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The present ambassador, former Texas Congressman George Bush, was named publicly Monday as the new chairman of the Republican National Committee, effective early next year.

While UN envoys negotiate and vote according to instructions from Washington, the sources noted, the thrust of U.S. policy in recent years has been away from the world organization and toward an emphasis on a U.S.-mediated interim agreement to reopen the Suez Canal. To remove Sisco from this effort would undercut the State Department's interim efforts, the sources said. "They're not going to take him away," one source said flatly while stressing that Nixon has the final say. There has been no indication that the change in envoys is linked to a change in American policy on the Mideast.

Possible Successors Indicated

The sources, asked by the Jewish Telegraphic Agency to suggest possible successors to Bush, offered these names: Christopher H. Phillips, Bush's lanky taciturn deputy; Samuel De Palma, Assistant Secretary for International Organization Affairs; Mrs. Rita E. Hauser, former representative to the UN Human Rights Commission, and Kenneth B. Keating, former Senator from New York and former ambassador to India.

Mrs. Hauser, who had Jewish parents but was raised as a Methodist, is highly regarded in legal and Republican circles, and in her UN post was active in pressing the case for Soviet Jewish rights. Some sources suggested that after Bush leaves, Phillips might be named acting permanent representative. But they agreed that a "name" diplomat would have to be designated before too long.

Some sources said religion would not figure in Nixon's choice of a UN representative. They said Nixon would have no reason to deliberately choose a Jew, as U.S. support for Israel is already obvious and anathema enough to the Arabs. Other informed sources, however, said religion would "obviously be a factor" as the Arabs are hard enough to negotiate with as it is without inflaming them by naming a Jew as the U.S. go-between.

A Darmstadt court in West Germany has sentenced three former Nazi prison guards to a total of 24 1/2 years prison for abetting the murder of Jews during World War II. The sentenced were George Böttger, 64, Paul Fuchs, 61, and Alois Reichl, 61.

DAYAN WANTS KNESSET DEBATE ON TERRITORIES

JERUSALEM, Dec. 13 (JTA)--Defense Minister Moshe Dayan called for a full-dress debate in the Knesset on policy in the territories and their future. Speaking in the Knesset yesterday he said the Government had no objection to such a debate.

Observers saw Dayan's move as an effort to gather support outside his own party for his views, since in the ongoing Labour Party debate his hawkish stand seems to be in the minority. In an open Knesset debate Dayan would probably pick up verbal support from Gahal and the National Religious Party which, in a backhanded way, would strengthen his position in his party.

Reviewing his policy in administering the territories, Dayan stressed repeatedly that the Governor of the Bank of Israel, Moshe Sanbar, believed that administering the territories was not a burden on Israel's economy. Dayan said the Governor had specifically permitted him to cite his opinion to the Knesset. His repeated stressing of it was interpreted as a challenge to Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir who has recently complained that the territories were a drain on the economy.

Earlier in the same Knesset session, Dayan revealed that Israel gained IL87.5 million income from oil production in the Sinai in 1971 compared to IL 70 million the year before and IL 40 million in 1968. Dayan was replying to a question from Knesseter Mordechai Ben Porat requesting him to detail income and expenditure in the territories.

ACTION AGAINST TERRORISM URGED

NEW YORK, Dec. 13 (JTA)-- The U.S. must take "unilateral action to protect our own citizens" in view of the failure of the United Nations to approve strong international legal action on terrorism, Rep. Herman Badillo (D.NY) told the American Jewish Congress last night. Badillo said he favored passage of a measure introduced by Ogden Reid (D.NY) that would close American airports to any foreign airline operating in any country which refuses to prosecute or extradite skyjackers.

His call for strong unilateral action was echoed by Phil Baum, associate executive director of the AJCongress, who said the "hopeless incapacity" of the UN to act against terrorism was demonstrated Monday by the General Assembly's Legal Committee.

