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JEWS GATHER NEAR THE WHITE HOUSE; PROTEST SOVIET TREATMENT OF JEWS

WASHINGTON, Sept. 19. (JTA) -- A crowd of over 500, led by the presidents of 25 national Jewish organizations, gathered near the White House today to hear two senators and others urge continued protests against Soviet anti-Jewish policies. The organization presidents later conveyed their concern for the future of Russian Jewry to the White House. They were received by Presidential assistant Walt. W. Rostow.

Sen. Abraham Ribicoff, Connecticut Democrat, told in his address of new incidents of anti-Jewish bias. "These cases stand out in bold relief against a background of unfulfilled promises," he said, adding that some "token concessions" were made by Soviet authorities but that "the list of grievances is long. Until a better, freer life is the way of the Soviet Jew's life--we cannot take the promises of Soviet officials at face value--we cannot take their denials of discrimination to heart." He strongly urged that protests continue.

Sen. Jacob K. Javits, New York Republican, stressed that "what we say here has meaning and effect." He cited a measure of success achieved by previous protests and said new strength must be given to expressions of concern. President William A. Wexler of B'nai B'rith said "we are here today to help strengthen the survivalist spirit--to tell the Soviet Jew, in whatever way he can hear us, that we are linked with his destiny." He called for new efforts to mobilize world public opinion to alleviate the plight of Russian Jewry.

Rabbi Israel Miller, chairman of the American Jewish Conference for Soviet Jewry, detailed the various discriminations imposed by Soviet authorities. He reported that since last year's rally in Washington "peripheral concessions have been made by the Russian authorities, but the central problem remains."

White House Sentiments Expressed by High Official

Mr. Rostow, Presidential assistant, was quoted later by Jewish leaders who met with him at the White House as indicating hope that the Soviet Union would accord Jews the religious facilities available in other East European Communist states. A statement issued by Rabbi Miller said:

"Mr. Rostow recalled that on this very day a year ago, September 19, the President expressed his deep and continuing concern about the discriminations imposed upon Soviet Jewry by the Soviet Government. He cited recent developments in Eastern Europe as indications of how Communist societies have moved to enable Jewish communities to preserve their identity and transmit their heritage. He expressed the hope that such developments would soon be paralleled in the Soviet Union."

Rabbi Miller, accompanied by leaders of 25 national Jewish organizations, assured the White House that Jews would persevere in their efforts to ameliorate the plight of coreligionists in the Soviet Union. An agreement on the current situation was made at the meeting. Rabbi Miller, on behalf of the group, presented to President Johnson though Mr. Rostow the Declaration of Rights for Soviet Jewry adopted last April at Philadelphia. The Declaration lists six basic needs of Soviet Jewry. The rabbi noted sympathetic concern on the part of Mr. Rostow for the problem of Soviet Jewry.

U.N. ASKED TO SEND MISSION TO RUSSIA TO STUDY HARRASSMENT OF JEWS

NEW YORK, Sept. 19. (JTA) -- Leaders of New York's Jewish community expressed deep concern at the pattern of continued harassments and arrests of Soviet Jews and called upon Secretary General U Thant to "intervene" and send a team of impartial experts to study the problem.

At a meeting attended by 500 Jewish leaders of the Jewish Community Relations Council of New York, plans to mobilize Jewish religious and secular organizations on behalf of Soviet Jews were outlined. Speakers included Mayor John V. Lindsay.

At the meeting, Harry K. Cutmann, president of the Jewish Council, representing ten major Jewish agencies, read to the gathering a communication sent to United Nations Secretary General U Thant urging him on behalf of New York City's 2,750,000 Jews to "consider sending a team of impartial experts to fully determine the facts concerning the Jewish problem in the U.S.S.R."

U.S. SEEKS CLARIFICATION FROM ISRAEL ON STATEMENT BY CHIEF OF STAFF

JERUSALEM, Sept. 19. (JTA) -- Prime Minister Levi Eshkol has warned Syria again that Israel will hold its Government responsible for "every kind of aggression" emanating from Syrian territory.

