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## COCA-COLA COMPANY CHARGED WITH BOWING TO ARAB BOYCOTT OF ISRAEL

NEW YORK, April 7. (JTA) -- Issue was taken here today by the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith with the assertion of the Coca-Cola Company that it has refused to grant a franchise to an Israeli firm not because of political reasons but for economic considerations. In a statement analyzing all the facts involved, the Anti-Defamation League charged that the refusal of the Coca-Cola Company was motivated by "bowing to the Arab boycott" against Israel.

"Weighing all the factors at hand, in our view the conclusion is not unreasonable that the Coca-Cola Company has been concealing its real reason for refusing to grant a franchise to an Israeli bottler. The ADL statement said: "In light of all the evidence, including the reported statements of certain of its spokesmen, that reason, in our judgment, is political, not economic. On balance, we are forced to the conclusion that the Arab boycott is the likeliest reason for the position of Coca-Cola."

The ADL statement concluded with a reference to three economic criteria allegedly set up by Coca-Cola for its refusal to grant a franchise, sought by Tempo Soft Drinks Co., an Israeli concern. These reasons reportedly were:

1) A company wishing a Coca-Cola franchise must make an investment of at least \$1,000,000; 2) The franchised company must produce only Coca-Cola, and not any other soft drink; 3) Financial feasibility for a Coca-Cola franchise holder in Israel would not be successful.

"The three criteria," stated the ADL, "are obvious nonsense, and not the real reasons for Coca-Cola's denial of a franchise to the Israeli bottler. We are drawn to the reluctant conclusion that the Coca-Cola Company is collaborating."

According to the ADL, there are 31 Coca-Cola bottlers franchised in the Near and Middle East. "The deducible facts seem strongly to indicate that, while submitting to the Arab boycott," the ADL declared, "Coca-Cola assiduously attempted to camouflage its submission as a pure non-political, economic decision."

The ADL noted that, in countries comparable in population to Israel's, the minimum \$1,000,000 investment has not been required of local Coca-Cola bottlers. It cited as an example a company in El Salvador that began Coca-Cola bottling operations in 1965 with a capitalization of only \$200,000, and a Kuwait bottler who was granted a franchise in 1953, when its total original assets were only \$280,000.

The Tempo firm in Israel, on the other hand, was shown through Dun & Bradstreet reports to have a net worth of \$500,000. Tempo owns a bottle plant which, alone, is expected to have a net worth of \$1,750,000, the ADL stated. The League cited Tempo's vast success as a marketer of soft drinks in Israel, asserted that Tempo was willing to market Coca-Cola under that brand name, and declared: "Market feasibility was obviously measured (by the Coca-Cola Company) by different standards for Arab countries."

## U. S. COMMANDER IN MIDDLE EAST FORESEES INCREASED MILITARY AID TO ARABS

WASHINGTON, April 7. (JTA) -- Gen. Paul D. Adams, Commander in Chief of United States forces in the Middle East and in portions of Africa and Asia, testified before the House Foreign Affairs Committee that the United States, during the 1967 fiscal year will have "active military assistance programs" in Saudi Arabia, Jordan, Lebanon, Syria, Yemen and Iraq.

In testimony released today by the Committee, Gen. Adams requested \$114,200,000 for "material and training" in the Arab states and other countries of the region. No program was listed for Israel. The U. S. Commander in Chief in the Middle East said that military assistance was requested "to protect U. S. interests in these key countries, and to help them to promote their own goals."

Gen. Adams said: "There is a substantial training mission in Saudi Arabia where our principal advisory effort has been directed toward enhancing the capability of the Saudi regular force. Since the inception of the military assistance program in Saudi Arabia, many Saudi officers have been trained in U. S. service schools. Of course, this training has been a significant factor in our military sales program."

FOUR MCCLEMS ARRESTED IN ISRAEL AS SUSPECTS OF SPYING FOR SYRIA

TEL AVIV, April 7. (JTA) -- Two Arabs and two Bedouins from the Haifa area were arrested three weeks ago on suspicion of spying for Syria and aiding infiltrators, officials reported today.