"The UN can and will do nothing, and if we are to protect ourselves against random political violence, we had better accept that hard fact and look elsewhere," Baum declared.

He urged the U.S. Government to "adopt legislation authorizing unilateral withholding of programs of economic assistance, as well as other privileges and benefits, to those states that endorse or harbor terrorist groups," and called on airline managements, pilots and other elements of the business community to isolate such nations.

Capt. John Ferguson, representing the Air Line Pilots Association, told the meeting that continued acts of air terrorism could be traced to "the greed and immaturity of pilots, airline managements and governments." He asserted "some pilots oppose work stoppages because they don't want to lose money, and the U.S. Government and the airline companies don't want to spend the necessary money for security."

Capt. Ferguson called on the Government to assume the cost of the electronic gear and armed guards he said were needed to prevent air hijacks, "We're in a war with criminal elements," he said, calling it "a function of government and not business to take over law enforcement."

TEKOA: ARAB GOVERNMENTS REPRESENT TERRORIST INTERESTS IN THE UN

UNITED NATIONS, Dec. 13 (JTA)--Ambassador Yosef Tekoah of Israel charged today that the Arab governments were representing the interests of Palestinian terrorists in the United Nations instead of attending to the concerns of the Palestinian refugees. He urged the General Assembly to stop adopting "resolutions which gave satisfaction to Arab belligerency, but in no way advanced the settlement of the refugee problem."

Tekoah addressed the Assembly shortly before a vote was to be taken on a series of resolutions connected with the annual report of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Arab Refugees (UNRWA). He referred specifically to the first of eight draft resolutions which he said reflected "the usual expressions of Arab animosity toward Israel, ignoring facts, perverting truth, distorting legal precepts, injecting issues extraneous to the refugee problem, such as the positions adopted by the Palestinian terrorist organizations."

Tekoah said the text of the resolutions were "inequitable and detrimental" and that "Israel will oppose them." He singled out sections C, D and E of the first draft resolution which were sponsored by an Afro-Asian bloc and were approved by the Political Committee by substantial majorities.

Section C would have the General Assembly declare that changes in the physical and demographic structure in the Gaza Strip, including the destruction of refugee shelters and the forcible transfer of population, contravenes the Geneva Convention; and would have the Assembly "deplore" these acts and demand that Israel "cease forthwith."

Palestinian Refugees Shortchanged

Section D expresses "grave concern" over the plight of the refugees and "calls once more upon Israel to take steps for the return of the displaced inhabitants" and to "cease forthwith" from all measures affecting changes in the administered territories. Section E of the draft affirms that the people of Palestine are entitled to equal rights and self determination in accordance with the UN Charter and calls "respect" for these rights "indispensable."

Tekoah said in his speech: "The victims of the Arab states' policy in the United Nations are first and foremost the Palestinian refugees themselves. Instead of assisting them in reconstructing their lives, the Arab Governments have been feeding them year after year with United Nations resolutions which reflect the views of notorious violators of international law and morality such as Syria, Libya and Algeria."

The Israeli diplomat observed that if the UN wished to play a constructive role in the advancement of peace in the Middle East it must replace "sterile polemical debates with serious, constructive exchanges of views;" adopt "resolutions arrived at through consultation with and consent of the parties directly concerned;" and encourage the parties "to seek agreement between themselves through negotiations."

INTERFAITH MEETING FOR SOVIET JEWS

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 13 (JTA)--The joint council of Christian Churches organized here this week a Protestant-Catholic "Solidarity Assembly with Soviet Jewry." The meeting was addressed by Catholic and Protestant clerics and by Greville Janner, British MP.

WORLD JEWISH POPULATION ESTIMATED AT 14,236,420; 6,060,000 IN U.S.

