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U.S. AND SOVIET DELEGATE CLASH IN GENEVA; MOSCOW ANTI-SEMITISM SEEN

GENEVA, March 21. (JTA) -- A sharp exchange involving charges of anti-Semitism against a Soviet representative took place here today between Morris B. Abram, chief United States delegate to the United Nations Human Rights Commission and Yakub A. Ostrovski, head of the Soviet delegation, during debate on the question of the establishment of an office of High Commissioner for Human Rights.

The exchange began when Mr. Ostrovski directed the comment at Mr. Abram that he was not here at a meeting of the American Jewish Committee. Mr. Abram, who as a Jewish leader in the United States, serves as president of the American Jewish Committee, replied to the anti-Semitic outburst sharply but in a dignified manner. He recalled that the Soviet delegate had made a similar remark three weeks ago.

"I deeply regret," Mr. Abram said, "that my Soviet colleague has exceeded the normal standard of conduct here by twice making reference to my Jewish connection. I understand also that he has indulged in religious implications with respect to another member who is Jewish in the deliberations of a working party.

"I have many private connections with foundations, colleges and universities, one of them a Negro college, and numerous civil rights organizations and bar groups in the United States. The Soviet delegate, however, has now twice referred in two caustic and sarcastic terms to my connection with the American Jewish Committee. Of that affiliation, as with all others -- Jewish and non-Jewish -- I am proud.

"The American Jewish Committee is the world's oldest human rights organization, having been founded in 1906, to fight Czarist anti-Semitism and its struggles against all forms of man's inhumanity to man and for all people -- regardless of race, color or creed. The Soviet delegate knows this well for he has several times used the American Jewish Committee's great human relations library, which contains one of the world's best resources in the field. I, myself, have seen him in the AJC library in New York.

"The singling out of this one association of mine I let pass three weeks ago feeling that it might have been a human slip, but now it has occurred a second time, and this conduct is obviously deliberate and calculated. It is in keeping with the policy, which has become infamous in all the world, of claiming non-discrimination and tolerance while practicing discrimination and repression. It is in keeping with the policy behind the publication recently of the Kichko book, a crude Der Stuermer type of anti-Semitic tone, which evoked criticism of Communist parties all over the world when the book was issued by an organ of Soviet society.

Abram Terms Soviet Remark 'a Disgrace'; Stresses Soviet Anti-Semitism

"It is a disgrace that in this place, the Human Rights Commission, and at this session at which we have passed the historic draft Convention for the Elimination of All Forms of Religious Intolerance, that the Soviet delegate should raise this crude implication," Mr. Abram continued.

"I am a man; but he would not refer to me as that. I am an American; he did not so identify me. I am honored to be the American representative to this Commission; he said nothing of this. I am a Jew and president of the American Jewish Committee. This, he chose to mention in an obviously angry and polemical way. The choice of this one association to which the Soviet delegate has now twice referred, shows what all mankind now knows -- that deep prejudice which has been deplored by Communist parties in other states. I want it clearly understood that Communist parties in Poland, Rumania and elsewhere fight anti-Semitism, and there is no necessary connection between Communism and anti-Semitism.

"The manifestation of anti-Semitism is in the Soviet Union. The other Communist parties around the world were morally forced to condemn the Kichko book published by the Soviet Union. The crude attitude of the Soviet delegate is now unmasked. His pious adherence to high principle, to the contrary notwithstanding, the Soviet delegate has displayed his bias by his barely concealed and coded message here. I regret with all my heart that I was forced to make this statement. With all my heart, I wish it had not been necessary."

Speaking in connection with the Commission's observance, today, of International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, Dr. Maurice L. Perlszig, representa-

tive of the World Jewish Congress, chided the majority of U.N. member states for having failed, thus far, to ratify the U.N.'s antiracism Convention, adopted 18 months ago. He noted that, of more than 120 members eligible to ratify the pact, only seven have done so. "Unless and until the governments are ready to substitute action for rhetoric," he said, "the plague of racialism will continue to affront the human conscience and hold up the progress of human society."