Addressing the weekly meeting of Israel's Cabinet, yesterday, Mr. Eshkol clarified a statement made in an interview last week by Gen. Yitzhak Rabin, chief of staff of Israel's armed forces. Some newspaper reports of that interview, printed in the Israeli army's weekly *Bamahane*, had been construed as an attack on Syria's political regime. "Israel" said the Premier in clarification of Gen. Rabin's attitude, "does not intervene in the internal matters in other states, as long as they remain on the other side of Israel's borders."

Walworth Barbour, United States Ambassador to Israel, asked Israel's Foreign Ministry this weekend for an explanation of that part of Gen. Rabin's statement which had been understood in some quarters as threatening reprisals against Syria unless its regime stops encouraging terrorist and sabotage raids from Syrian territory into Israel. In his statement to the Cabinet, Mr. Eshkol said that Gen. Rabin's statement in *Bamahane* had not been well interpreted. Mr. Eshkol's reiteration of Israel's stand against interference in the internal affairs of other countries was seen here as an additional reply to the American demarche.

ISRAEL SEEKS TO HALT DEMONSTRATIONS AGAINST TRAFFIC ON THE SABBATH

JERUSALEM, Sept. 19. (JTA) -- Moshe Kol, Minister for Tourism, conferred today with Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kollek and other top members of the municipality's administration on ways to halt the demonstrations conducted here against traffic on the Sabbath.

The demonstrators, all of them ultra-religious Jews, were particularly active here this weekend, when traffic was very heavy, with thousands of tourists flocking to various historic and national shrines throughout this area. At least two persons were hurt in stone-throwing actions Saturday.

One of the injured was a British woman who was hurt by flying glass when a stone broke a window of a bus in which she was a passenger, near the Mandelbaum Gate. A taxi driver was hit by a stone while driving through a section of the city inhabited largely by religious zealots.

Mr. Kol appealed to the Sabbath demonstrators to halt their actions which, he said, hurt Israel's image abroad. Mr. Kollek and other members of his city administration said they would launch an educational campaign directed toward the Sabbath demonstrators.

ISRAEL MUSEUM ACCEPTS \$1,000,000 FROM GERMAN PUBLISHER FOR BUILDING

JERUSALEM, Sept. 19. (JTA) -- The Israel Museum announced here today that it has decided to accept a proposal from Axel Springer, West Germany's most powerful newspaper and magazine publisher, who has offered a large gift for the construction and upkeep of a special building to house a library and archives.

The Museum's directors, it was learned today, held a secret, very stormy meeting last week on the question of accepting or rejecting the Springer offer. The publisher made his offer here two months ago, when he was in the city on a private visit. He had offered to contribute \$500,000. When told that the museum could not accept the offer because the cost of maintenance for such a new building would be beyond the museum's resources, Mr. Springer doubled the amount, earmarking \$500,000 for maintenance.

The dispute in the board, it was learned, centered on whether Mr. Springer might have a Nazi past. The board voted by 9 to 3 to accept the Springer offer after an investigation showed that the publisher had had no connections with the Nazis. However, even among those who voted with the majority, some members of the board were reluctant to have the new building named after Mr. Springer.

ISRAEL CABINET EXTENDS GREETINGS TO BEN-GURION ON 80TH BIRTHDAY

JERUSALEM, Sept. 19. (JTA) -- The Cabinet yesterday extended greetings to former Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion on the occasion of his 80th birthday which will occur this year on October 1 (the 17th day of Tishri).

In marking the event, the Cabinet statement declared: "The Government of Israel notes with gratitude the historic service of David Ben-Gurion to the State of Israel, its establishment, its security and ingathering of exiles and wishes him health and many more years."

SILENCE OF NEGRO LEADERS ON ANTI-SEMITISM STRESSED BY JEWISH GROUPS.

NEW YORK, Sept. 19. (JTA) -- Public support toward the fight for rights for Negroes is waning among non-Jews and among Jews in the United States, due to recent Negro rioting and extremism, according to a survey conducted by The New York Times. The results of that survey were made public by the newspaper today.