NEW YORK, Dec. 13 (JTA)--The world Jewish population is estimated at 14,236,420, according to the American Jewish Year Book, whose 1972 edition has just been published. There are approximately 6,060,000 Jews in the United States, more than in any other country. These estimates were compiled by Leon Shapiro, Associate Professor of Russian-Jewish History at Rutgers University, who compiled the overseas demographic data, and Alvin Chenkin, Supervisor, Statistics Unit, Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds, who assembled the figures on the U.S.

After the United States, countries with the largest Jewish populations are: Soviet Union, 2,644,000; Israel, 2,632,000 (it is estimated that 42,000 immigrants entered Israel this past year); France, 550,000; Argentina, 500,000; Great Britain, 410,000; and Canada, 300,000. Half of world Jewry is located in North, Central and South America, 29 percent in Europe, 19 percent in Asia, 1.5 percent in Africa, and 0.5 percent in Australia and New Zealand.

In the United States, the Jewish population has shown an annual growth rate of 1.07 percent over the past three years. "This figure is comparable to the annual growth rate of the total resident population of the United States from 1968 to 1971," Chenkin states, and "the proportion of the total resident population estimated to be Jewish remained at 2.94 percent."

In Europe, according to Prof. Shapiro, there are more than 4,000,000 Jews, including 2,850,000 in the Communist area. Of these, 2,644,000 are in the Soviet Union. Figures for other European countries include: Austria, 9000; Belgium, 40,500; Bulgaria, 7000; Czechoslovakia, 14,000; Denmark, 6000; France, 550,000; Germany, 32,000; Great Britain, 410,000; Greece, 6500; Hungary, 80,000; Ireland, 5400; Italy, 35,000; Netherlands, 30,000; Poland, 8000; Rumania, 100,000; Spain, 9000; Sweden, 15,000; Switzerland, 20,000; Turkey 37,000; and Yugoslavia, 7000.

Estimated population for major centers of Jewish concentration in the Americas, besides the United States, include: Canada, 300,000; Mexico, 35,000; Argentina, 500,000; Brazil, 150,000; Chile, 32,000; Colombia, 10,000; Peru, 5300; Uruguay, 50,000; and Venezuela, 12,000. In Asia, the only major centers of Jewish population, besides Israel, are India, 14,500; and Iran, 80,000. In Africa, there are substantial Jewish numbers only in South Africa, 117,990; Morocco, 35,000; Ethiopia, 12,000; Tunisia, 8000; and Rhodesia, 5200. There are 72,000 Jews in Australia and 5000 in New Zealand.

The American Jewish Year Book is published jointly by the American Jewish Committee and the Jewish Publication Society of America. Its editors are Morris Fine and Milton Himmelfarb. Mrs. Martha Jelenko is the Executive Editor.

ZOA URGES U.S. TO CONVENE CONCLAVE OF NATIONS TO ACT ON TERRORISM

NEW YORK, Dec. 13 (JTA)--The Zionist Organization of America, deploring the United Nations General Assembly Sixth (Legal) Committee's vote sidetracking strong legal action against terrorism, today urged the United States to convene a conference of concerned nations--outside the framework of the United Nations--to enact multilateral anti-terrorism treaties.

Rabbi Joseph P. Sternstein, chairman of the ZOA National Executive Committee, declared in a

statement that the Committee "abrogated a moral responsibility" by approving a resolution concerned primarily with exploring the causes of terrorist acts instead of voting on stronger resolutions which would have resulted in international conventions against terrorism.

Rabbi Sternstein commended the United States for its efforts to gain approval of the stronger anti-terrorism resolutions. But he said the Committee's vote "leaves the United States with no other viable recourse but to take the initiative in calling a conference which would seek primarily to institute joint international actions against nations that encourage, sanction or aid terrorist activities."

DR. SALO BARON HONORED BY ITALY

NEW YORK, Dec. 13 (JTA)--Salo W. Baron, called the "dean of American Jewish scholars," has been named to the rank of Knight of the Order of Merit of the Republic of Italy. The award, made by the President of Italy, Giovanni Leone, cited Dr. Baron for his "past and present contributions to the knowledge of Italian history and civilization." Dr. Baron is professor emeritus of Jewish history, literature and institutions at Columbia University, where he served for 33 years before his retirement in 1963.

