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EXCLUSIVE TO THE JTA U.S. UNDER PRESSURE TO REVERSE ITS REJECTION OF THE 'PROGRAM OF ACTION' ADOPTED BY THE UN'S WOMEN'S PARLEY

NEW YORK, Oct. 23 (JTA) — There is increasing pressure on the United States, in an upcoming UN General Assembly session, to reverse its rejection of the "Program of Action" adopted at the world conference of the United Nations Decade for Women in Copenhagen this summer, the Jewish Telegraphic Agency has learned. A campaign is being mounted through regional meetings where the Copenhagen vote is being discussed by local chapters of the United Nations Association of the USA (UNA) and by various women's groups. The women's groups were not immediately identified.

At a recent West Coast meeting a resolution was passed calling for the U.S. to reverse its vote, with restrictions, and express its solidarity with women around the world, the JTA was told. On Tuesday, Oct. 28, UNA's New York City chapter has reportedly scheduled a discussion on Copenhagen, followed by a meeting at the United States Mission with Ambassador Donald McHenry and other U.S. Mission personnel to discuss strategy when the World Conference for Women's report comes up before the UN General Assembly.

Over the weekend of Oct. 31, the UNA New Haven Chapter is sponsoring a meeting at Yale Law School to interpret the results of the Copenhagen Conference. It is anticipated that pro-Arab forces wish to convey the argument that by the U.S. support of Israel the United States is selling out the women's rights movement around the world.

The Program of Action adopted at Copenhagen is currently in a UN Committee and may not reach a vote in the UN General Assembly until after the U.S. Presidential election. The Program of Action is not valid until it is adopted by the Assembly.

Despite the many positive aspects of the Program, and its concern for developing valuable assistance programs for women internationally, the U.S. along with Canada, Australia and Israel, felt compelled to vote against it in Copenhagen for its equation of Zionism with racism and its legitimization of the PLO. The Program calls for the eradication of the "evils" of Zionism, racism, imperialism, and neo-colonialism, and for economic assistance to Palestinian women inside and outside occupied territories in cooperation and consultation with the PLO.

U.S. Urged To Remain Firm

In a letter sent to President Carter, Secretary of State Edmund Muskie and other officials, the president of the National Council of Jewish Women, Shirley Leviton, urged that the United States remain firm in its opposition to the Program of Action as it was adopted in Copenhagen.

She further urged that the U.S. take the offensive in demonstrating its continued commitment to the achievement of universal women's rights as long as this is not done at the expense of the security of Israel or the interests of the U.S. Mrs.

Leviton stated, "It is those governments which are either indifferent to or oppress women in their own countries that are responsible for distorting the Program of Action adopted at Copenhagen."

SPECIAL TO THE JTA COURT TOSSES OUT \$26 MILLION LAWSUIT AGAINST ADL BY THE USLP

NEW YORK, Oct. 23 (JTA) — A New York State Supreme Court judge has thrown out a \$26 million lawsuit against the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith by an extremist political organization and upheld ADL's right to label the group "anti-Semitic."

Judge Michael Dontzin granted ADL summary judgement and dismissed the lawsuit filed by the U.S. Labor Party in April, 1979. The suit, following ADL's denunciation of the anti-Jewish philosophies and associations of the USLP and its leader, Lyndon LaRouche, charged the ADL with defamation, invasion of privacy and assault.

The dismissal was reported today by Seymour Reich, chairman of ADL's National Civil Rights Committee. He observed that Judge Dontzin agreed with ADL's position that USLP spokesmen were public figures whose positions were openly disseminated. The court said that "by calling attention to themselves," LaRouche and his associates had "exposed themselves to challenge, and even to ridicule or denunciation."

Dontzin, in a 22-page opinion, said that ADL's characterization of the USLP as anti-Semitic constitutes "fair comment" in view of the group's "highly critical views about prominent Jewish figures, families and organizations such as ADL and B'nai B'rith."

Basis for Judge's Decision

Taking note also of the USLP's linking of Jews and Jewish organizations with Nazism, fascism, the international drugs trade "and a myriad of purported conspiracies," Dontzin concluded "the facts of this case reasonably give rise to an inference upon which the ADL can form an honest opinion that the plaintiffs (USLP) are anti-Semitic."

In upholding continued ADL vigilance against anti-Semitism and other forms of bigotry, the judge observed that "ADL did no more than act in accordance with its historic and organizational purpose; that is, to express its opinion and concerns when anti-Semitism appeared and to identify and confront it as such."

