



Jewish Telegraphic Agency DAILY NEWS BULLETIN

660 FIRST AVENUE

NEW YORK 16, N.Y.

Contents Copyright: Republication only by previous arrangement

Vol. XXX, 45th year

Monday, October 28, 1963

No. 204

ZEALOTS ATTACK ISRAELI MINISTRY; 20 ROOMS DAMAGED; CABINET HEARS REPORT

JERUSALEM, Oct. 27. (JTA) -- The Cabinet today dealt with rioting last night by ultra-Orthodox zealots in which a mob of residents of Jerusalem's Meah Shearim quarter broke into a nearby Education Ministry building, smashing doors, windows and furniture, resulting in damage and destruction in about 20 rooms of the building.

A report on the incident, in which the rioters also attempted to set fire to a police patrol car parked outside the building, was made to the Cabinet by Education Minister Zalman Aranne. Prime Minister Levi Eshkol reiterated during the Cabinet session that the Government and police will take all measures to prosecute those responsible.

The attack on the Education Ministry building followed day-long clashes over Sabbath traffic near the Meah Shearim quarter between the zealots and the police in which a number of police were injured by stone-throwing demonstrators and nine of the zealots were arrested. Police used firehoses on the demonstrators who hurled rocks and bottles at police units stationed in the quarter in efforts to prevent recurrence of the anti-traffic rioting.

Dr. Joseph Burg, Minister for Social Welfare, narrowly escaped injury by a stone thrown from one of the balconies when he visited the quarter yesterday with Religious Affairs Minister Zorach Warhaftig. One Orthodox Jew, who attempted to argue with the zealots against the preservation of the Sabbath through violence, was seriously injured by a rock thrown at close range near the Mandelbaum Gate yesterday morning.

UNDERSECRETARY HARRIMAN URGES TO FIGHT SOVIET POLICY ON JEWS

NEW YORK, Oct. 27. (JTA) -- Undersecretary of State W. Averell Harriman tonight challenged Soviet Russia's "elaborate denials" of anti-Jewish discrimination in the USSR. He disclosed that during his last visit to Moscow he had raised the question of religion with Nikita Khrushchev, following the visit of his son-in-law, Alexei Adzhubei, to the late Pope John. "The Soviet leader replied that he is an atheist in an atheist government," Mr. Harriman reported. "He closed the door to any thought that the Soviet government might alter its anti-religious policies."

In an address here before the American Jewish Congress, Gov. Harriman charged that "the heaviest burden" of the Soviet government's campaign of religious "suppression" and "discrimination" had been borne by Jews. He called for "relentless exposure of the real facts" of Soviet anti-Semitism "to the spotlight of world opinion."

(A report from Moscow yesterday said that the Soviet authorities are pushing ahead with plans for a major show trial of two Soviet Jews--B. I. Roifman and M. Stakerman--accused of being the "leaders" of a group charged with "economic crimes." The Soviet Government organ Izvestia reported the case has already been sent by the Procurator General Roman Rudenko to the Supreme Court and that Rudenko would demand death sentence for the two Jews. The announcement is unusual even in the current campaign against "economic crimes" in which results are normally reported after trials are held.)

In his address, Gov. Harriman expressed support of an "appeal of conscience" addressed to Soviet government leaders early this month by a group of 100 Americans headed by Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas and Protestant Episcopal Bishop James A. Pike of California. The appeal proposed a seven-point program to lift religious and cultural restrictions against the Jews in the USSR and to take positive action against anti-Semitism.

Gov. Harriman said that after Stalin's death Jews in the USSR enjoyed a brief respite from the "wave of terror" they had suffered during the Soviet dictator's final years. But, he added, "new pressures" have been exerted "slowly, steadily" against Soviet Jews. Of the 175 members of the Communist Party's Central Committee, only one is of Jewish descent and only one Jew is a senior commander of the Soviet armed forces, he said.

Gov. Harriman, a former U.S. Ambassador to Soviet Russia and chief negotiator of the nuclear test-ban agreement with the USSR, spoke at a banquet in the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel at which he received the American Jewish Congress Stephen S. Wise Award for advancing human freedom. Dr. Joachim Prinz, president of the Congress, made the presentation. Another Stephen S. Wise Award was presented at the dinner to Solomon N. Petchers, treasurer of the Congress. The award is an engraved bronze medallion.

