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Israelis Fight in Parliamentary Union to Block Soviet-Arab Indictment

GENEVA, Sept. 13. (JTA) -- The Soviet Union and the Arab states carried their campaign against Israel into the council of the Inter-Parliamentary Union here today and sought to have that body brand Israel as an aggressor, call for Israel to withdraw from the territories it had occupied and pay reparations to the Arab states which had sought its destruction.

Some 200 parliamentarians, representing the legislative bodies of 60 nations, are attending the session which opened here yesterday. Almost the first order of business was submission of a Soviet resolution calling for condemnation of Israel, followed by another resolution presented by the seven Arab countries which are members of the IPU. A debate on the resolutions began immediately and, by adjournment, more than 20 members had spoken.

David Hacoen, chairman of the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Security Committee and head of the six-man delegation vigorously, replied to the Soviet-Arab onslaught. He told the parliamentarians that the Soviet Union had never sought to promote peace in the Middle East and had never sought to modify the proclaimed Arab intention to destroy Israel. He recited a long list of threats by Arab leaders to encompass the destruction of Israel.

The Israeli spokesman made a strong bid to the Council to reject the two resolutions, just as the United Nations General Assembly had rejected similar resolutions. He urged the council to support "honorable and direct peace negotiations between equals" which he described as a procedure fundamental to the Charter of the United Nations.

Israel Accuses Jordan of Incitement of West Bank Arabs

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., Sept. 13. (JTA) -- Israel complained to Secretary-General U Thant today that, while its Government was "directing its efforts to alleviating the consequences of the hostilities" of the Six-Day War last June and was seeking to restore normalcy and peaceful conditions, including the return of Arab refugees to their homes in territory occupied by Israel, "the Government of Jordan is conducting a campaign of increasing violence, vituperation and direct incitement both of the prospective returnees and of the Arabs in Israel-controlled territory."

(Radio Amman announced today that Jordan had agreed to the request of the executive committee of the World Islamic Congress to hold a meeting in Amman Friday to consolidate efforts "to rescue Islamic holy places from Zionist occupation" and to help the Arabs "remove the consequences of Israeli aggression." The meeting is to be one of a series in the Arab world sponsored by the congress.)

The Israeli charges were contained in the Israeli reply to the Secretary-General's request that Israel extend the August 31 deadline for the return of Arab refugees to the west bank. The Israeli Government also charged that Jordan was "applying pressure on those former residents of the west bank who had decided to stay, in order to compel them to return to the west bank against their will."

The Israeli letter pointed out that "the attitude of Jordan had caused serious concern to the Government of Israel which takes a grave view of this attempt by Jordan to use human plight in the pursuance of its hostile political objectives."

The letter advised Mr. Thant that Israel would "allow former west bank residents, holder of previously-issued permits, who were unable to make use of them before August 31, to return to their former homes within a fixed period of time. Arrangements to this effect are being made," he declared.

It said further that Israel would authorize the Israeli authorities to accept applications "from residents of the west bank for the reunion of their families. Such applications will be reviewed in each case by Israel with sympathetic consideration."

The letter also stated Israel would study individual applications "based on conditions of special hardship, and will discuss with United Nations Relief and Works Agency representatives in Israel ways by which Israel might contribute to a solution of the urgent problem arising from the adverse physical conditions in the camps now occupied by those who were previously UNRWA refugees, particularly in the Jericho camps."

Bull Blames Trigger-Happy Egyptians for Continuing Suez Canal Clashes

TEL AVIV, Sept. 13. (JTA) -- Egyptian positions on the west bank of the Suez Canal opened machinegun fire today on an Israeli mobile patrol on the east bank. The Israelis returned the fire. There were no Israeli casualties in the brief exchange.

Israeli sources said today that direct hits were scored in yesterday's artillery duel on an Egyptian artillery position and that a direct hit was scored on an Egyptian tank which was seen to burst into flame.

Egyptian artillery shells hit cars belonging to United Nations cease-fire observers, damaged the house in East Kantara used as their headquarters and also a Coptic church and a mosque. Israelis denied an Egyptian claim that they had shot down an Israeli Mirage jet fighter.

