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BRITISH PARLIAMENT HEARS REPORT ON ATTACKS ON SYNAGOGUES IN LONDON

LONDON, July 21. (JTA) -- In a report to the House of Commons today on the recent wave of attacks on synagogues, Home Secretary Sir Frank Soskice said that since last September 1 there have been five incidents of arson and four of attempted arson at synagogues, one case of arson at the home of a Jewish family as well as 58 cases of "lesser offenses such as slogan daubing and flyposting."

The Home Secretary reported on the anti-Jewish incidents in reply to a query by Quinton Hogg, M.P., who asked the Government how many cases had resulted in police action and whether Sir Frank was satisfied that adequate measures are being taken for the protection of synagogues.

Sir Frank said that last March, a youth was fined three pounds for possessing an offensive weapon and another man had been arrested in connection with an arson attempt on a synagogue. "The police are in close touch with the Jewish religious authorities and are paying special attention to synagogues throughout the London police district," he declared.

STATE DEPARTMENT EXPLAINS GOLDBERG'S APPOINTMENT TO MOSLEM ENVOYS

WASHINGTON, July 21. (JTA) -- The State Department today initiated efforts to gain Arab understanding of President Johnson's appointment of a Jew, Supreme Court Justice Arthur J. Goldberg, to be new head of the American delegation to the United Nations.

G. Mennen Williams, Assistant Secretary of State of African Affairs, summoned the Ambassadors of Morocco, Algeria, Tunisia, Libya, and the Sudan -- five Moslem states considered to be less extreme on Israel and Jewish factors than the Arab states bordering immediately on Israel. Mr. Williams assured the five Moslem envoys that Mr. Goldberg would deal objectively with every nation and not allow previous Zionist sympathies to deter him from fair and friendly relations with Arab members of the United Nations.

A personal friend of Mr. Goldberg, Mr. Williams told the envoys of his own high esteem for Mr. Goldberg and stressed the Goldberg record as a trade unionist and supporter of peoples emerging from colonialism. He depicted Mr. Goldberg as a humanitarian who would prove himself above considerations of religion.

Officials reported after the meetings that the reaction was, on the whole, satisfactory. But officials said the problem of explaining the appointment of Mr. Goldberg would be more difficult in the cases of Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Jordan, Syria, Iraq, and Lebanon. This matter is under current study and consultations are under way with envoys abroad, it was learned.

(Reports received here from Cairo today said that the Nasser regime has not yet decided on a line of response to the Goldberg appointment. The three principal government-controlled newspapers gave less than an inch of space to a brief report of the news. The newspaper "Al Ahram", which frequently speaks for President Nasser, said in its terse report that Mr. Goldberg was the first Jew ever named by the United States to the top U.N. American delegation post.)

Senate leaders of both parties today showed enthusiastic acceptance of the Goldberg appointment, thus assuring rapid approval of the nomination by the Senate. Chairman J. W. Fulbright of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee has already voiced agreement.

Press Lauds President Johnson's Appointment of Goldberg

NEW YORK, July 21. (JTA) -- The New York press, as the press in Washington and largely throughout the rest of the country, was highly laudatory today in editorials praising President Johnson for his appointment of Supreme Court Justice Arthur J. Goldberg as the chief United States Ambassador to the United Nations and successor to the late Adlai E. Stevenson. The Times stated that "the more one ponders this

selection, the more logical, even the more brilliant, it appears." Pointing to Mr. Goldberg's birth into an immigrant Jewish family in Chicago, the Times declared: "Justice Goldberg, who rose from the slums of Chicago to his present national and international eminence, now goes to the United Nations as spokesman for all Americans. He personifies the continuing opportunity afforded by American democracy to its ablest sons."

The Herald Tribune, calling the appointment "an inspired choice," referred to Justice Goldberg as a "highly articulate man of exceptional brilliance; a quick, incisive debater" and as a man who "also proved himself as highly skilled at the difficult task of finding that elusive, common ground on which seemingly irreconcilable differences can be compromised without sacrifice of essential principles."

The World Telegram and Sun stated that Justice Goldberg "will bring to the United Nations a fresh and keen intelligence at a time when the organization desperately needs new ideas," stating that he "is a skilled, behind-the-scenes negotiator." This newspaper's editorial also referred to the fact that he was the son "of Jewish immigrants, and one who rose from poverty to high position."

The New York Post expressed its belief that Adlai Stevenson "would have welcomed the appointment," stating that the choice shows President Johnson wishes to continue the Stevenson tradition." It noted Justice Goldberg's reputation in the field of conciliation: "Good Choice," proclaimed an editorial in the New York Journal-American, saying Mr. Goldberg has "a brilliant mind," is "a good speaker" and one whom "we believe adequately equipped to talk to the Communists."

U. S. AUDITORS INFORM CONGRESS OF EGYPT'S MISUSE OF AMERICAN FOOD

WASHINGTON, July 21. (JTA) -- U. S. Government auditors today informed Congress that Egypt violated America's confidence by selling almost half of 186,000 tons of corn given to the Nasser regime for free distribution.

