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9 MEMBERS OF BRITISH PARLIAMENT APPEAL TO KOSYGIN ON RUSSIAN JEWS

LONDON, Feb. 8. (JTA) -- A letter signed by nine prominent members of the House of Commons, appealing to Premier Alexei N. Kosygin on behalf of the Jews in the Soviet Union, was delivered to the Soviet Embassy here today by a delegation headed by Sir Barnett Janner, Laborite, and Sir Ian Orr-Ewing, a Conservative. Mr. Kosygin is here now, having arrived Monday for an eight-day visit to Britain.

The letter drew Mr. Kosygin's attention to the fact that 252 members of Parliament, of all parties, had signed a motion which expressed concern over "the continuing difficulties confronting the Jews in the USSR" and asked the British Government to "use its good offices to secure for the Jews the basic human rights afforded other Soviet citizens."

The letter told Mr. Kosygin: "In writing to you on a subject which touches the hearts and minds of men and women everywhere who cherish the cause of human rights and freedom, we are mindful that we address the representative of the USSR, a country which a quarter of a century ago played a leading role in confronting and destroying on its territory the greatest menace to human freedom mankind has ever known.

"It is with regard to the free development of one of your recognized groups, the Jewish community, which we understand is estimated at some three million, that we feel called upon to convey our anxiety."

Sources Friendly to USSR Cited as Basis for Information on Jews

The members of Parliament told Mr. Kosygin in their letter that their concern was based on reports of the condition of Soviet Jews received from individuals of repute, known for their friendship for the Soviet Union and the Soviet cause, and from Communist parties in various countries, including the United Kingdom.

While, according to the Soviet Constitution, they said, freedom of religious worship is recognized for all citizens, "however, it is a matter for regret that, according to the information received, many Soviet Jewish communities have been left either without synagogues altogether, or too few, and that they urgently need prayer books and other essential religious requirements."

The letter urged that "this situation be remedied to allow the Jews in the Soviet Union to practice their religion as the Jewish people have done from time immemorial."

The MP's told Mr. Kosygin that Soviet Jews have not been able to establish contact with other Jewish communities abroad. They asked that Russian Jews "be enabled, in equality with other national religious groups in your great country, to institute central communal bodies to deal with their religious, cultural and educational needs, and to maintain association with similar Jewish bodies abroad engaged in preserving traditional Jewish life and identity."

The Board of Deputies of British Jews had attempted, since Mr. Kosygin's plans for the British visit had been announced, to arrange to meet with him during the current visit. Thus far, the confrontation, requested through the USSR Embassy here, has not materialized on the grounds that the Russian Premier's schedule is too full for such a session.

Kosygin Voices Alarm Over Resurgence of Neo-Nazism in Germany

LONDON, Feb. 8. (JTA) -- Soviet Premier Alexei N. Kosygin, addressing an audience at the Guildhall here on current international affairs, declared today that "many people in the West are beginning to regard with suspicion what is taking place in West Germany, and what they see causes legitimate alarm because of the emergence on the political horizon of the National Democratic Party," a neo-Nazi group.

The Soviet leader asserted that "the Nazis began with rallies of dozens, and hundreds, but the NDP has entered the year 1967 with millions of votes already in its pocket."

ARGENTINE VICTIMS OF NAZISM URGE HALT OF WEST GERMAN NEO-NAZISM

BUENOS AIRES, Feb. 8. (JTA) -- A protest rally last night, organized by the Society of Jewish Victims of the Hitler regime, adopted resolutions calling for a halt to rising neo-Nazi tendencies in Germany. Speakers included Rabbi David Kahane, Dr. Moises Goldman, and Mark Turkow, executive chairman and South American executive secretary, respectively of the World Jewish Congress.

ISRAEL DECIDES TO HOLD PARADE IN JERUSALEM; IGNORES JORDAN PROTEST

JERUSALEM, Feb. 8, (JTA) -- The Israel Government intends to go through with its plans to hold this year's Independence Day parade in Jerusalem in spite of protests by Jordan which are considered here as "wide of the mark."