In light of the Holocaust, as well as the history of anti-Semitism, according to the judge, "it was reasonable to point out what it (ADL) perceived to be anti-Semitic overtones" in USLP pronouncements.

In commenting on the decision, Reich said that ADL "will pursue what the court referred to as the League's 'historic and organizational purpose' of identifying and confronting anti-Semitism, and it will continue to monitor the activities of the LaRouche groups and all other organizations which indulge in such activity."

U.S. WARNS ISRAEL ON GOLAN

By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, Oct. 23 (JTA) — Official circles here are upset over a leaked report that the U.S. has cautioned Israel against any move to annex the

Golan Heights. According to the report, U.S. Ambassador Samuel Lewis told Premier Menachem Begin at a meeting yesterday that a bill recently presented in the Knesset that would impose Israeli law -- and thus its sovereignty -- over the Golan Heights would, if passed, be "more serious" than the "Jerusalem Law."

This would be the case because annexation of the Golan would constitute a violation of Security Council Resolution 242 while the law declaring Israel's sovereignty over Jerusalem simply affirmed a situation that has existed since 1967, Lewis reportedly told Begin. But sources here called the report "unauthorized and inaccurate."

Israeli officials said Lewis requested a meeting with Begin several days ago to discuss a number of issues before the American envoy leaves on a vacation in Egypt. One official said the extensive coverage of the meeting by the local media inflated it out of proportion. Nothing new was said at the meeting, he noted. The American position has been known for several months, the official said.

Without suggesting the source of the leak, officials insisted it did not come from the Israeli side. They also denied a report that Begin promised Lewis that he would act to persuade Knesset members not to support the Golan bill.

The measure was introduced by Geula Cohen of the ultra-nationalist Tehiya faction. The leadership of the coalition Knesset faction passed it on yesterday for review by the Cabinet, dashing the hopes of its supporters for speedy processing. The Cabinet is not expected to discuss the measure at its regular meeting this Sunday which will be devoted to President Yitzhak Navon's forthcoming state visit to Egypt.

'NAZI VICTORY FEAST' DENOUNCED

JOHANNESBURG, Oct. 23 (JTA) -- The South African Jewish Board of Deputies is demanding an investigation by the Pretoria University authorities of a "Nazi Victory Feast" held on the campus there last month and has sharply criticized the university for failing to denounce the event which has seriously disturbed the Jewish community.

The Board flatly rejected claims by officials that the "Feast" was a student prank. It noted that anti-Semitic slogans such as "We hate Jews" and "Up Hitler" daubed on the walls of a men's residence hall made it clear that the raucous Nazi party was more than a joke. According to a statement by the Board yesterday, the hall was decked with swastikas, students dressed in the uniforms of the Hitler Youth gave the Nazi salute and shouted "Stieg Heil." About 170 students participated, all of them white.

"The conspicuous failure of the university authorities spontaneously to disavow and denounce this sorry event reveals a sad lack of awareness of the appalling evils which flowed from the racial hatreds of the Nazi era. Recent events in France and elsewhere in Europe suggest that the function may well have a sinister significance," the Board's statement said.

HIGH COURT ISSUES PRELIMINARY INJUNCTION BARRING DEPORTATION OF TWO WEST BANK ARAB MAYORS

By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, Oct. 23 (JTA) -- The Supreme Court issued an interim injunction today barring the deportation of Mayors Fahd Kawasme

of Hebron and Mohammed Milhim of Halhoul pending a final decision on their appeal. Premier Menachem Begin, as Defense Minister, and Maj. Gen. Binyamin Ben-Eliezer, commander of the West Bank, informed the court that they would abide by the order issued by Justice Miriam Ben Porat.

The injunction does not affect the deportation order which is being appealed but enjoins the army from taking unilateral steps against the two mayors before the judicial process is completed. The court secretariat will schedule a session to deal with the appeal, probably next week.

Ben Porat said she issued the interim injunction in the interests of "public order" and to avoid "unnecessary anxiety by the mayors." Kawasme and Milhim, who were expelled from Israel-held territory last May on grounds that they had incited a terrorist act, were permitted to return a week ago to file an appeal with the Military Government's review board. The latter decided last Sunday that there were insufficient grounds to lift the deportation order. Meanwhile, the mayors remain in custody near the Allenby Bridge.