The corn was valued at \$23,700,000. It was provided to Egypt on the basis of representations by President Nasser that a famine would occur as a result of crop failure. The U. S. Government Accounting Office learned that the crop did not fail and that no check was made by distributing agencies to determine whether most of the donated grain actually reached intended recipients.

It was disclosed that the grant, made in 1961, was authorized and recommended without adequate verification by the Department of State of the actual need for the corn. The General Accounting Office suggested that the gift foodstuffs to Egypt were a source of profiteering on food designated by Congress for relief of the needy.

Rep. Seymour Halpern, New York Republican, today told the House that immediate steps should be taken to cancel shipment of any portions of the \$37,500,000 in food authorized for Egypt last month, in view of the disclosure today by the General Accounting Office of Egypt's "cynical exploitation" of food intended for relief of the needy through free distribution. Rep. Halpern said food not yet shipped under the new agreement should be impounded by Federal authorities.

A Federal investigation of "gross dereliction and possible violation of statutes" by State Department officials responsible for certification of foodstuffs obtained free and fraudulently used for profit by Egypt, was asked today by Ralph Plofsky, National Commander of the Jewish War Veterans.

BEN-GURION RAISES ISSUE AGAINST ESHKOL IN KNESSET; VOICES DEMAND

JERUSALEM, July 21. (JTA) -- Former Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion demanded here in the Knesset (Parliament) today that Premier Levi Eshkol explain charges he had allegedly made to the effect that "things were not in order" under the Ben-Gurion leadership of the Government.

Mr. Eshkol had been reported earlier to have made such a remark at a meeting of the Mapai Party's Secretariat. Later, Mr. Eshkol had said he had been "misquoted" and his statement did not concern Ben-Gurion.

Today, Mr. Ben-Gurion, who is a member of the Knesset, and who has announced formation of an "Israel Workers List" to oppose Mapai in the next general elections, took the parliament rostrum to challenge Mr. Eshkol's denial. Stating that he has now read a stenographic report on the proceedings at the Mapai Secretariat, where Mr. Eshkol had presumably made the remark, he said the Premier's reply is "inconsistent with the record." He demanded that Mr. Eshkol "explain all to the nation;" "Let him not pose as protecting our honor," said Mr. Ben-Gurion, "when he defames the man who was Premier for 15 years."

GOVERNMENT STAND HAS CURBED ANTI-SEMITISM IN SO. AFRICA, LEADER REPORTS

JOHANNESBURG, So. Africa, July 21. (JTA) -- "The present government, since it came into power in 1948, has expressly repudiated anti-Semitism and has indeed exercised a welcome restraining influence against those of its followers who, from time to time, have sought to air or exploit their anti-Semitic sentiments," it was emphasized here in a report by Arthur Suzman, chairman of the public relations committee of the South African Jewish Board of Deputies, and vice-president of the organization.

"At the same time," Mr. Suzman added, "we would welcome a more positive attitude by the Government in excluding from this country, as it has the right to do, notorious and avowed anti-Semites who can serve only to stir up racial bitterness in the country."

Mr. Suzman reviewed salient events affecting the Jewish community since the last Congress of the Board, held in 1962. These included the differences between Israel and South Africa on South Africa's racial policies, at the United Nations. Mr. Suzman indicated how the first reactions of criticism of South African Jewry were superseded by the realization -- pinpointed in a statement by the Prime Minister, Dr. Verwoerd -- that South African Jews could not be held responsible for the policies of Israel, which were matters for Israel's citizens alone to decide. Mr. Suzman said it was now generally realized that South African Jewry's ties with Israel were ties of history, culture, religion and humanitarian endeavor, and had nothing to do with the foreign policy of Israel's government.

Similarly, the Jewish Board of Deputies had been instrumental in making it clear that the South African Jewish community could in no way be held accountable for acts of subversion and sabotage in South Africa, committed by certain Jewish individuals. "We established that no section of the community can or should be held accountable for the conduct of its individual members -- more especially when their ties with the community are of the most tenuous nature," the report noted.

Reporting on the demands made especially from overseas that the Jewish community should take a specific standpoint on the racial policies of the country, Mr. Suzman said: "Our response to these pressures has been to reaffirm the principle that the Board is not a political body, that it cannot speak with one political voice, and that it is neither its right nor its duty to enter the political arena, save on matters directly and specifically affecting the Jewish community. Though we may rightly be expected to speak with one moral voice, to do so without entering the political arena appears to be a well-nigh insuperable task."

ARGENTINE WRITERS PROTEST TO MOSCOW ON ANTI-JEWISH DISCRIMINATIONS

BUENOS AIRES, July 21. (JTA) -- The Argentine Writers Association expressed its "deep concern" here today over anti-Jewish discrimination in the Soviet Union. In a letter sent to Soviet Premier Alexei Kosygin, the Association deplored the policy suppressing the publication of books in Hebrew and Yiddish and the functioning of Jewish theaters and schools in Russia.

