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LICA said the text of the article qualified as a "violent call to anti-Semitism...flagrant racism, and to a pogrom." The Israeli Embassy, in a communique, accused the Soviet Information Services of "gross anti-Israel sentiments mixed with vulgar anti-Semitism."

LEGISLATION IN HOPPER TO REDUCE TAX PAYMENTS OF PARENTS WITH CHILDREN IN NON-PUBLIC SCHOOLS; VOTE IS 18-6

WASHINGTON, Oct. 3 (JTA)--The House Ways and Means Committee voted 18-6 today to draft legislation to reduce federal income tax payments of parents with children in non-public schools. The committee, headed by Rep. Wilbur D. Mills (D. Ark.) directed its staff to draw up a bill that would allow credits against income taxes of 50 percent of the tuition payments to non-public elementary and high schools, the credit not to exceed \$200 per child.

The House committee's action followed by one day a 2-1 ruling by a federal district court in New York that declared constitutional a provision of the NY State omnibus school aid bill allowing tax credits for the parents of non-public school pupils. The court rejected as unconstitutional a second provision of the bill that would have reimbursed non-public school parents for part of their tuition. A third provision allowing "maintenance and repair" grants to non-public schools was declared unconstitutional last May. The NY ruling was hailed as a victory by proponents of state aid for non-public schools.

The House committee instructed its staff to include in the draft legislation language that would bring about a graduated credit system affecting parents in higher income brackets. Under the proposed system, one dollar of tax credit would be lost for every \$20 of adjusted gross income above \$18,000. The JTA was told that the legislation is to be drafted during the coming week for review by the committee. The bill, if adopted, would become effective next Aug. 1. But with Congress scheduled to adjourn in less than two weeks, Capitol Hill observers felt that the bill had no chance of adoption during the current session.

The federal court decision in New York was described by Rabbi Moshe Sherer, executive president of the Agudat Israel of America, as "strong impetus" for enactment of a tax credit bill on the national level. Howard Rhine, president of the National Commission on Law and Public Affairs (COLPA), said, "The validation of the tax credit concept is an important event in the development of church-state relations in this nation." He said it recognized "the fiscal realities of the 1970s and basic fairness."

Dr. Joseph Kaminetsky, national director of Torah Umesorah, said the tax credit ruling was "encouraging" but said the over-ruling of the tuition rebates and maintenance grants represented "a callous disregard for the health of children and the needs of the disadvantaged."

The Committee for Public Education and Religious Liberty (PEARL), which challenged the NY omnibus school aid bill in court, indicated that it would continue its fight against tax credits for non-public school parents. PEARL counsel Leo Pfeffer said that having "won two out of three parts of our suit" he would take the tax credit case "immediately" to the US Supreme Court. PEARL is a coalition of 33 Jewish and other organizations opposed to state aid to non-public schools.

CHINA CRITICIZES MUNICH MASSACRE

UNITED NATIONS, Oct. 3 (JTA)--The People's Republic of China which supports the Palestinian "liberation" movement with both rhetoric and guns, criticized by implication today the Munich killings of 11 Israeli Olympic athletes as "harmful to the development of the cause of national liberation and people's revolution." Chiao Kuan-hua, Chinese Vice Minister for Foreign Affairs, explained in his General Assembly address that his government "has always opposed assassination and hijacking of individuals as a means for waging political struggles and is also opposed to terrorist acts by individuals or a handful of people divorced from the masses."

But Chiao asserted that "the Chinese people will always stand together with the Arab and Palestinian peoples in their just struggle against aggression," and he "strongly" condemned Israel for "the recent barbarous aggression and massacres it has committed against Lebanon, Syria and other Arab countries on the pretext of the 'Munich incident.'"

Chiao declared that the "determined actions" by the "heroic Arab people" to "shake off superpower domination" were such as to "command admiration." He added that "the Arab countries subjected to aggression are fully capable of recovering their sacred territories and the injured Palestinian people regaining their national rights."

