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Congressmen Urge Ban on U.S. Aid to Egypt Until Talks Started With Israel

WASHINGTON, Mar. 26 (JTA)--A group of 24 Democratic and Republican Representatives joined today with Rep. Seymour Halpern, New York Republican, in co-sponsoring a Halpern resolution to withhold resumption of diplomatic relations and economic aid from Egypt until President Nasser entered into peace talks with Israel and also met other conditions.

Introducing the resolution on the House floor, Rep. Halpern said the United States was entitled to "fundamental concessions" so that renewal of relations with Egypt would not be "a one-way street." He reminded his colleagues that Nasser severed relations "in a fit of vituperation" and made false charges that United States planes took part in the June war against Egypt and that Nasser continued to preach "the annihilation of Israel." He voiced hope that the resolution would deter President Johnson from permitting the State Department to give "tacit approval to Nasser's aggressive policies" by unconditionally restoring relations and aid.

The resolution would bar renewal of diplomatic ties until Egypt publicly admitted within that country that the United States planes made no attack, that Egypt compensate the United States for damages inflicted on United States consulates and that Egypt begin peace talks with Israel. The resolution also asks that the President not resume aid to Egypt until Nasser recognized Israel's right to exist, opened the Suez Canal to peaceful shipping of all nations, curtailed the Egyptian arms buildup and terminated the boycott of American firms for reasons of religious affiliation and trade with Israel.

El Fatah Seen Creating De Facto 'Buffer State' in East Jordan

JERUSALEM, Mar. 26 (JTA)--Observers suggested here today that a defacto "buffer state" was being created along the East Bank of the Jordan by El Fatah terrorists who recognize neither the cease fire agreement between Israel and Jordan nor, apparently, the authority of King Hussein and his government.

That was the picture that emerged from the accounts of West Bank residents who returned from Jordan this morning. They told of a mass exodus of villagers from the border areas into the hinterland. They are being replaced rapidly by guerrilla units and saboteurs who have set up their own administration in many places. Jordanian Army units are still stationed on the main highways guarding the approaches to Amman and remain in a few places in the northern Jordan Valley. But otherwise, they too have disappeared, leaving the terrain to the irregulars, the returning West Bankers said. Political circles here were said to be assessing the situation which might soon see an autonomous state arise between Israel and Jordan run by terrorists.

According to reports from Amman, King Hussein said today he would welcome official cooperation by his Government with the El Fatah commandoes but that he could not permit them to become "a state within a state." The reports said that 150 Jordanian public officials and military leaders met with the King to press for open support of the terrorist group.

The Cairo newspaper, Al Ahram conceded today that El Fatah plans for future incursions against Israel were disrupted by last Thursday's Israeli attack on their bases and by the capture of their operational plans.

Israeli Official Replies to Criticism of Israel's Thursday Raid

JERUSALEM, Mar. 26 (JTA)--Israel's Minister of Information, Israel Galilee, replied last night to criticism of the way last Thursday's military operation against terrorist bases in Jordan was handled. Newsmen wanted to know why Israel announced in the early hours of the attack that its troops would return to their bases, thus enabling Jordanian forces to attack without fear of an Israeli push to Amman. They also noted that such Israeli operations can easily be trumpeted as a "victory" by Arab propagandists.

Mr. Galilee said that the Jordanian Army had expected an Israeli attack but there were no special re-enforcements around Karameh, the El Fatah base that was the principal target. He said that the operation had not harmed chances for peace because as long as the El Fatah was permitted to continue its incursions and as long as the cease fire with Jordan was violated there is little chance for United Nations Ambassador Jarring's peace mission to succeed.

Israel Asks Red Cross for Information on Fate of Three Missing Soldiers

TEL AVIV, Mar. 26 (JTA)--Israel has approached the International Red Cross for information on the fate of three soldiers missing in last Thursday's operation against terrorist bases in Jordan, it was learned here today. One of the three men is presumed to be dead, but the other two are believed to have been taken prisoner by the Jordanians. Israel agreed to permit the Red Cross to investigate the condition of El Fatah prisoners captured in Thursday's battle.

Goldmann Sees Hopes for Arab-Israeli Settlement Fading

NEW YORK, Mar. 26 (JTA)--Dr. Nahum Goldmann, president of the World Jewish Congress, told the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations today that hopes for an early Israeli-Arabian settlement were fading and that the Mideast problem might be back on the United Nations Security Council agenda next month. He added that world Jewry "must remain mobilized in the face of an international political situation fraught with difficulty for Israel."

