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Soviet Move Silences Israel at Opening of Tense Security Council Debate

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., Nov. 9 (JTA)—After a four-hour wrangle, sparked principally by the Soviet Union, Israel was prevented in the Security Council late today from following Egypt in the presentation of the Israeli arguments against a three-power draft resolution which Israel previously had identified as an Arab-Soviet document.

The session, which was convened this afternoon one hour late, was adjourned when the Soviet Union, represented by its first deputy Foreign Minister, Vassily V. Kuznetsov, demanded that Israel be forbidden to follow the address previously scheduled to open the debate by Egypt's Ambassador Mohamed El Kony. Arthur J. Goldberg, chairman of the United States delegation, requested that, in fairness, Israel be allowed to speak immediately after the Egyptian. Finally, after hours of unsuccessful behind-the-scenes arguments, the matter went back before an open session of the 15-member body. Mr. Goldberg moved that Israel be given second place in the debate but lost by vote of eight to seven. A minimum of nine votes is required for approval in the Council. As a result of that vote, Israel was placed sixth or seventh on the list of speakers. Mr. El Kony then delivered the first address in the debate.

The real issue, behind the parliamentary maneuvering, was to give a three-power group in the Council—headed officially by Mali, Nigeria and India—to get the jump on the draft resolution formulated by the U.S. delegation. Israel had already denounced the three-power draft as pro-Arab. In the background was the possibility that, if both the pro-Arab and the U.S. drafts should fail to muster the votes needed for Council passage, Japan would present a compromise which, it was predicted, would still be unacceptable to Israel.

So tense was the series of moves that preceded this afternoon's session that eight members of the Council, plus Egypt and Israel as principal protagonists, had already inscribed their names on the speakers' list. The Council members were India, Nigeria, the Soviet Union, Britain, the United States, Ethiopia, Denmark and Canada. India reportedly offered to let Israel speak immediately after the Egyptians did, if Mr. Eban would promise not to mention the three-power draft in his address. The Israelis rejected that offer on the ground that it would not permit any Council member to tell Israel what to discuss and what not to mention.

Mr. Eban was known to have prepared an address in which he would have rejected any United Nations effort to seek a solution of the Israeli-Arab issue without endorsement of direct Israeli-Arab peace negotiations, an end to Arab belligerence, and outright rejection of anything like the defunct 1949 Israel-Arab armistice lines or armistice pacts, which, for 19 years, have led to war and no peace.

Washington Sees Hussein's Line Tougher After Egyptian Move at United Nations

WASHINGTON, Nov. 9 (JTA)—King Hussein's statements to President Johnson on Wednesday remained secret today, but official sources disclosed that the Jordanian monarch's stand had hardened during the course of his visit. It was learned that, when Hussein met with Secretary of State Dean Rusk, Monday, he failed to repeat his Sunday television offer of Arab concessions to Israel. The change was attributed to the Egyptian response to Hussein's "moderation." Officials said that, after Cairo called for an urgent session of the United Nations Security Council, it became apparent that the king was taking a tougher line.

The king demonstrated a "genuine desire for peace" in a private meeting with members of the Senate Wednesday, it was said today by Sen. Stuart Symington, chairman of the Near Eastern Subcommittee of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. Sen. Symington said Hussein provided an outline of Jordanian peace proposals "in broad strokes." Mr. Symington said the subject of resumption of U.S. arms supplies for Jordan was discussed, but the King indicated this subject had a "low priority" on his Washington agenda.

The Senate today heard a warning against a U.N. move that might jeopardize Israel by requiring a formula of prior Israeli withdrawal from occupied territories and a mere promise of subsequent negotiations. The warning was voiced by Sen. Jacob K. Javits, New York Republican, who cautioned against new trends at the United Nations. He said that "above all, we must not again be embarrassed by a formula like that of 1956-1957. This proved to be a formula for disappointment and war." He said that there was "potentially mischievous ambiguity" in the U.S. draft resolution at the U.N. Security Council.

LATE NEWS FLASH

President Johnson Makes Surprise Visit to Jewish Labor Committee Event

NEW YORK, Nov. 9 (JTA)—President Johnson arrived in New York tonight to attend the dinner of the Jewish Labor Committee, at which the National Trade Union Council's Labor Human Rights Award was given to George Meany, president of the AFL-CIO. The President's presence at the dinner had not been expected by most of the 500 persons present. (For other details of the J.L.C. meeting see Page Four)

Kollek, Mayor of Jerusalem, Says City is Indivisible, 'Not Up For Bargaining'

NEW YORK, Nov. 9 (JTA)—Mayor Teddy Kollek, of Jerusalem, said here today that the whole of Jerusalem was indivisible from Israel and "is not and never will be up for bargaining." He said that the united city could and should be a bi-ethnic society where Israelis and Arabs live and work together in peace. He cited Montreal as an example of such a society.