US-USSR In Deals

Chiao warned the Assembly not to believe "the sensational nonsense deliberately spread by a superpower that no counter-attack should be made against Israel's armed aggression for that would

spark a world war." This view, he said, "is meant to scare people." He charged both the US and the USSR with "creating" a no war, no peace situation in the Middle East "solely...for their respective interests" and to "strike political deals." He accused the US of "supporting the aggression by Israeli Zionism," and he accused "the other superpower" of "subverting" Arab governments.

The Chinese diplomat's comments on Israel, while condemnatory, appeared milder than those he made last year, when he assailed Israeli "aggression" at length and insisted on withdrawal to the 1947 borders. Peking still maintains this position--as Chiao noted today, "on matters of principle China will never retreat"--but the Vice Minister did not elaborate today on the extent of the Arabs' "sacred territories."

JEWS STILL VIEWED NEGATIVELY IN PROTESTANT SCHOOL CURRICULA

NEW YORK, Oct. 3 (JTA)--"Protestant church school curricula still tend to draw an unjustifiably negative picture of Jews and Judaism in dealing with such crucial themes as the Jewish religion itself, the Jews' rejection of Jesus as the Messiah, their role in the crucifixion, and the relationships between Jesus and his Jewish contemporaries."

That is the conclusion of Gerald S. Strober, consultant on religious curricula in the American Jewish Committee's Interreligious Affairs Department, in a new booklet, "Portrait of the Elder Brother: Jews and Judaism in Protestant Teaching Materials." The booklet is published by the AJCommittee and the National Conference of Christians and Jews and was released today.

Protestant "negativism obscures understanding of Israel and its meaning to Jews everywhere (and) continues to perpetuate outdated stereotypes and prejudices in daily life, and to hamper the growth of mutual respect between Christians and Jews," Strober charges.

Strober, who several months ago condemned the rock musical "Jesus Christ, Superstar" for its treatment of Jews, calls in his booklet for an immediate "thoroughgoing reform of Christian teaching about Jewish religion and life." His study was planned and supervised by Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum and Dr. Bernhard E. Olson, directors of Interreligious Affairs at the AJCommittee and the NCCJ.

At a luncheon meeting today for religious educators and denominational officials, Rabbi Tanenbaum, noting the "tragic and staggering" loss of life in the Middle East and elsewhere because of "religious hostility," declared that "The ultimate price that is to be paid for continued pervasiveness of prejudice in religious groups is the credibility in religious creeds and communities as legitimate claimants to the role of moral and spiritual custodians of the values of mankind."

Two thousand people gathered Sunday in Montreal's Dominion Square to mark Simchat Torah by hearing speeches of protest against the Soviet head tax. Dr. John O'Brien, principal of Sir George Williams University, said that the "regrettable" head tax has "revolted" the Canadian academic community, and called for its condemnation by all civilized people.

Hebron Mayor Sheikh Mohammad Ali Jaabari said that he did not envisage a local solution of the Palestinian problems during this century due to the split among the residents of the administered territories.

ISRAEL'S 25TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATED IN MANY CITIES ACROSS NATION

BALTIMORE, Oct. 3 (JTA)--Many Jewish communities across the country are in the midst of celebrating Israel's 25th anniversary. Within the past few days thousands participated in welcoming the arrival of the Torch of Independence brought to various cities from Jerusalem which had been lit there by Israel's President Zalman Shazar.

In Baltimore, the celebration was inaugurated in a series of ceremonies throughout the area, following the arrival of a ceremonial torch at Friendship Airport. One of the highlights was the delivery of the torch at Hopkins Plaza in Baltimore by the relays of runners who traversed the 10 miles from the airport. Mayor William Schaefer received the torch from the runners on behalf of the city, and they presented it to the Governor's representative. The torch was brought from New York's Kennedy Airport by Moshe Gat, local representative of El Al. Leaders of the Jewish organizations in the community were on hand to receive the symbol of Israel's silver anniversary. In the evening, the torch was delivered to the Jewish Community Center where an outdoor folk-dancing festival was held.

