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CJFWF Says Middle East Countries Must Be Principal Parties To Resolution of Conflict

BOSTON, Nov. 16(JTA)--Two thousand delegates representing the Jewish communities of more than 200 American cities declared today that "it is not the function of the United States or any Government outside of the Middle East to draw a new map, determine boundaries, or otherwise attempt to resolve the issues of a peace settlement without the participation and approval of the states involved." The delegates, attending the 38th General Assembly of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds (CJFWF), unanimously affirmed that "a genuine and durable peace, with secure and agreed boundaries, will come only from direct negotiations by the states of the Middle East followed by their binding agreements."

The resolution noted that "this has been the position consistently declared by our Government and we urge that there be no deviation from it." The resolution further welcomed Nixon Administration actions in the past year to strengthen Israel's defensive capacity and urged "that this assistance be broadened further to assure also the economic requirements of Israel's security."

Max M. Fisher, newly elected (CJFWF) president, and chairman of President Richard M. Nixon's National Center for Voluntary Action, told the Assembly that the resolution would be "personally delivered" to the Administration next week. Canadian delegates to the Assembly joined in "applauding such actions by the U.S. Government" and agreed to "do all in their power to influence and shape a similar policy by the Canadian Government."

Establishes New Precedent In Urging Campus Role in Federations, Agencies

In a precedent-making action, the General Assembly voted unanimously to "involve the participation and membership of college groups and faculty on boards and committees of federations and agencies in the determination of policies, programs and priorities." The resolution called for "more intensive federation planning" and programs to service and involve college youth and faculty in community activities. It urged federations to "seek out emerging campus Jewish groups and give full consideration to support of programs initiated and conducted by students or faculty" and "to provide leadership, staff and funds required to achieve this effectively."

An attempt by student groups to amend the resolution to involve rabbis, teachers and Jewish school principals on federation boards and committees determining policies, programs and allocations failed of adoption after the student spokesman Hillel Levine, a Harvard graduate student, was given the plenary session floor to ask for the amendment. The Assembly adopted an overall resolution calling upon all federations to make "a greater commitment to improve the quality and effectiveness of Jewish education on all levels and to enhance the growth of Jewish cultural life generally." The resolution put stress on the need to "encourage and make possible imaginative experiments and innovations to strengthen Jewish education."

The Assembly unanimously adopted an amendment to the resolution, proposed by Gordon Zacks, of Columbus, Ohio, chairman of the Young Leadership Cabinet of the United Jewish Appeal, calling for establishment of a "task force of the foremost minds in the American Jewish community" to make proposals to the board of the CJFWF on establishment of an independent national foundation for developing Jewish identity--its structure, functioning, relationship with existing organizations and financing--in the appropriate dimensions." Mr. Zacks had proposed at an earlier session of the Assembly establishment of a \$100 million foundation for these purposes. Mr. Fisher announced that the task force would be appointed soon.

The several hundred Jewish students from a score of Eastern universities who came to the General Assembly to demand greater support for Jewish education, communal financing of their campus activities and a greater recognition and role for students in the decision-making and allocation processes of the community, won promise of further support from the young leadership. In meetings here with a group headed by Mr. Zacks, the student groups were invited to submit projects to the young leadership group of the CJFWF, members of which will sponsor their presentation to the local federations involved.

Participation of the Jewish students was welcomed in a statement by Philip Bernstein, CJFWF executive vice-president, early in the convention. Mr. Bernstein said that the students, "have done us a service by posing the issues they are bringing to us. We are already committed to many of the programs they are pressing for, and they have helped dramatize the urgency of these needs. This includes greatly enriching the quality of Jewish education in our communities, with a strong emphasis on innovation. They have properly stressed the importance of upgrading incentives to attract the ablest teachers to the religious schools, strengthening Jewish teachers colleges, creating more chairs and departments of Judaica on college campuses, scholarship and fellowship programs for students in Jewish studies, adult education and other essential programs.

