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Congressmen Hit Administration for Supporting UN Resolution Condemning Israel

WASHINGTON, Mar. 27 (JTA)--Two Republican Congressmen led off a sharp attack on the Administration today because of United States support for the United Nations Security Council resolution condemning Israel for its attack on terrorist bases inside Jordan. The debate in Congress proceeded as Jewish organizations protested what they called the one-sided UN action.

Rep. Richard Schweiker of Pennsylvania, a member of the House Armed Services Committee, said in the House today that the UN resolution was "both an unfair slap at Israel and a setback for peace generally in the Middle East." He warned that the UN resolution would give Arab terrorists "moral support to continue to destroy life and property inside Israel" and represented "a diplomatic victory in the Middle East arena for the Soviet Union." He said that "too often in the past, the United States has fallen back to a stance of neutrality in the Mideast, a non-position that has helped the Soviet Union make inroads. Now is the time for realism before it is too late."

Rep. Seymour Halpern of New York told the House that the Administration's support of the resolution censuring Israel "made a mockery of all the pious talk about the necessity of displaying firmness and willpower to deter terrorism and aggression in Vietnam." He said the resolution gave the terrorists "a sort of privileged sanctuary from which they can sally forth and spread havoc into Israel." He accused the Administration of "a lack of will power and resolve" in going along on the resolution and noted that "Israel has certainly as much right to defend her territory against guerrilla terrorism as we have to defend South Vietnam."

Rabin Says Israel Will Not Take Dictation From Jordan or Terrorists

Israel Ambassador Yitzhak Rabin, the former Chief of Staff, referred to the Security Council resolution and statements made in the Council debate, when he addressed the Rabbinical Assembly last night at Kiamasha Lake. He warned Jordan that neither it nor the terrorists it is harboring "will dictate to us how to react or in what proportion." He commented that while "today we are talking about Jordan, the same holds true for any of our neighbors who fail to maintain the cease-fire resolution of the Security Council."

The triennial convention of B'nai B'rith Women adopted a resolution deploring the Security Council resolution that condemned Israel in a manner that "unfairly gave way to the Soviet-Arab bloc." The resolution pointed out that the Council had denounced Israel without condemning in sharper terms the "wanton killing by Arab terrorists which provoked the Israeli retaliation."

(In Long Beach, N.Y., the national convention of the United Zionists Revisionists of America adopted a resolution criticizing the United States for supporting the Security Council resolution condemning Israel. The Zionist group said the United States had played into the hands of the Soviet Union and it warned that the Council resolution would deprive Israel of its legitimate right of self-defence and would embolden the Arabs to escalate their terrorist activities.

(In Paris, Andre Francois-Poncet, a prominent French diplomat and former Ambassador to Germany, denounced the Security Council's resolution. Writing in the newspaper, Le Figaro, Mr. Poncet said "we may wonder if good sense has disappeared and if we are not living in the wrong world.")

British Government Says It Must Remain Neutral in Middle East Dispute

LONDON, Mar. 27 (JTA)--The British Government must remain neutral in the Arab-Israeli dispute if it is to be of any help in reaching a solution to that conflict, a Government spokesman said in the House of Commons today. Goronwy Roberts, Minister of State for foreign affairs spoke in reply to Labor MP Raymond Fletcher who declared that he found it "totally impossible" to adopt a neutral attitude in the Middle East "where we have the only democracy, and the only social democracy as well in the Middle East, surrounded on all sides by hostile Arab neighbors." He asked, "how can the Government say it is neutral in such circumstances?"

Mr. Roberts replied that "in a situation like this, where passions are inflamed, no outside country will be able to do very much to help resolve the conflict if it is considered to be partisan to one side or the other." He stressed the Government's view that a Middle East settlement can be achieved only by the international community acting together in the interests of peace. "It is for this reason that the Government has, since the Six Day War, laid so much importance on working through the United Nations," he said.

Mr. Fletcher charged that Arab propagandists, many of them ex-Nazi Germans, have made clear their intention not only to destroy the state of Israel but to liquidate its people. "I can't be neutral in any kind of conflict between the state of Israel and the Arab states which seems to have taken upon their shoulders the mantle of the late Dr. Goebbels," he said.

Ground Is Broken on Mt. Scopus for Truman Center for Advancement of Peace

JERUSALEM, Mar. 27 (JTA)--Former President Harry S. Truman, in a speech read here today, called on all nations, "especially those that tend toward chronic belligerency," to "foresake the primitive folly of the battlefield for the sane, sensible and civilized way of the conference table" to settle international disputes. The words of the former U.S. Chief Executive who, in 1948 made the United States the first nation to recognize the new born State of Israel, were read by his personal friend and representative, David Noyes, at ground-breaking ceremonies for the Harry S. Truman Center for the Advancement of Peace to be built on Mt. Scopus.

