

SENATE BODY REMAINS UNMOVED ON GENOCIDE PACT; IGNORES JEWISH PLEAS

WASHINGTON, March 8. (JTA) -- A subcommittee of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee today deferred for a year proposals to urge the Senate to ratify the United Nations Convention Against Genocide. This action was taken although the subcommittee heard massive testimony from spokesmen for major national Jewish organizations and local Jewish communal councils throughout the United States, as well as other witnesses, calling for early Senate action on the anti-genocide convention adopted by the United Nations in 1948. The Convention has been ratified by more than 50 countries, including the Soviet Union.

Sen. Thomas J. Dodd, Connecticut Democrat, chairman of the subcommittee, said it is "a great pity" that the Senate has not yet acted on the genocide issue. However, he pointed out that his group had not been given authority to tackle the issue by its parent body, the full Senate Committee on Foreign Relations. Disappointment over the subcommittee's inability to take the action on the issue of major interest to American Jewry was also expressed by Sen. Joseph S. Clark, of Pennsylvania, and Sen. William F. Proxmire, of Wisconsin, both Democrats.

Administrative sources revealed that the genocide issue was deferred due to opposition by conservatives in the Senate. State Department officials are also opposed to action on genocide, presumably fearing that the United States might, under the U.N. Convention, be charged with genocide in Viet Nam. Advocates of ratification of the Genocide Convention were told it would be "easier" next year, after the Senate has ratified three other U.N. instruments on human rights, dealing with prohibition of slavery, outlawing forced labor, and giving political rights to women.

The Jewish spokesmen cited before the subcommittee America's traditional concern for international human rights, and marshaled an array of arguments in support of the constitutionality of the Genocide Convention's ratification. They stressed that continued U.S. failure to ratify all four of the U.N. human rights documents, including the one forbidding genocide, afford U.S. enemies the opportunity of charging the U.S.A. with hypocrisy regarding human rights. Today's subcommittee hearing was the first held on the entire human rights issue by any Senate body since 1949.

Major Jewish Organizations Testify; Cite U.S. Traditions

Joining in the testimony were the American Jewish Committee, American Jewish Congress, the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, Jewish Labor Committee, Jewish War Veterans of the USA, National Council of Jewish Women, Union of American Hebrew Congregations, Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America, United Synagogue of America and Jewish community relations councils in 79 of the nation's largest cities. All are affiliated in the National Community Relations Advisory Council, through which they coordinate their policies and planning in community relations matters.

Representing the entire group of Jewish organizations at the hearing were New York State Senator Harrison Jay Goldin, of the American Jewish Congress; Richard Maass, of the American Jewish Committee; Leon Schachter, of the Jewish Labor Committee; and Maurice Weinstein, of B'nai B'rith.

"Humanitarian interventions" by the United States in behalf of religious and ethnic minorities in other countries are traditional, the testimony of the Jewish organizations declared. It cited President Taft's abrogation in 1911 of a trade treaty with Czarist Russia because of that country's anti-Jewish discriminations; efforts by American Presidents -- including Taft and Woodrow Wilson -- to obtain assurances of minority rights in peace treaties following the Balkan Wars and World War I; and other interventions with the Ottoman Empire in 1840, Morocco in 1863, Rumania in 1872 and Poland in 1918-19.

The testimony recalled statements by Presidents Franklin D. Roosevelt, Harry Truman, Dwight Eisenhower, John F. Kennedy and Lyndon Johnson in support of international human rights. As precedents for U.S. adherence to treaties in the human rights

area, it recalled that a League of Nations Convention on Slavery had been ratified by the Hoover Administration, and an international treaty on the rights of women by the Roosevelt Administration.

The United States took initiative in pressing for adoption of the Genocide Convention in the United Nations, the Jewish spokesmen observed, adding that "tragically, the United States did not ratify the Convention." Terming this an "abdication of leadership," and a disservice to American international interests, the testimony recalled two attacks on the United States in U.N. debates, in the course of which Soviet representatives called U.S. representatives "hypocritical" because the U.S. "resolutely refuses to accept legal obligations" to U.N. treaties on human rights. "It would be a gross error to assume that the Soviet charges fell on deaf ears," they observed.