At a convention plenary session, Mr. Levine, representing the Concerned Jewish Students, told the delegates that a "vague sense of Jewishness cannot compete in an open market of identities for Jews three or four generations removed from a substantive Jewish experience." Jewish organizations, he charged, were deficient in Jewish content at the expense of Jewish education. "The priorities of organized Jewish philanthropies," he charged, "favor a greater mobilization of resources to combat

crackpot anti-Semites than to deal with the Jewish illiteracy of millions of Jews." He called for greater representation in the direction of the Federations, a reallocation of funds and measures to "overcome institutional inertia which has made the community stagnant."

Resolutions Deal With 1970s Fund Raising, Russians Jews, Urban Crisis

In a preamble to a wide-ranging series of resolutions on the world and domestic scenes, the Assembly noted that "as we move into the decade of the 1970s, we are faced by conditions of unparalleled urgency requiring federation leadership and action beyond anything yet achieved." A resolution on fund-raising noted that needs in 1970 will be "far more" than the \$263 million raised in community federated campaigns in 1969.

In a resolution dealing with the plight of Soviet Jewry, the Assembly called upon the U.S. and Canada "to do all in their power within and outside the United Nations" to secure removal of restrictions suffered by Soviet Jewry, to assure Soviet Jews of their full rights, and to permit their emigration." On the domestic scene, the Assembly warned that the "deepening crisis" in the cities, "unless resolved, presents a serious threat to America's democratic institutions." It called on the Government to deal with the "root causes" stressing that "there is no more pressing priority for our nation than the crisis in our cities." It approved President Nixon's new welfare program guidelines. The Assembly also criticized the "harmful effects" of tax proposals adopted by Congress and urged the adoption of tax reforms safeguarding the principle of charitable tax deductions and providing greater incentives to giving.

The concluding session of the Assembly heard a warning from Morris Glasser of Chicago, named to his third term as chairman of the Large City Budgeting Conference, that "demands on the philanthropic dollar" will greatly increase in the 1970s. He pointed out that "this will require greater exercise of priorities by federations and continuing reappraisal of programs and needs."

Max M. Fisher, New CJFWF President, Calls For Fullest Support For Israel

Mr. Fisher, Detroit industrialist and advisor to President Nixon, was elected president, of the CJFWF, succeeding Louis J. Fox of Baltimore, retiring after three one-year terms. In his acceptance speech, delivered Saturday night at the Assembly's banquet, Mr. Fisher stressed the need for support of Israel. "The first of our problems is critical and pressing. It is to give our fullest support--by the means open to us--to the people of Israel now in the 18th month of their Six-Day War for survival." He said that "we, with other free Jews, must take over as much as possible of Israel's \$500 million budget of humanitarian, welfare needs." Mr. Fisher also called for "quality" in American Jewish life in all its social welfare activities, and stressed that "survival depends too, in very great degree, upon achieving the highest quality in Jewish education and the facilities for such education." He called for full Jewish commitment in the war against poverty."

Addressing a luncheon session, Robert H. Finch, U.S. Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare, praised the role of voluntary agencies in the building and preserving of human resources and declared that the 223 federations comprising the CJFWF reaffirmed "a distinctive mark of the entire American experience." The range of the Council's experiences, he told the delegates, "puts you in the very forefront of that legion of volunteers--the human component of social activism." He added that "there is no way to put a dollar sign on the value of the services contributed."

Mr. Finch presented the broad outlines of the Government social welfare program and stressed that the Government could not do the job alone. What the Nixon Administration is seeking to do, he said, is to "maximize those forms of action that do lie within our capabilities to do well what public authority does best."

Addressing a dinner session of the General Assembly, Daniel P. Moynihan, counselor to the President, made a plea to all seeking legislation to abolish poverty to support President Nixon's family assistance program now pending in Congress. He expressed concern that the "slowness of some of our reactions" stemming from both liberal and conservative elements might "jeopardize" the opportunity to abolish poverty in America.

Israeli Diplomats Expect Soviet Union To Reject Latest American Peace Proposals

JERUSALEM, Nov. 16(JTA)--Although no official Soviet reply has been given, diplomatic sources here believe that Moscow will reject the latest American proposals for a Mideast settlement because of the strong Egyptian opposition to them. The recent proposals by Washington call for a return to the international boundaries that existed between Palestine and Egypt before 1948. This would return Sinai and the Sharm el-Sheikh to Egypt but would leave the Gaza Strip in Israeli hands.