Mayor Kollek, who is touring the United States under Hadassah auspices, spoke at a press conference at Hadassah House. He noted that, since the unification of Jerusalem in last June's Six-Day war, most municipal services have been restored in the Old City, Arab schools are functioning with larger enrollments than in the previous year, and there is complete freedom of movement for Arab citizens.

Mr. Kollek said that unlike the situation in the West Bank where most Arabs fled during the June war, the Arab population in East Jerusalem remained virtually intact. He said the Arabs are cooperating but many are fearful that this become known, should the city again be divided. The Arabs, he said, if they are permanent residents, may vote in municipal elections and participate in civic affairs on an equal basis with Jews. He noted that, for the first time in nearly 20 years, the 4,000 Arab residents of the city's section formerly known as New Jerusalem, are able to visit mosques in the Old City, something they were not permitted to do when Jordan occupied the Old City.

Mayor Kollek predicted that Jerusalem's population, which was 180,000 last year, will be increased by immigration from outside and from within Israel. He pointed out that, only when Jerusalem served as the capital of Israel over the past 3,500 years, was it a city of importance. Under foreign rule, he said, it was just another provincial town.

Israeli Ship Outruns Chase by Canadian Cutters; Envoy Denies Arms Running

MONTREAL, Nov. 9 (JTA)—An Israeli freighter suspected of carrying an undeclared cargo of small arms, outran two Canadian Coast Guard cutters last Friday. But Israel's Ambassador, Gershon Avner, denied emphatically that any such cargo existed or that Israel was importing arms from Canada.

The vessel in question was the 5,000 deadweight ton cargo motorship Nahariya of the Zim lines which sailed from Pictou, Nova Scotia after loading a cargo of lumber and was bound for Spain. An "anonymous tip" that the ship was carrying arms to the Middle East without an export license led to the chase, but the cutters were unable to catch the Nahariya before she entered international waters. The episode was described in the Canadian parliament by Paul Martin, Minister of External Affairs, in reply to questions by H. Russell MacEwan, member from Pictou. Ambassador Avner said later that the "tip" was the result "of an argument between Nahariya's Master and a stevedore."

New Israeli Submarine, Built in England, to be Commissioned at Portsmouth Today

LONDON, Nov. 9 (JTA)—A new submarine, the Dakar, will be commissioned in the Israel Navy at ceremonies tomorrow at the Royal Navy dockyard in Portsmouth, where the vessel is being fitted out. The British-built undersea craft was acquired by Israel some time ago.

Israel Charters Two More Boeing Jets; Passenger Flights Rise Despite Tensions

TEL AVIV, Nov. 9 (JTA)—El Al, Israel's airline, announced today that it was chartering two more Boeing jets in anticipation of increased tourist traffic from the United States to Israel in 1968. M. Ben Ari, general manager of the airline, said that, in spite of the tension and the war El Al flew 34,000 passengers to Israel during the first nine months of 1967.

Representatives of the Boeing company meanwhile are concluding an agreement here for the purchase by El Al of two new conventional jets and one jumbo jet which is expected to be ready in the early 1970's.

Rumors Persist at U.N. that Ambassador Goldberg May Quit Post for Politics

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., Nov. 9 (JTA)—Rumors persisted here today that Ambassador Arthur J. Goldberg, permanent representative of the United States at the United Nations will resign his post next month, to enter politics or law practice.

The rumors were strengthened by the disclosure that Ambassador Goldberg, a former Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court, was admitted to practice by the New York State Bar this week. He was qualified by the State Appellate Division. A spokesman for the U.S. Mission said, however, that the admission of Ambassador Goldberg to the New York State Bar was simply a courtesy such as was also extended to the late Ambassador Adlai Stevenson when he headed the United States' U.N. Delegation, and that it has no political significance.

It has been reported for some time that Ambassador Goldberg was considering seeking the Democratic Party nomination for U.S. Senator from New York to oppose Republican Senator Jacob K. Javits in the 1968 elections.

U.N. Committee Changes Title of Draft Forbidding Religious Intolerance

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., Nov. 9 (JTA)—The General Assembly's committee on social, cultural and humanitarian matters decided today by a vote of 89 to none against, with one abstention, to change the title of the draft convention "on the elimination of all forms of religious intolerance" to "international convention on the elimination of all forms of intolerance and of discrimination based on religion or belief."