In a review of European problems, he said little improvement could be expected in regard to maintenance of Jewish identity and development of a Jewish cultural and religious life by Soviet Jews as long as present Soviet-Israel relations remained unchanged. He declared that the "anti-Semitic" propaganda drive in Poland must be condemned though the Polish Jewish population was small and the danger of physical attack against the Jewish community was minimal. In other East European countries, he added, the position of the Jewish communities remained unchanged, although some liberalization of government policy could now be expected in Czechoslovakia.

He predicted that the "right-wing" and "anti-Semitic" National Democratic Party in West Germany would gain a number of seats in coming elections to the West German Parliament and warned that the rise of the party was "a greater danger to German democracy and the Western alliance than to the Jewish community because the remaining number of German Jews is so small."

He also urged that "everything should be done to rescue" the few thousand Jews left in Egypt, Syria and Lebanon, saying those Jews were in "permanent danger" as long as the Arab-Israel conflict continued.

Justice Cohn Tells Rights Assembly Minorities Persecuted in East Europe

MONTREAL, Mar. 26 (JTA)--Justice Haim Cohn of Israel told the World Assembly for Human Rights here today that ethnic and religious minorities were suffering persecution in the Soviet Union and certain other Eastern European countries. He urged the Assembly, a group of experts in the field of human rights participating in their individual capacities rather than as representatives of governments or organizations, to seek action to safeguard the rights of ethnic groups. The Israeli Supreme Court justice stressed the need to find means of enforcing respect for human rights.

Sidney Liskofsky of the American Jewish Committee supported the position taken by Justice Cohn and urged the assembly to work for adoption by the United Nations of the pending convention on the elimination of all forms of religious intolerance in as close to its present form as possible.

Dr. William Korey, director of the United Nations office of B'nai B'rith, raised before the assembly the threat to the Sub-commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities of loss of autonomy under pending proposals to modify the form of the body of experts. He proposed that the assembly call upon the forthcoming human rights conference in Teheran to protect the integrity, autonomy and independence of this agency.

Rev. M. L. Perlzweig of the World Jewish Congress presented a detailed proposal for a system under which individuals could submit petitions to the United Nations. Recognized non-governmental organizations would be authorized to present complaints and petitions to a committee of jurists who would seek satisfaction for the complaint or, failing that, pass the problem on to the appropriate UN agency.

Shazar Elected to Second Five-Year Term as President of Israel

JERUSALEM, Mar. 26 (JTA)--Zalman Shazar, Israel's 78 year-old third President, was elected to a second five-year term by the Knesset (Parliament) this afternoon. Eighty-six out of 110 Knesset members voted for Mr. Shazar, the only candidate. Twenty-four cast blank ballots. Knesset speaker Kadish Luz, accompanied by Prime Minister Levi Eshkol, visited President Shazar at his home to inform him officially of his re-election and to offer congratulations.

The Israel presidency is largely a ceremonial office although the President is, officially, the Chief of State. He is elected by secret ballot in the Knesset and has certain statutory rights such as pardoning criminals and summoning a Knesset-member to form a government after elections or if the existing government resigns.

Nevertheless, certain factions in the Knesset were apparently opposed to Mr. Shazar's re-election. The one-man party, Haolam Hazeh, urged that a younger man should symbolize a young state. He apparently reflected the views of some of the former Rafi and younger former Mapai elements in Israel's dominant United Labor Party.

Model of New Campus of Haifa U. Unveiled at Brooklyn Museum

BROOKLYN, N.Y., Mar. 26 (JTA)--Haifa University, which is building an ultra-modern campus on the heights of Mt. Carmel, was described here last night as symbolic of "Israel's desire for an effective dialogue with the Arab people." Consul General Michael Arnon, of Israel, told an audience of 400 attending the unveiling of a model of the new campus at the Brooklyn Museum, that the university's student body includes over 200 Arabs training as future teachers in Arab villages and towns and that Arab professors are members of its faculty.