Jewish reaction was summarized by the newspaper in talks with a representative of the American Jewish Committee and the Synagogue Council of America.

"Civil rights leaders," said Nathan Perlmutter, director of domestic affairs for the American Jewish Committee, "usually say that it (the lack of momentum) is due to whites thinking the battle is over and sitting back. This may be part of the problem," he said, "but another part is white reaction to black nationalism, riots and 'hate whitey' talk. The liberal white man knows that he is as much 'whitey' to a marauding hater as the bigoted white man and this realization is having its effect," Mr. Perlmutter said.

In many parts of the nation, however, liberal enthusiasm is ebbing, the Times stressed. It reported that in New York, anti-Semitism among Negroes disturbs the Jewish community, which has long been the financial backbone of the civil rights movement, "It isn't so much that the anti-Semitic remarks of a Le-Roi Jones are appalling," said Mr. Perlmutter, "it is the silence on him by Negro leaders."

At the headquarters of the Synagogue Council of America, Rabbi Henry Seigman, the executive vice president, said, the "Mount Vernon incident" in which a Negro member of the Congress of Racial Equality said the trouble with Hitler was that he did not kill enough Jews, had a "tremendous impact on the Jewish community. Most of us realize that we can't use incidents like this as an excuse and that we have to face up to our own responsibilities," he said, "but Negro leaders could make our job easier by recognizing that anti-Semitism is a real problem."

For years, Rabbi Seigman said, the Synagogue Council had no special commission on race because it was not needed to arouse Jewish support for civil rights activity in the South. But recently one was established to prepare Jewish neighborhoods for "integration in their own backyards." "I don't want to make the picture sound too bleak," Rabbi Seigman said, "because Jewish support for civil rights is still high, but we do have a problem with disengagement and we are trying to meet it."

J.W.V. TO SEEK 'GRASS ROOTS' SUPPORT FOR PRESIDENT'S VIET NAM POLICY

WASHINGTON, Sept. 19. (JTA) -- National commander Malcolm A. Tarlov of the Jewish War Veterans, today issued a statement reaffirming that President Johnson, on the Viet Nam issue, asked JWV "to seek support of his position within the Jewish community" and announced that the Veterans would wage a "grass-roots" campaign in the Jewish community to implement this objective.

Mr. Tarlov said: "we at JWV will continue to actively pursue support of the President's Viet Nam policy both within and without the American Jewish community, seeking out grass-roots support, especially those groups where organizational positions do not necessarily reflect rank and file attitudes." The JWV commander stressed that the JWV "reaffirms unequivocally its support of the President's policy in Viet Nam. We strongly believe, with the President, that commitments to nations endangered by Communist aggression must be kept if the United States is to continue to be the beacon and hope of the free world."

Mr. Tarlov said that "any attempt to link the President's asking JWV to seek support of his position within the Jewish community with the governments past, existing or future policies on Israel is completely falacious. The President made no such equation in any remark to the JWB delegation. Newspaper reports to the contrary are wholly inaccurate," he asserted. He added that "in our opinion the President enjoys the most cordial and understanding relationships with the American Jewish community, individually and organizationally. Reports of a rift between the President and the Jewish community are completely without foundation."

'WALL OF REMEMBRANCE' UNVEILED AT UNITED JEWISH APPEAL IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, Sept. 19. (JTA) -- New York's Jewish community today dedicated a memorial to its members whose concern for Jewish survival has been enduringly expressed by bequests they left under the Legacy Development Program of the United Jewish Appeal of Greater New York or by special donations made to the program by their survivors. Leading the dedication ceremony were Rabbi Edward T. Sandrow, president of the New York Board of Rabbis, and Jack D. Weiler, a chairman of New York UJA's Trustees. Two hundred relatives of those memorialized and leaders of the Jewish community attended the unveiling of a Wall of Remembrance and Books of Remembrance in the headquarters of the United Jewish Appeal of Greater New York.

