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SOLONS TELL USSR THAT THEY ARE CONTINUING TO WATCH WITH CONCERN HARASSMENT OF JEWS AND OTHERS

By Joseph Polakoff

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2 (JTA)--A substantial number of members of both houses of Congress have put their signatures on a concurrent resolution serving notice to the Soviet government that they are continuing to watch with concern the harassment of Jews and other minorities in the Soviet Union.

The resolution, sponsored by Sen. Frank Church (D.Idaho) and Rep. Toby Moffett (D.Conn.) has garnered 42 signatures in the Senate and 87 in the House from members of both parties. It states that the harassment "profoundly offends the conscience of a free people" and resolves that the "sustained interest of the American people be conveyed to the Soviet government regarding adherence to the Helsinki Declaration." The resolution notes that the Helsinki accords include free movement of people, reunification of families and general freedom to emigrate.

Moffett said in a floor speech yesterday that it was "imperative" for the Congress to "express the concern of the American people to the Soviet government." He said that "While the number of Jews allowed to leave the Soviet Union has risen in the past few months, ostensibly to improve relations with the new Administration, there are reportedly still Jews in Soviet prison camps and as many as 125,000 activist Jews who desire to leave the country." The House will conduct hearings later this month on the subject of human rights in the USSR.

U.S. Will Not Back Down

Meanwhile, President Carter told Soviet Ambassador Anatoly F. Dobrynin at a meeting in the White House yesterday that the U.S. will not back down on its commitment to strengthen human rights in the Soviet Union and elsewhere. The President made it clear, according to a White House statement, that "We are not attacking the Soviet Union, but we are expressing our commitment on human rights." According to the White House, the meeting with Dobrynin, which was attended by Secretary of State Cyrus R. Vance, was devoted mainly to arms limitation.

The White House said the President did not refer directly to the Soviet Nobel Laureate and dissident Andrei D. Sakharov who was the subject of a State Department statement a week ago that angered the Soviet Union. The statement, in defense of Sakharov, had not been cleared by either Carter or Vance and reportedly embarrassed the Administration. But Carter's raising of the subject of human rights with Dobrynin tended to refute reports to that effect.

In fact, within only weeks of taking office, the new Administration has vigorously affirmed its concern over violations of human rights in the Soviet Union and elsewhere, notwithstanding the top priority it attaches to reaching an arms limitation agreement with Moscow.

On Monday, Vance said at a news conference that the U.S. "has an obligation" to make its views known on the issue of Soviet emigration because the U.S. has "abiding respect for human

rights." He added, however, that "We do not intend to be strident or polemical."

Vance made his remarks after a reporter noted that former Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger had warned frequently that speaking out against the Soviet Union on such issues was counter-productive. Vance replied that "at times we feel it is appropriate and necessary to speak out, other times we will not."

MICHIGAN LEGISLATURE URGES CARTER, CONGRESS TO PROTEST-DAOUD RELEASE

LANSING, Mich., Feb. 2 (JTA)--The Michigan Legislature has protested the release of Palestinian terrorist Abu Daoud by the French government. The Senate joined the House in overwhelmingly approving a resolution which urges the President and Congress to protest Daoud's release.

The resolution was sponsored by House Majority Floor Leader Joseph Forbes and Speaker Bobby D. Crim, both Democrats. "The release came despite a request from the West German government that Daoud be extradited to stand trial for his alleged part in the Munich massacre."

Crim said. "That release, in the words of the resolution, is a blot on international justice and an encouragement of further acts of terror and murder. It was a very regrettable action."

TWO MEN ARRESTED FOR LOOTING, DESECRATING SYNAGOGUE IN ALGIERS

By Edwin Eytan

PARIS, Feb. 2 (JTA)--Algiers police said today that two men have been arrested and remanded in custody on charges of breaking into that city's last remaining synagogue last month and looting, desecrating and damaging the house of prayer. None of the looted objects has been recovered.

The police investigation is apparently continuing into the crime which occurred on Jan. 21 but was not discovered until the following day, a Sabbath. According to Algiers Rabbi Gilbert Seror, the thieves made off with silver candlesticks, silk curtains from the Tabernacle and every other object of value. Torah scrolls and prayer books were found torn to shreds.