KGB AGENT IDENTIFIED

By Yitzhak Shargil

TEL AVIV, Oct. 23 (JTA) -- A Ramallah physician, arrested last week on suspicion that he was an agent for the KGB, was identified today as Dr. Gohar el-Sayedj, 35, who practices medicine at the Augusta Victoria Hospital on Mt. Scopus. El-Sayedj attended medical school in the USSR between 1966-1973 during which time he met and married his wife, Marina, 34, who is a Soviet citizen.

He was in the Soviet Union again between 1975-1977 to qualify as a surgeon. During his sojourns there he is alleged to have been recruited by the KGB -- the Soviet secret police -- and assigned to intelligence gathering missions in the Middle East. According to Israeli security sources, the suspect transmitted information to Moscow via the KGB representative at the Soviet Embassy in Amman, Jordan where he frequently visited. A search of his home yielded certain documents which were confiscated.

El-Sayedj's father, a retired teacher who lives in El Bireh on the West Bank, said his son did visit Amman from time to time but only to accompany his wife on her frequent trips to Russia. The couple has four children. Mrs. el-Sayedj was due to leave for the Soviet Union today but changed her plans, apparently because of her husband's arrest.

BLUM PRESENTS WALDHEIM WITH DRAFT RESOLUTION SETTING UP A NUCLEAR-WEAPON-FREE ZONE IN THE MIDEAST

By Yitzhak Rabi

UNITED NATIONS, Oct. 23 (JTA) -- Yehuda Blum, Israel's Ambassador to the United Nations, presented Secretary General Kurt Waldheim today with a letter and the text of a draft resolution on the establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in the Mideast.

The draft resolution, the first submitted by Israel to the UN on the issue of nuclear armament, calls upon "All states of the Middle East to convene at the earliest possible date a conference with a view to negotiating a multilateral treaty establishing a nuclear-weapon-free zone in the Mideast."

Today's draft resolution was the third draft resolution ever submitted by Israel since it became a member of the UN on May 11, 1949.

In recent years, Israeli spokesmen, including its foreign ministers, called for a conference of Mideast nations to reach a resolution of the nuclear arms issue. Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir, in his speech before the General Assembly on Sept. 29, declared

that "Israel believes that an international conference of all the states in the region and adjacent to our region should be held leading to the conclusion of a formal, contractual, multi-lateral Convention between all states of the region."

Today's draft resolution "urges all states in the region to state by May 1, 1981 their willingness to participate in the conference," and "requests the Secretary General to provide the necessary facilities for the convening of such a conference."

U.S. HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL COUNCIL URGES ACTION AGAINST ANTI-SEMITISM By David Friedman

NEW YORK, Oct. 23 (JTA) — The U.S. Holocaust Memorial Council, at an emergency session yesterday, called on political, religious and industrial leaders as well as all citizens of the United States to speak out against the resurgence of anti-Semitism and Nazism in the wake of the bombing of a Paris synagogue Oct. 3.

Noting that the 1930s and 1940s demonstrated that the "distance between words and deeds are very small," the writer Elie Wiesel, chairman of the Memorial Council, said he "would send a delegation from the Council to Europe to meet with French President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing and other European leaders to discuss the situation. He said there are also plans to hold an international conference against anti-Semitism either in the U.S. or Europe."

President Carter sent a telegram to the meeting yesterday in which he said the session "is an indication that the Memorial, which we conceived and planned together, must serve not only as an ever-present reminder of the Holocaust, but as a challenge to people everywhere to meet the continuing threat to human decency." The Council was established by Carter to recommend a suitable memorial to the Holocaust.

In his telegram, Carter noted that "I spoke out immediately after the Paris synagogue attacks stating that such violence was 'abhorrent to me and the American people and to the entire civilized world.' I added, later, 'Terrorism is a crime against decency and humanity, whether it occurs on the streets of Paris or on the streets of Jerusalem, whether those responsible in Paris are neo-Nazis, or in Jerusalem members of the PLO'."

Carter stressed that there can be "no doubt about our nation's resolve. We cannot appear to condone such terrorism through inaction. Condemnation alone does not suffice. We must demonstrate our unity with the victims of terror." Rep. Bill Green (R, NY), a member of the Holocaust Memorial Council, said the Paris bombing is not an isolated case and "we must organize" to combat the rise of anti-Semitism and racism.

