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F. B. I. INVESTIGATES BOMBING OF JEWISH CENTERS IN MIAMI AND NASHVILLE

WASHINGTON, March 17. (JTA) -- The Department of Justice stepped in today to investigate the bombing yesterday of Jewish centers in Miami and Nashville with a view to determining whether a violation of Federal laws occurred. The Department is awaiting reports from regional FBI offices and from the United States Attorneys in both cities.

Meanwhile, it was learned here today that police throughout the South have been alerted to the possibility of a conspiracy to bomb other Jewish centers and synagogues in Southern states. Justice Department officials are generally of the opinion that the bombings are matters for local authorities to handle, but they were concerned with a reported threat to assassinate Federal District Judge William E. Miller of Nashville. Such an action would involve a Federal official, and it may come under Federal statute.

The threat to Judge Miller came in an anonymous telephone call to Rabbi William E. Silverman of Nashville, immediately after the dynamite explosion took place in the Jewish Community Center building, smashing the front doors, ripping down the ceiling of the reception hall and smashing windows in the building. The damage was estimated at \$6,000. The anonymous caller, who identified himself as "a member of the Confederate Union" said over the telephone:

"We have just dynamited the Jewish community center. Next will be the temple and next will be any other nigger-loving place or nigger-loving person in Nashville. And we're going to shoot down Judge Miller in cold blood."

Rabbi Silverman immediately called Judge Miller about the threat and the judge informed the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Deputy sheriffs and F. B. I. agents were posted at the residence immediately. Judge Miller last fall ordered Negro first graders admitted to some Nashville schools. Their admission was followed by a blast which wrecked Hattie Cotton school there.

New Bomb Threat Against Synagogue in Miami Beach; Jews Warned

MIAMI, Fla., March 17. (JTA) -- A new bomb threat against a synagogue in nearby Miami Beach was received by a worshipper early this morning, on the heels of the dynamiting late yesterday of a Jewish center in this city, the Jewish Telegraphic Agency learned today.

According to Rabbi Tibor Stern of Congregation Beth Jacob of Miami Beach, a worshipper was stopped outside the synagogue by an unidentified man who told him that unless the menorah on the synagogue were pulled down, the building would be bombed. The license plate numbers of the car in which the terrorist drove off were obtained and the Miami Beach police are believed ready to make an arrest.

Last night's blast, heard miles from the scene, blew out the back of the Temple Beth El Jewish center, raised its roof off the beams and knocked the structure askew. A section of iron railing was hurled 150 yards from the building. It is believed that most of the building will have to be rebuilt. Early estimates placed the damage at about \$30,000.

No one was injured, though the explosion bounced people about in their beds in houses near the scene. Police estimate that at least a dozen sticks of dynamite were detonated under the rear wall of the building.

The police, who first attempted to suppress news of the blast for fear of setting off a wave of hysteria, have had nothing to report today. Two private citizens have already offered rewards for information leading to the apprehension of the criminals responsible for the attack. One of the rewards, for \$50, was offered by Tom Rankine, an official of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and a Baptist; the other, for \$100, was made public by Charles Rosengarten, a founder of Temple Beth El.

Jewish communal organizations immediately began efforts to unearth evidence. Haskell Lazare, an American Jewish Congress official, wired Florida Governor Leroy Collins and asked for an official investigation of the outrage.

Nashville Jewish Council Meets; Discusses Action Against Terrorists

NASHVILLE, Tenn., March 17. (JTA) -- The executive committee of the Jewish Community Council of Nashville met here late this afternoon to determine a course of action in the bombing last night of the modern community center. Jacques Back, community leader

and publisher of "The Observer," local English Jewish weekly, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that the Community Council was expected to offer a reward for information leading to the arrest of the dynamiters. Mayor Ben West of Nashville has already posted a reward offer of \$1,000.

Community action was speedy, with local newspapers devoting considerable space to details of the attack and to statements by the Mayor and other civic leaders. Rev. C. Thomas Baker, executive secretary of the Tennessee Council of Churches, urged all residents of the city to contribute to a fund to repair the damage to the Jewish center.