Diplomats here say that Egypt in effect has already turned down the proposals in behalf of Moscow. They noted that Egyptian propaganda has been directed mainly against the U.S. during the past two months and believe that Cairo's position is the determining factor for the Kremlin in the matter.

The Cabinet announced that it will hold a special session tomorrow devoted to defense and foreign policy matters. Today's session was brief owing to the funeral of Abraham Krinitzi, the 83-year-old mayor of Ramat Gan who was killed in a traffic accident. Mr. Krinitzi, was elected last month for the 12th time as mayor, was killed in a traffic accident. His son-in-law and his driver also were killed. A noted political personality, the mayor was always associated with the Liberal-party and moved into the Herut-Liberal (Gahal) alignment when it was formed. As manager of a Turkish war material plant in Damascus, he brought to Palestine casts for grenades which the pre-state Haganah manufactured. He made Ramat Gan known for its gardens, particularly the national park where he will be buried.

State Department Rejects Egyptian Claim Of Israeli Air Role In NATO Exercises

WASHINGTON, Nov. 16(JTA)--The State Department has sharply denied a report in the semi-official Egyptian newspaper Al Ahram that the Israeli Air Force participated in NATO maneuvers in the Eastern

Mediterranean last month. The charge was also denied by the British Foreign Office in London. Al Ahram, a Cairo daily that speaks for President Gamal Abdel Nasser, claimed that it had "indisputable" and "detailed" evidence of Israeli participation in the joint Anglo-American war games and reported that the purported Israeli role "gave rise to another wave of fury in the Arab world against the U.S. whose support for Israel is limitless." Al Ahram claimed that radar in an unidentified Arab country had tracked Israeli planes returning home from the sea-air exercises and that the U.S. Sixth Fleet has films of Israeli aircraft taking part in the maneuvers.

State Department spokesman Robert J. McCloskey dismissed the Al Ahram charge as untrue. He also rejected an Egyptian report that accused the U.S. of trying to interfere with the Arab summit conference in Rabat, Morocco next month. Mr. McCloskey said that both reports "fit into a pattern of distortion and fabrications which we find emanating from Cairo all too frequently." Observers here said that Mr. McCloskey's sharp rebuttal indicated that the U.S. is losing patience with Egypt despite the opinion of many of the State Department's Mideast specialists that anti-U.S. statements are meant for domestic consumption and do not merit undue attention.

Arab Frogmen Plant Explosives That Damage 2 Vessels Anchored In Harbor Of Eilat

EILAT, Nov. 16(JTA)--Explosives planted underwater by frogmen damaged two Israeli merchant vessels in Eilat harbor early today. They are the Hey Daroma, a small motorship that carries tourists between Eilat and Sharm el-Sheikh, and the 14,000-deadweight ton cargo motorship Dahlia which was scheduled to sail for the Far East today with a full cargo of phosphates. No casualties were reported and neither vessel was in danger sinking. The Hey Daroma developed a list and was beached in shallow waters. Temporary repairs will be made to the Dahlia here and she is expected to sail in a few days. More extensive repairs will be made in drydock when she reaches Singapore.

The attack was the first of its kind on Israeli ships at Eilat, Israel's southernmost port, on the Gulf of Aqaba. Except for a rocket attack several months ago, Eilat has not been a target for Arab guerrillas. It has been protected by an unwritten agreement whereby the Jordanians refrain from attacking Eilat and the Israelis do not hit the neighboring Jordanian port of Aqaba. Authorities said today that it was not certain whether the frogmen were Jordanians or Egyptians or whether they came from Aqaba or some other point along the coast.

Both ships were moored at the Eilat jetty when the frogmen fixed explosive charges to their hulls on the starboard side below the waterline. The first charge exploded at 1:15 a.m. local time. A second blast was heard a few minutes later, followed by three more in rapid succession. Both ships had holed in several places. The Hey Daroma has been employed on sea-air tours of the Sinai in conjunction with Arkia, Israel's inland airline. Tourists make the nine-hour voyage from Eilat to Sharm el-Sheikh aboard the vessel and fly back to Tel Aviv by way of the Santa Katerina monastery on Mount Sinai. The Dahlia, a former Norwegian ship, was acquired by the Zim Lines several years ago.

