

Conyers Speaks Up for Israel; Cites Christian Support in Statement

Congressman John Conyers, Democrat from the 1st District in Wayne County, addressed Congress Monday with a firm statement in Israel's behalf.

Rep. Conyers, a Negro, said: "The continued existence of Israel is vital for political stability in the Middle East and therefore vital for the maintenance of world peace. The United States, which had so much to do with the establishment of Israel in 1948 and which has so repeatedly and strongly pledged to Israel its continued support, has the clearest legal and moral obligation to defend Israel against those apparently committed to its destruction."

Rep. Conyers, who was among the more than 100 Congressmen who pledged support to Israel May 23, again urged the President Monday "to take strong, effective and immediate action to resist aggression against Israel and to preserve the peace." If we wait any longer, the hourly changing situation in the Middle East could result in the destruction of Israel.

The Congressman quoted the statement by religious leaders of all major faiths in America which points to U.S. "moral responsibility in the Middle East, where Israel has worked so hard to achieve the right to live in peace."

The statement, which originally appeared in Sunday's New York Times, was sponsored as a public service by Americans for Democracy in the Middle East and was signed by such non-Jewish leaders as The Rev. John C. Bennett, president Union Theological Seminary; The Rev. Robert McAfee Brown, professor of Religion, Stanford University; The Rev. Thurston N. Davis, S. J., editor, America; The Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr., president, Southern Christian Leadership Conference; Dr. Franklin H. Littell, president, Iowa Wesleyan College; Dr. Reinhold Niebuhr, professor emeritus of Christian ethics, Union Theological Seminary; James O'Gara, editor, Commonweal; Dr. Daniel Poling, chaplain, Interfaith Memorial of the Four Chaplains; The Rev. Alexander Schmemmann, dean, St. Vladimir's Russian Orthodox Seminary; The Rev. John B. Sheerin, C.S.P., editor, The Catholic World; Bishop Stephen Gill Spottswood, Washington, D.C., chairman, national board of directors, NAACP; and Bishop Lloyd C. Wicke, bishop, New York area, Methodist Church, former president, Methodist Council of Bishops.

The statement was as follows: "Men of conscience must not remain silent at this time. The Middle East is on the brink of war. President Nasser of Egypt has initiated a blockade of an international waterway: the Straits of Tiran, Israel's sea-lane to Africa and Asia. This blockade may lead to a major conflagration. "The Middle East has been an

Montreal Magazine Blames World Jewry For Mankind's Crimes

MONTREAL (JTA) — Revival of anti-Jewish propaganda in Quebec was amplified last weekend as members of the Quebec Legislature received copies of a 64-page magazine format tract which accuses the Jews of being the cause of nearly every crime mankind has ever committed.

The magazine, "La Cle du Mystere" (The Key to the Mystery) tries to present the idea that Jews are themselves responsible for the indictment it contains by quoting Jewish writers and spokesmen extensively — and out of context.

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Sir Charles Walston, a 19th Century British-Jewish archeologist, was responsible for excavating many ancient sites in Greece including the "Tomb of Aristotle" in Eretria.

arena of tension due to the threat of continued terrorist attacks, as well as the recent Arab military mobilization along Israel's borders. Let us recall that Israel is a new nation whose people are still recovering from the horror and decimation of the European holocaust.

"President Johnson has called the blockade 'illegal and potentially disastrous' to world peace.

"We therefore call on the United States government steadfastly to honor its commitments to the freedom of international waterways. We call on our fellow Americans of all persecutions and groupings and on the administration to support the independent, integrity and freedom of Israel.

"Men of conscience all over the world bear a moral responsibility to support Israel's right of passage through the Straits of Tiran.

"The people of Israel have the right to live and develop in tranquility and without fear. The Middle East requires respite and peace."

It is not possible for Christians to take part in anti-Semitism. We are Semites spiritually.

—Pope Pius XI.

Toronto Suburb Bans Public School Religion

TORONTO (JTA) — The Borough of North York, largest suburb within Metropolitan Toronto, removed religious instruction from its public school system last weekend.

Schools in Ontario have the right to ask exemption from giving religious instruction if the school board puts such a request to the Department of Education.

The motion was presented by trustee Sidney Moscoe and second-

ed by trustee Val Scott. It passed by a vote of 8-4. Of the 12 trustees, two are Jewish.

In 1959-63, North York was the center of a battle on the subject. Half of Metropolitan Toronto's 96,000 Jewish residents live there and in the early 1960's there were constant complaints about the doctrinal nature of the course.

The Committee for a Fair Re-

ligious Policy carried on a move to introduce the "3:30 plan," providing that religious instruction be given at 3:30 to enable exempted pupils to leave the school. This plan was adopted in a number of schools but the borough's school administration, it was claimed, tended to permit this only in schools where there was a majority of Jewish pupils.

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