Similar testimony urging "speedy" Senate ratification of the human rights conventions was voiced before the subcommittee by Richard N. Gardner, professor of law and international organization at Columbia University, who was formerly Assistant Secretary of State for International Organization Affairs.

He spoke on behalf of an ad hoc committee of national organizations representing 51 labor, religious, civic and nationality groups with a total membership estimated at tens of millions of Americans. The committee, formed three years ago, aims to the "strengthening of international law in the field of human rights."

#### ISRAEL MINISTER WARNS PRESS AGAINST PUBLISHING SECURITY SECRETS

JERUSALEM, March 8. (JTA) -- Justice Minister Yaacov Shapiro affirmed today the Government's determination to continue to take strong action against all persons, journalists or others, who publish classified security matters.

He disclosed, during an appearance on a Kol Israel radio program that a third person, whose identity he did not reveal, was being held in jail without public knowledge of his arrest, trial and sentencing. The disclosure last month that two editors of the sensationalist weekly, "Bul," had been secretly arrested, tried, convicted and jailed on such charges stirred sharp controversy.

In his defense of the Government's stand, the Minister said he would not be deterred from drastic action by criticisms such as those following the disclosure of the "Bul" editors' arrests. He stressed that such special legal procedures were necessary because of Israel's delicate security position.

Another censorship issue was disclosed today in Parliament which involved intervention in an article about former Premier David Ben-Gurion in the Hebrew Encyclopedia. The issue was raised in a Knesset plenary session by Mrs. E. Raziel-Naor of the Gahal faction. The article was written by Prof. Isaiah Leibowitz. Mrs. Raziel-Naor also said that the censorship office had changed an article about the pre-state Jewish community in Palestine.

Minister Shapiro noted that the publishers of the encyclopedia had not supported the complaint of intervention and suggested that a personal grievance by Prof. Leibowitz might be the issue. At his suggestion the question was referred to the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Security Committee. There he will presumably reveal the substance of the cuts or changes which neither he nor Mrs. Raziel-Naor reported to the plenary.

#### UNEMPLOYED START SITDOWN STRIKE AT TEL AVIV LABOR EXCHANGE

TEL AVIV, March 8. (JTA) -- A number of unemployed workers began a sitdown strike today in front of the Tel Aviv labor exchange, demanding immediate employment.

A Labor Ministry official reported last night that there were currently 96,000 unemployed workers in Israel and that this figure was expected to grow in the coming months. There have been some differences among Israeli officials on the exact number of jobless workers in Israel during the current economic slump.

The data last night were given by Nanch Smith, the director of the manpower planning division of the Labor Ministry, in an address at a meeting at the Weizmann Institute. He stressed that his figures were not based on statistics of Israel's labor exchanges, adding that not all of the jobless were registered at the exchanges.

#### ISRAEL NAVY TO ACQUIRE NEW WEAPONS; ADMIRAL MAKES ANNOUNCEMENT

TEL AVIV, March 8. (JTA) -- Israel's navy is preparing itself for acquisition of new weapons, newer than "any we know to date," Admiral Shlomo Erel, the Navy Commander, said today in an interview in the Navy periodical, Maarachot Yam.

He also reported that the Navy was building a highly modern electronics workshop, as well as port maintenance facilities to permit operation and maintenance of different types of naval vessels.

BEN-GURION HONORED IN LOS ANGELES; TALKS TO STUDENTS AT UNIVERSITY

LOS ANGELES, March 8. (JTA) -- Seventy-five members of California Machal, made up of Americans who fought for Israel's liberation in 1943, and some 50 Jewish Legionnaires who fought with British forces to liberate Palestine in World War I welcomed David Ben-Gurion at separate meetings here last night following his arrival.

The Machal members, most of them in their forties, led by president Frank Bear, hailed Mr. Ben-Gurion as their former commander-in-chief. The Legionnaires, most of them in their late sixties and early seventies, welcomed him as their former comrade-in-arms. Both groups presented checks to the former Premier to be used for schoolbooks and school materials at his Medrasha at Sde Boker in the Negev.