In Tucson, Arizona, Mayor Lewis Murphy proclaimed last Tuesday Torch of Independence Day. A relay team of 28 boys representing every youth organization carried the torch from the airport to the Jewish Community Center where ceremonies were held. Twenty-five candles were lit by representatives of the synagogues and Jewish organizations. Delegates from the Tucson Ecumenical Council and the Catholic Diocese spoke of the candles as symbolic flames which penetrated all barriers. More than 200 persons attended the historic event.

In Boston, Gov. Francis W. Sargent officially extended greetings from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts at a ceremony marking the Greater Boston Committee for Israel's 25th Anniversary Celebration. The Independence Torch was presented by Shimshon Inbal, newly-appointed Consul General of Israel in Boston, to Irving W. Rabb, president of the Combined Jewish Philanthropies of Greater Boston, and to Justin L. Wyner, president of the Jewish Community Council of Metropolitan Boston.

In New York, the National Jewish Welfare Board (JWB) announced it has made exclusive arrangements to book the Israeli rock musical "To Live Another Summer, To Pass Another Winter" for tours of communities throughout the country. The musical has had a successful run on Broadway. The JWB Lecture Bureau is arranging the first tour to coincide with local observances of the year-long celebration of the 25th anniversary of the State of Israel. The rock musical traces the history of Israel from the time of Noah up until the present time. The touring company includes many members of the original cast, all of whom are Israelis.

To celebrate its 25th anniversary, Israel will also send other leading cultural attractions to this country during the next 12 months. The National Israeli Song Festival will make its debut in Paterson, N.J., on Oct. 7 then go on a six-week national tour. Mayor Teddy Kolek of Jerusalem is scheduled to visit New York next month to talk about the Jerusalem International Book Fair next April and to promote exhibits of Israeli books in the US. The Israel Philharmonic Orchestra is currently on a national tour.

6TH COMMITTEE THWARTS ARAB MOVE

UNITED NATIONS, Oct. 3 (JTA)--The General Assembly's Sixth (Legal) Committee yesterday rejected an Arab attempt to insert an item on its

agenda that could have delayed discussion of the issue of international terrorism and which might have clouded that issue. The Arabs moved that an item titled "human rights in armed conflicts" be placed fifth on the agenda. The Legal Committee, however, voted 45-25 with 23 abstentions to insert a technical item on UN documentation in fifth place, thereby flogging the Arab plans.

The item on terrorism was placed sixth on the nine item agenda last week despite efforts led by the US to give it top priority. Israeli circles at the UN said yesterday that the Arabs have never accepted the fact that the UN will sit in judgement on terrorism and have made every effort since the start of the current General Assembly session to block it.

HADASSAH LEADER URGES NIXON TO WITHHOLD FAVORED STATUS TO USSR

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Mr. Harnik, who would have been 46 next month, was born in Jerusalem and brought up here and in Paris and Hadera. His parents had come to Palestine from Bukovina shortly after World War I. He studied music at the Jerusalem Conservatory and language at the Hebrew University. Mr. Harnik joined Kol Yisroel Radio as a full-time staff member in the mid-1950s, initiating the sing-a-long format a few years later. The composer-conductor-pianist regarded the teachings of songs as one of his main vocations.

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"USSR" wrote in part that "according to the fundamental conception of (the holy scriptures) the world should belong to the followers of the all-powerful god Jehovah." Regarding the Talmud and the Torah, the periodical said because of "these repugnant and odious rules, entire generations of Israelis have been inculcated from the cradle with a hatred of other peoples and are inspired to 'massacre goyim under divine covering.'"

LICA said the text of the article qualified as a "violent call to anti-Semitism...flagrant racism, and to a pogrom." The Israeli Embassy, in a communique, accused the Soviet Information Services of "gross anti-Israel sentiments mixed with vulgar anti-Semitism."

LEGISLATION IN HOPPER TO REDUCE TAX PAYMENTS OF PARENTS WITH CHILDREN IN NON-PUBLIC SCHOOLS; VOTE IS 18-6

WASHINGTON, Oct. 3 (JTA)--The House Ways and Means Committee voted 18-6 today to draft legislation to reduce federal income tax payments of parents with children in non-public schools. The committee, headed by Rep. Wilbur D. Mills (D. Ark.) directed its staff to draw up a bill that would allow credits against income taxes of 50 percent of the tuition payments to non-public elementary and high schools, the credit not to exceed \$200 per child.

