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SIMON STRESSES NEED FOR ISRAEL TO STABILIZE ECONOMY RATHER THAN DEPENDING ON U.S. FOR ECONOMIC AID

TEL AVIV, July 18 (JTA)—U.S. Treasury Secretary William Simon wound up his talks with Israeli officials today by stressing the need for Israel to develop means to stabilize her economy rather than depending on American financial aid. He assured Premier Yitzhak Rabin of continued American support for Israel's security and development. Before leaving for Saudi Arabia, Simon told reporters at Ben Gurion Airport that he has invited Israeli Finance Minister Yehoshua Rabinowitz to come to Washington in Nov. by which time the long-term aid discussed during his visit will be worked out.

Earlier in a joint communique issued in Jerusalem, Simon and Israeli officials announced the establishment of a joint economic committee on which both Simon and Rabinowitz will serve to boost American investment in Israel and encourage bilateral trade. An investment council may also be established to seek greater investment by American firms in Israel. The talks were described as the first step toward implementing the economic sections of the joint communique issued by Rabin and President Nixon during Nixon's visit to Israel June 17.

Meanwhile, four working groups will study ways to encourage American investment in Israel, plans for a regular supply of raw material to Israel from the U.S., the possibility of cooperation between the two countries in industrial research and a plan to encourage trade between the two countries. Simon, who had visited Egypt before coming to Israel, said he was impressed by Egypt's sincere intention to develop a peacetime economy. He said that economic aid will only work if peace is achieved in the Middle East.

JAVITS SAYS ISRAELI OFFICIALS ARE CONFIDENT AND COMPETENT

Says Press Overemphasizes Stresses, Tensions

NEW YORK, July 18 (JTA)—Sen. Jacob K. Javits (R.N.Y.), in a report in the Congressional Record of this week, assessed the condition of Israel under its new leadership and the position of that State in relation to world affairs. Based on his impressions during a visit to Israel from July 3 to July 7, Javits concluded that the new governmental officials there are "confident and competent," and the stresses and tensions reported as characterizing Israel now have been overemphasized by the press.

"My experience in Israel fully confirmed my belief that the relationship of Israel and the United States is closer and more intimate than ever before," said Javits. "On the question of peace negotiations, I found Israel's leaders to be open-minded and realistic, though perhaps more skeptical and cautious than our government."

Besides overemphasizing the stresses felt by the new government, Javits also said the Israelis feel the international press has overemphasized the support which the Palestinian terrorist organizations have among Palestinian people in general. "The Israelis point out that there is a vast 'silent majority' among the Palestinian people living on the West Bank, in Gaza, within Israel proper and on the Jordanian East Bank,"

said the Senator. "In the Israeli view, peaceful relations between Israelis and this Palestinian 'silent majority' is a reality borne out by daily experience."

Concerned About U.S. Nuclear Aid To Egypt

Javits also reported that Israel is concerned over the possible long-term consequences of U.S. nuclear aid to Egypt. "In my judgement," said the Senator, "the Congress must weigh the proposed nuclear power agreement with Egypt most carefully and subject it to the most searching scrutiny of all its possible ramifications."

During his visit, Javits made a trip to Maalot, where he visited the classroom where Palestinian terrorists held 90 school children hostage. He traveled to the grave sites of the Cohen family, the three people also killed by the terrorists, and placed wreaths on the graves during a memorial service there. "My pilgrimage to Maalot serves as a burning symbol to me of the enormous courage of those martyred victims and the enormous courage of the people of Israel," said Javits.

SAPIR HOPES TO HAVE IMMIGRANT HOUSING PROBLEMS SOLVED IN 9 MONTHS

JERUSALEM, July 18 (JTA)—Jewish Agency Executive Chairman Pinhas Sapir told the World Zionist Organization Executive that he hoped to have the immigrant housing shortage eliminated within nine months. He reported to the Executive on talks he had held with the Ministers of Finance and Housing. Sapir also outlined a longer-range plan which he had begun to discuss with the government the construction of 60,000 immigrant housing units over the next three years.

