to link resumption of aid to Evotr with proof by the Nasser revime of its peaceful intentions.

"If we make resumption of our aid conditional on the fulfillment of Egypt's commitment under the U. N; charter to negotiate a settlement with her neighbors, to stop this exhausting arms build-up toward the military ultimate, then we may be able to effect a lasting peace, "the Senator said; He stressed that Nasser cannot obtain his food requirements from any nation except the United States and this provides a chance to demand conditions,

Rep. Benjamin S. Rosenthal, New York Democrat, in a letter to the President, noted that Congress this year voted to ban all assistance to Egypt unless the President finds such ais is in the national interest of the United States. The Congressman said Nasser's policies have been "inimical to our policies;"

Rep. Leonard Farbstein, New York Democrat, urged Secretary of State Dean Rusk to attach a requirement that Egypt initiate peace talks with Israel as the price for resumption of United States aid. The Congressman, a member of the House Foreign Affairs committee, said Congress has taken a firm stand on aid to Egypt and that the State Department has shown no compelling reason for resumption of aid.

RED CHINA ADVISES SYRIA AGAINST ISRAEL; SENDS 185 MILITARY EXPERTS

TEL AVIV, Nov. 17: (JTA) -- Chinese Communist advisers are being attached to the Syrian Army's general headquarters in a Peking bid to exploit the Arab-Israel conflict, the Israel Army Radio's Arab affairs commentator, Eliezer Ben Moshe, asserted yesterday in a broadcast;

He said that the Chinese Communist advisers were among 185 experts and technicians who came from Peking last week under a Chinese-Syrian agreement on military economic and scientific aid. (In Washington, State Department sources said they had no information about the arrival in Syria of any Chinese military experts.)

Ben Moshe said that the Chinese Communists wanted to demonstrate to the Arabs that Peking supports them against Israel more vigorously than the Soviet Union does. He added \$15 more men would arrive soon from Peking for assignment to other Syrian government departments; He also asserted that Syria and Communist China had an agreement which will allow the Chinese to use Syria as a base for operations in the Middle East;

ISRAEL VOTES AGAINST ADMISSION OF RED CHINA TO UNITED NATIONS

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., Nov. 17: (JTA) -- Israel voted with the United States at a plenary session of the General Assembly today against a resolution which would have given China's seat in the United Nations to the Peking regime and would have at the same time expelled the Taiwan regime from the U.N.

The resolution favoring admission of Red China had been presented by 12 members of the U.N. and received a ballot of 47 in favor, 47 against and 20 abstensions. However, prior to the voting, the Assembly supported another draft co-sponsored by the United States, calling that issue an "important question," thus requiring a two-thirds majority for the pro-Red China draft:

The United States stand calling that matter an "important question" was adopted by a vote of 56 to 4.9 with 11 abstensions. Thus, when the pro-Red China draft was voted, it falled for lack of a two-thirds supporting vote;

Israel's support for the United States on the entire issue was believed to have been motivated, among other reasons, by the fact that the Peking regime is the only government in the world that has officially recognized the "Palestine Liberatino Organization" which is attempting to recruit an army, to be composed mainly of Arab refugees, for a possible attack on Israel.

STATE DEPT, REBUFFS ALLEGATIONS AGAINST LEADING ISRAELI DIPLOMATS

WASHINGTON, Nov. 17. (JTA) -- Allegations that leading Israeli personages who served in Washington as diplomats were "esplonage agents" and that Abba P. Schwartz, Administrator of the State Department Bureau of Security and Consular Affairs was linked with them -- made by the U.S. Senate Subcommittee on Internal Security -- drew today an official denial from the State Department.

Mr. Schwartz, at the time he was law partner of Seymour Rubin -- then representative of the American Jewish Committee -- was alleged to have been "in frequent contact with individuals who were attached to the Israeli Intelligence Service in the United States." During hearings Just published by the subcommittee, Chief Counsel J.G. Sourwine raised questions about "former associations of Mr. Schwartz with espionage agents of a foreign government."