Reaction by political circles here followed a note the Jordanian Government sent to United Nations Secretary-General U Thant yesterday, protesting the plans by Israel to hold the parade in Jerusalem.

Political circles here stressed today that Israel is entitled to hold the parade in the capital in accordance with the 1949 armistice agreement with Jordan, but must exclude from the city heavy arms such as planes and tanks, which will be omitted from the parade.

Asserting that there was "no hint of provocation whatsoever nor any desire to show off" in the decision to hold the parade in Jerusalem, the Israeli circles described the parade plans as "legitimate."

Last year, the decision by the Government to cancel the parade in Jerusalem and hold it in Haifa instead gave rise to a storm of opposition protests, accusing the Government of giving in to foreign pressures and threats.

ISRAEL EXPECTED TO SHUT DEFENSE COLLEGE, DUE TO ECONOMIC REASONS

JERUSALEM, Feb. 8, (JTA) -- Israel's Defense College, which trains high government officials in military problems, is expected to close at the conclusion of the present study term, it was reported here today.

It is believed economic reasons are behind the decision to discontinue the college. The decision had been recommended by a special investigation committee headed by Gen. Yigael Yadin, professor of archeology at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem and former Chief of Staff of Israel's armed forces.

DR. WISE, TEL AVIV U HEAD, WARNS ISRAEL ON CUTS IN FINANCIAL AID

TEL AVIV, Feb. 8, (JTA) -- Dr. George Wise, president of Tel Aviv University, today warned that, unless the Knesset (Israeli Parliament) and the Government recognize the need for more financial support to Israel's institutions of higher learning, closing down of faculties and laboratories may result.

Dr. Wise said there is real danger that academic standards would deteriorate, if added funds are not forthcoming. He also called for unification of the individual campaigns in the diaspora for Israel's institutions of higher learning.

PERUVIAN PRESIDENT SIGNS \$930,000 CONTRACT WITH ISRAELI FIRM

LIMA, Peru, Feb. 8, (JTA) -- President Fernando Belaunde Terry of Peru today signed a \$930,000 contract with Tahal Water Planning Ltd., an Israeli firm. The agreement calls for the company's Lima branch to complete a technical study for a small irrigation system in the coastal and Sierra region of the La Libertad Department in the northern part of the country. Payment will be made in five yearly installments.

BRITISH INDUSTRY TOLD TO IGNORE ARAB BOYCOTT AGAINST ISRAEL TRADE

LONDON, Feb. 8, (JTA) -- British industrialists were urged here today to disregard the threats of the Arab boycott and develop increased trade relations with Israel which "can well be a better market than the Arab markets."

Marcus J. Sieff, chairman of the Israel committee of the British National Export Council, said that the Arab boycott of Israel does not apply where a company is merely trading with Israel. He said that, considering Israel's links with third countries with whom she has developed economic ties, the potential of Israel's market was "very considerable."

The committee aims at securing as large a share as possible of the Israel market for British firms. British exports to Israel now total more than 50,000,000 pounds sterling (\$140,000,000).

An increase in British trade with Israel was urged tonight at a "Made in Israel" exhibition, one of a series staged here this week at several of the leading department stores in London. Donald Silk, chairman of the economic committee of the British Zionist Federation, who presided over the event, said that Israel was looking for additional outlets for her exports "like any other country, but even more so because the natural markets -- the Arab countries -- are closed to her."

LABEL A. KATZ REAFFIRMS STAND THAT JEWISH CENTERS MUST BE JEWISH

NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 8, (JTA) -- Label A. Katz, former international president of B'nai B'rith, defended today his position that Jewish centers should maintain a Jewish sectarian character, against criticism from Reform rabbis in this city.

