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The State Department said Wednesday that the council was "an organization with strong affiliations" to the Soviet Communist Party. It did so in reporting the denial of visas to 348 Japanese as members of a group close to the council.

The department acted under the Immigration and Nationality Act of 1952, but said later that it was recommending Justice Department waivers to admit most of the Japanese.

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Duke Austin, an immigration spokesman in Washington, said the Peace Council members were separate from 376 cases being reviewed individually. The council members were approved, he said, because they had been officially invited by the United Nations." But he said they would be restricted to being within 25 miles of Columbus Circle.

#### Leader Was Barred

While Mr. Austin could not immediately name the 50, Michael Myerson, executive director of the U.S. Peace Council, said the world council's president, Romesh Chandra of India, had been originally barred along with four other members of the council's secretariat and more than 20 others.

The others, he said, included Gen. Francisco da Costa Gomes, former President of Portugal, and James A. Lamond, a member of the British Parliament, both vice presidents of the peace group, and retired General Nino Pasti, of Italy, a former deputy commander of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization in Italy.

Alan Romberg, a State Department spokesman, said the department had asked for a waiver for General Pasti, excluded initially because he was elected to the Italian Parliament on a Communist slate. He said there was no record in Washington of applications by General Gomes or Mr. Lamond.

In a Federal District Court hearing in Manhattan yesterday, Thomas Belote, special assistant United States Attorney, said a visa had been authorized Tuesday for a representative of the South-West Africa People's Organization.

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Mr. Myerson said this was Theo Ben Gouriab, the organization's permanent representative to the United Nations for nine years.

## Canadian Stopped at Border

Yesterday morning, Kay MacPherson, past president of the Voice of Women in Canada, who is scheduled to speak at a June 12 disarmament rally, was barred from entering by car at Champlain, N.Y. In Ottawa, she said she had been coming to a meeting of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, which started at Barnard College yesterday.

Mr. Austin said her name was on a list of persons subject to exclusion because of affiliation with certain organizations. Miss MacPherson said Canada's Ministry of External Affairs was looking into her exclusion.

In Federal Court, Judge Pierre Leval ordered the United States Attorney's office to provide information at 3 P.M. today in response to a suit by the American and New York Civil Liberties Unions seeking immediate entry documents for foreign visitors to the United Nations sessions.

The suit claimed First Amendment constitutional rights for Americans to exchange ideas with United Nations visitors. It also cited a 1947 agreement between the United Nations and the United States, in which the United States pledged to refrain from impeding transit for accredited representatives of accredited nongovernmental organizations.

Steven R. Shapiro, counsel for the New York Civil Liberties Union, told the judge: "What may be the legitimate concern of government in certain instances is not at issue here because this is a United Nations-sponsored activity."

For the Government, Mr. Belote said "every officially invited delegate has been permitted to come," but as to others "it is the sovereign power of the United States to determine who may enter." Judge Leval noted that any plaintiff claim could be lost by the rapid "ticking of the clock."

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