He is the author of the monumental "A Social and Religious History of the Jews," 14 volumes of which have been published. A 15th volume, on the history of the Jews in Western Europe and the New World in the 16th and 17th centuries, will be published early next year. On his 75th birthday in 1970, Dr. Baron was honored by the National Foundation for Jewish Culture as the "dean of American Jewish scholars." In 1961, he was called upon to testify as a witness in the Eichmann trial in Jerusalem, at which he described the enormity of the Nazi destruction of the Jewish community in Central and Eastern Europe.

RAY CHARLES CONCERT A RIOT...ALMOST

JERUSALEM, Dec. 13 (JTA)--A riot was narrowly averted at the Binyanei HaOoma concert hall last night where the Black American singer Ray Charles was giving a concert. The audience at the first show refused to leave the hall when it was over because an American television crew filming the performance had repeatedly disrupted the concert.

The audience for the second show surged into the auditorium despite efforts by the ushers to keep them out. Fist fights broke out in front of the stage but more serious trouble was averted when the management decided to allow the first audience to remain for the second show.

Members of the first audience who had paid high prices for admission were angered because the show was 45 minutes late in starting. They said that during the performance they were disturbed by lights held up by the tv crew and that prop men and technicians repeatedly traversed the stage. Charles refused to give an encore when the first show ended. The blind singer arrived here yesterday to make a film, "Ray Charles in the Holy Land."

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UNITED NATIONS, Dec. 13 (JTA)--Informed sources voiced doubt today over reports that Joseph J. Sisco, said to be the leading candidate for the post of United States ambassador to the United Nations, would get the job. They explained that as the prime mover behind the Nixon administration's Middle East policy, Sisco has the special confidence of Nixon, who has said that when the Vietnam war is ended the Mideast will receive top priority in foreign affairs.

The present ambassador, former Texas Congressman George Bush, was named publicly Monday as the new chairman of the Republican National Committee, effective early next year.

While UN envoys negotiate and vote according to instructions from Washington, the sources noted, the thrust of U.S. policy in recent years has been away from the world organization and toward an emphasis on a U.S.-mediated interim agreement to reopen the Suez Canal. To remove Sisco from this effort would undercut the State Department's interim efforts, the sources said. "They're not going to take him away," one source said flatly while stressing that Nixon has the final say. There has been no indication that the change in envoys is linked to a change in American policy on the Mideast.

Possible Successors Indicated

The sources, asked by the Jewish Telegraphic Agency to suggest possible successors to Bush, offered these names: Christopher H. Phillips, Bush's lanky taciturn deputy; Samuel De Palma, Assistant Secretary for International Organization Affairs; Mrs. Rita E. Hauser, former representative to the UN Human Rights Commission, and Kenneth B. Keating, former Senator from New York and former ambassador to India.

Mrs. Hauser, who had Jewish parents but was raised as a Methodist, is highly regarded in legal and Republican circles, and in her UN post was active in pressing the case for Soviet Jewish rights. Some sources suggested that after Bush leaves, Phillips might be named acting permanent representative. But they agreed that a "name" diplomat would have to be designated before too long.

Some sources said religion would not figure in Nixon's choice of a UN representative. They said Nixon would have no reason to deliberately choose a Jew, as U.S. support for Israel is already obvious and anathema enough to the Arabs. Other informed sources, however, said religion would "obviously be a factor" as the Arabs are hard enough to negotiate with as it is without inflaming them by naming a Jew as the U.S. go-between.

A Darmstadt court in West Germany has sentenced three former Nazi prison guards to a total of 24 1/2 years prison for abetting the murder of Jews during World War II. The sentenced were George Böttig, 64, Paul Fuchs, 61, and Alois Reichl, 61.