The bombing was clearly linked to the segregationist sentiment in the city. Almost before the echoes of the bombing had died away, Rabbi William B. Silverman, spiritual leader of the Reform Temple of this city was threatened for having supported a decision by a Federal judge ordering desegregation of the city's public schools. The Rabbi was also told that the judge, Federal District Court Judge William E. Miller, would be "shot down in cold blood."

The dynamited building stood in an area where several other Jewish buildings are located. Within three blocks there are two synagogues--one Orthodox, the other Conservative. The dynamite charge destroyed the entrance to the structure, causing an estimated \$6,000 in damage. No one was hurt, though windows were shattered in the neighborhood and many residents shaken up and frightened. The police are investigating, but have said nothing about any progress in the case.

Governor Frank G. Clement of Tennessee today informed the national headquarters of the Jewish War Veterans that he has offered the maximum reward he is officially able to offer and placed all state law enforcement facilities under orders to cooperate in seeking the dynamiters of the Jewish community center building here.

WORLD ZIONIST EXECUTIVE DECIDES TO INTENSIFY ACTIVITIES OF FEDERATIONS

JERUSALEM, March 17. (JTA) -- The World Zionist Executive today adopted a series of proposals designed to intensify activities in the various national Zionist Federations in a special worldwide campaign to be inaugurated at the close of the Zionist Actions Committee meeting which opens here tomorrow. The Agency plenary also concluded its discussion of a budget for the next fiscal year.

Israel Premier David Ben Gurion's views that the Zionist movement had ceased to have a function, have spread "dismay and confusion" in Zionist ranks, a report of the World Zionist Executive declared. The report was prepared for the meeting of the Zionist Actions Committee, policy-making body of the movement between world congresses, which opens here tomorrow.

On the positive side, the executive noted that through the use of chartered planes and ships, immigration from Egypt, Poland and Hungary had been taken in stride and a new interest in settling in Israel had been evinced in Western countries. The report warned, however, that the groundwork must be better prepared to facilitate this type of immigration.

The report prepared for submission to the Actions Committee revealed that last year saw the greatest influx of professionals among immigrants in recent years. Among the arrivals from European lands were 330 engineers, 315 physicians, 20 agricultural specialists, 38 pharmacists, 64 dentists, 263 economists and lawyers, 477 newspapermen, sociologists and others.

Among last year's arrivals there were also 4,500 "hard core" cases, including tuberculars and invalids, aged, widows and children. Some 2,300 unskilled workers are absorbed directly in existing kibbutzim.

ACHDUT AVODAH ASKS ISRAEL FOR "NON-IDENTIFICATION" WITH MAJOR POWERS

TEL AVIV, March 17. (JTA) -- A demand that Israel adopt a policy of "non-identification" with the major power blocs of the world was voiced here today in a resolution adopted at a national convention of the Achdut Avodah, left-wing Socialist Party of Israel. The three-day convention which concluded in the early hours today, also opposed Israel's joining any military alliance or foreign treaty organization.

At the same time, the party, dubbed "radical, but democratic" by one of its leaders, demanded that the Cabinet plan action to defend Israel from any infringement of its territorial integrity growing out of recent developments in the Gaza Strip, or from stationing of Iraqi troops on Israel's border with Jordan. The convention conditionally welcomed the two Arab mergers--if they favor peace with Israel. Another resolution demanded action to guarantee the unhampered use of the Suez Canal by Israeli shipping.

On the domestic scene, the Achdut Avodah demanded the abolition of military government in the Arab populated areas of Israel, called for an additional year of military service to be spent in agricultural border villages, and struck out at Premier David Ben Gurion's suggestions for a two-party system in Israel.

BILL IN CONGRESS ADVOCATES U. S. BUYING \$60,000,000 IN ISRAEL BONDS

WASHINGTON, March 17. (JTA) -- A bill was introduced in the House today providing for a joint resolution that would authorize the United States to purchase \$60,000,000 in Israel bonds.

The measure was introduced by Rep. James Roosevelt, Democrat of California, who pointed out that the United States owed an authenticated debt to the Revolutionary War Jewish patriot Haym Solomon of \$658,007 in original principal. He estimated further interest at a rate of two and one-half percent.