Erhard Concludes 10-Day Visit in Israel; Sees no Danger of Anti-Semitism in Germany

JERUSALEM, Nov. 9 (JTA)—Dr. Ludwig Erhard, former Chancellor of West Germany, told newsmen here tonight that he did not believe anti-Semitism in "democratic Germany" had any chance of becoming contagious or a force. The West German leader and his wife came here 10 days ago on the invitation of Premier Levi Eshkol. They are due to leave tomorrow.

Responding to sharp questions from some newsmen, Dr. Erhard said his record proved beyond doubt that he had been consistent in his fight against the Nazis and that he had foregone many academic positions and honors because he refused to join even Nazi fellow-traveling academic groups. He also noted that it had been his personal decision to extend suspension of the statute of limitations for murder until 1969.

He also said that he had been very well received during his stay here, adding that he was not so naive as to mistake small demonstrations against him, such as one by students at Bar Ilan university, for an expression of the people's attitude. Evading political questions, he said only that he wished Israel a permanent peace based on mutual recognition with the Arab states.

West Germany Fails to Accept Bail for Two Israelis Accused of Being 'Agents'

MUNICH, Nov. 9 (JTA)—Bail had still not been accepted today for two Israelis arrested here last Friday on suspicion of attempted housebreaking and contravention of West German passport regulations. The men, Baruch Shur, 39, of Tel Aviv and Daniel Gordon 38, of Haifa, were picked up by police for allegedly trying to enter the apartment of Mrs. Heinrich Mueller, wife of a top Gestapo chief who disappeared in 1945.

Police said Shur and Gordon were suspected of being "Israeli agents." Their attorney, Rolf Bossi, said that both had lost relatives in Nazi extermination camps and were trying to track down Mueller, but were acting on their own initiative and had no connection with any organization. Mr. Bossi said that he would file a complaint against the rejection by the Bavarian State prosecutor's office of 15,000 marks (\$3,700) offered in bail for his clients. He said that Nazi war criminals are released on bail, but apparently not Israelis.

Mueller was the superior of Adolf Eichmann in the Gestapo hierarchy. He has been reported dead but no conclusive evidence of that fact has ever been found either by Germans or by Jews hunting Nazi war criminals.

Nazi on Trial in Frankfurt Charges Prosecutor With 'Dreyfus-Type' Persecution

FRANKFURT, Nov. 9 (JTA)—A former Nazi minister in Sofia, on trial for his role in the deportation of 1143 Bulgarian Jews to extermination camps in 1943, denied that he had participated in the crime. Heinz Beckerle, 65, insisted that he had cooperated with Bulgarian King Boris III to prevent the deportation. In his defense, Becker charged in court today that the prosecutor was subjecting him to "Dreyfus-type" persecution.

Danger of Decline of Jewish Community Seen in Italy; Total Now Only 33,000

ROME, Nov. 9 (JTA)—Italy's small Jewish community, which today numbers only 33,000, is in danger of demographic extinction as a result of a declining birth rate, migration and the effects of Nazi and Fascist persecution 25 years ago.

This conclusion was drawn from a statistical study just completed by two Italian Jewish graduate students, Sergio Della Pergola and Franco Sabatello. They found that there is a natural decrease of 4.7 percent among Italian Jewry, compared to an annual increase of 8.7 percent for the Italian population as a whole. The average age of the Jewish population is 41 years, compared to an average of 34 years for the general population.

During World War II, the Fascist regime and, later, the Nazis deported about 8,300 Italian Jews. About 5,000 Jews abandoned the Jewish community, and a considerable number of Jewish youths emigrated from Italy. The decrease in the Jewish population is especially noticeable in small and medium size communities from which there has been a steady internal migration to larger cities. The largest Jewish centers in Italy today are Rome with 13,000 Jews and Milan with 8,500.

The study by Pergola and Sabatello shows that 36 percent of Italy's Jews are actively employed. Of these, 60 percent are independent, and 40 percent are employees. Fifty-seven percent of all actively employed Jews are in commerce, 16 percent are professionals, and 14 percent are workers and technicians.

Interfaith Student Parlay at Geneva Explores Concept of 'Chosen People'

GENEVA, Nov. 9 (JTA)—Forty Jewish and Christian students from all parts of the world convened today at the first seminar of its kind here, to discuss "the concept of the chosen people and its presence in modern society." The students represented the World Union of Jewish Students and the Federation of Associations of Christians. The seminar was addressed by Chief Rabbi Alexandre Safran of Switzerland, Mike Hunter, chairman of the Jewish Students Union, Pastor Raymond of Geneva, Pastor Valdo Galland, secretary-general of the Christian students federation, and Pastor Robert Martin-Achard, of Geneva University.