(Lt. Gen. Odd Bull, head of the Secretary-General's cease-fire observance team along the Suez Canal, cabled U.N. headquarters today placing responsibility for Tuesday's cease-fire violation on the Egyptian forces. He accused the Egyptians of "initiating fire at two Israeli Mirage fighter aircraft flying north to south along the east bank of the Suez Canal." He noted that the firing subsequently "escalated.")

Jenin Arabs Surrender Machineguns, Rifles to Israel Authorities

TEL AVIV, Sept. 13. (JTA) -- Arab residents of the town on Jenin in the occupied west bank area have surrendered to the Israeli military authorities 80 firearms of various types including Bren machineguns and Russian assault rifles, it was disclosed today. The Israelis have been conducting a persistent campaign to round up arms held by the civilian population of the area.

In Gaza, a three-judge panel imposed sentences of up to 10 years' imprisonment on Arabs convicted of illegal possession of weapons. Occupation of Gaza by the Israeli forces had been accompanied by serious sniping and it was established that a large number of members of the so-called Palestine Liberation Army, a terrorist force, had kept their arms and infiltrated the civilian population.

Agency Chief Sees 20,000 Immigration from North African Lands

LONDON, Sept. 13. (JTA) -- Chairman Aryeh L. Pincus of the Jewish Agency said in London yesterday that Israel expected to receive 20,000 immigrants this year from Morocco and Libya. He expressed the hope that the doors would be open to Jews who would like to leave Eastern Europe to settle in Israel and reiterated his strong belief in Israel's need for substantial immigration from the Western countries.

(In Jerusalem, Leon Dultzin, head of the immigration and absorption department of the Jewish Agency, said today his department was actively considering proposals for the absorption of 20,000 refugees and for a worldwide campaign to encourage immigration.)

Mr. Pincus also expressed concern that the social fabric of Israel's society should not be endangered by present inequalities in Israeli education. He noted that only four percent of children born of parents from Moslem countries attended universities in Israel. He said the street corners in Israeli development towns were occupied by jobless adolescents without training or hope.

"We cannot go back to a situation where there will be any Jew in our country who says 'I do not enjoy the same rights.' We dare not let our people say that there was equality when it came to dying for Israel but inequality when it came to living."

Admission to Temple Mount Area Becomes Supreme Court Issue

JERUSALEM, Sept. 13. (JTA) -- The Israel Supreme Court has given the Minister of Religion ten days in which to show why the Temple Mount area in the walled, Old City of Jerusalem should not be administered by Jewish institutions and why Jews should not be allowed to enter the compound through all the gates leading into it.

The court acted on an action brought by two Israeli citizens who objected to the fact that the compound, in which is located the Dome of the Rock and the Al Aksa Mosque, is administered by the Waqf, the institution which administers all Moslem religious property in Jerusalem. For hundreds of years the Waqf and its Moslem predecessors have charged non-Moslems a fee to enter the compound and there was indignation among many Jews after the reunification of the city, when the Waqf gatekeepers demanded an admission fee from them.

Last week, without any fanfare, a second gate was opened into the compound through which visitors could enter without having to pay the Moslem tax. The Waqf protested to the Israeli military governor who rejected the protest on the grounds that it was written on stationery of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan.

The Ministry of Religions is preparing briefs for submission to the court and may call Moslem religious leaders to testify.

Soviet Union First Country Listed to Address Reconvened Assembly Session

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., Sept. 13. (JTA) -- The Soviet Union is the only country listed thus far to speak when the special emergency session of the General Assembly, initiated by the Soviets last June 14, is reconvened Sept. 18.

Isaac Stern Cancels East European Concerts to Protest Bloc's Israel Stand

JERUSALEM, Sept. 13. (JTA) -- Isaac Stern, world-famed violinist, has cancelled concert appearances in the Soviet Union, Czechoslovakia and Hungary in protest against the anti-Israel policies adopted by the governments of those countries.

Mr. Stern, who is now in Bucharest where he will perform later this week with the Bucharest Philharmonic Orchestra, telegraphically notified the governments of the three countries that as "a Jew and a Zionist," he could not visit those countries and give concerts there after they had ordered the Israeli envoys to leave.