Yesterday, the Commission decided to refer to the General Assembly for a final decision the draft Convention on the elimination of statutes of limitations in cases involving prosecutions of war crimes. The Commission was unable to agree on certain legal points in the short time available.

AMBASSADOR GOLDBERG ENDORSES U.N. PACT AGAINST RELIGIOUS INTOLERANCE

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., March 21. (JTA) -- Ambassador Arthur J. Goldberg, chief United States delegate to the United Nations, warmly endorsed on behalf of his Government today the draft International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Religious Intolerance, adopted in Geneva last week by the U.N. Commission on Human Rights. He also voiced the Washington Administration's "commitment" to ratification of the U.N. Genocide Convention, which was adopted in 1948 but has not yet been ratified by the U.S.A.

The religious-freedoms instrument, Mr. Goldberg said, "is the first attempt to extend the sanction of international agreements to the individual's freedom of conscience--his freedom to believe or not to believe, to change his belief, to manifest it in acts of worship, to teach it to his children -- without suffering any civil disobedience."

Ambassador Goldberg made his statement, dealing with all human rights, at the annual meeting of the Conference of United Nations Representatives of the United Nations Association-U.S.A., attended by more than 100 representatives of non-governmental organizations accredited to the United Nations. At its meeting, the conference reelected Dr. William H. Korey to a second one-year term as chairman. Dr. Korey is the U.N. representative for the Coordinating Board of Jewish Organizations, comprised of B'nai B'rith and the Board of Deputies of British Jews.

In speaking of the Human Rights Commission's action on religious freedoms, Ambassador Goldberg lauded Morris B. Abram, the U.S. representative on that Commission who, in a private capacity, is president of the American Jewish Committee. Paying tribute to Mr. Abram as "one of the principal authors" of the religious-freedoms document, Mr. Goldberg said: "His skill and persuasiveness had much to do with the unanimous adoption of the Convention in the 32-member Human Rights Commission. That unanimity is a good augury for its final adoption by the General Assembly."

The religious-freedoms instrument is scheduled to be fleshed out with articles of implementation by the next session of the Assembly. The instrument, Mr. Goldberg said, "pledges the signatories to take positive educational measures to combat religious prejudice, specifically including anti-Semitism. And it provides that acts of violence against adherents of any religion, or incitement to such violence, or incitement to hatred likely to lead to such violence, shall be punishable by law."

BRAZILIAN EMBASSY ASSURES JEWISH DELEGATION ON STANGL CASE

JERUSALEM, March 21. (JTA) -- A spokesman for the Embassy of Brazil, assured an eight-man delegation of former partisans and anti-Nazi fighters today that his government will not abandon its obligations in the case of Franz Stangl, the former Nazi commandant of the murder camps of Treblinka and Sobibor, who was detained in Brazil pending action on a request for extradition by Austria.

The delegation had called at the Embassy to express concern over reports that the Brazilian Ministry of Justice might release Stangl because of a statute of limitations. Austria had asked for Stangl's return to try him on war crimes charges. Brazil is one of the countries which had signed the United Nations Convention on genocide.

Danielo Meyer, first secretary of the Embassy, also assured the delegation that he would pass on to his government their protest concerning the former Nazi.

(In The Hague, meanwhile, the Dutch foundation that contributes funds to the Vienna Documentation Center for Nazi War Crimes, telegraphed the Brazilian Ambassador, calling on the Brazilian Government to extradite Stangl to Austria as soon as possible.)

ISRAEL'S ARMY, AIR FORCE, PARATROOPS CONDUCT 'WAR GAMES' IN NEGEV

TEL AVIV, March 21. (JTA) -- Regular and reserve units of Israel's army and air force staged exercises today in Southern Israel. Participating in the war games were a motorized brigade as well as paratroops, and the artillery.