Mr. Katz raised the issue initially last month in an address here to the executive committee of B'nai B'rith Grand Lodge No. 7 in which he declared that he had been one of 140 members of the New Orleans Jewish Community Center who had protested the admission of 18 non-Jewish families to Center membership. After the protest, the Center halted admission of non-Jewish families, pending a report by a study committee, allowing the present non-Jewish members to retain membership "at their option."

Mr. Katz called the Center's position "a silent and subtle quota system" which violated "our Judaic heritage and our democratic legacy." He argued that, if the Center meant to have an open membership policy, it should be one of admitting "all applications irrespective of race, color or creed, without limitation."

In the petition, a special meeting of the general membership was asked to clarify a phrase in the JCC charter that the goal of the Center was "to develop an affirmative attitude toward Jewish life." Mr. Katz said he and the other signers understood this phrase to mean that, to be eligible for Center membership, one must be a Jew.

JWB Head, Reform Rabbis, Insist on 'Open Membership' Principle

Mr. Katz's stand was disputed on the national level by Sanford Solender, executive vice-president of the National Jewish Welfare Board. Mr. Solender said in New York that participation of non-Jewish members in Jewish Center programs "does not deter or adversely affect the capacity of the Center to fulfill its Jewish purpose and program" and that "open membership is the only tenable policy for a Center."

In the newest development in the controversy, Reform rabbis here criticized Mr. Katz in sermons and statements in their synagogue bulletins. Rabbi Leo A. Bergman, Rabbi Nathaniel Share and Rabbi Jay Rosenberg challenged Mr. Katz in sermons and bulletin statements. Rabbi Bergman criticized Mr. Katz for taking the issue to the press. Rabbi Share also protested the development of the issue into a "public fight."

Rabbi Bergman also said that he saw no harm resulting from the presence of non-Jewish members and that the Jewish content of the programming was not adversely affected by non-Jewish members. Rabbi Share said that it was true that open membership "exposes our youth to contact with non-Jews." However, he said, "our young people are going to live in a society in which the majority will be non-Jews." He added that "it rests upon those who are fighting for closed membership to demonstrate that the Center's policies and programs are less affirmatively Jewish now than they would be if membership were limited to Jews alone."

Katz Says Interdenominational Society Activity is Not Center's Function

Replying, Mr. Katz noted that bringing the situation out into the open was necessary and "useful" because most Jews in New Orleans had not been aware of the Center's membership policy. He said he agrees with Rabbi Share that "Jew meets non-Jew, as it should be, in many areas and on many levels" but that "the supplementation and encouragement of interdenominational social activity is not the function of the Jewish Community Center."

"We feel strongly," Mr. Katz added, "that proper Jewish Center programming can avail itself of an unparalleled opportunity, and offer an essential service to the entire Jewish community by encouraging our Jewish youth to share a social, cultural and educational experience in a totally Jewish environment."

"If the Reform rabbis believe that one does not have to be a Jew to achieve an affirmative identification with Jewish life," Mr. Katz said, then the question should be raised about permitting non-Jews to participate in Reform programs for youth, and to be members of the congregations, since "much of their congregational programming and activities, other than religious services, parallels that of the Jewish Center." He charged that the rabbis have remained "silent about the subtle and unacknowledged quota system practiced at the New Orleans Jewish Center."

In his presentation, Mr. Katz cited a clause in the Center's charter, as amended in 1956, stating the institution's aim was the development of "an affirmative attitude toward Jewish life." He said that the signers of the petition believed that this phrase "means that, to be eligible to be a member of the Jewish Community Center, one must be a Jew,"

HADASSAH REQUESTS SOVIET UNION TO EASE LOT OF JEWS IN THE USSR

NEW YORK, Feb. 8. (JTA) -- The Soviet Government was requested in a resolution adopted here today by Hadassah, to grant its Jewish citizens "the rights and privileges accorded to other national and ethnic groups in the USSR, so they will not be cut off from the past, present and future of the Jewish people."

The women's Zionist organization held its banquet session last night at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel, climaxing a three-day midwinter conference attended by more than 200 leaders, representing 318,000 members throughout the United States and Puerto Rico.