HADASSAH CONVENTION OPENS; HEARS KENNEDY LAUDING ITS ACTIVITIES

WASHINGTON, Oct. 27, (JTA) -- President Kennedy tonight told the opening session of the Hadassah national convention that Hadassah has done work vital to freedom and that "democracies such as Israel and the United States must have the assistance of voluntary efforts such as yours."

Mr. Kennedy said that as the world faces complicated challenges in the economic, social, and political areas, it is more important that "voluntary initiatives" be expanded. He said that "every citizen and every organization whose program advances human welfare anywhere fulfills an important national purpose."

The President spoke in a tape recorded message to the 49th national convention of Hadassah. More than 2,000 delegates, representing Hadassah's 318,000 members in 1,320 chapters and groups throughout the United States and Puerto Rico, are attending the four-day convention.

Mr. Kennedy's message stated:

"Your organization has long played an active and important part in the advancement of civil rights, the protection of civil liberties, the relief of poverty and hardship, and the enhancement of human dignity at home and abroad. It stands in the finest traditions of voluntary public service.

"Israel, the chief beneficiary of your actions to improve hospital and health care abroad, has a major university medical center as a result of your efforts. It serves the people of all nations without regard to their politics, religion, race or color. There is no better symbol of universal brotherhood.

"Your many other activities, such as the programs of vocational training, land reclamation, child rescue, and education, also contribute to the same goal. As the world faces increasingly complicated economic, social, and political challenges, it becomes increasingly important that voluntary initiatives such as yours be expanded. This is the very basis of international understanding. Every citizen and every organization whose program advances human welfare anywhere fulfills an important national purpose. Democracies such as Israel and the United States must have the assistance of voluntary efforts such as yours. I congratulate you for what you are doing for mankind and I wish you a very successful convention."

Sen. Javits Urges Increased Protests on Soviet Treatment of Jews

Senator Jacob K. Javits, New York Republican, addressed the convention with a call for increased protests against Soviet anti-Semitism. He said: "The United Nations, our own Government, organizations like Hadassah and civil and religious leaders all over the world--civilized men everywhere--should be heard in protest against Soviet persecution of Jews. The Soviet people must be told that their government stands before the bar of world opinion accused by its own acts and policies. The Kremlin must not be permitted to believe that the world will take at face value its claim of having prohibited anti-Semitism by law."

"By their reaction to earlier protests," Sen. Javits continued, "the Soviet Union and its leaders have shown their sensitivity to charges of anti-Jewish discrimination. In view of the continuing reliable reports from the Soviet Union, the Kremlin owes the world an explanation which should be clear and unequivocal. Spiritual genocide is no less destructive than mass physical slaughter, and we must do everything in our power individually and collectively to speak out against it."

"A great wave of indignation now from all parts of the world can prove powerful enough to stop the deadly progress of Soviet discrimination and persecution of Soviet Jews," the Senator stated. "The Kremlin is sensitive to world public opinion on anti-Jewish persecution and has shown by its reaction that the pressure of public protest in non-Communist countries does have some effect."

Declaring that "there can be no mistake about Khrushchev's determination to destroy the Jewish life of Soviet Jews," Sen. Javits stressed that "the range and intensity of recent Soviet discriminations should remove any doubts that Jews are being singled out for punishment and being made the scapegoats for domestic failures and economic difficulties in the USSR."

Hadassah President Says U.S. Should Seek U.N. Action on Russia

Mrs. Siegfried Kramarsky, national president of Hadassah, told the convention that the United States should "take the initiative in urging the United Nations to use the appropriate machinery for impressing upon the leaders of the Soviet Union that the community of nations will not tolerate continued discrimination against their Jewish citizens."

She stressed that "the price of apathy and indifference is too high for us, as Jews, as Americans and as human beings. We cannot afford to be silent. Free nations cannot afford to condone by inaction, conditions that undermine the very foundations of human freedom and mock the ideals of the United Nations."

On the American scene, Mrs. Kramarsky called on Congress to pass a "workable" civil rights bill before adjournment. In discussing Hadassah's work, she announced that

Dr. Kalman J. Mann, director-general of the Hadassah Medical Organization in Israel, will go to Africa in November for one month to evaluate the health needs of Basutoland, Bechuanaland and Swaziland. She said that Dr. Mann's mission is being undertaken at the request of the Department of International Cooperation of the Israel Ministry for Foreign Affairs. Dr. Mann will also evaluate the work of Hadassah physicians now working in Nyasaland, Tanganyika, and Ethiopia.