The police were alerted by Marcel Said, president of the Jewish community. He also informed the Prime Minister's Office and the Ministry of Religious Affairs of the break-in which is a criminal offense under Algerian law. The French Embassy was informed as well because many members of the Jewish community are French nationals.

Algiers police said they were under strict orders to break the case and arrest all suspects. They said the District Attorney told them "It is intolerable that such acts could occur in our city." But Jewish sources here said the incident was not surprising in view of the anti-Jewish climate they say prevails in Algiers.

According to these sources, passers-by often throw rocks at Jewish beggars seeking alms near the synagogue gate. There are only about 350 Jews left in Algiers and 1000 in the rest of the country. They are mainly elderly people who decided to remain when most Algerian Jews moved en-masse to France.

BRITISH FIRM MAY END INVESTMENT IN ISRAEL DUE TO ARAB PRESSURE

By Maurice Samuelson

LONDON, Feb. 2 (JTA)--Metal Box, the international packaging group with a 500 million Sterling annual turnover, confirmed yesterday that it may pull out of a long-standing investment in Israel after Arab threats to several of its major customers.

Although the company only admitted that it was "examining" the question, it is believed that the company has virtually decided to wind up its 27 percent stake in the Israeli Can Company, which began more than a quarter of a century ago. The news is bound to lead to renewed demands here that the government introduce legislation against the Arab boycott like that promised by the Carter Administration in the United States.

Arab countries, including Kuwait and Saudi Arabia, have warned customers of Metal Box that they cannot sell their products in the Arab world if they continue to use Metal Box packaging. The products involved are some of the world's most famous brands of canned fish, meat, fruit, vegetables and drinks.

Classic Example Of Tertiary Boycott

Amos Lavee, Economic Minister at the Israel Embassy, said the Metal Box case was a classic example of the "tertiary boycott" in which British companies take action against other British companies out of fear of losing lucrative Arab trade.

He believed that British companies succumbed to such pressures more readily than in some other countries "because of a lack of national confidence." He said he knew of other major companies which were contemplating ending their investment in Israel because of the Arab boycott.

The effects of the boycott are reflected in declining British exports to Israel. Last year they rose by only five percent--from 238 million Sterling to 249 million Sterling. Israel exports to Britain, on the other hand, jumped by more than 40 percent--from 91 million Sterling to 128 million Sterling.

RABBINICAL ALLIANCE FLAYS ABORTION BILL AS REPREHENSIBLE, IMMORAL

NEW YORK, Feb. 2 (JTA)--The Rabbinical Alliance issued a scathing denunciation today of the abortion law adopted by the Knesset Monday. In its statement, the Alliance, which claims to represent a cross section of 500 Orthodox rabbis in the United States and Canada, termed the Knesset action "irresponsible, reprehensible and highly immoral. It is an overt act of violence directed against Israel's best national interest."

Continuing, the Alliance statement said: "It grieves us no end when we realize that this new law will do us more damage than all the efforts of the combined Arab nations.... The immoral, casual manner in which 40,000 to 70,000 fetuses are destroyed each year (in Israel) staggers the imagination.... It seems cynical and sacrilegious that the Jewish State with only three million Jews should now lead the way and show a complete disregard for human life."

The Alliance urged the American Jewish community "to let their voices be heard by sending telegrams and letters of protest to the Israeli government requesting that this bill be rescinded."

YIDDISH COURSES AT BG UNIVERSITY

TEL AVIV, Feb. 2 (JTA)--Ben Gurion Univer-

sity in Beersheba is enriching its Yiddish curriculum with two new courses established with the assistance of Harry and Hanna Singer of New York. The courses, to be offered within the framework of the humanities and social sciences are the writings of Sholom Aleichem and the "shtetl" as mirrored in Yiddish literature. Both will be taught by Anna Driesner who came to Israel from Poland 14 years ago. She presently teaches Yiddish at Ben Gurion University.

In announcing the courses, Ben Gurion University President Yosef Tekoah noted that the university is far removed from Yiddish-speaking enclaves in Israel and that over one-third of its student body consists of Oriental Jews. Nevertheless, he said it has embarked on a program to preserve and perpetuate Yiddish culture.

According to Tekoah, who is a former Israeli Ambassador to the UN, the Yiddish program is aimed at increasing mutual understanding and respect between the Oriental and Western Jewish communities in Israel. He said the Yiddish courses have proven surprisingly popular with Ben Gurion University students.