The House committee's action followed by one day a 2-1 ruling by a federal district court in New York that declared constitutional a provision of the NY State omnibus school aid bill allowing tax credits for the parents of non-public school pupils. The court rejected as unconstitutional a second provision of the bill that would have reimbursed non-public school parents for part of their tuition. A third provision allowing "maintenance and repair" grants to non-public schools was declared unconstitutional last May. The NY ruling was hailed as a victory by proponents of state aid for non-public schools.

The House committee instructed its staff to include in the draft legislation language that would bring about a graduated credit system affecting parents in higher income brackets. Under the proposed system, one dollar of tax credit would be lost for every \$20 of adjusted gross income above \$18,000. The JTA was told that the legislation is to be drafted during the coming week for review by the committee. The bill, if adopted, would become effective next Aug. 1. But with Congress scheduled to adjourn in less than two weeks, Capitol Hill observers felt that the bill had no chance of adoption during the current session.

The federal court decision in New York was described by Rabbi Moshe Sherer, executive president of the Agudat Israel of America, as "strong impetus" for enactment of a tax credit bill on the national level. Howard Rhine, president of the National Commission on Law and Public Affairs (COLPA), said, "The validation of the tax credit concept is an important event in the development of church-state relations in this nation." He said it recognized "the fiscal realities of the 1970s and basic fairness."

Dr. Joseph Kaminetsky, national director of Torah Umesorah, said the tax credit ruling was "encouraging" but said the over-ruling of the tuition rebates and maintenance grants represented "a callous disregard for the health of children and the needs of the disadvantaged."

The Committee for Public Education and Religious Liberty (PEARL), which challenged the NY omnibus school aid bill in court, indicated that it would continue its fight against tax credits for non-public school parents. PEARL counsel Leo Pfeffer said that having "won two out of three parts of our suit" he would take the tax credit case "immediately" to the US Supreme Court. PEARL is a coalition of 33 Jewish and other organizations opposed to state aid to non-public schools.

CHINA CRITICIZES MUNICH MASSACRE

UNITED NATIONS, Oct. 3 (JTA)--The People's Republic of China which supports the Palestinian "liberation" movement with both rhetoric and guns, criticized by implication today the Munich killings of 11 Israeli Olympic athletes as "harmful to the development of the cause of national liberation and people's revolution." Chiao Kuan-hua, Chinese Vice Minister for Foreign Affairs, explained in his General Assembly address that his government "has always opposed assassination and hijacking of individuals as a means for waging political struggles and is also opposed to terrorist acts by individuals or a handful of people divorced from the masses."

But Chiao asserted that "the Chinese people will always stand together with the Arab and Palestinian peoples in their just struggle against aggression," and he "strongly" condemned Israel for "the recent barbarous aggression and massacres it has committed against Lebanon, Syria and other Arab countries on the pretext of the 'Munich incident.'"

Chiao declared that the "determined actions" by the "heroic Arab people" to "shake off superpower domination" were such as to "command admiration." He added that "the Arab countries subjected to aggression are fully capable of recovering their sacred territories and the injured Palestinian people regaining their national rights."

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Chiao warned the Assembly not to believe "the sensational nonsense deliberately spread by a superpower that no counter-attack should be made against Israel's armed aggression for that would

spark a world war." This view, he said, "is meant to scare people." He charged both the US and the USSR with "creating" a no war, no peace situation in the Middle East "solely...for their respective interests" and to "strike political deals." He accused the US of "supporting the aggression by Israeli Zionism," and he accused "the other superpower" of "subverting" Arab governments.

The Chinese diplomat's comments on Israel, while condemnatory, appeared milder than those he made last year, when he assailed Israeli "aggression" at length and insisted on withdrawal to the 1947 borders. Peking still maintains this position--as Chiao noted today, "on matters of principle China will never retreat"--but the Vice Minister did not elaborate today on the extent of the Arabs' "sacred territories."