\$10,962,821 Raised by Hadassah During Year, Treasurer Reports

Mrs. Mortimer Jacobson, national treasurer of Hadassah, told the convention that during the 1962-1963 fiscal year, which ended June 30, Hadassah raised a total of \$10,962,821. The budget for that fiscal year was \$9,838,243.

She reported that in the last ten years Hadassah raised \$90 million for its operations in Israel. The funds went primarily to advance the Hadassah Medical Organization, Youth Aliyah, the building fund of the Hadassah-Hebrew University Medical Center in Jerusalem, the Jewish National Fund, and Hadassah's vocational educational services.

Senator Hubert H. Humphrey, Minnesota Republican, reviewed the general world scene and advances toward peace by the major powers. He commended Israel for its assistance to the free world through Israeli aid programs to underdeveloped countries, now under way in Africa, Asia, and Latin America.

Stressing the importance of South America at this time, the Senator said Israel had already undertaken to train 200 Latin Americans in agriculture. He added that no one was more competent than the Israelis to do such training because of Israel's "miracle in the desert." He noted that Israel in the last five years has extended its help to almost 80 nations.

Emphasizing the need for world peace, the Senator, a leading advocate of controlling armaments, cited the traditional Jewish devotion to peace.

U.S. WILLING TO ENLIST MOSCOW'S COOPERATION ON ARAB-ISRAEL ISSUE

HARRIMAN, N. Y., Oct. 27. (JTA) -- The United States is willing to talk to the Soviet Union about possible achievement of stability in the Middle East, including Arab-Israeli disputes, W. Averell Harriman, Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs, declared here last night. Citing the Soviet Union's "new, ascending and dangerous spirals in the Arab-Israeli arms race," he warned that the Moscow Government is "not likely to abandon its troublesome practices" in the region.

Nevertheless, he declared, the United States must be "on the alert" toward possible enlistment of Soviet cooperation for the achievement of stability in the Middle East. Mr. Harriman was one of the principal speakers at Arden House, his family's former estate, now owned by Columbia University, at a weekend Assembly convened by Columbia University on the topic, "The United States and the Middle East." Seventy leading American educators, businessmen, industrialists and government experts attended the assembly.

Preceding Mr. Harriman's address the Assembly heard a statement from Dr. Joseph E. Johnson, president of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, and former special envoy of the United Nations Palestine Conciliation Commission to the Middle East. Dr. Johnson proposed that the Arab states and Israel be persuaded to adopt a policy of "acquiescence" for the solution of their disputes, even if no formal peace treaty between Israel and her Arab neighbors is as yet possible. He also, like Mr. Harriman, foresaw possible Soviet agreement on such a course.

Mr. Harriman told the Assembly: "We should be alert to the possibility of modification of Soviet policies in the Middle East, and exploit any such possibility in talks with the Russians whenever we think they might be brought to realize the advantages of contributing to, rather than detracting from, stability in the area. Such conversations would be in our interest.

Moscow's Actions in Middle East Considered 'Disruptive' by U.S.

"There is an awareness," he said, "that, unlike the United States, which is constantly working for peaceful conditions in the Middle East, the Soviets seek to break down stability and buy short-term propaganda victories." He then cited, as an example, the spiraling of the Israeli-Arab arms race, declaring Moscow's actions in that area have "been disruptive."

Dr. Johnson, in his address, proposing the policy of Arab-Israeli "acquiescence" which, he said, the Soviet Union might be persuaded "at least not to block," dealt at length with the Arab refugee question. As the PCC's special envoy to the Middle East, Dr. Johnson had been charged with trying to find a solution to that problem. A plan he had proposed informally for a type of plebiscite among the refugees on their wishes to return to Israel or accepting compensation from Israel had been rejected by both the Arab states and Israel and, consequently, was never formally presented to the United Nations.

In general, he said, the Middle East area was beset by two major problems which he identified as mutual Arab-Israeli fear of attack and the problems of the Arab refugees.

SHARETT STRESSES NEED TO HAVE ALL AMERICAN JEWS PARTICIPATE IN U.J.A.