Polish Envoy in Washington Denies Anti-Semitism in Poland Drive

NEW YORK, Mar. 26 (JTA)--Ambassador Jerzy Michalowski, the Polish Ambassador in Washington "strongly denied" during the course of a one-hour meeting yesterday any anti-Semitism on the part of his government during the recent student disorders in Poland. He said that Wladyslaw Gomulka, chairman of the United Workers (Communist) Party, had tried to reduce tensions arising out of charges that Jews were responsible for the present turmoil in the country. The envoy's statements were quoted today by Rabbi Herschel Schacter, chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major Jewish Organizations.

Rabbi Schacter reported to a meeting of the conference on his confrontation with the Polish envoy during which, he disclosed, he voiced "deep concern" that the anti-Semitic campaign in Poland had not abated despite the Gomulka speech. He stressed, he said, that the Gomulka assurances meant little unless translated into action. This, he said, would mean an end to the denunciation of Jews as "Zionists," "Stalinists" and "Revisionists." It also required, he said, that Jews wishing to emigrate may do so without "public harassment," and that Jews be permitted to display sympathy for Israel without being subjected to official attack.

"Ambassador Michalowski has pledged that the Gomulka regime stands firmly opposed to any anti-Semitism," Rabbi Schacter said. "We welcome this pledge but until the government takes firm and vigorous steps to end the resort to anti-Semitism as a weapon in the social and political turmoil now sweeping Poland, American Jews and men of good will everywhere will continue to speak. We shall not be silenced. We shall not rest until the Jews of Poland may live and work in dignity and security or emigrate without fear of reprisal."

Knesset Approves Denunciation of Polish Government in Student Drive

JERUSALEM, Mar. 26 (JTA)--A resolution condemning the latest demonstration of anti-Semitism in Poland and calling on the Polish Government to permit the emigration of the remnants of the once great Polish Jewish community was adopted here last night by the Knesset, the Israeli Parliament.

The resolution pointed out that "since the Six-Day War in which Israel vanquished the aggressors who had openly threatened to destroy her, the Polish Government had taken the most serious anti-Israeli position. This policy was soon turned into a campaign of defamation against the remnants of the holocaust in Poland.

"This anti-Jew hatred," it said, "has been well-known from the days of the tsars to the days of Stalin. Even today, it is one of the moral atrocities of our times." The resolution concluded with an appeal to enlightened elements in the world to intervene to protect the Jews in Poland.

Los Angeles Jewish Community Denounces Polish Anti-Semitic Campaign

LOS ANGELES, Mar. 26 (JTA)--A resolution condemning the policy of the Polish regime "in using Jews as scapegoats in a desperate effort to maintain political control," was adopted here at a meeting of the community relations committee of the Jewish Federation-Council of Greater Los Angeles. The resolution asserted that the regime's attempt to divert attention from its failures "by singling out the Jews for special reprisal will not succeed in suppressing the desire of the people of Poland for freedom."

Victor M. Carter, president of the Council-Federation, announced that Los Angeles Jewry will demonstrate its concern for Polish Jewry at the citywide observance of the 25th anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto uprising on April 28.

WASHINGTON, Mar. 26 (JTA)--Some students, protesting anti-Jewish and anti-intellectual policies of the Polish Government demonstrated today in front of the Polish Embassy here. The students carried signs stating: "Anti-Semitism is Not Dead -- It Is Alive in Poland" and "Stop Suppression of Academic Freedom." The number of pickets was small. No incidents occurred.

PARIS, Mar. 26 (JTA)--A resolution protesting the "anti-Zionist, anti-Semitic propaganda campaign" of the Polish Government was adopted at a meeting here today of the Congress for Unity, a body organized by the Federation of Jewish Societies of France. The meeting, which also expressed concern with the treatment of Jews in the Soviet Union, was attended by 350 delegates representing 85 Jewish organizations.

AMSTERDAM, Mar. 26 (JTA)--The Dutch committee of survivors of the Auschwitz death camp protested today the Polish Government's current anti-Semitic campaign in a wire to Polish Prime Minister Cyrankiewicz.

Conservative Rabbis Suspend Role in Military Chaplaincy Draft

KIAMESHA LAKE, N.Y., Mar. 26 (JTA)--The Rabbinical Assembly, the organization of Conservative rabbis, voted today to suspend participation in the draft of newly ordained rabbis for the military chaplaincy. The action, approved at the 68th annual Assembly convention here, called for cooperation of all Jewish theological seminaries and rabbinical organizations to evolve a new voluntary system which will increase the number of spiritual advisors to men in the armed forces.