BEN-GURION LEAVES CANADA FOR LONDON; GREETED BY ACTING PREMIER

TORONTO, March 21. (JTA) -- David Ben-Gurion, Israel's first Prime Minister, left here today for London, completing his highly successful visits to the United States and Canada during which he helped the United Jewish Appeal and the Israel Bond Organization in their campaigns and was pledged by 12 American donors the sum of \$1,200,000 for his educational work in the Negev.

His last act on the American continent was to address a dinner here last night attended by more than 1,200 Canadian Jewish leaders. The dinner was arranged by the United Jewish Appeal of Toronto of which Rabbi Stuart E. Rosenberg is chairman. Paul Martin, Canadian Minister for External Affairs, and currently Acting Prime Minister, greeted the Israeli statesman at the dinner.

Mr. Martin saluted Ben-Gurion's whole career as a demonstration of the eminent practicability of looking beyond the immediate difficulty and aiming at distant goals. "The illumination of a farther vision," he said, "is a theme often touched upon in the Bible of which you, Mr. Ben-Gurion, are a renowned student and an important part of the common cultural heritage which Canada and Israel share."

Mr. Martin compared Israel to Canada as "countries of and for pioneers, both being still young in the scale of history and still facing enormous challenges in developing our land -- challenges which spring from new frontiers of settlement, the increasing complexity of industrial society."

Upon his arrival here yesterday, Mr. Ben-Gurion was met at Malton Airport by 350 people, including the mayor of metropolitan Toronto.

SO. AFRICAN MINISTER ASSURES JEWS ON PENDING EDUCATION BILL

JOHANNESBURG, March 21. (JTA) -- The South African Jewish community, concerned over a new National Educational Policy Bill introduced in Parliament by the Minister of Education, Sen. Jan de Klerk, was reassured by Sen. de Klerk today no sectarianism was intended and that private, tuition-charging schools, including Jewish schools, would not be affected by the planned new legislation.

Under the bill, South African education policy would be framed by the Minister, in consultation with an advisory board and the administrators of the four provinces, and would require that all education be "broadly national" and "Christian" in character. The minister, replying to opposition critics in Parliament, said:

"The provision that education have a Christian character meant merely that education should be built on the foundation of the traditional Western culture and philosophy of life, with Biblical principles recognized." He stressed that "national character meant the ideal of national development of all citizens, so that the nation could retain its own identity and fulfill its task of Western civilization."

The bill also would provide that "the religious conviction of parents and pupils" must be respected in regard to religious instruction and ceremonies, the Minister said. Prior to Sen. de Klerk's statement, the Southern African Jewish Times here asked editorially whether the bill does not imply sectarian tendencies in education.

BILL ENABLING GRANTS TO JEWISH SCHOOLS INTRODUCED IN ALBERTA

EDMONTON, Canada, March 21. (JTA) -- A bill which, if passed, would enable grants to Jewish schools by the Province of Alberta, was introduced in the Provincial Legislature here by the Minister of Education. There are three Jewish day schools in Alberta -- one in this capital city, and two in Calgary.

There has been little agitation among Jews in this province for provincial grants to Jewish schools. However, for the last year, various Protestant groups have been urging the Legislature to make funds available to private schools on the elementary and secondary levels. The Catholics here already have separate schools supported by taxes. The new bill would make grants available to all private and parochial schools, including those under Jewish and Protestant auspices.

GERMAN AUTHOR RECEIVED BY ISRAEL PRESIDENT AND PRIME MINISTER

JERUSALEM, March 21. (JTA) -- President Zalman Shazar today received the well-known West German author, Gunther Grass who is currently visiting Israel. During the hour-long discussion, ideas were exchanged on German culture and on the danger of Nazi recrudescence in Germany.

Later in the day, Mr. Grass met with Prime Minister Levi Eshkol and also visited the Israel Museum. Mr. Grass, a known anti-Nazi during the Second World War, was invited to visit Israel by the Foreign Ministry.