The alleged "agents" were later identified as Eliahu Elath, president of Hebrew University in Jerusalem who was Israel's first Ambassador in Washington; Theodor Kolles, Mayor-elect of Jerusalem, who served as Minister of the Israel Embassy here; the late Reuven Shiloah, former Minister of the Israel Embassy; Meir Shalit, prominent Israeli who was First Secretary of the embassy, and Eliashiv Ben-Horin, once Israeli First Secretary here and now Israeli Ambassador to Venezuela;

The attack on Mr. Schwartz emerged when the subcommittee singled out Mr. Schwartz in efforts to discredit the Department's Security Division in connection with the dismissal of Otto Otepka. Mr. Otepka was dismissed for "conduct unbecoming a State Department officer" for furnishing unauthorized State Department information to the subcommittee.

Rejects Implications Against High U.S. Government Official

State Department spokesman Robert McCloskey said today that "implications in testimony on the Otepka testimony recently released by the Senate Internal Gecurity Sub-committee that private associations by Abba P. Schwartz raise a security question are completely unwarranted;"

Mr. McCloskey said; 'Mr. Schwartz's 'associations' referred to in this testimony were with prominent citizens and diplomatic representatives of Israel, among them the Mayor-elect of Jerusalem, Theodor Kollek, former (diplomatic) Minister, and Dr. Eliahu Elath, president of Hebrew University in Jerusalem and first Israeli Ambassador to the United States; Mr. Schwartz's contacts with these individuals were entirely social and professional and had nothing whatsoever to do with espionage or any kind of illegal activity. The State Department has full confidence in Mr. Schwartz's reliability and integrity as demonstrated during his three years' service as Administrator of the Bureau of Security and Counsellor Affairs; '

The subcommittee action involving Mr; Schwartz was authorized by Chairman James C; Eastland, Mississippi Democrat, and Vice-Chairman Thomas J; Dodd, Connecticut Democrat, it was announced;

COMMUNISTS IN BRITAIN CALL ON PARTY TO INTERVENE FOR SOVIET JEWRY

LONDON, Nov. 17; (JTA) -- Two branches of the British Communist Party have called on the party leadership to make inquiries in Moscow about alleged anti-Semitism in Russia, it was learned today:

The demand was disclosed with the publication of the British Communist Party's agenda for its annual congress here later this month. A resolution by the Northwestern England Prestwich branch noted "with concern, criticisms made by prominent individuals in the international Communist and general peace and progressive movements of the attitude of the Soviet Union to the religious and cultural requirements of the Jewish minority; lower than the contract of the service o

It called on the British party's national executive to obtain from the Russian Government either a satisfactory rebuttal of the criticism or an assurance that their causes would be removed as specify as possible.

Another resolution urged the party's annual meeting to express concern "at the lack of rights and facilities for Soviet Jews compared to those, for example, of Poland," It asked the party leadership "to inquire into the failure of the Soviet Government fully to rehabilitate the Jews as it has other minorities which suffered under Stalin and to restore to them the institutions they had before their unjust suppression in the postwar period,"

OPPOSITION TO PROSELYTIZING NON-JEWS DEVELOPS AT U. A. H. C. CONVENTION

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 17. (JTA) -- A proposal that the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, the Reform congregational organization, undertake an active program of proselytizing evoked heated debate today at the biennial assembly of the UAHC. Objections to the strong proposal for such efforts at conversions to Judaism led today to plans for a medified version which would simply welcome "anyone who wishes to embrace the Jesus faith."