On the employment front, he said efforts were being made to find jobs for university-trained immigrants, with the Commerce Ministry already having undertaken to find work for 200 such persons. Sapir said his talks with the government had also covered plans for setting up artisans' centers and retail shopping centers which would attract immigrant craftsmen and traders as well as boost the economy.

Sapir said he planned to urge the youth sections of the various political parties to undertake to send 2000 of their members to live and work in border development towns. He said the effect on these towns of an influx of young Israelis would inevitably make them more attractive to arriving immigrants too.

Sapir also welcomed the World Union for Progressive Judaism (Reform) decision to affiliate with the WZO. Leon Dulzin, WZO treasurer, said the Union's decision, taken unanimously at a conference in London last week, was an historic turning point.

Rabbi Richard Hirsch, Jewish Agency and WZO Executive member and a Reform rabbi, told the Executive that while the Reform movement had earlier produced individual Zionists like the late Abba Hillel Silver and Stephen Wise, the movement as such would now become part of the Zionist enterprise.

ADL CHARGES JEWS ARE VICTIMS OF ETHNIC BIAS AT COLLEGES, HIGH SCHOOLS

NEW YORK, July 18 (JTA)—Jews have become victims of ethnic discrimination in college admissions and hirings nationally and in appointments as

public school principals in New York City, the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith has charged.

The charges were made in two reports, one claiming "a re-emergence of racial and ethnic discrimination" in colleges and universities because of a federal "failure" to take action "against preferential treatment and quota systems," and the other reporting that in six New York City school districts no Jewish principals were named after specific dates in periods when 38 non-Jews were appointed as principals.

The college report was prepared by Benjamin R. Epstein, ADL director, and Arnold Forster, associate director and general counsel. The New York City report was written by Isaac Hersh, a retired high school principal.

The Epstein-Forster report said Jews find the concept of proportional representation in education and employment "particularly disturbing" because the Jewish community, totalling about three percent of the population, sends more than 80 percent of its youth to college and large numbers go on to professional schools.

Doors Are Closing Again

"American Jews now sense that the doors are closing again, this time not because they are Jews, but because of a policy of preferential treatment advantageous to some 'minorities,' usually defined as non-white--Blacks, Hispanic Americans, American Indians, Orientals--and women."

The report said Jews were "not asking for their group share of the action; they are demanding what they have always asked; that each American be accepted or rejected on the basis of his or her individual achievement and worth, without regard to race, religion, ethnic origin or sex." The report asserted that discrimination in university hiring for faculty positions, "the area in which federal guidelines and pressures have been most demanding," has been "even more flagrant" than in admissions.

The report said Jews had long led the fight against racial and religious bias but using "merit competition not favor" and added that the ADL advocates and supports affirmative action "in the form of special compensatory education, in-service training, retraining, apprenticeship, good-faith recruitment efforts, job counseling and placement and efforts to insure that tests and other qualifying criteria are demonstrably relevant to the performances of the duties involved."

School Statistics Cited

The New York study said that despite a decline from 865 principals of elementary, intermediate and junior high schools to 792 between October 1969, the year before all public schools, except high schools, were decentralized, and Oct. 1972, there had been a nearly 300 percent increase in Black principals, from 41 to 118, and Spanish-surnamed principals increased from 5 to 19. Since decentralization, principals to the three lower categories of schools have been made by local community school boards. High schools are still operated by the central board of education.

Harold Schiff, educational director of the ADL New York region, said the ADL was studying possible legal action on the basis of the report.

EX-IM RESTRICTIONS SOUGHT

WASHINGTON, July 18 (JTA)--A proposal

by Rep. Edward I. Koch (D.NY) to forbid the Export-Import Bank from granting the Soviet Union any loans or credit until the trade bill is adopted was approved by a 9-3 vote yesterday in the International Trade Subcommittee of the House Banking and Currency Committee. The full committee is expected to act on the amendment next week.