Rep. Roosevelt said such a purchase from State of Israel bonds would meet the obligations of the United States to Solomon and be in keeping with the spirit in which Solomon loaned money to the struggling young revolutionary government of the United States. He suggested the United States take this step in connection with Israel's tenth anniversary. He pointed out that the government debt of money to Solomon was never paid in any part, either to Solomon or his heirs.

SHARETT CALLS FOR "BROTHERLY PARTNERSHIP" BETWEEN ISRAEL AND U. S. JEWS

NEW YORK, March 17. (JTA) -- Israel must achieve greater strength if peace is to be maintained in the Middle East following the recent union of Arab states, Moshe Sharett, former Premier and Foreign Minister of Israel, declared here last night at a United Jewish Appeal mass meeting at Carnegie Hall.

"Today, when the Jewish State is a forceful and dynamic reality, Arab unity has emerged as a by-product of the barren strife against it," Mr. Sharett said. "It is our firm hope that the new, wider frameworks which have been created for Arab national life, if they last, will eventually be filled with constructive content.

"Yet, if Israel's future is to be harmonized with this trend, if it is not to become its victim, then Israel must get much, much stronger than it already is. And the achievement of that greater strength--a greater strength for peace--must be the high purpose of the brotherly partnership between Israel and the Jewish people outside, primarily between Israel and American Jewry," the Israel leader concluded.

The evening's program was devoted to an observance of three major events in modern Jewish history whose anniversaries will fall in the months ahead: 1. The establishment of the State of Israel ten years ago in May 1948; 2. The desperate uprising of Jews in the Nazi-created Warsaw ghetto 15 years ago in April 1943; 3. The creation in the United States of the United Jewish Appeal, now embarked on its twentieth annual fund-raising campaign.

In a backstage ceremony Senator Herbert Lehman and Mr. Sharett lighted a memorial candle for the Jewish martyrs who perished in the destruction of the Warsaw Ghetto and in the crematoria to which millions were sent by the Nazis.

SOVIET AMBASSADOR CONTINUES TO DEVELOP CONTACT WITH ISRAELI LEADERS

JERUSALEM, March 17. (JTA) -- Michael Bodrov, the new Soviet Ambassador to Israel, continuing today his personal program of meeting the major leaders of Israel's Government, called on five Cabinet Ministers.

Mr. Bodrov spoke today with: Minister of Finance Levi Eshkol, Minister of Interior Israel Bar Yehuda, Health Minister Israel Barzilai, Minister of Transportation Moshe Carmel and Education Minister Zalman Aranne. Last week Mr. Bodrov conferred with Justice Minister Pinchas Rosen and Minister of Posts Joseph Burg.

GENERAL ZIONIST CONFERENCE IN TEL AVIV DISCUSSES UNION WITH HERUT

TEL AVIV, March 17. (JTA) -- The question of a merger between the General Zionist and Herut movements was the main issue under discussion here today at the meeting of the World Union of General Zionists. Some of the Israeli General Zionists favor amalgamation, the American delegates oppose it and the Latin American delegates, in the main, are prepared to support it if the Israelis so decide.

A message was received today by the conference from Dr. Nahum Goldmann, president of the World Zionist Organization, who regretted his inability to attend the parley in person. "The Zionist movement is facing a task fateful to its and Israel's future," Dr. Goldmann's message said. "Its main task is to organize the nation for the fullest cooperation in assuming responsibility for the state's consolidation and to provide the means for the manpower which would be needed in the second decade." He expressed the hope that the conference would contribute to these tasks.

JEWSH AGENCY DENIES REPORTS OF EMIGRATION FROM JAPAN TO ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, March 17. (JTA) -- The Jewish Agency today denied reports that immigration from Japan to Israel was expected. "There is no truth in such reports," an Agency spokesman said. He made it clear that the Jewish Agency received no applications from Japan for immigration and that "it has absolutely no plans for dispatching missions to Japan regarding immigration."