Fighting, Grenade Incidents Cause 21 Israeli Casualties Over Weekend

TEL AVIV, Nov. 16(JTA)--Widespread fighting and grenade-throwing incidents caused 21 Israeli casualties over the week end, three of them fatal. More than a score of local Arabs were wounded by grenades in the Gaza Strip and Ramallah yesterday and an Arab saboteur was killed in a clash in the southern Golan Heights.

Two Israeli soldiers were killed and six were wounded north of Jericho Saturday afternoon and another was killed in an exchange of fire near the Mandassa bridge on the Jordan River. Four Israeli soldiers were wounded by Jordanian artillery fire in the Beisan Valley Saturday night. Four members of Nahal Golan were wounded Saturday morning when their settlement came under mortar fire from Syria. Two Israeli soldiers were wounded by Egyptian gunfire along the Suez Canal Saturday.

Two Israeli soldiers were injured by grenades yesterday, one in the West Bank town of Ramallah and the other in Gaza. Twenty local Arabs were injured in the Ramallah attack and 17 were hurt in Gaza. Curfews were imposed on Ramallah and the neighboring village of El Birreh today and on Gaza and Rafah in the Gaza Strip as Israeli security forces moved to combat the rising wave of terrorist attacks. Defense Minister Moshe Dayan visited Ramallah today to discuss the situation with local military government officials.

A grenade was thrown in Gaza this morning at the car of the local military governor but caused no casualties. Security forces cordoned off the area and detained several dozen shopkeepers who witnessed the incident. Israeli sappers demolished two houses in Gaza which were the scene of yesterday's grenade attack. Military authorities have decided to take over the Falastin High School in Gaza, the scene of teacher-led student disturbances. The school has been closed for a month.

The Public Prosecutor Appeals Against 3 Month Sentence For Arab Grenade-Thrower

THE HAGUE, Nov. 16(JTA)--The Hague public prosecutor has filed an appeal in the Supreme Court against a juvenile court sentence of three months for 15-year-old Jordanian Taysir El-Attar for throwing a grenade at the Israel Embassy on Sept. 8. The sentence, in a reformatory, will be less time the boy has spent in detention. The prosecution had asked indefinite detention but the juvenile court held that the detention in a reformatory for the sentence was adequate punishment because of problems of language, religion and food complications.

National Democratic Party Blocked From Holding Party Congress In Saarbruecken

BONN, Nov. 16(JTA)--The right-wing National Democratic Party (NPD) has been barred from holding its fourth party congress in Saarbruecken. The congress was supposed to have opened yesterday. NPD chairman Adolf von Thadden said he would take the matter to the highest administrative court. The ban was enforced by the Lord Mayor of Saarbruecken, acting on orders from Saar Interior Minister, Ludwig Shnur. The reason given was that the town could not guarantee law and order.

Memorial Service Held For Jews Killed In Vietnam, Shofarim Sounded By Radicals

WASHINGTON, Nov. 16(JTA)--A memorial service for the Jewish servicemen killed in Vietnam and an antiwar demonstration involving about 100 self-styled Jewish "radicals" was held Sunday in front of the White House. The demonstration was held as President Nixon attended worship services.

Shofarim (rams horns) were sounded as a call for action. The National Jewish Organizing project, a radical group, sponsored the ceremonial demonstration as a uniquely Jewish phase of the weekend anti-war demonstrations here. Mostly young people were involved in the display of "solidarity with oppressed people everywhere. . .for an immediate reversal of the Administration's war policy." The shofar was blown by demonstrators wearing tallithim "to protest the idolatry of America. The worship of the golden calf of the dollar and the war machine." Jews were called upon to join the radicals in a Jewish fast day to coincide with the next action of the Vietnam Moratorium movement.