The trade bill has been blocked in the House and the Senate because of the Jackson/Mills-Vanik amendments linking most favored nation trade status to the USSR with the easing of restrictions on emigration by Soviet Jews and others. However, the Export-Import Bank has been making loans to the USSR. A proposal to grant a loan to build a gas pipeline in the USSR was recently blocked by Congress.

In the Senate, Henry M. Jackson (D.Wash.) and Adlai Stevenson III (D.Ill.) have also introduced an amendment seeking to prevent loans from the Export-Import Bank to the Soviet Union.

SADAT, HUSSEIN AGREE PLO SHOULD ATTEND GENEVA PEACE CONFERENCE

TEL AVIV, July 18 (JTA)--King Hussein of Jordan and President Anwar Sadat of Egypt have agreed that the Palestine Liberation Organization should attend the Geneva peace conference as an independent body, it was reported here today from Cairo. The agreement was announced in a Cairo communique issued after three days of talks between Hussein and Sadat on ways to reconcile Jordan and the Palestinian guerrillas who were forced out of Jordan in 1970 after several bloody battles with Jordanian troops.

The communique said that the PLO was "the legitimate representative of the Palestinians, except Palestinians living in the Jordan Hashemite Kingdom" but the communique did not specify whether the Israeli-held West Bank was part of that kingdom. The PLO contends it is not. The communique, distributed by the official Middle East News Agency, said Hussein and Sadat also had agreed on continuing coordination between Egypt, Jordan, Syria and the Palestinians.

SENTENCES REDUCED FOR TWO JEWISH SECURITY PRISONERS

JERUSALEM, July 18 (JTA)--The Supreme Court ordered substantial reductions yesterday of prison sentences of two young Jews who were sentenced two years ago for contact with a foreign agent. Rami Livneh, son of Rakah Knesset member Avraham Levenbraun, received four years imprisonment instead of the original 10 years, and Mali Lerman will serve a two-year sentence instead of seven years.

The two belonged to a Jewish Arab group which was involved in security offenses for ideological reasons. Their arrest almost two years ago caused a public storm, for it was the first time that Jewish intellectuals were found involved in action that linked them to Israel's enemies.

The Supreme Court judges now found that the two did meet a foreign agent, but there was no proof that the purpose of the meeting was to act against the security of the State. The judges did find the two guilty of covering for a Fatah agent who was in Israel, although they knew that he came here to assemble information and to recruit members for the terror organizations. The Supreme Court will hear other appeals by members of the same group next month. * * *

TEL AVIV (JTA)--The planned trip of the Maalot school pupils to various Jewish European communities has been cancelled due to security reasons.

SOVIET JEWISH PRISONERS SAID TO BE IN DESPERATE STRAITS

By Tova Kamins

NEW YORK, July 18 (JTA)--"I am speaking in the name of all the (Soviet Jewish) prisoners. The people are in desperate straits. They have waited 5, 7, 10 years for their beloved ones.... We demand the intervention of international organizations on the conditions of the prisoners." These were the words of Chaim Drori, an Israeli citizen who recently emigrated from the Soviet Union and whose brother-in-law, Yosif Mendelevich, is a prisoner in a Soviet labor camp. Mendelevich was sentenced to 12 years in a labor camp in the first Leningrad trial in Dec. 1970.

Drori, along with Mrs. Eva Butman and Julia Dymshitz came to the United States last week to seek help not only for their imprisoned relatives but all Soviet Jews. Drori and Mrs. Butman held a press conference today with New York State Commissioner of Human Rights Jack Sable at his offices in Manhattan. Julia Dymshitz, who did not attend the press conference, was in California talking with officials and Jewish groups there.

For the past 10 days, the three have been meeting with Senators, Congressmen and other government officials as well as some United Nations officials to do what they can to convince the U.S. government that action must be taken to intervene on the part of Jews in Soviet prison camps. Those prisoners are living a subhuman existence on food that is not fit for human consumption and in conditions akin to those of Nazi concentration camps, they said.

