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Anti-Semitic Attack in Organ of Extremist Negro Organization Evokes Jewish Protests

NEW YORK, Aug. 15. (JTA) -- National Jewish leaders today severely criticized the Student Non-violent Coordinating Committee, an extremist Negro organization, for attacking Zionism, in a newsletter issued in Atlanta, and accusing Israel of committing atrocities against Arabs.

Among those deploring the SNCC attitude on this issue -- pointing out that "Snick" now follows the line laid down by American racist organizations like the National Renaissance Party and the Ku Klux Klan, and calling the attack a divisive disservice to the civil rights movement in this country -- were Morris B. Abram, president of the American Jewish Committee; Dore Schary, national chairman of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith; Will Maslow, executive director of the American Jewish Congress; Mrs. Rose Halprin, chairman of the American Section of the Jewish Agency; Rabbi Israel Miller, chairman of the American Zionist Council, and others.

The SNCC bi-monthly letter accused Zionists of massacring Arabs; carried a cartoon depicting Israel's Defense Minister, Gen. Moshe Dayan, as wearing a uniform embellished with the dollar sign; accused Israel of segregating Arabs living in Israel; charged that Oriental Jews in Israel are treated as second-class citizens because of their color; said that the United States has constantly given military and financial aid to the "illegal" state of Israel; and declared the Rothschild family had been involved in Britain's original "conspiracy" to create Israel.

Ralph Featherstone, SNCC program director, told newsmen at his headquarters in Atlanta that the SNCC attack against Zionism and Israel is not anti-Semitic but is directed against "Jewish oppression." Among the "oppressors," he said, were "those Jews in the little Jew shops in the ghettos."

Attack Termed 'Shocking and Vicious Anti-Semitism'; Condemned as 'Poison'

Mr. Abram, in a statement replying to SNCC said: "Anti-Semitism is anti-Semitism whether it comes from the Ku Klux Klan or from extremist Negro groups, 'Snick' included. We must remember, however, that 'Snick' is no more representative of American Negroes or the civil rights movement than the Ku Klux Klan is of white America. It is tragic that 'Snick' has now adopted the oldest and most pernicious form of prejudice, namely anti-Semitism. Anti-Semitism has the historic quality of destroying whoever or whatever touches it, whether it be Nazi Germany or Czarist Russia.

"It is also particularly devastating that 'Snick' should have adopted a program of extremist Arabs and Soviet anti-Semites who are at this time advancing the same arguments as 'Snick' did in its newsletter," Mr. Abram continued. "The obvious purpose of the Soviet Union and its Arab allies is to divide and weaken the United States in its search for a just and honorable peace in the Middle East. Americans will not be divided by the Arabs, Soviets or 'Snick.'"

Mr. Maslow declared: "The shocking and vicious anti-Semitism expressed in the 'Snick' newsletter must be condemned as a kind of poison that can only cloud the atmosphere in which white and black, Christian and Jew must work together in the common effort to make the promise of equality come true for every citizen. By its racist attitude, as reflected in the statements published in its official newsletter, 'Snick' has disqualified itself from any claim to be taken seriously in the struggle for human decency. There is no room for racists in the fight against racism.

"As partners in the common struggle for racial justice -- a struggle that concerns all Americans -- the Jewish community has a right to expect that those who claim to seek equality will neither give force to nor tolerate anti-Semitism, publicly proclaimed or privately whispered. At the same time, as Jews, we reiterate the moral and historical imperatives that have determined our commitments to the brotherhood of all men and to the goal of full equality in a free society for all Americans," the American Jewish Congress official stressed.

Majority of Negroes Believed as Not Going Along with SNCC Anti-Semitism

Mr. Schary stated: "The ADL regards this development to be a tragedy in the race relations situation in the United States. 'Snick' is no longer a responsible civil rights group. It ties itself to the Chinese-Soviet and now Arab propaganda machines in the United States.

"I do not think the majority of Negroes go along," the ADL leader continued. "'Snick' represents a minuscule minority of the Negro people. Americans generally rejected this kind of extremism, whether

it comes from a group like 'Snick' or one like the Ku Klux Klan. It is an irony that 'Snick' should tie itself to the Arab cause when an Arab country, Saudi Arabia, still maintains slavery."

