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East Germany Status

This fall both East and West Germany are expected to seek admission to the United Nations. So the time may be opportune to once again raise the question of why East Germany has refused to pay reparations to the victims

of the Nazi holocaust. However one feels about the West German Government, there can be no question that it has admitted a debt to the Jewish people and has tried to make some compensation to the victims of Nazi Germany. Dr. Nahum Goldmann, who has led the negotiations on reparations, recently revealed that West Germany has paid 45 billion Deutschmarks in restitution and indemnification although only 6 billion Deutschmarks was anticipated when the reparations agreement was signed in Luxemburg in 1952, Another 20 billion DM in reparations payments are yet to be made.

Dr. Goldmann does not believe that West Germany has fulfilled all of its obligations. He is trying to get it to agree to extend reparation payments to Jewish victims of Nazism from Eastern Europe who filed their claim after the 1965 deadline on payments.

But the Communist regime in East Germany has never admitted it has any liabilities to Nazi victims. It has steadfastly denied it is responsible for the Nazi atrocities.

Now East Germany is seeking acceptance as a legitimate member of the international community. Israel has vowed never to vote for East Germany's admission to the United Nations. Public opinion in the United States and Western Europe should be aroused to ques-tion East Germany's entry into the family of nations until it fulfithese obligations.

Outlawing Genocide

By Robert E. Segal

Genocide is on their minds. Genocide --"the deliberate and systematic destruction of racial, national, linguistic, or other groups" -- is on the minds of Senators Taft and Proxmire, Brooks and Humphrey, Javitz and Ken-

These and 41 additional senators had signed the bipartisan appeal for U.S. ratification of the international Genocide Convention at this writing. An additional nine senators had indicated a strong likelihood of going along with the appeal. And beyond that contingent there may be, there must be, still more senators willing at last to put their votes on the line for bring-ing the U.S. into the circle of 75 nations which have placed their names on the pact.

Who, then, remains opposed to American

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commitment to the outlawing of further mass murders, the prevention of still more holo-causts? The Liberty Lobby doesn't want Washington to sign; and perhaps no more active, no better financed reactionary force can be found in American life today. Some veterans' groups remain opposed. Diehards in the Am-erican Bar Association cling to their determination not to yield. Politicians still enamored of John Bricker's anachronistic views regarding the sanctity of U.S. sovereignty won't yield.

Who favors American ratification of this pact? Leaders authorized to speak for scores of voluntary organizations not only back efforts for ratification but align themselves with the Ad Hoc Committee On The Human Rights and Genocide Treaties. Listed here are the Episcopal Church; American Federation of Teachers, AFL-CIO; National Catholic Conference For Interracial Justice; American Baptist Convention; United Automobile Workers of America; Methodist Church, General Board of Christian Social Concerns; American Friends Service Committee -- to name a few. Practically all of the national Jewish community relations organizations are members of the Ad Hoc Committee, the chairman of which is Justice Arthur J. Goldberg.

And what has been their appeal?

They say, in essence, that much justice was done at Nuremberg not long after the Nazi war machine had been shattered, but all that must be done will not be done until the U.S. is a party to the Genocide Convention. They say it is now nearly 25 years since the UN General Assembly, by unanimous vote, approved the Convention. They say that the U.S. delegation to the UN was among the first to sign, only to see their affirmative efforts hedged in by the followers of John Bricker and John Foster Dulles. They say that ratification of the convention by the USSR has left our own government embarrassed in view of our claims to ability to set high moral standards for the world to emulate.

Above all, they are sure that the spirit of McCarthyism, with which America's intransignece about signing the pact has so long been entwined, has sunk fortunately to a low point. And finally, they assert that President Kennedy's call for ratification, followed now by President Nixon's clear indication of approval

constitute a mandate for action this year.

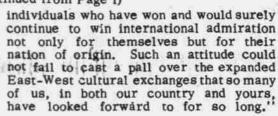
Efforts to win approval have extended over 25 years of profound change in the world picture. This nation has at last taken effective action to guarantee equality of opportunity for all; racist forces are on the defensive; the Cold War appears over; efforts to establish enduring peace in a nuclear age are vigorous. Why stop short, then, of ratification of the Genocide Convention?

Approval now will constitute much more than a glorious, although posthumous, triumph for Professor Raphael Lemkin who devised the

"One Man Plus The Truth Constitutes A Majority"

BY JACK TELL

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I urged Mr. Brezhnev to "recognize their right to accept the invitations which have been extended to them by other countries which will allow us all the opportunity to appreciate their outstanding work.

(Thank you, Senator, you are a true friend

of the Jews. J.T.)

word, "Genocide", and fought valiantly for acceptance of the pact until his death. It will prove -- as Senator Glairborne Pell of Rhode Island has so well stated -- that "the principle of equality and the right to life presuppose a higher law that transcends any national policies that result in the systematic destruction of an ethnic group or race.

Zealotry

By Rabbi Samuel Silver

A wave of zealotry has struck some cowards of Jewish life in the U.S.

The national Reform rabbinate association went on record against having their members officiate at mixed marriages. About 40% of them do it, but militants pushed through a mea-

sure of disapproval. The New York Board of Rabbis, by a margin of 7 votes, expelled intermarrying rabbis and those who referred mixed couples to rabbis

who do officiate for them. And Orthodox rabbis have made moves to emulate Ezra of old by indicating their unwillingness to sit on the boards of Jewish organizations with Jewish laymen who are intermarried or with rabbis who solemnize mixed unions.

At the New York Board of Rabbis meeting, it was pointed out that some rabbis do more severe things than marry a mixed couple; they remarry divorced couples without a re-ligious "get". But no action has been taken against them.

It also happens that some Reform rabbis, with scholarly bent, declare that it is not contrary to Jewish law to officiate at a mixed marriage. Such rabbis are Rabbi Eugene Mihaly, who teaches at the Hebrew Union College, Cincinnati; Rabbi Philip Horowitz, of Cleveland; Rabbi Sholem Singer, of Highland Park; Rabbi David Greenberg, Scarsdale.

Over at the New York Board of Rabbis, was rumored that if the motion to compel intermarriers had lost then the Orthodox rabbis would have resigned en masse.

Rabbis who don't intermarry declare that mixed unions mean the end of Judaism. Rabbis who do contend that the couples are going to get married anyhow, and if the presence of a rabbi will save one person for Judaism, it's justifiable to be on hand.

Some have said that the new fervor of the zealots reflects the situation in Israel where the Chief Rabbi, Shlomo Goren, has been the target of extremists.

What do you think?

NEW YORK (WNS) -- Two national Jewish organizations have accused Sen. J. William Fulbright of "disdain" for the moral considerations of U.S. - Soviet trade relations and "appeasement" of "totalitarian despotism and oppression." Rabbi Arthur Hertzberg, president of the American Jewish Congress, and Harold Ostroff, president of the Workmen's Circle, denounced the Arkansas Democrat's speech attacking the Jackson Amendment which would withhold U.S. trade concessions to the USSR until restrictions are removed on Jewish emigrations for Jews and others.