After their arrest, police found an arms cache in a field near Haifa; The collection included four hand grenades, a machinegun of the type used by infiltrators and several hundred rounds of ammunition.

NEW JEWISH RELIGIOUS GROUP FORMED IN ISRAEL; HOLDS FOUNDING CONVENTION

JERUSALEM, April 7. (JTA) -- A new Jewish religious group with no political ties, held its founding convention here today. Its initiator, Prof. Ephraim Urbach of the Hebrew University, defined the aims of the group as that of fostering traditional Judaism and "refurbishing" Jewish religious law and institutions under "modern conditions."

Some of the participants urged the new movement to work in close cooperation with the Chief Rabbinate, warning that otherwise Orthodox Judaism in Israel might possibly be threatened.

FOUR BRITISH NAZIS PLEAD GUILTY TO SETTING SYNAGOGUES AFIRE; ARE FREED

LONDON, April 7. (JTA) -- Four former members of the tiny Nationalist Socialist Party, who pleaded guilty to setting fires at London synagogues, were ordered released yesterday by Judge A. Aarvold in Old Bailey court. Judge Aarvold ordered their release on grounds that they had indicated they were penitent and had promised to stop their anti-Semitic activities.

The four were John Evans, 24, David Thorne, 20, Michael Trowbridge, 23, and Raymond Hemsworth, 18. Evans, Thorne and Trowbridge pleaded guilty to charges of maliciously setting fire to the Brondesbury Synagogue causing estimated damages of 120,000 pounds (\$336,000). Evans and Hemsworth pleaded guilty to setting fire to the Bayswater synagogue. Thorne's plea of innocent in the Bayswater synagogue arson was accepted by the prosecution. A fifth suspect, Gordon Parker, was found innocent of both charges and released.

Prosecutor Edward Cussen said that the Brondesbury synagogue was gutted on March 13 last year after a fire started by Thorne, Evans and Trowbridge. He said a similar attempt was made against the Bayswater synagogue last June 30 but only the doors were damaged.

Evans told the court that he had joined the National Socialist group in October 1964 but that he now realized that its doctrines were "horribly wrong" and completely against everything which was "respectable and decent." He said if it was not for the propaganda of Colin Jordan, leader of the British Nazis, and his wife, he would never have committed the offenses.

Detective Inspector Albert Wickstead told the court that Thorne, Evans and Hemsworth were of previous "good character" but that Trowbridge had two previous convictions, one for using insulting language at an election in 1965 as a National Socialist representative.

The judge told the defendants "you are young men whose minds seem to have been snared by a philosophy which permits and even encourages the burning down of holy and venerated places. Having been so snared, you were used by unscrupulous people to further their own evil design."

SWISS ANTI-SEMITES SENTENCED TO SIX MONTHS FOR DEFILING JEWISH MONUMENT

GENEVA, April 7. (JTA) -- A magistrate's court sentenced Pierre Hansen to six months in jail for smearing the Jewish Martyrs Memorial in front of the Geneva Great Synagogue.

Hansen admitted his guilt after police tracked him to his home in which they found press clippings about the smearings. Hansen did not at any time since his arrest deny he was anti-Semitic.

FRENCH PERIODICALS CARRYING ARTICLES ON ISRAEL BANNED IN MOROCCO

PARIS, April 7. (JTA) -- A number of French periodicals containing articles dealing with Israel were banned last week in Morocco, it was reported here today. Among them were a series of articles in the Paris daily Le Monde, an article in the Catholic journal, La Croix, and an article in La Vie Francaise, dealing with Israel's economic situation; Unser Wort, a Yiddish paper published in Paris, which was admitted unhindered until last week, also has been banned in Morocco.

U.N. ASSOCIATION OF BRITAIN ADOPTS W.J.C. RESOLUTION ON HUMAN RIGHTS

LONDON, April 7. (JTA) -- A resolution on human rights offered by the World Jewish Congress was adopted by a large majority today by the general council of the United Nations Association of Britain and Northern Ireland. The action was taken at the Council's annual meeting in Cambridge.