The prayer for the dead, El Mole Rachmim, was recited with reference to the Vietnam war. Symbolizing the struggle against "idols," a papier mache "golden calf" bearing the dollar sign was destroyed in the course of the demonstration as police looked on. The demonstrators marched behind a large banner of the Jewish Peace Movement. The banner displayed a clenched blue fist against a yellow Star of David on a background of black.

Burton Weiss of the Jewish Peace Fellowship delivered a sermon quoting from the Midrash and Scripture. The demonstrators, including some non-Jews who joined in, stood with bowed heads as the Kaddish was recited for the war dead.

Many passers-by and persons in cars shouted encouragement to the Jewish demonstrators some gave the "V" sign which has become the symbol of the peace movement.

A number of the demonstrators chanted "right on" and "power to the people," slogans of the black panthers and elements of the Students for Democratic Society.

The board of the National Jewish Organization Project includes Mike Tabor and Arthur Waskow, of Washington; Burton Weiss, Bob Greenblatt, and Fran Schreiber, New York; Dan Siegel, Philadelphia; Richard Rubenstein, Chicago; and Selma Waldman, Mercer, Wash. In an organization statement, the group voiced a commitment here this weekend to mobilize the Jewish community "to attack injustices of American political and economic life." They will "seek allies among those in other traditions--Christian, Moslem, Humanist, Marxist, Existentialist, Anarchist. . ."

Thousands of Jews joined in the massive anti-war demonstrations--Saturday and Jewish institutions and families opened their doors to the demonstrators. The religious action center of reform Judaism became a first aid station Friday night when police fired tear gas at radical youths attempting to demonstrate against the nearby Embassy of South Vietnam. An estimated 200 gas victims, Jewish and non-Jewish, were given medical assistance. The center, maintained by the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, served also as a housing office.

Sleeping facilities were provided at the National B'nai B'rith headquarters building, the offices of the Jewish Community Council of Greater Washington, and many synagogues. Families from the suburbs provided beds and food for many hundreds and even transported some to and from downtown Washington.

Jewish participants displayed religious fervor in their opposition to the Vietnam policies of President Nixon. Students of the Jewish Theological Seminary, Stern College for Women of Yeshiva University, and other Jewish Institutions came in large numbers. Prayer services were held in the National B'nai B'rith headquarters and other Jewish Institutions downtown. Some youths of Orthodox persuasion wore Yarmulkas in the line of the march against Death on Saturday. Others carried signs lettered in Hebrew and English.

Hillel groups from such Universities as Wisconsin, Indiana, Michigan, Pennsylvania, Ohio, and many others were evident. Rabbi Oscar Groner, assistant national director of Hillel, performed an outstanding role in obtaining accommodations for Jewish college youths. He was assisted by other Jewish professionals but much of the work of organizing the community was done by young people themselves.

Peace services were held at virtually all Washington synagogues Friday night. Many more Jews arrived here than expected. A group of self-styled Jewish radicals, representing many cities and various radical organizations, assembled an estimated 1,000 persons at a Methodist church. The National Jewish Organizing Project held teach-ins on the Middle East, draft resistance, Jewish education, the Jewish community and racism, and similar topics. Abbie Hoffman, leader of the "Yippie" group, was scheduled to speak but failed to appear.

Contingents of Jews for Urban Justice and other components of the Jewish Organizing Project marched in the general demonstration as Jewish units. The radicals formed only a small segment of the Jewish participation in the mobilization this weekend. In addition to the thousands of Hillel members and those from religious youth organizations in evidence were untold numbers of Jewish adults, rabbis, and active members of many religious and communal organizations.

It was the largest scale Jewish participation in any mass demonstration here in history. The number of Jews exceeded the Jewish participation in the great 1963 civil rights march here.

300 Youth, Mostly Students, Demonstrate Near U.S. Embassy In Tel Aviv

TEL AVIV, Nov. 16(JTA)--Some 300 youths, mainly left-wingers and Communists, demonstrated with banners and placards near the United States Embassy in Tel Aviv yesterday in sympathy with their counterparts in Washington. The demonstrators were mostly students, many Americans among them, and carried signs in Hebrew, Arabic and English with such slogans as "American Imperialism" and "Yankees, Hands Off Vietnam." The presence of a large police contingent kept the demonstrators orderly.