

MILWAUKEE JEWISH COUNCIL

BOARD MEETING

May 11, 1983

PRESENT: Isadore Abrams	Marianne Lubar
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Ronald Jacobs	Dorothy Weingrod
Sheldon Gendelman	Nancy Weisenberg
Lawrence Katz	Israel Wolnerman
Ruth Kay	Nate Zelazo
Pamela Kriger	Ralph Schwartz
Philip Lerman	Ben Hubbard (Guest)

AGENDA:

1. Senator Gary Hart.
2. Paramilitary Training Bill.
3. Nazi War Criminals.

I. SENATOR GARY HART

Bob Friebert introduced Presidential Candidate Senator Gary Hart of Colorado. Senator Hart commented on important issues and spoke about his candidacy. Senator Hart supports the United States alliance with Israel.

II. PARAMILITARY TRAINING BILL

The Milwaukee Jewish Council supports Senate Bill 250 which was introduced by Mordecai Lee. It was moved and seconded that the Council support this bill.

Points of opposition that were raised are: it gives too much power to law enforcement agencies, there are questions about its constitutionality (note that this has been tested in six states and similar laws found to be unconstitutional), there are laws already in existence that allow local law enforcement

agencies to handle these problems, this law is directed at individual groups, this law could be used as an investigative tool directed against any organization, and the bill does not respond to the issue of proving intent.

Points raised in favor of the legislation are: there are organizations which pose a threat creating a need for this legislation, law enforcement agencies need this kind of legislative backing, and Jewish communities cannot deny support for legislators who are attempting to respond to our needs.

The question was called. The vote was 20 in favor, 8 opposed.

III. NAZI WAR CRIMINALS

Allegations have been made that United States agencies are supporting and protecting Nazi war criminals. Congresswoman Elizabeth Holzman has issued a call for an investigation of this matter. Saul Sorrin urged that there be a special inquiry into this matter and that the Council prepare a resolution to the House Judiciary Committee asking for an inquiry. This was moved, seconded and passed.

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