

AJC CONDEMNS LEFT JEWISH EXTREMIST ELEMENTS

NEW YORK-- The American Friends Service Committee was accused of "deep-seated, unconscious anti-Jewish bias" in its report, "Search for Peace in the Middle East."

Judge Justine Wise Polier, chairman of the Committee on Israel of the American Jewish Congress, charged in an "Open Letter to the Friends" that the Quakers' theme of peace had been "obscured and distorted by persistent notes of anti-Jewish prejudice." The result, she said, has "created an awful gulf between those responsible for this document and Jews everywhere."

Judge Polier's statement was published in the current issue of Congress bi-Weekly magazine, the official publication of the Congress, and has been reprinted in pamphlet form for

public distribution, 15 E. 84 St. N.Y.C.

The American Jewish Congress leader sits on the bench of the New York Family Court.

Because of the Friends' long record of humanitarian service and claim of impartiality, Judge Polier wrote, the report was "more disturbing than blatant attacks against Israel by those who have sworn to destroy it or by the position of openly anti-Semitic groups." She added:

"This study of the Friends is incompatible with the spirit and actions of the founder of the American Friends Service Committee, that great spirit, Clarence Pickett, with whom I worked and whom I held in highest esteem and deepest affection."

ISRAELITE ADS PAY

The American Friends Service Committee report, which had been widely circulated in a number of drafts and in pamphlet form for about a year, was recently published

as a Fawcett paperback. The "working party" which prepared the report for the Friends was headed by Landrum Bolling, who is president of Earlham College in Richmond, Ind.

DEFECTIONS CANCEL RED BALLET

WASHINGTON (WNS)--The Decision of the Soviet Union to cancel the planned U.S. tour of the Bolshoi Ballet and Opera troupe was viewed here as an attempt to prevent defections of Soviet artists. In announcing the cancellation, the Soviets claimed their action was taken because of action of "Zionist extremists" who threatened "the personal safety of Soviet citizens."

Dr. Isaac Franck, executive vice-president of the Jewish Community Council of Greater Washington, called the Soviet "reason" a "flimsy

excuse" to avert possible defections by Soviet artists.

JEWIS IN STRIPES

(WNS)-- San Quentin Prison, the nation's largest prison, will offer courses in Judaic studies for high school credits.

The courses, to be instituted for the prison's 75 to 100 Jewish inmates, will be open to all the 4,000 prisoners.

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