The ceremonies, held indoors because of rain, were attended by U.S. Ambassador William Barbour, members of the Cabinet and founding members of the Center which is made up of Americans, Canadians and subscribers from South America and other parts of the world. To date, more than \$4 million have been raised toward construction of the Truman Center.

It will be primarily a research institute working with United Nations agencies concerned with problems of daily life such as health, food, shelter, soil conservation and irrigation.

President Truman declared in his speech that he urged all nations to eschew war because "all wars, no matter how fierce or savage, must come to an end and terminate at the conference table." "Wouldn't it be the better part of good sense and human compassion to use the conference table as the first approach to a negotiated solution?" he asked. "Let us put an end to provocations and incitements to hostilities; let us liberate ourselves from persisting prejudices of national, ideological or ethnic origins...We must put an end to war or war will put an end to us."

Soviet Embassy Spreads Report Israeli, Communist China in Military Cooperation

WASHINGTON, Mar. 27 (JTA)--The Soviet Embassy released charges here today that collaboration between Communist China and Israel has developed and that "plans are afoot for establishing military cooperation between the Peoples Republic of China and Israel." The source of the report was given as "the Arab press" by Anatoly Yegorin, Cairo correspondent of the Soviet propaganda agency, "Novosti," whose dispatch was quoted by the Soviet Embassy. Yegorin contended that Peking was trying to discredit the efforts of Moscow on behalf of the Arabs while secretly making arrangements with Israel. Among the alleged arrangements was a Chinese-Israeli trade agreement under which China "will supply Israel with consumer goods, food and various equipment" to be delivered in foreign ships.

The Beirut newspaper, Al Bairak was cited as the authority on the alleged trade deal and for allegations that "diplomatic ties between Peking and Tel Aviv have lately become stronger." Yegorin said in his dispatch that Israel's Minister of Trade "confessed" that the deal will give Israel an opportunity to penetrate the Far Eastern export market, including China. Observers here saw the report as an effort to defend the Russian position in Cairo and to spread rumors about Chinese-Israeli relations that might damage Chinese-Arab relations. The Novosti correspondent said that Russian help was "highly appreciated in the Arab world" and chided China for not helping the Arabs "hold out in the face of Israel's imperialist aggression."

Dutch Embassy in Warsaw to Look After Israeli Interests in Poland

THE HAGUE, Netherlands, Mar. 27 (JTA)--Israel's interests in Poland have been entrusted to the care of the Netherlands Embassy in Warsaw, it was learned here today following a meeting between Israel's Foreign Minister Abba Eban and the Foreign Minister of Holland, Dr. Joseph Luns. Mr. Eban invited Dr. Luns to visit Israel after an exchange of views on the Middle East situation and Israel's bid for association with the European Common Market. Poland severed diplomatic relations with Israel following last June's Middle East war.

Mr. Eban addressed a crowded press conference at the Israel Embassy in The Hague. He said that nothing has changed since last week's military operation against terrorist bases in Jordan and that Israel is still hoping that UN envoy Gunnar Jarring's peace mission will succeed. He disclosed that in 20 years Israel has lost proportionately more men in battle than the United States has lost in both the Korean and Vietnam wars.

The Israeli Foreign Minister opened the United Israel Campaign in Amsterdam tonight. He will fly to Luxembourg tomorrow and to Brussels on Friday where he will meet Foreign Minister Harmel and the president of the European Commission, Jean Ray. He plans to visit the Scandinavian countries in May.

Israel to Display New Arms and Captured Weapons in Independence Day Parade

JERUSALEM, Mar. 27 (JTA)--Brand new weapons of an as yet undisclosed nature and weapons captured from the Arabs during the Six-Day war, topped off by a Russian-type SA-2 missile taken intact in the Sinai Desert, will highlight Israel's Independence Day parade here on May 2, it was announced today. The parade, the largest in the country's 20 years of independence, will begin in East Jerusalem and end in West Jerusalem. According to senior officers at military headquarters, 3,000 infantrymen and armored columns will participate in the parade while the Airforce will stage fly-overs, for the first time in the skies over Jerusalem. An official reviewing stand will be set up on what was formerly known as the "ammunition dump" near Shoafat in Northeast Jerusalem. Thirty-thousand seats will be erected for tourists and 12,000 will be reserved for the families of fallen soldiers.