Mr. Stern is the president of the America-Israel Cultural Foundation in New York and, with his wife, is active in many Israeli causes.

Zweig Says He Refused to Sign East German Anti-Israel Declaration

LONDON, Sept. 13. (JTA) -- Arnold Zweig, the famous German-Jewish novelist, told the London Daily Telegraph correspondent that he had refused to sign a recent East German declaration branding Israel as the aggressor in the Arab-Israeli war last June but he denied having written to friends in Israel criticizing East German policy on Israel.

The newspaper's correspondent said today that Dr. Zweig openly tells visitors he is "disappointed" by the East German position. His son, Dr. Adam Zweig, who lives in Switzerland, told the newspaper that his father could not have written the letter attributed to him in which he sharply criticized the East German regime's anti-Israel stand, asserting that the letter reflected "neither his style nor his way of expressing himself."

Ask Seven-Year Prison Sentence for Nazi Who Slew Mental Defectives

BONN, Sept. 13. (JTA) -- The prosecution asked a Stuttgart court today to impose a sentence of seven years at hard labor on Albert Widmann, 54, a former officer in Hitler's Elite Guard and chief chemist in the Nazi regime's criminal police bureau.

Widmann has been on trial on charges of complicity in the slaying of 7,000 mental defectives in Minsk during the Nazi occupation there. Widmann claimed that the killing of the mentally ill was "legally sanctioned" at that time.

World Union of Jewish Students Warns of Anti-Semitism in Czechoslovakia

PARIS, Sept. 13. (JTA) -- Fear of a return of anti-Semitism to Czechoslovakia was voiced today by the World Union of Jewish Students. In a letter to the Czech ambassador in Paris, the group expressed concern over developments in Czechoslovakia. As evidence of an anti-Jewish trend, the students cited the recent manifesto for intellectual freedom signed by 300 Czech writers and artists which appeared last week in the London Times, and the actions of the Czech Government in stripping a noted Czech writer of his citizenship for expressing pro-Israel views.

The union, representing 26 organizations in Europe, Africa and North America, asked the Czech Government "to allow free expression of opinions and to halt the rise of anti-Semitism -- particularly strong since the development of the recent Middle East crisis."

B'nai B'rith Sets Up New District for Caribbean Area

SAO PAULO, Sept. 13. (JTA) -- Mendel Stein Sapir of Chile was elected president of the 20th District of B'nai B'rith at its fifth annual Latin American convention here. Other officers, from Argentina, Brazil and Uruguay, were also named.

The convention approved formation of a 23rd B'nai B'rith District, made up of lodges in Caribbean countries, which will be installed shortly in Caracas, Venezuela. Rabbi Jay Kaufman of Washington, executive vice-president of B'nai B'rith, was a participant in the convention proceedings.

A highlight of the sessions was the unprecedented visit to the convention of two Catholic Cardinals, Dom Agneli Cardinal Rossi, Archbishop of Sao Paulo, and Leo Joseph Cardinal Suenens, Archbishop of Malines-Brussels, who greeted the delegates. Owing to garbled cables, JTA incorrectly reported that a convention delegation had been received by the two prelates.

Rogovsky to Direct American Jewish Committee Activities in Latin America

NEW YORK, Sept. 13. (JTA) -- Eduardo I. Rogovsky, prominent Argentine sociologist, has been appointed director of the American Jewish Committee's South American offices, it was announced today by Bertram H. Gold, executive director.

Formerly head of AJC's Social Research Studies in Buenos Aires, Mr. Rogovsky will work out of that city and supervise additional AJC offices in Rio de Janeiro and Sao Paulo, Brazil, as well as special research projects and program activities in Nicaragua and Chile.

Robert Benjamin, Film Executive, Named to American U.N. Delegation

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., Sept. 13. (JTA) -- Robert S. Benjamin, chairman of the board of United Artists Corp., was nominated a member of the United States delegation to the United Nations for the forthcoming General Assembly opening Sept. 19. Mr. Benjamin is active in the American Committee for the Weizmann Institute and many other Jewish causes.