Sites Causes For Rise Of Anti-Semitism

A resolution considered by the Council blamed the rise of anti-Semitism on the United Nations General Assembly's "Zionism is Racism" resolution "which has given permission for the anti-Semite to speak and act with impunity"; on the Soviet Union which, it said, was "the most virulent source of anti-Semitism in the world" and which is "a full-time exporter of racial hatred," and on "unsettled world conditions which always breed the extremist carrying sim-

plistic and false solutions to social problems."

In its call for all persons to condemn the resurgence of anti-Semitism, the Council noted that "not to speak at this moment is not only the sin of silence, but may result in a catastrophe engulfing all of mankind. We ask that community leaders address the issue head on publicly. We ask that sermons be preached condemning hatred. We ask that communities organize rallies, meetings and other appropriate forums to express condemnation and indignation at the rise of anti-Semitism and other forms of racism not only all over the world, but particularly in our own beloved democracy."

KOCH PROCLAIMS 'JABOTINSKY DAY'

NEW YORK, Oct. 23 (JTA) — Prominent Jewish officials and representatives of the Governor's office and the government of Israel gathered at City Hall yesterday to pay tribute to Ze'ev Vladimir Jabotinsky. Mayor Edward Koch proclaimed Oct. 22 "Jabotinsky Day" which marked the beginning of the Jabotinsky centennial year.

The proclamation paid tribute to the "legendary Ze'ev Jabotinsky, statesman, soldier, poet and architect of the State of Israel, whose accomplishments are proudly recorded in the struggle for the independence of Israel during the first four decades of the 20th Century." Jabotinsky was the founder of the Jewish Legion in World War I, the Betar and the Irgun Zvai Leumi, and in the late 1930s warned European Jewry of the impending doom of the Holocaust. He died in New York in 1940.

Among those present at the City Hall gathering was Israel Knesset member Haim Corfu, chairman of the Knesset's Likud Bloc, and Paul Kedar, Israel's Consul General in New York. Kedar read a special message from Premier Menachem Begin of Israel to Koch thanking him for his decision to commemorate the centenary of Jabotinsky's birth.

The event was sponsored by the United Zionists-Revisionists (Henuh) whose chairman, Eryk Spektor, received the proclamation on behalf of the movement founded by Jabotinsky. The Jabotinsky Centennial Dinner will be held at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel Nov. 11 and Begin will be the main speaker.

FIRM FINED IN ARAB BOYCOTT CASE

WASHINGTON, Oct. 23 (JTA) — Zamilco International Inc., of Albertson, L.I., N.Y., has agreed to pay fines of \$32,000 for allegedly supplying business and religious information in furtherance of the Arab League boycott of Israel; the U.S. Department of Commerce announced yesterday.

Zamilco, described by the Department as an export trading company serving as middleman for Arab clients, informed Bahrain in response to its questionnaire in 1978 that "the principals of this organization are all Moslems. They have never had any interests in the country of Israel and the same policy will apply as long as this company exists."

The civil penalty to which Zamilco has agreed to comply includes a maximum fine of \$10,000 for allegedly supplying information about the religious background of its employees. This is the first alleged violation of the prohibition against furnishing religious information under the U.S. Export Administration Act.

TEL AVIV (JTA) — American-made tanks, guns and troop carriers captured by Iraqi forces from Iran are being transferred to Jordan, it was reported here Thursday. According to Maariv's military correspondent, the booty also includes British-made tanks and guns.

CLERIC SAYS JEWISH-CHRISTIAN DISCUSSIONS CANNOT AVOID TOUCHING CENTRALLY ON ISRAEL

CLEVELAND, Oct. 23 (JTA) -- Stating that "no serious Jewish-Christian discussion today can avoid touching centrally on Israel," the Rev. Allan Brockway of the World Council of Churches (WCC) today reviewed a range of Christian attitudes regarding Israel, and explored the question of "why it is that the question of Israel's very existence remains unresolved in the minds of Christians."

The WCC official addressed the National Interreligious Affairs Commission meeting in connection with the American Jewish Committee's four-day National Executive Council meeting which began here today. Robert Jacobs of Chicago, Interreligious Affairs Commission chairman, presided.

Rabbi Marc Tanenbaum, the AJC Committee's interreligious affairs director, reported on a recent meeting between Jewish groups and the WCC, and urged that "Jewish groups intensify their relationship with the World Council which is constantly subjected to anti-Jewish and anti-Israel pressures from the PLO and the Arab world."