But the enthusiasm of both groups was turned into embarrassed silence when the former Premier asked each in turn "Since you fought to give an independent Israel, why haven't you come to settle among us or send your children to Israel?" A number of Machal members declared that they still hoped to settle after a while.

Mr. Ben-Gurion was greeted upon his arrival by more than 100 schoolchildren waiting in the American Airlines Satellite, who serenaded him with Israeli songs. He was welcomed by Victor M. Carter, president of the Jewish Federation-Council; Albert A. Spiegel, general chairman of the Welfare Fund and Av Shalom Caspi, consul general of Israel for the western states, plus 40 Federation officers and welfare fund leaders.

Today he visited students at the University of California, Los Angeles campus, and the UCLA Hillel Council. Additionally, he was the guest of honor at a luncheon tendered by Chancellor Franklin Murphy and some 30 faculty members. In the evening, he was guest of honor at the inaugural dinner of the 1967 United Jewish Welfare Fund drive at the International Ballroom of the Beverly Hilton Hotel.

SPEECH BY KING OF MOROCCO EVOKES DISCUSSION AMONG MOROCCAN JEWS

CASABLANCA, March 8. (JTA) -- A speech from the throne by King Hassan II, in which he again stressed the importance he attached to Islamic values in the "New Morocco" evoked varying comment today from Moroccan Jewish communities.

The King again emphasized the high value he placed on religious works in this Moslem country and the eminent place occupied by religious studies in Morocco's scholastic curriculum. It was recalled that some time ago the King received a delegation of Jewish leaders who presented greetings to him on behalf of the Jewish communities.

Meanwhile, the Ministry of Justice announced here that it has transferred Rabbinical Judge Simon Dayan from Marrakech to Casablanca. The Ministry explained that the transfer was due to the fact that Marrakech, which has a Jewish population of only 3,250, now has four rabbis, whereas this city, containing the bulk of Morocco's Jewish population, has between 40,000 and 50,000 Jews, served by four rabbis.

W. J. C. PARLEY ASKS LATIN AMERICAN LANDS TO BAN NAZI MATERIALS

MONTEVIDEO, March 8. (JTA) -- Delegates to a session of the South American executive of the World Jewish Congress adopted today a resolution asking all Latin American governments to ban printing and distribution of Nazi materials.

The resolution also asked the governments to revise existing legislation to make it a crime to diffuse religious and racial material inciting hatred and to outlaw all organizations practicing such activities. Another resolution urged Soviet authorities to extend full cultural and religious rights to Soviet Jewry.

GERMAN TRADE UNIONS FORBID THEIR MEMBERS TO JOIN NEO-NAZI PARTY

BONN, March 8. (JTA) -- The executive council of the all-German trade union movement, which includes 6,000,000 members, voted unanimously here today that no member of a trade union can hold membership in the neo-Nazi National Democratic Party. Through that action, the executive committee endorsed the ban on NPD membership by trade unionists already adopted by a number of individual unions throughout West Germany.

Meanwhile, a serious split that may disrupt the NPD developed today between Friedrich Thielen, national chairman of the party, and Adolf von Thadden, the organization's deputy chairman. Von Thadden had been elected chairman of the party in Lower Saxony. Thielen appealed to the court at Bremen, charging that von Thadden could not act as head of the Lower Saxony group because he has "not been properly elected."

In Lower Saxony, von Thadden had scored more party votes for the chairmanship than a candidate backed by Thielen. Today, the Bremen court upheld Thielen's complaint, thus unseating von Thadden.

HILLEL URGES ESTABLISHMENT OF COURSES ON MINISTRY TO COLLEGE STUDENTS

WASHINGTON, March 8. (JTA) -- A proposal urging Jewish seminaries and yeshivot to introduce specialized courses on ministry to college students was adopted today at a national commission meeting of the B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundations.