Sable asserted that the cause of basic human rights knows no geographical boundaries, and that "concerned people everywhere must do what they can on behalf of those who have been deprived their liberty and their dignity." He further pointed out that the Soviet Union is in violation of the UN Declaration of Human Rights which it signed over 25 years ago.

Sable expressed regret that President Nixon has not taken an official stand on this and that "as of late it seems that this country is more concerned with material things." He expressed hope that the UN will break its silence on this issue and take the necessary steps to alleviate the suffering of those in the Soviet Union. As yet the UN has taken no action against the USSR because of internal politics, Sable asserted. Sanctioning or condemning Russia reeks of big power politics which, as the UN sees it, is obviously too hot to handle, he added.

Effectively Curtailed Activities

Mrs. Butman told the press that the round-up of Soviet Jews prior to Nixon's Moscow visit was very effective in curtailing their protest activities. Since Nixon's visit, no word from the prison camps about relatives has gotten through, she noted. Prior to the visit, periodic letters had gotten out of the prison camps. Most letters written were not received, but there was some word, she said.

Mrs. Butman's husband, Hillel Butman, was convicted three years ago during the second Leningrad trial and sentenced to 10 years in strict regime in a labor camp. Butman was recently sentenced to five months solitary confinement for participating in a hunger strike on the eve of Nixon's visit to protest and bring attention to the substandard food and living conditions of the prisoners. Mendelevich's family

is constantly harassed by the police and they have been threatened with expulsion from the Soviet Union because they dared speak out against his treatment, Mrs. Butman reported.

The father of Julia Dymshitz, Mark Dymshitz, was sentenced to death in the Leningrad trial for allegedly trying to hijack an airliner to Israel. After worldwide outrage at the sentence, it was commuted to 15 years.

The three activists left today for London where they will meet with Amnesty International in the hopes of securing assistance. They then return to Israel.

FEDERATION OFFICE PICKETED

By Sue Macy

NEW YORK, July 18 (JTA)--"Why is Federation ignoring our own suffering brethren?" was the cry of some 50 young people, members of the Association of Jewish Anti-Poverty Workers, who demonstrated today in front of the offices of the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies.

Besides protesting what they termed the Federation's lack of "meaningful aid" to elderly Jews in the New York area, the demonstrators also strongly opposed the recent merger of Federation with the United Jewish Appeal, claiming that Federation coerced the UJA into the merger, and that this move had "all but completed the sell-out of the Jewish community."

Spencer Kay, director of volunteer projects for the Anti-Poverty Workers, said his group opposes the merger because 25 percent of the money collected in joint Federation-UJA campaigns would go to Federation, which in turn would use the funds to benefit non-Jews, rather than Jews.

"An example is the hospitals run by Federation," said Kay. "You can't even get kosher food in them, so what's Jewish about them? We think the money could be put to better purposes, rather than supporting institutions that don't help Jews enough."

Funds raised by the Anti-Poverty Workers, said Kay, go directly to the Jewish poor. The organization, made up mostly of young people (the Jewish leaders of the future, said Kay), uses the funds to provide programs for poor, elderly Jews, and tries to find them adequate housing if they are found living in slum dwellings.

Federation Rejects Charges

In response to the demonstration, Sanford Solender, executive vice-president of Federation, issued a statement claiming "Traditionally more than 50 percent of the funds distributed by Federation are allocated for direct services to the Jewish poor. In response to the growing dimension of the problem, Federation has expanded even further its services to this group." Solender listed a number of programs run by Federation, including housing for the aged and a new relocation program now under way, as well as campaigns for social legislation in which Federation is involved.

WASHINGTON (JTA)--Commerce Secretary Frederick Dent revealed Wednesday that he and Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger have been discussing whether U.S. business firms will be allowed to participate in a Moscow exhibition of police equipment. Dent said a decision will be made soon on the advisability of exporting such items as personal surveillance, observation and information-gathering devices. Sen. Henry M. Jackson (D.Wash.) had earlier declared he was outraged by U.S. participation in the Moscow exhibit Aug. 14. He said he would ask the Senate subcommittee he heads to look into the matter.