DAYAN WANTS KNESSET DEBATE ON TERRITORIES

JERUSALEM, Dec. 13 (JTA)--Defense Minister Moshe Dayan called for a full-dress debate in the Knesset on policy in the territories and their future. Speaking in the Knesset yesterday he said the Government had no objection to such a debate.

Observers saw Dayan's move as an effort to gather support outside his own party for his views, since in the ongoing Labour Party debate his hawkish stand seems to be in the minority. In an open Knesset debate Dayan would probably pick up verbal support from Gahal and the National Religious Party which, in a backhanded way, would strengthen his position in his party.

Reviewing his policy in administering the territories, Dayan stressed repeatedly that the Governor of the Bank of Israel, Moshe Sanbar, believed that administering the territories was not a burden on Israel's economy. Dayan said the Governor had specifically permitted him to cite his opinion to the Knesset. His repeated stressing of it was interpreted as a challenge to Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir who has recently complained that the territories were a drain on the economy.

Earlier in the same Knesset session, Dayan revealed that Israel gained IL87.5 million income from oil production in the Sinai in 1971 compared to IL70 million the year before and IL40 million in 1968. Dayan was replying to a question from Knesseter Mordechai Ben Porat requesting him to detail income and expenditure in the territories.

ACTION AGAINST TERRORISM URGED

NEW YORK, Dec. 13 (JTA)-- The U.S. must take "unilateral action to protect our own citizens" in view of the failure of the United Nations to approve strong international legal action on terrorism, Rep. Herman Badillo (D,NY) told the American Jewish Congress last night. Badillo said he favored passage of a measure introduced by Ogden Reid (D,NY) that would close American airports to any foreign airline operating in any country which refuses to prosecute or extradite skyjackers.

His call for strong unilateral action was echoed by Phil Baum, associate executive director of the AJCongress, who said the "hopeless incapacity" of the UN to act against terrorism was demonstrated Monday by the General Assembly's Legal Committee.

"The UN can and will do nothing, and if we are to protect ourselves against random political violence, we had better accept that hard fact and look elsewhere," Baum declared.

He urged the U.S. Government to "adopt legislation authorizing unilateral withholding of programs of economic assistance, as well as other privileges and benefits, to those states that endorse or harbor terrorist groups," and called on airline managers, pilots and other elements of the business community to isolate such nations.

Capt. John Ferguson, representing the Air Line Pilots Association, told the meeting that continued acts of air terrorism could be traced to "the greed and immaturity of pilots, airline managements and governments." He asserted "some pilots oppose work stoppages because they don't want to lose money, and the U.S. Government and the airline companies don't want to spend the necessary money for security."

Capt. Ferguson called on the Government to assume the cost of the electronic gear and armed guards he said were needed to prevent air hijacks, "We're in a war with criminal elements," he said, calling it "a function of government and not business to take over law enforcement."

TEKOA: ARAB GOVERNMENTS REPRESENT TERRORIST INTERESTS IN THE UN

UNITED NATIONS, Dec. 13 (JTA)--Ambassador Yosef Tekoah of Israel charged today that the Arab governments were representing the interests of Palestinian terrorists in the United Nations instead of attending to the concerns of the Palestinian refugees. He urged the General Assembly to stop adopting "resolutions which gave satisfaction to Arab belligerency, but in no way advanced the settlement of the refugee problem."

Tekoah addressed the Assembly shortly before a vote was to be taken on a series of resolutions connected with the annual report of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Arab Refugees (UNRWA). He referred specifically to the first of eight draft resolutions which he said reflected "the usual expressions of Arab animosity toward Israel, ignoring facts, perverting truth, distorting legal precepts, injecting issues extraneous to the refugee problem, such as the positions adopted by the Palestinian terrorist organizations."