Dean William Haber, of the University of Michigan, a former chairman of the Hillel Commission, recommended the action "for the education of rabbinical students generally and to encourage more of them to enter the campus ministry." A companion proposal by Dr. Haber, that Hillel offer rabbinical schools training opportunities by providing internships at its campus foundations, was also approved.

Both actions were a response, in part, by the Hillel Commission to its growing problem of recruiting rabbis qualified for chaplaincy work on campus against the pressures of constantly expanding Jewish student enrollments. Dr. Haber, reporting as chairman of a subcommittee which probed the question, warned that "the years young Jews spend on campus are too precious from the viewpoint of Jewish identification, and perhaps even Jewish cultural survival, to be treated lightly."

A Hillel-conducted census disclosed that 44 schools have requested but lack Hillel programs in institutions attended by over 500 Jewish undergraduates.

ORTHODOX SOLDIER OPPOSING VIET NAM WAR GETS HONORABLE DISCHARGE

TACOMA, Wash., March 8. (JTA) -- Pvt. Robert Levy, 22, a medical technician who went on a hunger strike last month to protest the war in Viet Nam, has been given an honorable discharge, officials at Madigan General Hospital disclosed here today. The Kansas City, Mo., soldier, who said that, as an Orthodox Jew, he opposed the war, was confined in the army hospital.

The hospital officials said that Levy had been given an administrative discharge because of his "unsuitability for military service." Such a discharge is considered to be honorable. Levy, who was a volunteer and served 18 months in the armed forces of the United States was given medical and psychiatric tests during his confinement.

WINNIPEG HEBREW TEACHERS RESUME NEGOTIATIONS AFTER TWO STOPPAGES

WINNIPEG, March 8. (JTA) -- After two stoppages called here by the Federation of Jewish and Hebrew Teachers, who charged the Jewish Welfare Fund's administration with failure to go through with an agreement for a wage increase and retroactive pay, talks were resumed here today between the teachers and the Jewish School Board of Winnipeg, in an effort to straighten out the dispute without further overt action by the teachers.

The teachers and the Jewish School Board agreed three weeks ago to a 12-1/2 percent wage increase. The teachers contend that the agreement had included a clause to make portions of the increase retroactive to January 1, 1967. The Welfare Fund, however, rejected the retroactivity claim. The Welfare Fund condemned the stoppages as a disservice to the community and the students. After a meeting last night, however, both sides agreed to continue their negotiations.

RABBI GOLDMAN NAMED COUNSELOR TO JEWISH STUDENTS AT COLUMBIA U.

NEW YORK, March 8. (JTA) -- Rabbi A. Bruce Goldman, a Reform rabbi, has been named counselor to Jewish students at Columbia University, succeeding Rabbi Isidore B. Hoffman, who is retiring after 33 years at the university.

Rabbi Goldman said that the questions asked by students cover such matters as life, existence, sense of purpose and belonging, which are not "constructed to be religious in nature. It is precisely those questions to which the modern campus rabbi must be willing to address himself," he said, adding that he was aware of the fact that students reject "organized religion with its categorized ideals and traditions" as part of their revolt against the "establishment."

JEWISH WAR VETERANS MEDAL OF HONOR AWARDED TO CARDINAL SPELLMAN

MIAMI, March 8. (JTA) -- Francis Cardinal Spellman was yesterday awarded the Jewish War Veterans Medal of Merit by JWV National Commander Malcolm A. Tarlov in recognition of the Cardinal's role in Viet Nam and elsewhere as Military Vicar of the Armed Forces.

The first JWV life membership awarded a veteran of Viet Nam was bestowed upon Col. Melvin Garten, much-decorated Jewish paratroop officer wounded in recent action.

ISRAELI OFFICIAL NAMED HEAD OF ROGOSIN INDUSTRIES IN ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, March 8. (JTA) -- Israel Galed, director general of the Development Ministry, was named today president of Rogosin Industries, a major textile complex developed by Israel Rogosin, the American Jewish industrialist and philanthropist. Mr. Galed, who will replace the 80-year-old philanthropist as president, has been serving on the Rogosin board as a government representative. He will continue in the Ministry.