Mrs. Halprin said in a statement: "The vicious and totally false attack on American Jewry, Zionism and Israel in the SNCC newsletter is sadly more damaging to the cause of civil rights than it is to those besmirched in the attack. For 'Snick' to accuse to accuse Zionism and Israel of committing atrocities against the Arabs is so far from the historic truth that it undercuts the veracity and integrity of the accusing group.

"As one who has just returned from Israel, I can personally testify to the extensive effort being made by the Israel Government to help the Arabs achieve economic security and to restore through every possible channel normal relations between the Arabs and Jews. As innumerable correspondents and columnists who were on the scene during the six-day war have reported, the fighting -- despite the charges made by 'Snick' -- was marked by a lack of atrocities that are unfortunately so often associated with warfare.

"On mature reflection, we trust the leadership of the civil rights movement, including 'Snick' itself, will repudiate the wild charges made in the 'Snick' publication. For a civil rights organization to follow the pro-Arab, Soviet racist line, is a crime against the very cause to which it is dedicated," Mrs. Halprin pointed out.

Rabbi Miller said: "The attack by SNCC upon Israel and the Zionist movement demonstrates nothing but crude and unadulterated anti-Semitism, despite their denial. Their propaganda statements, which pattern those of the Communist and Arab extremists, reveal a dismal ignorance of the factors leading to the reestablishment of Israel as well as the facts in the Middle East situation today.

"We can only conclude that the leaders of SNCC, whose financial situation has become desperate, are making a bid for Communist and Arab support. What we are sadly witnessing is the debasement of an organization, some of whose original supporters were genuinely concerned with uplifting the underprivileged, and the beginning of the end to a group which, instead of reaching for the sunshine has now turned to digging in the mud. This so-called 'nonviolent' committee has done violence to truth and its own just cause by mouthing the venomous lies of the panderers of hate in this country and abroad," the leader of the American Zionist Council concluded.

Congress Told of Steps Taken to Seek Investigation of Arab Link to S.N.C.C.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 15, (JTA) -- Rep. Joel T. Broyhill, Virginia Republican, made known in the House today that he has asked the State Department and the U.S. Attorney General to investigate the supply of anti-Jewish propaganda material to the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee by Arab embassies.

Rep. Broyhill referred to a newspaper report that Ralph Featherstone, SNCC program director, "acknowledged that the source of some of SNCC's material was Arab embassies." He said that foreign diplomatic missions violated protocol by stirring up internal racial tensions and prejudices on the domestic American scene. The Congressman demanded that the Justice and State Departments examine Arab diplomatic links with SNCC to determine whether Arabs should be declared persona non grata and be asked to leave the United States. He noted the close collaboration of some Arab states with the Soviet Union and Communist policies.

He also made known that he is inquiring into the tax status of SNCC, to determine if it is regarded as a tax-exempt foundation, "in view of the admission that SNCC is an agency that disseminates foreign propaganda." SNCC should be required to register under the Foreign Agents Registration Act if it is acting as a propaganda medium of foreign nations, he suggested.

S.N.C.C. Condemned at Convention of Jewish War Veterans

WASHINGTON, Aug. 15, (JTA) -- National Commander Malcolm A. Tarlov today told the 72nd annual national convention of the Jewish War Veterans of the USA that "all illusions about SNCC being any part of the community of civil rights organizations has been dispelled by their now blatant anti-Semitic, anti-Israel and pro-Communist line."

Mr. Tarlov said the SNCC attack indicated an "Arab line now dictated by their Communist advisors." He said it was now "apparent that SNCC no longer deserves either the financial or moral support of Americans, whatever their race or religion." The JWV commander said the latest SNCC action followed a series of pronouncements "that parallel the Communist line." He cited SNCC efforts to organize riots and rebellion, activities of former SNCC leader Stokely Carmichael in Cuba, and other SNCC activities.

Mr. Tarlov termed it "regrettable" that the civil rights movement "may suffer from these few but vociferous extremist agitators." He said "there is little doubt that this statement was not only inspired by but drafted by the Arab propaganda arm in this country and approved by the Soviets."

U.N. Secretary-General Appoints Swiss Diplomat as Personal Envoy on Jerusalem Issue

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., Aug. 15. (JTA) -- Secretary-General U Thant today officially appointed Ernesto Thalmann, a Swiss diplomat, as his personal representative to Jerusalem. He said that Mr. Thalmann is leaving immediately for Jerusalem for a two-week stay "solely to obtain information as a basis for the Secretary-General's report to the Security Council and the General Assembly."