British Government Voices 'Continued Concern' Over Fate of Jews in Arab Lands

LONDON, Mar. 27 (JTA)--The British Government said today that the fate of the Jews remaining in Arab lands was a matter of "continued concern" to Her Majesty's Government which will "continue to do all in their power to discourage and prevent" their imprisonment without trial, deprivation of property and denial of human rights and freedom. The Government pledge was made in a letter to the British Section of the World Jewish Congress in response to a resolution recently adopted by the organization.

The Foreign Office letter noted that the British Government supported a proposed convention to eliminate the statute of limitations on war crimes and crimes against humanity and declared that the Government was considering ratification of the international convention on elimination of all forms of racial discrimination.

The plight of the Jews in the Arab countries will be considered by the annual general meeting of the United Nations Association which is to open in Edinburgh on April 5. A resolution calling for international action to protect these people is on the agenda of the meeting.

Wiesenthal Charges Austrian Red Cross Is Helping Fugitive Nazi War Criminals

VIENNA, Mar. 27 (JTA)--A man who has dedicated his life to tracking down Nazi war criminals charged here today that the Austrian Red Cross is aiding Nazi fugitives to escape justice. Simon Wiesenthal, director of the Jewish Document Center here, submitted to Minister of Justice Klecatsky information that the Austrian Red Cross is misusing its position by warning Nazis still at large that they are on the wanted lists. The Austrian attorney general immediately ordered an investigation of Mr. Wiesenthal's charge that the Red Cross is publishing lists of wanted Nazis in newspapers normally read by the fugitives.

West German Neo-Nazis Call for General Elections Before Electoral Reform

BONN, Mar. 27 (JTA)--West Germany's neo-Nazi National Democratic Party called today for new general elections as the national coalition government struggled to overcome an internal crisis over the issue of electoral reform. Changes in the electoral system, proposed by the Minister of the Interior, Paul Luecke, would have modified the present procedures and eliminated the proportional representation aspects of the system.

The NPD, which has been obtaining an average of eight percent of the vote in the provincial elections it has been contesting, would, on that basis, be certain of winning a number of seats in the Bundestag, the lower House. Without proportional representation, it would be extremely doubtful if the party could muster a plurality in any voting district to give it a seat. Hence, Adolf von Thadden, the NPD chairman, would like to see general elections held immediately under existing law.

The Organization of Nazi Victims in West Berlin appealed today to the three commanders of the Allied occupation forces in West Berlin to outlaw the National Democratic Party. The organization protested that West German politicians of all parties were making light of the neo-Nazi danger. They said that the number of neo-Nazis in Berlin was much higher than the NPD membership indicated. According to the West Berlin Senate, the NPD has some 400 members in West Berlin.

(The National Democratic Party is not a problem for the Jews but for the Germans themselves, Dr. Nahum Goldmann, president of the World Jewish Congress, told a meeting of the American Section of the Congress. He said there was absolutely no comparison between conditions in Germany and Europe today and the conditions which made it possible for an Adolf Hitler to come to power.)

Romans Hold Memorial Services for Nazi Victims Slain in Ardeatine Caves

ROME, Mar. 27 (JTA)--Memorial services were held here for 335 Nazi victims, among them 75 Jews, who were massacred on March 24, 1944 in the Ardeatine caves as German forces retreated from Italy before the Allied armies. The memorial was addressed by Minister of Commerce and Industry Andreotti who, referring to the Israel-Arab dispute in the Middle East, declared that no political or commercial calculations would prevent Italy from expressing its solidarity with the few survivors of the millions of Jews exterminated by the horrors of racial persecution in Europe.

Justice Cohn Again Raises Question of Soviet Jews in Human Rights Assembly

MONTREAL, Mar. 27 (JTA)--An Israeli supreme court judge today affirmed the right of every minority group to maintain its cultural and spiritual traditions no matter where they lived. Addressing the World Assembly on Human Rights here, Justice Haim Cohn, who had previously raised the question of anti-Jewish discrimination in Russia, said, "I need only remind you of the disabilities under which some minorities live in the USSR. I think some words of sympathy should go out to these people who, as human beings, have the basic rights of human beings."

Turning to the question of protection of human rights in war-torn areas, Justice Cohn urged that the rights of soldiers should be protected. "From the point of view of human rights, the soldier must often be protected from his officers," he said. In an apparent reference to the treatment of Arab soldiers by their officers, he remarked that "we in Israel, after several wars, can well see how the regular soldier can be exploited and abused."

B'nai B'rith Women Urge Negotiation, Not Escalation, in Vietnam War

WASHINGTON, Mar. 27 (JTA)--A plea for "vigorous effort at negotiation" instead of further military escalation by the Administration in Viet Nam was expressed today in a resolution of the B'nai B'rith Women.