ENVOY SAYS SEPHARDIC JEWS NOT INVOLVED ENOUGH IN ISRAEL, U.S.

NEW YORK, Feb. 2 (JTA)--Ambassador Ovadia Sofer, an Iraqi-born member of Israel's United Nations Mission, deplores the lack of active involvement by Sephardic Jews in Jewish community affairs, a phenomenon he finds both in Israel, where Jews of Oriental background comprise the majority of the population, and the U.S., where they constitute only two percent of the Jewish population.

Sofer explained the reasons for this situation at a luncheon held here yesterday by a group of women who hope to launch a systematic program of Sephardic activities in the U.S. The luncheon was attended by 20 women representing Sephardic communities from 16 countries of origin. It was hosted by Mrs. Liliane Winn, president of the American Sephardic Federation, and was addressed, in addition to Sofer, by Mrs. Kitty Dukakis, wife of the Governor of Massachusetts.

Sofer said Sephardic Jews in Israel and the U.S. lacked organizations because organizations were not part of the pattern of Jewish life in the countries they came from. "The lack of persecution of the sort experienced by Ashkenazic Jews in Europe made the organizational networks which Ashkenazim perfected unnecessary in the Sephardic communities," the UN envoy said. "Thus Sephardim were ill-equipped to manifest themselves as an entity when they arrived in the predominantly organized Ashkenazi societies of Israel and the U.S."

Increased Consciousness Urged

He noted that he "never sees these women--or for that matter any Sephardim" at any of the functions he attends. He urged increased Sephardic consciousness not only in Israel but in the U.S. "because Sephardim who are not aware of their heritage are not only lost as Sephardim, but their children are frequently lost as Jews."

Mrs. Winn told the gathering, "The only way we can be effective is if we act as the force which inspires America's Ashkenazic majority to take action." She observed that Ashkenazic Jews are anxious for more information about Sephardim in Israel's social context but Sephardic Jews are not organized to provide it. "It is the role of the women to set the ball rolling," she said.

Mrs. Dukakis, who is partly of Sephardic origin, said her primary concern with Israel is for the Oriental and Sephardic communities. "She said she chose to circumvent the established Jewish organizations "which would only make me 'woman of the year' and not allow me to focus my attention on the things which I consider most important."

MONDALE SAYS HE DISCUSSED DAoud AFFAIR WITH GISCARD D'ESTAING

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2 (JTA)--Vice-President Walter Mondale, said today that he discussed briefly with French President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing the French government's release of the Palestinian terrorist, Abu Daoud. "I brought it up briefly and mentioned our present concern," Mondale told a news conference. "We talked in very general terms on the need to deal with terrorism," he said.

Asked whether terrorism will be on the agenda of the proposed summit conference of industrial nations later this year, Mondale said he would not discuss topics because the nations, offering proposals for the conference did so in confidence.

The Vice-President, who returned yesterday from his trip to Europe and Japan, said that the conference will take up economic subjects and "other crucial matters of political and security significance." He did not identify them. The location and timing of the conference, he said, would be arranged through diplomatic channels.

Meanwhile, the State Department announced that Secretary of State Cyrus R. Vance will go to Moscow March 28 to discuss strategic arms limitations and "other questions of mutual interest."

ADL URGES REVIEW BEFORE GIVING CONTRACT TO FIRM WHICH SAID IT COMPLIED WITH SOME BOYCOTT DEMANDS

ATLANTA, Feb. 2 (JTA)--The Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith has called upon city officials to conduct a pre-award review of Jewish employment at the J.A. Jones Company in relation to Jones' bid on a construction contract at Atlanta's Hartsfield Airport. According to Stuart Lewengrub, ADL's Southeastern regional director, the ADL is concerned about the employment policies of J.A. Jones because of what he termed the company's admitted compliance with certain demands of the Arab boycott.

The Atlanta Journal-Constitution reported on Jan. 21 that the Jones Company of Charlotte, North Carolina, was the apparent low bidder at \$18,628,846 on a tunnel for the "people mover" at the airport's planned midfield terminal. The ADL has received a commitment from the office of Mayor Maynard Jackson that a review will be done on the issues the ADL has raised prior to awarding any contract to the Jones Company.

Lewengrub said, "In Congressional committee testimony in June, 1976, Edwin L. Jones, the company's president, testifying in behalf of the Associated General Contractors of America, had acknowledged that his own company had been complying with the Arab boycott."