Mr. Thant's announcement followed talks he had held here with Israeli diplomats the last two weeks on the role his representative would play in the Jerusalem issue. The appointment was made as a consequence of a resolution adopted here recently by the emergency special session of the General Assembly, which had called on Israel to "rescind" its unification of Jerusalem and also requested that the Secretary-General send a personal representative to the city.

The Secretary-General said, in announcing Mr. Thalmann's appointment, that he had received Israel's assurance that it will cooperate with Mr. Thalmann's mission and would give him all facilities and information he would require.

Informed sources here said that Israel made certain conditions before agreeing to accepting Mr. Thalmann's appointment. These conditions reportedly included an assurance that the Jerusalem representative would report only on the general situation in unified Jerusalem; will make no inquiries on Israel's lack of response to the Assembly's call for "rescinding" unification; will work through the Israeli authorities in Jerusalem, who will arrange for him all appointments and provide him with all requested information; will not act as a "board of inquiry"; will report directly and privately to the Secretary-General, and that his report will not be made public as a United Nations document.

Israel has reportedly reserved to its own Government the right to report directly to Mr. Thant on the implementation of the General Assembly resolution. Israel was understood to regard the present situation in Jerusalem as a political issue to be discussed in the context of all the problems Israel wants to negotiate with the Arab states.

50,000 Attend Tisha B'Av Services at Western Wall in Old City of Jerusalem

JERUSALEM, Aug. 15. (JTA) -- A mixture of mourning and elation was apparent here today as nearly 50,000 people made a traditional pilgrimage to the Western Wall in the old section of Jerusalem on Tisha B'Av, to lament the destruction of the First and Second Temples. The Book of Lamentations was read, and Orthodox Jews observed the custom of disposing of their shoes and arriving with unshaven faces.

The opportunity to observe the day at the Western Wall -- and Jewish possession of the former Temple grounds for the first time since the suppression of the Bar Kochba revolt, some 800 years ago -- caused exaltation among the worshipers, even though the Chief Rabbinate had proclaimed the occasion a day of mourning. President Zalman Shazar was among those who came to the Wall for the observance.

Cafes and places of entertainment throughout Israel were closed on the eve of Tisha B'Av, and remained closed until the end of the mourning period. In accordance with tradition, and by order of the Rabbinate, Orthodox Jews fasted today.

Bomb Explodes in Buenos Aires Near Theater Where Jewish Anti-Soviet Meeting is Held

BUENOS AIRES, Aug. 15. (JTA) -- A bomb exploded here last night in a tearoom next door to a theater where a massmeeting was being held condemning Soviet anti-Semitism. There were no casualties, but the tearoom suffered heavy damage.

The massmeeting was called to commemorate the Jewish writers and intellectuals murdered by the Soviet Union, in 1952, under the Stalin regime. Heavy police guards had surrounded the theater and, it was believed, those who planted the bomb put the explosive as near the auditorium as possible because of the presence of police.

The speakers at the meeting included Tobias Kamenszain, president of the Buenos Aires Jewish community, and a number of prominent writers, among them the Yiddish author, Simcha Sneh; and two prominent Argentine writers, Jorge Luis Borges and Fryda Schultz Mantovari. They denounced the "spiritual and cultural asphyxiation" suffered by Jews in the Soviet Union.

Congress Hears Report on Increased Anti-Semitism in Communist Countries

WASHINGTON, Aug. 15. (JTA) -- Rep. Robert Taft, Jr., Ohio Republican, reported to the House today on "increased anti-Semitism" in Communist countries. He noted a speech by National Commander Malcolm A. Tarlov, of the Jewish War Veterans, on the rise of anti-Jewish pressures emanating from Moscow. The Congressman termed the situation "disturbing."

He called attention to "a new wave of anti-Semitism in Communist nations in which Jews are made the scapegoats because Israel defeated the Arab allies of Moscow, and the Communist drive for power in the Middle East."

Los Angeles Federation-Council Allocates \$3,000,000 to Local and National Agencies

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 15. (JTA) -- The Jewish Federation-Council today made partial allocations totaling over \$3,000,000 to Los Angeles area and national beneficiary agencies and services of the 1967 United Jewish Welfare Fund. In a joint report, Victor M. Carter, president of the Federation, and I.H. Prinzmetal, chairman of its budget and allocations committee, emphasized that the allocations are incomplete, with disbursements to overseas agencies and services to be made in the near future.