JEWS STILL VIEWED NEGATIVELY IN PROTESTANT SCHOOL CURRICULA

NEW YORK, Oct. 3 (JTA)--"Protestant church school curricula still tend to draw an unjustifiably negative picture of Jews and Judaism in dealing with such crucial themes as the Jewish religion itself, the Jews' rejection of Jesus as the Messiah, their role in the crucifixion, and the relationships between Jesus and his Jewish contemporaries."

That is the conclusion of Gerald S. Strober, consultant on religious curricula in the American Jewish Committee's Interreligious Affairs Department, in a new booklet, "Portrait of the Elder Brother: Jews and Judaism in Protestant Teaching Materials." The booklet is published by the AJCommittee and the National Conference of Christians and Jews and was released today.

Protestant "negativism obscures understanding of Israel and its meaning to Jews everywhere (and) continues to perpetuate outdated stereotypes and prejudices in daily life, and to hamper the growth of mutual respect between Christians and Jews," Strober charges.

Strober, who several months ago condemned the rock musical "Jesus Christ, Superstar" for its treatment of Jews, calls in his booklet for an immediate "thoroughgoing reform of Christian teaching about Jewish religion and life." His study was planned and supervised by Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum and Dr. Bernhard E. Olson, directors of Interreligious Affairs at the AJCommittee and the NCCJ.

At a luncheon meeting today for religious educators and denominational officials, Rabbi Tanenbaum, noting the "tragic and staggering" loss of life in the Middle East and elsewhere because of "religious hostility," declared that "The ultimate price that is to be paid for continued pervasiveness of prejudice in religious groups is the credibility in religious creeds and communities as legitimate claimants to the role of moral and spiritual custodians of the values of mankind."

Two thousand people gathered Sunday in Montreal's Dominion Square to mark Simchat Torah by hearing speeches of protest against the Soviet head tax. Dr. John O'Brien, principal of Sir George Williams University, said that the "regrettable" head tax has "revolted" the Canadian academic community, and called for its condemnation by all civilized people.

Hebron Mayor Sheikh Mohammad Ali Jaabari said that he did not envisage a local solution of the Palestinian problems during this century due to the split among the residents of the administered territories.

ISRAEL'S 25TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATED IN MANY CITIES ACROSS NATION

BALTIMORE, Oct. 3 (JTA)--Many Jewish communities across the country are in the midst of celebrating Israel's 25th anniversary. Within the past few days thousands participated in welcoming the arrival of the Torch of Independence brought to various cities from Jerusalem which had been lit there by Israel's President Zalman Shazar.

In Baltimore, the celebration was inaugurated in a series of ceremonies throughout the area, following the arrival of a ceremonial torch at Friendship Airport. One of the highlights was the delivery of the torch at Hopkins Plaza in Baltimore by the relays of runners who traversed the 10 miles from the airport. Mayor William Schaefer received the torch from the runners on behalf of the city, and they presented it to the Governor's representative. The torch was brought from New York's Kennedy Airport by Moshe Gat, local representative of El Al. Leaders of the Jewish organizations in the community were on hand to receive the symbol of Israel's silver anniversary. In the evening, the torch was delivered to the Jewish Community Center where an outdoor folk-dancing festival was held.

In Tucson, Arizona, Mayor Lewis Murphy proclaimed last Tuesday Torch of Independence Day. A relay team of 28 boys representing every youth organization carried the torch from the airport to the Jewish Community Center where ceremonies were held. Twenty-five candles were lit by representatives of the synagogues and Jewish organizations. Delegates from the Tucson Ecumenical Council and the Catholic Diocese spoke of the candles as symbolic flames which penetrated all barriers. More than 200 persons attended the historic event.

In Boston, Gov. Francis W. Sargent officially extended greetings from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts at a ceremony marking the Greater Boston Committee for Israel's 25th Anniversary Celebration. The Independence Torch was presented by Shimshon Inbal, newly-appointed Consul General of Israel in Boston, to Irving W. Rabb, president of the Combined Jewish Philanthropies of Greater Boston, and to Justin L. Wyner, president of the Jewish Community Council of Metropolitan Boston.