Charles Wittenstein, the ADL's Southern counsel, noted that on June 11, the Charlotte Observer, reporting on Jones' testimony, said that Jones had indicated "that economic considerations outweigh moral questions raised by the boycott." Wittenstein added, "we are deeply concerned by Jones' apparent willingness to discriminate at the request of the Arabs."

Lewengrub and Wittenstein asked the city to do the same kind of pre-award review regarding the employment and placement of Jewish personnel that it normally does for women and Blacks. In making its request to the city, ADL urged speedy and fair resolution of the issue to avoid additional delay in the airport expansion program.

The ADL spokesman stated that the J.A. Jones Company "does a substantial amount of work in and with Saudi Arabia which is the leading practitioner and enforcer of the Arab boycott against American firms and individuals who support or do business with Israel."

HERZOG DECIDES NOT TO RUN FOR OFFICE By Yitzhak Rabi

NEW YORK, Feb. 2 (JTA)--Chaim Herzog, Israel's Ambassador to the United Nations, has decided not to quit his post in order to run for office in the May 17 general elections. Herzog was considering in the last few months the possibility of resigning his Ambassadorship to seek a seat in the Knesset. He was reported to have discussed this matter with the Labor Party and the Democratic Movement for Change while visiting Israel last month.

But Herzog explained today that he decided not to resign because he does not feel "it would be right for me to leave my post at the UN at this critical stage of serious developments in the Mideast." Herzog is scheduled to leave next week for Israel to take part in Secretary General Kurt Waldheim's discussions with the Israeli government. Waldheim is scheduled to visit Israel Feb. 10-11 as part of his tour of Mideast capitals to make progress toward the reconvening of the Geneva peace conference.

WASHINGTON (JTA)--Egyptian press reports that the United States was considering a proposal for an early warning system in southern Lebanon near the Israeli border were side-stepped at the State Department Wednesday. A spokesman said that discussions about southern Lebanon were taking place with Syria, Lebanon and Israel but that this particular idea was one that could not be confirmed or denied.

JERUSALEM (JTA)--The Shaar Hagai Forest near Jerusalem, which was destroyed by fire and disease, is currently being replanted by the Jewish National Fund. More than 100 acres have already been planted with new saplings, and by the end of March another 75 acres will be planted. The JNF also completed the pavement of a mile-long forest road through the area of the new plantings, providing access for picnics.

NEW YORK (JTA)--The Louis Harris poll published this week finds that a majority of 71-6 percent of Americans disapprove of the Arab boycott of U.S. companies that do business with Israel. The poll also finds that a 44-27 percent majority favor legislation to impose tax penalties on American firms that comply with the boycott and 42-29 percent favor a tougher law to impose a fine or imprisonment on companies guilty of complying with the boycott.

PARIS (JTA)--Former French Premier Pierre Mendes France, one of three Jews who served as Premier in the post-war years, was appointed Tuesday a commander in the French Legion of Honor, the third highest rank in France's prestigious national order.

JEWISH SOLONS DEMAND DIXON RESIGN OVER ETHNIC SLUR AGAINST NADER By Joseph Polakoff

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2 (JTA)--Jewish members of the Senate and the House emerged today in the forefront of demands for the resignation or removal of Federal Trade Commissioner Paul Rand Dixon because of his racial slur aimed at consumer advocate Ralph Nader who is of Lebanese descent. Dixon spoke of Nader as a "dirty Arab" and "son-of-a-bitch" in a recent speech to a business group.

Sen. Abraham Ribicoff (D, Conn.) declared that "No individual, appointed or elected to public office, should continue to serve in any position of public trust who has demonstrated such poor judgement and lack of sensitivity." He said he shared "the outrage of the two million Arab-Americans in this country who have been deeply insulted and dismayed by Mr. Dixon's remarks."

Rep. Edward I. Koch (D, NY) announced that he would introduce impeachment proceedings against Dixon this week. "Assume for a moment," Koch said, "that he (Dixon) had referred to some other individual as a 'dirty Christian' or 'dirty Jew.' Is there any question but that there would have been an uproar in this Chamber? I think not, and just as I have been enraged at such language against other individuals, I am equally enraged at Dixon's epithets against Ralph Nader."