Ninety-one health, youth service, child and aged care and other social welfare agencies and services in the Los Angeles area will receive \$2,725,176, an increase of \$67,345 over the amount given to the same groups in 1966. Major local beneficiaries include Cedars-Sinai Medical Center, \$600,000; Jewish Centers Association, \$680,384; Bureau of Jewish Education, \$537,808; Jewish Vocational Service and its Handcraft rehabilitative workshop, \$153,000, and Los Angeles Emigre Service, \$125,000.

For national agencies usually receiving Welfare Fund money, no attempt was made to set specific allocations, but the sum of \$343,730 was allocated for the entire national category, with definite amounts to be set later. Major national beneficiaries usually include the American Jewish Committee, B'nai B'rith Anti-Defamation League, National Jewish Welfare Board and American Jewish Congress.

The budget and allocations committee postponed its allocations for the international agencies which conduct relief and rehabilitation work in Israel and in 29 other overseas countries. Normally, explained the report, the Jewish Federation-Council, from moneys raised in the annual United Jewish Welfare Fund, makes allocations to local, national and overseas agencies simultaneously. This year, however, budget hearings were postponed when the regular United Jewish Welfare Fund drive was interrupted by the Middle East crisis and the establishment of the Israel Emergency Fund campaign to provide for social welfare needs in Israel.

Weizmann Institute Technique May Establish Whether There is Life on the Moon

TEL AVIV, Aug. 15. (JTA) -- Scientists at the Weizmann Institute have developed a technique whereby it may be possible to determine whether there is life on the moon, it was announced here today by Institute officials.

The technique has been worked out in the chemistry department of Weizmann by Dr. Emanuel Gilav, a scientist who had worked in England during World War II with the late Dr. Chaim Weizmann. He had been assisted by two other members of his department, Dr. Benjamin Feibush and Mrs. Rosita Charles Sigler.

Under the methods evolved by this scientific team, the identification of optical isomers in substances obtained from outer space would be possible, indicating whether there is life in the regions where the substance had originated. Dr. Gilav, it was announced, will spend the next academic year at Houston, Texas, where he will employ his methods with samples of substances obtained from outer space.

20 Israeli Scholars Participate in International Congress of Orientalists in U.S.

ANN ARBOR, Mich., Aug. 15. (JTA) -- A delegation of 20 Israeli scholars from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem and the University of Tel Aviv are among the 1,200 experts from 20 nations gathered at the University of Michigan for the 27th International Congress of Orientalists.

Prof. Uriel Heyd, head of the Department of Near Eastern Studies of the Hebrew University and Prof. Schmuel Yavin, head of the Department of Archaeology of the University of Tel Aviv, lead the delegations from their respective institutions of learning.

The Israeli scholars will join their colleagues in discussing various aspects of ancient and modern Asia at the week-long sessions at which some 500 papers will be delivered. Prof. W. Norman Brown, president of the congress, expressed his regret that the Russians, Czechoslovak, Bulgarian and East German scholars, who had been invited to attend, had decided to withdraw "at the next-to-last moment." The war in Viet Nam and tensions in the Middle East were given by Moscow as the reasons for considering that the time was inopportune for an east-west scholarly exchange.

Sir Alfred D'Costa, Member of Jamaica Privy Council, Dies in Kingston; Was 95

KINGSTON, Jamaica, Aug. 15. (JTA) -- Sir Alfred D'Costa, a member of the Jamaica Privy Council for more than 20 years, died here at the age of 95. Born and educated on this former British-owned island, he served as solicitor-general registrar of the Jamaica Supreme Court from 1907 to 1909 and as a Privy Council member from 1934 to 1959. Burial today was in the Jewish Cemetery, Kingston.

Simon Bieber, Leader of the Jewish Community in Belgium, Dead; Was 63

BRUSSELS, Aug. 15. (JTA) -- Simon Bieber, well-known leader of the Jewish community here, died at the age of 63. A devoted Zionist, he was for many years the treasurer of the Keren Hayesod in Brussels and a member of the Poale Zion Committee, which he represented at the 26th Zionist Congress in Jerusalem. Active in various local Jewish associations, he was a member of the board of the Centre des Jeunes, the Brussels Community Center.