JERUSALEM, Oct. 27. (JTA) -- Moshe Sharett, chairman of the Jewish Agency executive, stressed here tonight the "grave disparity" between the current high immigration into Israel and American Jewry's voluntary financial response through the United Jewish Appeal.

Mr. Sharett spoke at a dinner honoring the 120-member UJA Study Mission currently visiting Israel. The Jewish Agency, he said, has had to resort to "hand to mouth" financing, due to the lack of sufficient voluntary funds. Praising the overall role of American Jewry, he indicated his belief, however, that "there are still too many American Jews who are not participating in the UJA." For the last three years, he declared, immigration into Israel has been at a high level but "the pace of absorption has lagged, due to insufficient funds."

Last night, the members of the Mission were received by Mrs. Golda Meir, Israel's Foreign Minister, at her home. They were also given a reception by the Jewish National Fund.

ATOMIC ENERGY TO SPEED DEVELOPMENT OF ISRAEL'S NEGEV DESERT

NEW YORK, Oct. 27. (JTA) -- The full utilization of atomic energy will accelerate the development of Israel's Negev desert and make possible the settlement of tens of thousands of immigrant families, the annual Conference on Science and Technology in Israel and the Middle East was told here this weekend by B. Sumner Gruzen, president of the American Technion Society.

Mr. Gruzen told the nearly 500 delegates attending the Conference that through "atomic energy, Israel will dramatically transform a wasteland into a region truly flowing with milk and honey." He expressed the opinion that the "dream of millenia--the desalting of the ocean's waters--will become a reality in our time, thanks to the role of atomic power."

The president of the American Technion Society--which provides financial and technical support to the Technion, Israel Institute of Technology in Haifa--reported that four tons of heavy water shipped from the United States to Israel as part of a recently concluded agreement between the U.S. Atomic Energy Commission and the Israel Atomic Energy Commission have arrived at the port of Haifa. He said that the heavy water supplied by the United States has been leased to Israel for experimental purposes. The heavy water, valued at tens of thousands of dollars per ton, will be stored at the Technion. Periodic checks will be made by the U.S. Atomic Energy Commission to ensure that the heavy water is being used for peaceful purposes only.

ISRAEL'S DEPUTY MINISTER OF HEALTH REVIEWS PROBLEMS IN WASHINGTON

WASHINGTON, Oct. 27. (JTA) -- Israel's Deputy Minister of Health Itzhak Rafael was the guest here of the Department of Health where he reviewed the health and medical situation in Israel during the conversation held with high officials of the Department.

Problems of hospitalization were discussed in connection with the construction of new hospitals. Also touched were the questions of rehabilitation and of the establishment of new institutions for the chronically sick. Mr. Rafael also described the research projects which are carried out by Israeli scientists with the financial aid of the U.S. Government, and U.S. funds. The Israeli Deputy Minister will be the guest of the National Institute of Health in Bethesda, Maryland on October 30.

COLUMNIST OF 'CALIFORNIA JEWISH VOICE' WINS PRESS CLUB AWARD

LOS ANGELES, Oct. 27. (JTA) -- First prize for the best music or drama story or criticism in the annual awards of the Los Angeles Press Club was won by Dorothy H. Rochmis Theater Arts columnist for the past three years of the California Jewish Voice.

Presentation of the award and its \$500 prize was made to Miss Rochmis by actress Jane Wyatt at the annual awards banquet. The award made the Voice the first English-Jewish newspaper in the nation to win such an award in competition with daily newspapers.

TOWN MUSEUM IN COLOGNE EXHIBITS DOCUMENTS ON CONTRIBUTIONS OF JEWS

COLOGNE, West Germany, Oct. 27. (JTA) -- More than 2,200 documents, posters, manuscripts and photographs, many of them indicating German participants in the Nazi regime's actions against Jews, went on display here today at Cologne's Town Museum, under the auspices of Dr. Kurt Hackenburg, head of this city's board of education. The purpose, he said, is to show the German people the destructive results of anti-Semitism.

Included among the exhibits are documents and objects loaned for the purpose by collections in various museums in Israel, the United States, and 15 European countries--including East Germany. The emphasis of the exhibit, Dr. Hackenburg said, is to show the contributions made by Jews in the Rhineland toward Christian-Jewish and German-Jewish understanding.