Canadian Bar Association Reaffirms Support for Anti-Hate Legislation

TORONTO, Sept. 13. (JTA) -- The civil liberties section of the Canadian Bar Association reaffirmed today its support of an anti-hate bill now being considered by the Canadian Senate.

By a vote of 23 to 12, the section voted down a resolution by a group of British Columbia lawyers who were opposed to the bill. The Senate measure would make the advocacy of genocide or the dissemination of racist propaganda a criminal offense. It was based on a report by the Cohen Committee which was submitted to and approved by the Canadian Bar Association at its annual convention in Winnipeg last year.

Emory University to Establish Chair in Judaic Studies

ATLANTA, Ga., Sept. 13. (JTA) -- Emory University will establish a chair of Judaic studies as part of its program for mobilizing educational resources and ideas for tomorrow, William R. Bowdoin, chairman of the university's Merit Program announced today.

Emory, a Protestant religious-affiliated institution, has a student body of about 5,000. Two Atlanta alumni, Dr. Irving H. Goldstein and Max Rittenbaum, will head a committee to seek \$500,000 to endow the chair.

Dr. Jack Boozer, chairman of the Emory Department of Religion, said the addition of a noted Jewish scholar to the faculty would "tremendously enrich the program of the department." He said the scholar who would fill the chair would be available to teach courses rooted in the traditions of Judaic thought. "From time to time, he said, visiting professors from the Hebrew University in Jerusalem would assist in teaching and Emory would seek to encourage student exchanges with the Hebrew University, "opening the door to new light and new learning."

Young Leadership Group Is Told Public Welfare Funds Pose New Challenge

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 13. (JTA) -- Proposals for restrictions of Jewish and other sectarian health and welfare programs because of increased governmental involvement in such programs were rejected here by a federation executive at the Atlantic Northeast Young Leadership Regional Conference. The conference was sponsored jointly by the United Jewish Appeal and the Council of Jewish Federation and Welfare Funds.

Charles Miller, associate director of the Federation of Jewish Agencies of Greater Philadelphia, told the 150 delegates that the challenge to the Jewish community of expanding government activities in the welfare fields was to be "creative and imaginative" to strengthen "our own community" and to contribute to the general community at the same time. He said there were ways to redirect communal funds into health and welfare programs not supported by government subsidies. He cited research and experimentation with new programs of communal service.

Rabbi Herbert A. Friedman, UJA executive vice-chairman, warned the delegates that Israel faced severe military problems in the years ahead, as well as a "great deal of international political trouble. He said there was a possibility of more fighting in the Middle East. He declared that the French Government no longer could be considered friendly to Israel, the British were withdrawing support and the Soviet Union was backing the Arab militarists. "The United States is Israel's only firm ally," he said but he voiced doubt as to how far out on a limb the State Department would go in the event of renewed warfare.

Philip Bernstein, CJFWF executive director, traced the development of Jewish federations, which he said were a unique Jewish contribution to the American scene. He said that when the emergencies of 1948 and 1967 developed, the leadership and organization of the federations was available and ready to meet the needs. He also reviewed the broad areas of social, health and welfare service supported by Jewish federations.

Mr. Bernstein added that through federations, a community can distribute funds "on the basis of needs, rather than the success of solicitors, engage in community planning to eliminate duplication, and review needs and set goals in the perspective of a total community."

Dr. Elazar Goelman, dean of Gratz College, led a seminar on Jewish education. Problems discussed included the problem of federal aid to sectarian education and the increasing demands by public schools on the free time of pupils.

Samuel A. Fryer, Biochemist and Philanthropist, Dead at 83

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 13. (JTA) -- Funeral services have been held for Samuel Aaron Fryer, biochemist and philanthropist, who aided Jewish education in the United States and higher education and research in Israel. He died in Santa Monica Sept. 9 at the age of 83.

Mr. Fryer's contributions to Israel educational institutions included an aeronautical engineering building at the Haifa Technion, a research laboratory at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem and grants to the Jewish National Fund for establishment of a research program in organic farming.

Here, he made it possible for the University of Judaism in Hollywood to acquire a 10-story building and contributed \$300,000 for the Yavneh Hebrew Academy here. He was to have been guest of honor at a testimonial dinner on Oct. 1.