CONVENTION OF U.S. RELIGIOUS ZIONISTS OPENS; IS ADDRESSED BY DR. GOLDMANN

LONG BEACH, N.Y., Nov. 17. (JTA) -- The 56th four-day national convention f the Religious Zionists of America opened here tonight at the Promenade Hotel with an uddress by Dr. Nahum Goldmann, president of the World Zionist Organization, in which the world Zionist leader stressed that "a strong Zionist movement in the United Cates is more accessary than ever to consolidate the rellying of the Jewish people around Israel which is sure to be confronted with weighty political, economic and cultural problems during a decade,

"The Lionist movement will be required to stand more and more in the frontline of he struggle against the erosive and blighting dangers of assimilation and disintegration which constitute the gravest menace to Jewish survival in our period," the Zionist leader said, "The slogan of the last Zionist Congress with the face to the Diasporal will demand the adoption of new ideas and methods to awaken a deeper sense of Jewishness in our youth and to create positive values and motivations for every Jew. Anti-Semitism and persecution are weak foundations on which to predicate a dynamic Jewish remaissance in our generation;"

Dr. Goldmann further held that "the Zionist movement will have to crusade for the fundamental concept of Zionism which is based on the principle of the unity of the Jewish people despite its dispersion and the centrality of Israel as the cynosure of collective Jewish life and creativeness."

Rabbi Mordecai Kirshblum, member of the executive of the Jewish Agency for Israel and former president of the Religious Zionists of America, also addressed the opening session of the convention; Faving just returned from the semi-annual meeting of the Jewish Agency executive in Israel, he spoke about "the great and growing sense of democracy which impressively came to the forefront in the recent elections in Israel. The recent elections have proven conclusively that the Israeli populace has matured considerably in its political thinking and in its evaluation of the issues. They can neither be enticed into or incited against certain camps or patterns of thought, "he declared;

HISTADRUT TO SEEK \$5,000,000 A YEAR IN U.S. FOR NEXT FIVE YEARS

TEL AVIV, Nov. 17: (JT£) -- Yeshoshua Levi, treasurer of the Histadrut, Israel's Labor Federation, left for the United States today as head of a delegation which will participate in the 67th convention for the Histadrut campaign there; The delegation will ask friends of the Histadrut in the United States to collect \$5,000,000 a year for the next five years, he stated.

Mr. Levi said the money is to be used for creation of Histadrut health and education institutions, including schools, youth centers and health centers, in immigrant settlements and development areas. The convention will open in New York City on November 25.

(In New York, Akiva Eger, director of the Afro-Asian Institute of Israel, which is maintained by Histadrut, told a press conference today that the labor colleges of India, the Phillipines and Israel have entered into an agreement with the Institute for an extensive Joint program of education on labor, the trade union movement and the development of cooperatives)

ISRAEL GCVT. TO GIVE TEL AVIV UNIVERSITY \$8,000,000 IN THREE YEARS

NEW YORK, Nov. 17: (JTA) -- The Israel Government, recognizing the vital role of Tel Aviv University in providing academic and professional training, has appropriated the sum of 23,500,000 pounds (about \$8,000,000) to assist the University in its development program over the next three years, Dr. George S. Wise, president of the University, said on his arrival in the United States.

Dr; Wise pointed out that this represented over thirty percent of the amount of 73,000,000 pounds needed for development by the University during this period. He expressed hope that the major part of development funds will be raised through contributions from abroad. Dr; Wise's statement corrected an erroneous report last month to the effect that the government grant to Tel Aviv University had been in the amount of 95,000,000 pounds;

MAYOR-ELECT KOLLEK OF JERUSALEM MEETS WITH MAYOR-ELECT OF NEW YORK

NEW YORK, Nov. 17; (JTA) -- Mayor elect Teddy Kollek of Jerusalem had a 20-minute talk today with Mayor-elect John Lindsay of New York at Mr; Lindsay's invitation and the two men subsequently joined in a press conference;

Mr. Lindsay recalled that, on a visit to Israel recently he had met Mr. Kollek when the latter was director-general of the Prime Minister's office. The New York mayor-elect told the press he and Mr. Kollek had agreed to keep in touch by letter on their experiences as mayors next year.