JEWS IN SO. AFRICA HOLD NO COLLECTIVE VIEW ON COUNTRY'S RACIAL ISSUE

JOHANNESBURG, March 17. (JTA) -- The Jewish community of South Africa does not have, nor can it have, a common point of view toward the explosive racial problem in this country, it was indicated here last night at the 21st biennial convention of the South African Jewish Board of Deputies. In his keynote address, Board chairman M. Philips asserted:

"There is not and there cannot be a collective Jewish viewpoint regarding racial policies in South Africa. The viewpoints of individual Jews vary as much as their fellow citizens. The Deputies, therefore, cannot purport to speak in the name of South African Jewry on these highly controversial matters.

"These racial problems are the most important issues which face South Africa and at this critical period each of us owes to himself and to the community and to South Africa to think earnestly about these problems and stand up for those policies he regards as just, and in the true interests of South Africa and all its inhabitants."

A report by the executive of the Board, dealing with the forthcoming national election, declared: "On the eve of the South African general election it is opportune to recall the view consistently held by the Deputies that for the citizen of the Jewish faith there is no question of attachment or subservience to a Jewish group standpoint in exercising his civic responsibilities at or during an election. There were, happily, no specific Jewish issues."

The executive's statement added that it was the right and duty of every Jewish voter to follow the course advised by his own judgment on the issues before the electorate. This, it said, would be determined by the convictions he regarded as being in the best interests of the country.

Mr. Philips, in a review of Board activities since the last convention, two and a half years ago, noted the organization's identification with Jewish groups abroad, its involvement with world Jewish problems, with Israeli developments and with domestic issues. He stressed the Board's work in behalf of improving Christian-Jewish relations in South Africa and its cultural program in relation to the Jewish community, particularly to rural Jewish families.

Johannesburg's Mayor Glyn Morris, who greeted the delegates from all parts of the Union, paid tribute to Jewish contributions to this country. "In the phenomenal development of Johannesburg," he pointed out, "its Jewish citizens have played an outstanding part--all out of proportion to their numbers--from the city's beginnings to the present day."

AMERICAN COUNCIL FOR JUDAISM CONFERENCE ADOPTS \$500,000 BUDGET

HOUSTON, Texas, March 17. (JTA) -- The American Council for Judaism concluded its four-day annual conference here last night with the adoption of a \$500,000 budget and passage of a number of anti-Zionist resolutions.

Other resolutions acknowledged that "the State of Israel has provided refuge for many Jewish victims of conflict and disaster" and voiced the hope that the citizens of Israel "will develop a stable, peaceful and prosperous society." At the same time, the AJC called upon Americans of all faiths "to reject the Zionist-fostered concept that the State of Israel is in any sense a fulfillment of Biblical prophecy or the real fancied 'homeland' of American Jews."

One of the resolutions adopted at the closing session termed the Arab refusal to recognize "the political facts of a State of Israel" as an obstacle to peace in the Middle East. It also warned against "expansionist Zionism." The conference called on the United States Government "to take every action possible and necessary to correct both the Zionist-Israeli and the Saudi Arab (or any other Arab) imputation that Americans of Jewish faith have any national rights other than Americans, or will be expected to endure any national disability at the hands of any foreign country because of their faith."

JEWISH REFUGEES FROM GERMANY DEDICATE \$500,000 SYNAGOGUE IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, March 17. (JTA) -- Congregation Habonim dedicated its new \$500,000 split-level synagogue yesterday in a special service attended by 250 persons. Speakers included Abe Stark, president of the City Council, Gustav Jacoby, president of the congregation, and Rabbi Hugo Hahn, spiritual leader. The congregation was founded in November, 1939, by German Jews, who escaped Nazi persecution.

U.N. BODY ELECTS ISRAEL'S REPRESENTATIVE AS DELEGATE TO HEALTH GROUP

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., March 17. (JTA) -- Mrs. Zena Harman, Israel's representative on the United Nations International Children's Fund, was today elected UNICEF's delegate to the Joint Committee on Health Policy. The five-member joint committee is composed of delegates from UNICEF and the World Health Organization, another UN affiliate.