Brockway, who is associate director for Christian-Jewish Relations of the WCC in Geneva, Switzerland, noted that "there is a great perplexity in the Christian mind as to what Israel is and what it represents, a perplexity that arises out of the abysmal ignorance of Christians about the Jewish people, and about their national identity that has persisted through persecutions, the like of which obliterated other peoples and nations."

Reasons For Ambivalent, Negative Attitudes

Among the reasons for ambivalent or negative attitudes about Israel among Christians, Brockway noted the following:

Since Israel was brought into being by people who were persecuted in Europe -- although "the extent of that persecution has been largely blurred and forgotten ..." -- some Christians "have been taught that Jews took over a land that did not belong to them, displacing the indigenous population, the Palestinian Arabs." Identifying the Palestinians as "the poor and oppressed," they will choose the Palestinians over Israel in the international policies they encourage.

While this is "an operating principle for many Christian bodies," Brockway said, its fallacy lies in the "absence of historical memory and in a misreading of the complexities of contemporary political reality. When this fallacy is coupled with an understanding of Judaism that allows Christians to separate Judaism as a 'world religion' from the lived life of the Jewish people a formidable ideological foundation is laid for an insidious form of anti-Semitism, disguised as anti-Zionism."

Another source of negative attitudes toward Israel, Brockway stated, comes from representatives of Third World churches who tend to view Israel as a Western nation and link it with the United States and Western Europe as a "colonial" power, the dominance of which must be rejected and overcome.

"In the context of current international political rhetoric, it is all but impossible for Third World church representatives to comprehend

Israel as a nation of refugees from all three worlds," Brockway said. The situation is complicated by the fact that these Third World churches are influenced by the Christian theology of 19th and 20th Century missionaries, he added, "so that a theological anti-Semitism lurks even farther beneath the conscious surface than is the case in Europe and North America."

WCC Drafting Guidelines

Brockway noted that the WCC's Consultation on the Church and the Jewish People was currently drafting a set of "Guidelines for Jewish-Christian Dialogue," which focuses attention on the "indissoluble bond between the Jewish people and the land of Israel," and that the significance of these words from the proposed "Guidelines" indicated growing attention to Jewish sensibilities which may become "a base for widening the constructive dialogue between the churches and the Jewish people ..."

Contrasting this approach with a 1948 statement of the WCC that was essentially missionary in its approach to the Jewish people, Brockway stated that "a vast amount of new thinking, new education, new preaching is required to remove the sting from almost 2000 years of Christian hatred toward Jews."

Emphasizing that he was speaking for himself, Brockway concluded:

"I am deeply concerned that Christians support Israel and the Jewish people, not so much because I believe such support will enhance Judaism but because I believe that the vitality and validity of Christianity is at stake. The real test for Christianity lies, not in its specific answers to the question, 'What do you say Israel is?' -- though that question will continue to be addressed -- as it does in whether it is willing and able to transcend that essential question to struggle faithfully with the existential question, 'How may we support Israel -- people, land and state -- in assuming its God-given role in the lives of people and nations?' That is a goal in which Christians and Jews may join, though perhaps for different reasons."

JEWISH ARTIST CRAFTED OFFICIAL CHURCH CROSS

NEWARK, N.J., Oct. 23 (JTA) -- When James Wyatt, Moderator of the Northeast Synod of the United Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. presides at the Synod Mission Council, he will wear a cross crafted by a Jewish artist from Teaneck, N.J. The ceremonial cross of sterling silver and enamel was created by Linda Gissen, a sculptor and enamelist noted for her works in the realm of Judaica. The cross she created will be used by Wyatt as a symbol of his office throughout his term.

He will formally introduce it to the leadership of the Synod representing some 1200 churches in New York, New Jersey and New England, at its Mission Council in Stony Point, N.Y. today through Saturday. According to Mrs. Gissen, the pendant which she created for Wyatt was most meaningful to her beyond her longtime friendship with him -- a relationship rooted in their mutual interest in fostering interracial and interfaith understanding.

Mrs. Gissen, recently elected president of the Teaneck Jewish Community Council, and a board member of Congregation Beth Am and the local National Council of Jewish Women, is most noted for her sculptures and enamels dealing with Jewish subjects, primarily the Holocaust. Two of her works are on permanent display at Congregation Neve Shalom, Metuchen, N.J. and Temple Shalom, River Edge, N.J.