Rep. Benjamin Rosenthal (D, NY) Deputy Whip of the House, dispatched a letter to President Carter urging him to use his "statutory authority" to remove Dixon "for cause." The letter was co-signed by 15 other House members, seven of them Jewish. It said that Dixon had displayed "the basest form of prejudice" and "offended not only Americans of Arab descent but all citizens who expect the highest level of decency and integrity from their public officials."

Rosenthal, who is chairman of the House Subcommittee on Commerce, Consumer and Monetary Affairs which has oversight jurisdiction over the FTC, also wrote to Dixon demanding his resignation to "assure that future decisions (by the FTC) will not suffer from the same disability" of "your bias." That letter, too, was co-signed by the same 15 Congressmen who signed the letter to the President. Dixon, so far, has indicated he would not resign. He has apologized to Arab Americans but refuses an apology to Nader.

ACTIONS PLANNED TO PROTEST AGAINST AUTHOR WHO CLAIMS HOLOCAUST WAS CONCOCTION OF THE ZIONIST MOVEMENT

CHICAGO, Feb. 2 (JTA)--Community-wide actions are being undertaken in protest against a book by a Northwestern University associate professor which claims that the Nazis did not really exterminate Jews during World War II. A day-long teach-in on the Holocaust will be organized by the B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation of the university in cooperation with the Public Affairs Committee of the Jewish United Fund of Metropolitan Chicago (PAC).

Another action approved by PAC in a meeting Monday calls for two delegations to meet with the university administration. One delegation will consist of PAC and community representatives; the second will include university faculty and staff.

The book by Arthur Butz, an associate professor of electrical engineering, "The Hoax of the Twentieth Century," was published last May in England. Its central theme is that a planned extermination campaign against the Jews during

World War II never existed and that claims otherwise are "a pack of lies" and "a concoction of the Zionist movement." As documentation the book uses statements by Hitler's leading henchmen. Until the recent furor, the book had received little attention.

The flurry of news media attention was sparked by an article in the Jerusalem Post which was picked up by the Northwestern University campus newspaper Jan. 14. Virtually all of those commenting on the book expressed outrage over it. The university administration upheld Butz's right to freedom of speech, but it was not until Jan. 26, nearly two weeks after the student paper revealed the book's existence, that the university issued a statement deploring the book as "a contemptible insult to the dead and bereaved."

Extensive Opposition Reported

Raymond Epstein, the newly-named chairman of PAC which is the coordinating body for Chicago's 35 major Jewish organizations in the areas of public affairs, international and community relations, and Rabbi Seymour Cohen of PAC's domestic affairs committee, announced the details of the scope of response to Butz's book.

They reported that Rolf Horn, West German Consul General in Chicago, said the book was an insult to the Jewish communities of all nations (and) also to the people of the Federal Republic of Germany."

Extensive media coverage included responses by Newton Minow, former chairman of the Federal Communications Commission, a Jewish United Fund leader and a Northwestern University trustee; Rabbi Marc Gellman, director of Northwestern Hillel; James P. Rice, executive vice-president of the Jewish Federation and Jewish United Fund of Metropolitan Chicago; A. Abbot Rosen, Midwest director of the Anti-Defamation League; Rabbi David Polish, president of the Chicago Zionist Federation; Northwestern history professors James Sheehan and David J. Kosky; Nazi hunter Anthony J. DeVito; and a number of Holocaust survivors and Northwestern students.

The campus response organized by the Hillel chapter included students and faculty meetings, a Holocaust memorial service held in cooperation with Christian ministers and a full-page ad in the Daily Northwestern last Friday signed by almost 300 university and faculty staff members.

WALDHEIM'S WAR PROGNOSIS ASSAILED

LONDON, Feb. 2 (JTA)--Kurt Waldheim, the United Nations Secretary General, was strongly criticized here yesterday for predicting that there would be another war within two years unless the Middle East conflict is settled.

Gideon Rafael, former Israeli Ambassador to the UN who is now Ambassador to Britain, said that under the United Nations Charter war is illegal and that instead of simply predicting its recurrence, Waldheim as "guardian of the UN," should condemn those who maintain the state of war against Israel.

He also questioned Waldheim's prophetic powers noting that in September, 1973--only days before the Yom Kippur War--the Secretary General had affirmed that Middle East prospects had never seemed brighter.

BRUSSELS (JTA)--Belgium's city of Nazareth will be twinned to its namesake in Israel in April.