In New York, the National Jewish Welfare Board (JWB) announced it has made exclusive arrangements to book the Israeli rock musical "To Live Another Summer, To Pass Another Winter" for tours of communities throughout the country. The musical has had a successful run on Broadway. The JWB Lecture Bureau is arranging the first tour to coincide with local observances of the year-long celebration of the 25th anniversary of the State of Israel. The rock musical traces the history of Israel from the time of Noah up until the present time. The touring company includes many members of the original cast, all of whom are Israelis.

To celebrate its 25th anniversary, Israel will also send other leading cultural attractions to this country during the next 12 months. The National Israeli Song Festival will make its debut in Paterson, N.J., on Oct. 7 then go on a six-week national tour. Mayor Teddy Kolek of Jerusalem is scheduled to visit New York next month to talk about the Jerusalem International Book Fair next April and to promote exhibits of Israeli books in the US. The Israel Philharmonic Orchestra is currently on a national tour.

6TH COMMITTEE THWARTS ARAB MOVE

UNITED NATIONS, Oct. 3 (JTA)--The General Assembly's Sixth (Legal) Committee yesterday rejected an Arab attempt to insert an item on its

agenda that could have delayed discussion of the issue of international terrorism and which might have clouded that issue. The Arabs moved that an item titled "human rights in armed conflicts" be placed fifth on the agenda. The Legal Committee, however, voted 45-25 with 23 abstentions to insert a technical item on UN documentation in fifth place, thereby flogging the Arab plans.

The item on terrorism was placed sixth on the nine item agenda last week despite efforts led by the US to give it top priority. Israeli circles at the UN said yesterday that the Arabs have never accepted the fact that the UN will sit in judgement on terrorism and have made every effort since the start of the current General Assembly session to block it.

HADASSAH LEADER URGES NIXON TO WITHHOLD FAVORED STATUS TO USSR

NEW YORK, Oct. 3 (JTA)--Mrs. Max N. Matkin, president of Hadassah, wired President Nixon today urging that he "recommend withholding more favored nation status and the granting of large scale loans or credits to the Soviet Union until the education tax levied on would-be immigrants and other acts of intimidation and harassment of Jewish citizens of the USSR are stopped and ask you to make this position known to the leaders of the Soviet Union and to the American people."

Mrs. Matkin also stated that Hadassah "shares your hope that an East-West detente will further world peace. We hold that closer relations with the Soviet Union cannot be separated from flagrant and abhorrent abuse of human rights without sacrificing American moral values and encouraging further violations."

MEIR HARNIK, COMPOSER, BROADCASTER, DIES AT 45 IN ROAD ACCIDENT

JERUSALEM, Oct. 3 (JTA)--Services were held yesterday for Meir Harnik, 45, well-known composer and broadcaster, who was killed last Friday night when the motorcycle he was driving collided with a motor scooter in Rehov Hapalimah. The other rider was badly injured. For more than 15 years, Mr. Harnik conducted community-sing radio programs that were both popular and controversial because of their informality, as contrasted with the British Mandate image, and because of his own personal comments. He recently created a versatile new evening program of interviews and music, "Ad Hatzot" ("Until Midnight"), which also won wide popularity. Piano tunes he composed continue to accompany the radio's daily gymnastic broadcasts.

Mr. Harnik, who would have been 46 next month, was born in Jerusalem and brought up here and in Paris and Hadera. His parents had come to Palestine from Bukovina shortly after World War I. He studied music at the Jerusalem Conservatory and language at the Hebrew University. Mr. Harnik joined Kol Yisroel Radio as a full-time staff member in the mid-1950s, initiating the sing-a-long format a few years later. The composer-conductor-pianist regarded the teachings of songs as one of his main vocations.

Israel has increased its share of the growing Japanese market for polished diamonds, it was reported in Tel Aviv. The Israeli share jumped from over \$2 million as of Aug. 1971, to more than \$5 million as of Aug. 1972, from a total of \$33.6 million worth of polished diamonds imported by Japan. Japan is now second only to the US as a buyer of polished diamonds from Israel.