Tekoah said the text of the resolutions were "inequitable and detrimental" and that "Israel will oppose them." He singled out sections C, D and E of the first draft resolution which were sponsored by an Afro-Asian bloc and were approved by the Political Committee by substantial majorities.

Section C would have the General Assembly declare that changes in the physical and demographic structure in the Gaza Strip, including the destruction of refugee shelters and the forcible transfer of population, contravenes the Geneva Convention; and would have the Assembly "deplore" these acts and demand that Israel "cease forthwith."

Palestinian Refugees Shortchanged

Section D expresses "grave concern" over the plight of the refugees and "calls once more upon Israel to take steps for the return of the displaced inhabitants" and to "cease forthwith" from all measures affecting changes in the administered territories. Section E of the draft affirms that the people of Palestine are entitled to equal rights and self determination in accordance with the UN Charter and calls "respect" for these rights "indispensable."

Tekoah said in his speech: "The victims of the Arab states' policy in the United Nations are first and foremost the Palestinian refugees themselves. Instead of assisting them in reconstructing their lives, the Arab Governments have been feeding them year after year with United Nations resolutions which reflect the views of notorious violators of international law and morality such as Syria, Libya and Algeria."

The Israeli diplomat observed that if the UN wished to play a constructive role in the advancement of peace in the Middle East it must replace "sterile polemical debates with serious, constructive exchanges of views;" adopt "resolutions arrived at through consultation with and consent of the parties directly concerned;" and encourage the parties "to seek agreement between themselves through negotiations."

INTERFAITH MEETING FOR SOVIET JEWS

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 13 (JTA)--The joint council of Christian Churches organized here this week a Protestant-Catholic "Solidarity Assembly with Soviet Jewry." The meeting was addressed by Catholic and Protestant clerics and by Greville Janner, British MP.

WORLD JEWISH POPULATION ESTIMATED AT 14,236,420; 6,060,000 IN U.S.

NEW YORK, Dec. 13 (JTA)--The world Jewish population is estimated at 14,236,420, according to the American Jewish Year Book, whose 1972 edition has just been published. There are approximately 6,060,000 Jews in the United States, more than in any other country. These estimates were compiled by Leon Shapiro, Associate Professor of Russian-Jewish History at Rutgers University, who compiled the overseas demographic data, and Alvin Chenkin, Supervisor, Statistics Unit, Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds, who assembled the figures on the U.S.

After the United States, countries with the largest Jewish populations are: Soviet Union, 2,644,000; Israel, 2,632,000 (it is estimated that 42,000 immigrants entered Israel this past year); France, 550,000; Argentina, 500,000; Great Britain, 410,000; and Canada, 300,000. Half of world Jewry is located in North, Central and South America, 29 percent in Europe, 19 percent in Asia, 1.5 percent in Africa, and 0.5 percent in Australia and New Zealand.

In the United States, the Jewish population has shown an annual growth rate of 1.07 percent over the past three years. "This figure is comparable to the annual growth rate of the total resident population of the United States from 1968 to 1971," Chenkin states, and "the proportion of the total resident population estimated to be Jewish remained at 2.94 percent."

In Europe, according to Prof. Shapiro, there are more than 4,000,000 Jews, including 2,850,000 in the Communist area. Of these, 2,644,000 are in the Soviet Union. Figures for other European countries include: Austria, 9000; Belgium, 40,500; Bulgaria, 7000; Czechoslovakia, 14,000; Denmark, 6000; France, 550,000; Germany, 32,000; Great Britain, 410,000; Greece, 6500; Hungary, 80,000; Ireland, 5400; Italy, 35,000; Netherlands, 30,000; Poland, 8000; Rumania, 100,000; Spain, 9000; Sweden, 15,000; Switzerland, 20,000; Turkey 37,000; and Yugoslavia, 7000.