The resolution, offered by Rabbi Ralph Simon of Chicago, Assembly vice-president, instructed the organization "to seek, in cooperation with the seminaries, rabbinical organizations and the National Jewish Welfare Board, which administers the chaplaincy program, to develop supplementary resources for serving our military personnel," to include employment of civilian chaplains "on a full time or part time basis."

Rabbi Max J. Routtenberg of Rockville Center, L.I., chaplaincy committee chairman whose report formed the basis for the vote, said that for a number of years there had been "growing dissatisfaction in rabbinical circles" over the compulsory draft of chaplains and that there had been "many inequities growing out of the draft system climaxed by a request of the graduating class of the Jewish Theological Seminary," the Conservative school, that the draft be dropped and replaced by a voluntary system. He added that the four-hour debate at the convention yesterday "revealed the growing crisis of conscience among both seminarians and rabbis arising out of the Vietnam war" but that the "overwhelming sentiment" was that "the needs of the men in service for moral and spiritual guidance must be met" and that the seminarians have been urged "to respond to this call for service on a voluntary basis."

Earlier this month, Yeshiva University disclosed that it had suspended participation by its Rabbi Isaac Elchanon Seminary in the military chaplaincy draft and has been permitting its graduating students to volunteer since January in a one-year experiment.

ADL-Sponsored Study Finds Laity Reject Church Stand Against Prejudice

BERKELEY, Calif., Mar. 26 (JTA)--A claim that over 40 percent of white Americans approve of the racist views of third party presidential candidate George Wallace was made here today by Prof. Seymour N. Lipset, a Harvard political scientist participating in a University of California centennial symposium on the patterns of American prejudice. The forum was based on the findings of a five-year research program conducted by the University's survey research center under a half million dollar grant from the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith.

Prof. Lipset, said white Anglo-Saxon Protestants in American rural areas and small towns are today a cultural-religious minority "that is out of step with the majority and represent a frustrated group in the changing racial picture." He warned that "the more virulent backers of racism have united behind the candidacy of George Wallace."

The symposium was also addressed today by Undersecretary of Commerce Howard J. Samuels, who said that American industry had greater possibilities for immediate and significant action in breaking down the walls of prejudice and discrimination than any other aspect of society. He noted that it was in jobs that the Negro feels the effect of discrimination first and most sharply, but that the shop of office offers the best "built-in situation" for equal participation by the races.

Two University of California sociologists reported at the symposium yesterday that a majority of the church and synagogue attending laity reject the virtually unanimous stand taken by official church bodies against religious and racial prejudice. Dr. Charles Y. Glock and Rodney Stark, both participants in the ADL funded program, warned in their report that "one cannot assume too readily that religion is a powerful and reliable force against prejudice."

Mrs. Johnson Lauds B'nai B'rith Women Services at Convention

WASHINGTON, D.C., Mar. 26 (JTA)--Mrs. Lyndon B. Johnson commended the B'nai B'rith Women today for their work in "helping to solve the nation's social problems." The First Lady, addressing the organization's triennial session here, declared that she was "deeply impressed with all the activities of the women of B'nai B'rith, from Operation Stork, which through better care for mothers reduced the number of birth defects, to your 'adopt-a-grandmother' program;" "There is certainly no generation gap in the loving care which your chapters give to peoples of all ages in need," she declared.

The delegates presented Mrs. Johnson with a replica of an antique Hebrew etrog box inscribed with two doves and the words from the 29th Psalm, "may the Lord grant strength unto his people and bless his people with peace."

Another session was addressed by Gen. Yitzhak Rabin, Israel's Ambassador to the United States who declared that peace is Israel's primary and most important goal but "we are prepared to defend our country under any conditions and under any circumstances." Noting that incidents are occurring along the cease fire line almost daily, Gen. Rabin said "we can hope for the best but must be prepared for the worst."

Memorial Services Planned Here for Prof. Margolioth, Talmudic Scholar

NEW YORK, Mar. 26 (JTA)--Memorial services will be held at the Jewish Theological Seminary of America this week for Mordecai Margolioth, professor of Midrash and Gaonic literature at the Seminary, who died in Jerusalem Sunday at the age of 58. Prof. Margolioth was well known as a scholar in the field of Talmud and rabbinics and was the author of 19 books.