Mrs. Siegfried Kramarsky, national chairman of the Hadassah Medical Organization Committee in the United States, reported that the United States National Institutes of Health at Bethesda, Md., had made a grant of \$172,000 to the Hadassah-Hebrew University Medical Center in Jerusalem for research into chronic kidney failure. She said the grant has enabled Hadassah to establish a dialysis unit under the direction of Dr. Walter J. Czacak, as part of Hadassah's Department of Clinical Research.

At last night's dinner session, Dr. Joachim Prinz, chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, and honorary president of the American Jewish Congress, said the belief widely held in Europe that the United States is now focusing primary attention on Asia is one of the factors accounting for the rise of neo-Nazism in West Germany. He called on American labor, industry, and the academic and journalistic communities to mount an all-out effort to help "liberal forces in West Germany" to curb nationalistic and neo-Nazi influences.

A conference session devoted to Hadassah's varied programs in Israel heard Mrs. Murray M. Shernoff, the organization's chairman for Youth Aliyah, international child welfare movement, stress the need for increased financial support for Israel's young people. She said that, for the past several years, about 6,500 youngsters were maintained at Youth Aliyah boarding installations and day centers. This year, however, she warned that drastic budgetary cuts will permit the program to accommodate only 8,100, and that it will be unable to accept any new children.

At another session Mrs. Benjamin Gottesman, Hadassah national chairman for vocational education, underscored the importance of Hadassah in training Israel's young people in various trades "vital to the economy of that country." She said that, since the largest proportion of Israel's population -- 60 percent -- is in the lower-age brackets, the need for education and the solution of educational problems must be given top priority, "particularly in a population as diverse as it is in Israel."

WILLIAMSBURG ANTI-POVERTY GROUP TO CONSIDER JEWISH RESIGNATIONS

NEW YORK, Feb. 8. (JTA) -- Rabbi Bernard Weinberger, spiritual leader of the Young Israel of Brooklyn, and one of the 12 Jews who resigned yesterday from the Williamsburg Community Committee Against Poverty in protest against alleged discrimination against needy Jews in the area, said here today that the committee will take up the question at a meeting scheduled for tomorrow evening.

Rabbi Weinberger said the committee will discuss charges raised by the 12 Jewish members that other ethnic groups represented on the committee had refused to recognize that there were "acute pockets of poverty" among the Hassidic Jews of Williamsburg, a part of Brooklyn.

The other Jewish members who resigned from the committee, in addition to Rabbi Weinberger, were: Rabbi Samuel Blumenkrantz, Sender Deutsch, Leib Freidman, Frances Flamberger, Bezalel Kahn, Harold Katof, Rabbi Chaim A. Pincus, Dr. Alfred Schnell, Dr. H. Melmuth Sternberg, Rabbi Julius Templer and Joseph Zeitleim.

SIR VICTOR GOLLANCZ, PUBLISHER, WRITER, DIES IN LONDON AT AGE OF 73

LONDON, Feb. 8. (JTA) -- Sir Victor Gollancz, 73, Jewish publisher, philosopher and essayist, died here this morning after a short illness. The Oxford-educated scion of a rabbinical family, who became highly successful as a publisher, was widely known for his individualistic approach to Judaism, which accepted its ethical teachings, while rejecting formal observance.

Although he kept out of most Jewish communal affairs, he was a member of the board of governors of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem and an active member of its fund-raising organization in Britain. He drew sharp antagonism for advocating forgiveness for Germans and the German nation after World War II.

His position remained unchanged in the face of criticism by Jews, victims of the Nazis and anti-Germans among the general public, but at the end many respected his peaceful motives, which had also led him to advocate nuclear disarmament.

Sir Victor's publishing career was marked by his publication of a famous series of brilliantly-written works on Socialism, "The Yellow Books," which attacked the established order and British foreign policy between World Wars One and Two. He was himself the author of noteworthy essays dealing mostly with interfaith relations.