The resolution called on the British Government to ratify at the earliest possible time the United Nations international convention on elimination of all forms of racial discrimination. The delegates also approved another resolution, incorporating a World Jewish Congress amendment asking the British Government and the High Commissioner for Refugees to persuade West German authorities to implement indemnification arrangements for refugees in "the most liberal and speedy manner possible."

NEW YORK CITY TO AID UNDERPRIVILEGED PUPILS OF RELIGIOUS DAY SCHOOLS

NEW YORK, April 7. (JTA) -- The New York City Board of Education decided last night to provide Hebrew day schools and other parochial schools with the services of specially hired public school teachers for remedial services and enrichment programs for underprivileged children.

While approving this part of a plan by School Superintendent Bernard Donovan, the Board, at the same time, decided that his proposed program of after-class and summer activities for disadvantaged children in non-public schools would have to be conducted on public school property or other public premises. The Board ruled that teachers could be assigned to parochial schools for such programs during regular classroom hours only on a voluntary basis and also only if the classrooms had all religious elements and symbols removed.

The Board's action was aimed at allocating about \$15,000,000 in Federal funds earmarked for special instruction, remedial reading and speech therapy for poor children in religious and other non-public schools in accordance with the Federal Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 which provides for such aid to non-public schools.

In a statement explaining its action on limiting after-school programs to public premises rather than in the parochial schools, the Board cited the argument expressed during hearings that "bringing parochial-school pupils into after-class public school centers would result in a wholesome intermingling of children from different backgrounds."

The Board's move to limit after-class activities to public school premises was taken over the opposition of Msgr. Eugene J. Molloy, superintendent of schools for the Roman Catholic Diocese of Brooklyn who said he also spoke for Jewish and Protestant schools who would receive aid under the program. He said the decision "clearly discriminates against children who attend religious schools" who would find it "difficult, if not impossible" to participate.

The Board noted that it was going ahead with the establishment of after-school centers in public schools as an experiment for the balance of the school year.

BRAZILIAN JEWISH COMMUNITY OPPOSES OPENING OF B'NAI B'RITH BUREAU

RIO DE JANEIRO, April 7. (JTA) -- A resolution was adopted here by the Confederation of Jewish Communities in Brazil, opposing the opening of a bureau in this country by B'nai B'rith. "It has been shown that activities of B'nai B'rith in countries outside North America are not always in the interests of the local Jewish communities. The establishment of a B'nai B'rith bureau here would constitute an uninvited intervention in the inner affairs of the Brazilian Jewish community," the resolution stated.

Explaining the position of the Confederation, President Moyses Kauffmann said that the objection to the establishment of a B'nai B'rith office here "is based on standing policy to oppose offices of this kind of outside organization." He added that exceptions are made when such offices are believed to be "essential" but "only within the framework of the Confederation."

He stressed that relations between the Confederation and B'nai B'rith remained friendly and harmonious and that many B'nai B'rith leaders were distinguished members of the Confederation's executive.

URUGUAYAN INTELLECTUALS APPEAL TO RUSSIA ON RIGHTS FOR JEWS

MONTEVIDEO, April 7. (JTA) -- A group of Uruguayan intellectuals, including the rector of Montevideo University and the Dean of its law school, published today an appeal to the Soviet Union to extend to Soviet Jewry the same rights enjoyed by other minorities in accordance with the Soviet Constitution.

ANTI-ISRAEL RESOLUTION OF HAVANA PARLEY CONDEMNED IN CHILEAN SENATE

SANTIAGO DE CHILE, April 7. (JTA) -- An Arab-sponsored anti-Israel resolution adopted recently at the Tricontinental Conference at Havana was condemned in sharp terms here in a Senate debate today. Sen. Renan Fuentealba, of the Government's party, the Democrat-Christians, called the Havana resolution anti-Israeli and anti-Zionist. He said it was also anti-Semitic as well. "It could lead to new persecutions against all Jews in the style of Nazism and Hitlerism," he said.