Overwhelmingly approved at the organization's triennial convention, the resolution said the American commitment in Viet Nam "must not overshadow our fundamental commitment to our own nation, its inhabitants and our national welfare." The women charged that escalation had turned Viet Nam into "an American war, not a South Vietnamese war." Concern was expressed that "further escalation is in prospect with a danger of World War III ever present."

According to the resolution, "some of the assumptions" on which American military involvement was initially based seem no longer valid. The resolution said American effort on behalf of the South Vietnamese was compromised "in light of the fading support of the Thieu-Ky Government." It also said that the "Domino theory which implies the loss of Southeast Asia to Communist domination if the United States does not attain victory in South Viet Nam, is increasingly open to question."

Mrs. Michael Shapiro, of Washington, was elected international president for a three-year term, succeeding Mrs. Arthur G. Rosenbluth, of Hewlett, N.Y. Other new officers elected were Mrs. Nathan Holstein, of Pittsburgh, first vice-president; Mrs. Milton T. Smith, of Austin, Texas, second vice-president; Mrs. Louis Kash, of Los Angeles, third vice-president, and Mrs. D. J. Wasserstrom, of Kansas City, treasurer.

Dr. King Says There is No Anti-Semitism in Negro Community in Historic Sense

KIAMESHA LAKE, N.Y., Mar. 27 (JTA)--Dr. Martin Luther King, the Negro civil rights leader, told the 68th annual convention of the Rabbinical Assembly, association of Conservative rabbis, that "there is absolutely no anti-Semitism in the black community in the historic sense of anti-Semitism." Dr. King, who was given an ovation, said that such anti-Semitism as does exist among Negroes "is almost completely an urban ghetto phenomenon and virtually non-existent in the South."

This anti-Semitism, he said, emerges in the northern ghettos because the Negro "confronts the Jew in two dissimilar roles" -- one of them that of the Negro's "most consistent and trusted ally in the Negro's struggle for justice in the civil rights movement" and also the Jew as landlord and as "owner of the store around the corner where the ghetto-dweller pays more for less." He said that "the irrational statements" made by some Negro spokesmen "were the result of these confrontations. I think the only answer for this is for people to condemn injustice wherever it exists."

Responding to a question about anti-Israel and pro-Arab stands of some of the more militant young black leaders, Dr. King said that this did not represent "the position of the vast majority of Negroes. I think it is necessary to see that what is basic and needed in the Middle East is peace. Peace for Israel is one thing and peace for the Arab side of that war is another thing. Peace for Israel," he continued, "means security and we must stand with all our might to protect its right to exist, its territorial integrity."

On the other hand, he asserted, "we must see that peace for the Arabs means, in a real sense, security on another level. Peace for them means a kind of economic security they so desperately need." He urged a "Marshall Plan" for the Middle East which would "lift those who are at the bottom of the economic level and bring them into the mainstream of economic security."

Deny Kansas City Jewish Clubs Discriminate Against Non-Jews in Membership

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Mar. 27 (JTA)--Allegations that Jewish country clubs in this city barred non-Jews from membership were denied today by Harold Tivol, vice chairman of the American Jewish Committee, in a letter published in the Kansas City Jewish Chronicle. Mr. Tivol wrote in reply to recent letters from readers of that paper who questioned the rectitude of Jewish complaints against discrimination by non-Jewish clubs if Jewish clubs indulged in like discriminatory practices.

"We have received assurances that non-Jewish applicants at both Oakwood and Meadowbrook Country Clubs (Jewish) would be accepted," Mr. Tivol wrote. He added that "until applications are made and rejected on a discriminatory basis, let us not assume that they are closed clubs."

The issue of discrimination was opened here by a disclosure in the National Catholic Reporter that several of the city's major business clubs barred Jews. One response to that disclosure, reported by the Jewish Telegraphic Agency last week, was the decision by the Kansas City Club, the largest of the downtown business clubs, to end its anti-Jewish policy.

Mr. Tivol, in his letter, also answered the complaint of another reader that Jewish applicants for club membership want to be admitted on their own qualifications "without a publicized crisis." Mr. Tivol wrote, "we believe publicity is a last resort and should be used with discretion."

YIVO, B'nai B'rith Set Up Special Exhibit for Warsaw Ghetto Anniversary

NEW YORK, Mar. 27 (JTA)--The Yivo Institute for Jewish Research announced today that, in cooperation with B'nai B'rith, it will send a mobile exhibit of photographs and documents on life in Poland before the war and under the Nazi occupation around the country in connection with the 25th anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto uprising next month.