PRESIDENT OF ARGENTINA LAUDS ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE JEWISH COMMUNITY

BUENOS AIRES, Sept. 19. (JTA) -- President Ongania paid tribute this Rosh Hashana to Argentine's Jews and to their "spiritual and material achievements." In a message to the DALA, the central representative body of Argentine Jewry, he greeted "the entire Jewish community" and said:

"The Argentine Jewish community, which has been living in our fatherland for more than 100 years, has stood out at any time by its labor in the field of spiritual and material achievement and has given the country Argentine Jews who have honored it in letters, arts, sciences, technology, industry and commerce." "The native and immigrated Jews have participated in the advancement of the country and have been loyal servants of the nation."

He told the Jewish community that there was for them reserved "a position of honor in the common reconstruction and we do not doubt that with your constant capability and firm tenacity, you will collaborate in the work in which we are all pledged to achieve the republic's greatness." This, he declared, was the place "which fate has given us both to implement our destiny and our dignity as men."

JEWS PLAY A VALUABLE ROLE IN LIFE OF QUEBEC PROVINCE, PREMIER SAYS

MONTREAL, Sept. 19. (JTA) -- Premier Daniel Johnson of Quebec pledged that his Government will do everything in its power to make the Province's Jewish community continue to feel at home here. He made the promise in a message of greeting extended to the Jewish community on the occasion of the New Year. It is the first time in a number of years that a Premier of Quebec has issued a personal message on this occasion.

"Quebec's Jewish citizens have always set an example in good citizenship and community spirit, and have long played a valuable role in the life of our province," Premier Johnson said. This fact makes it doubly important that all members of Quebec's Jewish community, like all citizens who are not of the French culture, continue to feel fully at home in this province. The Quebec Government is a government of all the people and there can be no second-class citizenship in Quebec." The Premier asked for the support of Jewish citizens in the Government's task.

ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF CANADA REJECTS PROPOSALS ON REORGANIZATION

MONTREAL, Sept. 19. (JTA) -- The national executive of the Zionist Organization of Canada, after two days of "thoroughgoing" deliberations, voted to reject proposals on the reorganization of the Zionist movement endorsed by Dr. Nahum Goldmann, president of the World Zionist Organization, and Aryeh L. Pincus, chairman of the Jewish Agency executive, at a recent Zionist parley in Brussels. A resolution adopted at the end of the deliberations here said:

"The National Executive expresses its appreciation to Dr. Nahum Goldmann and Aryeh L. Pincus for their efforts in seeking a solution to the organizational problems now besetting Canadian Zionism. At a meeting of the National Executive attended by 80 members from all parts of Canada, the proposals made in Brussels were given the gravest consideration, and it was decided that these could not be accepted since they ignore the historic position of the Z.O.C. and would necessitate changing its character in a manner which would not be supported by the vast majority of Canadian Jewry. Re-affirming our dedication to the highest interests of Zionism and Israel, we are prepared to consider an organizational solution which would further Zionist activities in Canada based on the widest cooperation."

\$3,500,000 HOME FOR STUDENT NURSES DEDICATED BY BETH ISRAEL IN N.Y.

NEW YORK, Sept. 19. (JTA) -- A new \$3,500,000 residence for student nurses was dedicated here yesterday by the Beth Israel Medical Center. The 12-story building, which provides accommodation for 300 student nurses, was named Fierman Hall in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Harold L. Fierman, New York philanthropists, who contributed \$1,000,000 for the construction of the new facility.

Among the dignitaries taking part in the dedication ceremonies were Senator Jacob K. Javits, New York Republican; Franklin D. Roosevelt, Jr., Liberal candidate for governor; State Attorney General Louis J. Lefkowitz; State Controller Arthur Levitt; Deputy Mayor Timothy Costello; and Charles H. Silver, president of the Medical Center.

Besides living quarters for the students in Beth Israel's School of Nursing, the new building has a dining room, recreation areas, sun decks, music rooms and reception rooms for the students to entertain guests.