Of added interest here was the stand taken in the debate by the leader of the Frente Popular, Sen. Salvador Allende, who ran unsuccessfully for the presidency during the last elections on a ticket supported by Socialists and Marxists. Sen. Allende lauded the fact that the Chilean delegation at the Havana conference had joined Yugoslavia in abstaining when the anti-Israel resolution was put to the vote at the parley in the Cuban capital.

Another radical member of the body, Sen. Volodia Teitelbaum, a Communist, declared that his party in this country opposes the dissolution of Israel. While he asserted that Israel is a capitalist state, comprised of "exploiters and exploited," he declared nevertheless that Israel has the right to exist as a state.

AMERICAN AND CANADIAN TOURISTS ATTEND HISTADRUT SEDER IN ISRAEL

TEL AVIV, April 7. (JTA) -- Five hundred American and Canadian tourists attended the second seder given by the American-Canadian Histadrut Center at the Farband Hamlin House here. Alexander Katz, director of Hamlin House, presided, and Isaac Hamlin, the American Histadrut representative, extended greetings to Soviet Jewry. He expressed the hope that the Jews in the Soviet Union would ultimately secure rights for a full cultural life.

Mr. Katz read a message from Dr. Sol Stein and Israel Stolarsky, leaders of the American Histadrut campaign. The entire audience applauded a message from the second seder to the "third seder" to be held by Histadrut in New York, this Saturday evening. An empty chair was left at the seder for Russian Jewry, and tribute was paid to the partisans and fighters of the ghettos of the period of Nazi wartime occupation of Europe.

CONVENTION OF HEBREW WRITERS OPENS IN ISRAEL; ADDRESSED BY ESHKOL

TEL AVIV, April 7. (JTA) -- Premier Levi Eshkol pledged last night a "sympathetic approach" by the Government to help Hebrew writers in their work, and to help publish their writings in Israel and abroad.

The Premier made the pledge at opening ceremonies of the biennial convention here of the Hebrew Writers Union. Among those present was President Shazar. The Premier said Hebrew writers had a mission to tell the new generation about the meaning of the Nazi holocaust and the establishment of Israel.

GREGORIO SHAPIRO REELECTED PRESIDENT OF CENTRAL JEWISH BODY IN MEXICO

MEXICO CITY, April 7. (JTA) -- Gregorio Shapiro was reelected here as president of the Jewish Central Committee of Mexico, the representative body of Mexican Jewry. The noted leader, who is very active in Zionist affairs, yielded to demands that he serve again, for a two-year term. Also reelected, as general secretary, was Z.A. Berebichez, a writer and leader in Mexican Jewish cultural affairs.

The seven other posts on the Central Committee's presidium were allocated to representatives of the seven Jewish communities represented on the committee. Four vice-presidents were chosen. They are Alberto Saltiel, Fernando Jenó, Marcos Sacal and Ladislao Klein.

FIRST JEWISH JUDGE APPOINTED FOR QUEBEC SOCIAL WELFARE COURT

QUEBEC, April 7. (JTA) -- Judge Max J. Garmaise has been appointed as the first Jewish judge of the Quebec Social Welfare Court, a newly created judicial body. Judge Garmaise is active in the Jewish community of Rouyn, a suburb of Quebec, where he has participated in the Canadian Zionist Organization and the Canadian Jewish Congress.

DR. MARGOLIS NAMED EXECUTIVE HEAD OF COUNCIL ON JEWISH EDUCATION

NEW YORK, April 7. (JTA) -- Dr. Isidor Margolis, noted Jewish educator, was appointed today as executive director of the World Council on Jewish Education. Announcement of his choice was made by Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein, coordinator of the Council's World Praesidium. Dr. Margolis, who has been executive vice-president of the National Council for Torah Education for the past 20 years, has been in the Jewish educational field for a quarter of a century.