"Such a policy of discrimination," the letter declared, "is flagrantly contradictory to the so-called policy of nationalities in Russia. Language and religion constitute integral and sacred parts of any community and nobody and nothing can deprive a community of their free exercise without assuming great responsibility before peoples and history."

Citing the denunciations of Soviet bias against Jews voiced at a recent Latin American Conference on Discrimination against Jews in the U.S.S.R., the statement called the treatment of Soviet Jewry "an irritating and irregular situation." The letter was signed by Prof. Fermin Gutierrez, president of the Association; and Angel Mazzei and Carlos Villafuerte, secretaries.

CANADIAN HOTELS REFUSE TO RENT ROOMS FOR NAZI PARTY RALLY

TORONTO, July 21. (JTA) -- John Beattie, self-styled leader of the Canadian Nazi Party, announced today that he planned to hold an open-air rally in a city park and a meeting in a downtown hotel, but was informed within a few hours that neither the park nor the hotel room would be available to him.

Beattie scheduled his open-air rally for next Sunday, in Allen Gardens. The City Parks Commission said that all Sundays for the rest of this summer have been booked at the park. His scheduled hotel rally, on August 14, was to have been addressed, he said, by George Lincoln Rockwell, leader of the American Nazi Party, and by another avowed Canadian Nazi, David Stanley, of Vancouver.

LOS ANGELES JEWISH COMMUNITY TO FINANCE RESEARCH PROJECT ON ARABS

LOS ANGELES, July 21. (JTA) -- A research project aimed at improving the study and future work performance of Israeli Arab students by giving them a sense of belonging, will receive the first Max Mitchell Achievement Award totaling \$10,000, made through the Jewish Federation-Council's Community Foundation, it was announced here today.

The two-year project was conceived and proposed by Carl Frankenstein, professor of special education at the Hebrew University's School of Education in Israel. Frankenstein was selected from among four finalists from Technion and Hebrew University, according to Victor Carter, award committee chairman and president of the Jewish Community Foundation board of trustees.

Lack of the feeling of belonging, stated the research proposal, is the source of much resentment and frustration among the Arabs of Israel. This condition stems from a conviction encouraged by Arab bloc propaganda, that their present status as a minority in Israel is not final.

Mr. Frankenstein calls living on the basis of such hopes a "provisional existence" which limits not only man's potentials for creative self-expression and satisfaction from achievement, but also the ability to behave intelligently. He asks: "Can the prospect of participating in some form of creative achievement and service provide the individual with a feeling of belonging?"

Intensive case studies, it is hoped, will aid in the understanding and interpretation of minority psychology in general and Israeli Arabs in particular. Main purpose is to translate these psychological findings into educational conclusion; to try out methods at various levels of development and learning, to counteract the destructive impact of "provisional existence".

The Max Mitchell Achievement Award was founded this year in the form of a trust fund administered by the Jewish Community Foundation. It provided \$5,000 for each academic year of 1965-66 and 1966-67 at Hebrew University or Technion, for a scholarship or research grant which promises to result in "an outstanding contribution to the State of Israel."

PHILADELPHIA CITY COUNCIL CONDEMNS ARAB BOYCOTT AGAINST ISRAEL

PHILADELPHIA, July 21. (JTA) -- The City Council of Philadelphia today unanimously adopted a resolution condemning the Arab boycott against Israel, and requesting the Congress of the United States to enact legislation "reaffirming American principles of fair and open trade and international cooperation in the market place of the free world."

The resolution declared that the Arab boycott "is not in accord with the American concept of fair business practices and our announced policy of economic cooperation as a means of establishing peace throughout the world."

The measure had been introduced by Councilman George X. Schwartz on the initiative of Myer Schwartz, president of the American-Israel Chamber of Commerce of Philadelphia. The unanimous action of the Council was announced by the municipal body's president, Paul D'Ortona.

MORDECAI GAZIT, ISRAEL MINISTER IN WASHINGTON, HONORED; LEAVES POST

WASHINGTON, July 21. (JTA) -- A farewell tribute was today accorded to Mordecai Gazit, Minister of the Israel Embassy who frequently served as Charge D'Affaires during his five years of service in Washington. Leading American diplomats, members of Congress, and other personages including leaders of the American Jewish Community attended a reception in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Gazit tendered by Ambassador Avraham Harman.

Mr. Gazit's service as second-in-command of the embassy was lauded. Among the guests were Harlan Cleveland, new American Ambassador to NATO, Phillips Talbot, Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs, John D. Jernegan, newly designated American Ambassador to Algeria, and others.

Mr. Gazit will assume a senior position in the Israeli Foreign Ministry in Jerusalem with special emphasis on Middle Eastern affairs.

HUNGARIAN GOVERNMENT PRODUCING FILM ON NAZI EXTERMINATION OF JEWS

LONDON, July 21. (JTA) -- The Hungarian Government film studios have announced the start of production on a film which will depict the extermination of Hungarian Jews during the Nazi occupation, it was reported here today from Budapest. The script was prepared by three Hungarian writers, all of them Jews.