Estimated population for major centers of Jewish concentration in the Americas, besides the United States, include: Canada, 300,000; Mexico, 35,000; Argentina, 500,000; Brazil, 150,000; Chile, 32,000; Colombia, 10,000; Peru, 5300; Uruguay, 50,000, and Venezuela, 12,000. In Asia, the only major centers of Jewish population, besides Israel, are India, 14,500; and Iran, 80,000. In Africa, there are substantial Jewish numbers only in South Africa, 117,990; Morocco, 35,000; Ethiopia, 12,000; Tunisia, 8000; and Rhodesia, 5200. There are 72,000 Jews in Australia and 5000 in New Zealand.

The American Jewish Year Book is published jointly by the American Jewish Committee and the Jewish Publication Society of America. Its editors are Morris Fine and Milton Himmelfarb. Mrs. Martha Jelenko is the Executive Editor.

ZOA URGES U.S. TO CONVENE CONCLAVE OF NATIONS TO ACT ON TERRORISM

NEW YORK, Dec. 13 (JTA)--The Zionist Organization of America, deploring the United Nations General Assembly Sixth (Legal) Committee's vote sidetracking strong legal action against terrorism, today urged the United States to convene a conference of concerned nations--outside the framework of the United Nations--to enact multilateral anti-terrorism treaties.

Rabbi Joseph P. Sternstein, chairman of the ZOA National Executive Committee, declared in a

statement that the Committee "abrogated a moral responsibility" by approving a resolution concerned primarily with exploring the causes of terrorist acts instead of voting on stronger resolutions which would have resulted in international conventions against terrorism.

Rabbi Sternstein commended the United States for its efforts to gain approval of the stronger anti-terrorism resolutions. But he said the Committee's vote "leaves the United States with no other viable recourse but to take the initiative in calling a conference which would seek primarily to institute joint international actions against nations that encourage, sanction or aid terrorist activities."

DR. SALO BARON HONORED BY ITALY

NEW YORK, Dec. 13 (JTA)--Salo W. Baron, called the "dean of American Jewish scholars," has been named to the rank of Knight of the Order of Merit of the Republic of Italy. The award, made by the President of Italy, Giovanni Leone, cited Dr. Baron for his "past and present contributions to the knowledge of Italian history and civilization." Dr. Baron is professor emeritus of Jewish history, literature and institutions at Columbia University, where he served for 33 years before his retirement in 1963.

He is the author of the monumental "A Social and Religious History of the Jews," 14 volumes of which have been published. A 15th volume, on the history of the Jews in Western Europe and the New World in the 16th and 17th centuries, will be published early next year. On his 75th birthday in 1970, Dr. Baron was honored by the National Foundation for Jewish Culture as the "dean of American Jewish scholars." In 1961, he was called upon to testify as a witness in the Eichmann trial in Jerusalem, at which he described the enormity of the Nazi destruction of the Jewish community in Central and Eastern Europe.

RAY CHARLES CONCERT A RIOT...ALMOST

JERUSALEM, Dec. 13 (JTA)--A riot was narrowly averted at the Binyanei HaOoma concert hall last night where the Black American singer Ray Charles was giving a concert. The audience at the first show refused to leave the hall when it was over because an American television crew filming the performance had repeatedly disrupted the concert.

The audience for the second show surged into the auditorium despite efforts by the ushers to keep them out. Fist fights broke out in front of the stage but more serious trouble was averted when the management decided to allow the first audience to remain for the second show.

Members of the first audience who had paid high prices for admission were angered because the show was 45 minutes late in starting. They said that during the performance they were disturbed by lights held up by the tv crew and that prop men and technicians repeatedly traversed the stage. Charles refused to give an encore when the first show ended. The blind singer arrived here yesterday to make a film, "Ray Charles in the Holy Land."

Prague Radio, monitored in Copenhagen, announced Tuesday night that a new Russian-Hebrew dictionary is to be published in the Soviet Union. The radio commentator said the new dictionary is being edited by Prof. Itzhak Vinikov of Leningrad University.