Jewish Labor Committee Pledges Closer Cooperation Between Jews, Negroes

NEW YORK, Nov. 9 (JTA)—The Jewish Labor Committee has pledged to increase its efforts for closer cooperation between the Jewish and Negro communities in America, and to combat separatism, anti-whitism, anti-Semitism and anti-Negro sentiments and expressions.

This program for interracial cooperation will be described by Emanuel Muravchik, national director of the Jewish Labor Committee, in an address to open the biennial convention of the JLC here tomorrow night. More than 500 delegates from more than 20 states and Canada are expected.

Mr. Muravchik will also take issue with what the JLC sees as a tendency to exclude Jews from groups protected by federal legislation against discrimination in hiring. These tendencies, he said, "ignore anti-Jewish discrimination when planning administrative and survey procedures designed to check compliance with equal employment opportunity legislation." The JLC is especially concerned with continued discrimination against hiring Jews for white collar and professional jobs, he declared.

Referring to mounting racial tensions in the central states, the JLC director will place the blame for growing cynicism and despair in the black ghettos directly on the failure of Congress "to rally to a significant and massive attack on poverty." Unless Congress awakens to its full responsibility, "we cannot expect next summer to be different from last summer," he warned.

At a pre-convention dinner tonight, George Meany, president of the AFL-CIO, was given the first annual Labor Human Rights Award of the National Trade Union Council, under the chairmanship of Charles S. Zimmerman, vice-president of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union. Addresses were delivered by Mrs. Golda Meir, former Foreign Minister of Israel; W. Willard Wirtz, Secretary of Labor; Louis Stulberg, president of the ILGWU; Jacob Potofsky, president of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America; and A. Philip Randolph, a vice-president of the AFL-CIO, who is president of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters. Among those attending the event was Senator Jacob K. Javits.

Reform Leader Criticizes President, Congress for Neglecting Anti-Poverty War

NEW YORK, Nov. 9 (JTA)—A Reform rabbinical spokesman sharply criticized President Johnson and Congress for failing to provide adequate funds for the domestic war on poverty while at the same time the United States was spending large sums of money on the war in Viet Nam.

Rabbi Irwin M. Blank, of Tenafly, N.J., chairman of the committee on justice and peace of the Central Conference of American Rabbis, said, "In their unwillingness to throw the full weight of national treasure and personnel into the war against poverty, President Johnson and Congress are failing in their moral responsibility to the educationally and economically deprived of our country."

Rabbi Blank said he felt "We must hold them responsible for adding to the desperation of our poor and the blight which infects our cities. History will judge them harshly for their continued failure to provide adequate funds and personnel for the war against poverty while pursuing fantasies in the Far East." He implored both President Johnson and Congressional leaders to not only restore existing cuts in the poverty program but to vote and work for appropriate monies to meet the needs for programs and personnel.

The 1,000 members of the CCAR in the United States, serving more than 1,000,000 congregants, were urged to mobilize campaigns of public opinion in their communities to bring about a change in funds for the poverty program.

American Legion to Represent Jewish Veterans, Israel at Patriotic Ceremony Tomorrow

WASHINGTON, Nov. 9 (JTA)—The Jewish War Veterans of the United States reported today that it had made arrangements with the American Legion to represent the JWV and Israel at Veterans Day ceremonies at Arlington National Cemetery on Veterans Day this Saturday. Since the event this year falls on the Jewish Sabbath, the JWV and Israel indicated it could not participate.

During the annual Veterans Day ceremony to be held Saturday at the National Cemetery, at Arlington, torches will be carried by military attaches from the Embassies of France, Britain, Belgium, Italy, and Mexico. The JWV has turned over both its own torch and Israel's to the American Legion.

House Committee Chairman Favors U.S. Loan of Destroyer to Replace Israel's Elath

WASHINGTON, Nov. 9 (JTA)—Chairman L. Mendel Rivers, of the House Armed Services Committee, today indicated to members of the committee that he favored affirmative action on a pending bill, authorizing the loan of a modern American destroyer to Israel to replace the Elath. The Israeli destroyer was sunk by the Egyptians last month. Rep. Rivers, South Carolina Democrat, made known that early action might be anticipated on the ship loan to Israel.

Histadrut Announces 20 Scholarships for Students in Israel

MONTREAL, Nov. 9 (JTA)—Twenty Israeli students will receive scholarships from the Montreal chapter of Histadrut, it was announced here today. The names of the recipients will be made public Monday at a testimonial dinner to be held here, honoring Harry Herlich, one of the Zionist leaders in this city.