CANADIAN JEWISH CONGRESS ARRANGING TO SEND MATZOH TO JEWS IN CUBA

MONTREAL, March 21. (JTA) -- The Canadian Jewish Congress, which usually sends special Passover supplies to the Jews in Cuba, is arranging shipments of that kind again this year, it was announced here today by the CJC. Included in the shipments, the CJC said, will be, in addition to matzoh and matzoh products, wine, canned kosher meat, tea, oil and horse radish.

BRANDEIS U. GETS FEDERAL GRANT TO STUDY ROOTS OF RACIAL TENSION

WALTHAM, Mass., March 21. (JTA) -- A study of the roots of racial tension with the objective of setting up an "early warning" system to help prevent impending violence, is underway at Brandeis University's Lemberg Center for the Study of Violence, through a \$297,387 grant from the National Institute of Mental Health, it was announced here today.

In its first stages, the study will carry on research in eight yet unselected communities -- four in the North and four in the South. The three-year grant from the NIMH, an arm of the U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare, is supplemented by another study at the Lemberg Center that began last fall, under the auspices of a \$170,000 grant from the Ford Foundation.

CENTRAL PHILANTHROPIC FUND OF FRENCH JEWRY ELECTS NEW PRESIDENT

PARIS, March 21. (JTA) -- The program for the coming year of the Fonds Social Juif Unifie, the central philanthropic body of French Jewry, was presented at the organization's annual meeting here by Jean Rosenthal, the new president of the FSJU.

M. Rosenthal, who was installed at the meeting, succeeded Baron Guy de Rothschild in the post. Baron Elie de Rothschild, director of the FSJU for the past 16 years, introduced the new president at the meeting.

JEW ELECTED DEPUTY MAYOR IN JOHANNESBURG; TWO JEWS GET GOVT. POSTS

JOHANNESBURG, March 21. (JTA) -- Two Jews were named here to South African Government posts, while a third was elected by the Johannesburg City Council as Deputy Mayor. The new Deputy Mayor is Israel Schlapobersky, a member of the City Council for a number of years and former deputy chairman of the Council's works and traffic committee.

On the Federal level, Dr. S.S. Israelstam, professor of chemistry at the University of Witwatersrand, was reappointed to a third term as a member of the Prime Minister's Scientific Council. David Miller, former principal of the Cape Town High School, was named to membership on the new National Advisory Education Council. The Council will assist the Minister of Education to implement new policies now being debated in Parliament for a new national educational policy.

JERUSALEM MUNICIPALITY APPROVES CULTURAL EXCHANGE PACT WITH ATHENS

JERUSALEM, March 21. (JTA) -- The Jerusalem Municipal Council today approved a cultural exchange agreement with the municipality of Athens over the objection of the representative of the Poale Agudat Israel, who cited the incident more than 2,000 years ago when the Greeks defiled the Temple by slaughtering a pig on the altar.

The representative of the National Religious Party who also serves as a deputy mayor abstained from the vote with the explanation that while the past should not be forgotten, this was a new Greece and that the modern city of Athens had no intention of carrying out any offensive acts in Jerusalem.

DR. KURT PEISER, LEADING JEWISH SOCIAL WORKER, DEAD; WAS 72

MIAMI BEACH, March 21. (JTA) -- Dr. Kurt Peiser, former executive vice-president of the Philadelphia Jewish community's central welfare services, died here at the age of 72. Dr. Peiser, who had been in ill health recently, but apparently improved, was stricken in his car while being driven on a business trip.

Dr. Peiser, who was born in Germany and was brought to the United States at the age of 12, served as executive director of Jewish federation and welfare funds successively in Milwaukee, Cincinnati, Detroit and Philadelphia. During World War II, the Joint Distribution Committee "borrowed" Dr. Peiser from the Philadelphia community to help set up relief programs in North Africa when the American and Allied armies drove out the Axis occupation forces. After the war, the University of Pennsylvania asked the Philadelphia Jewish community to release him to take charge of its development program designed to convert a large area of West Philadelphia into a "university city." Several years later, Dr. Peiser answered another call, to administer the Food Fair Foundation, distributing funds for encouragement of scholarly work in institutions of higher education. He made his home in Miami Beach.