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JEWISH POPULATION IN ARGENTINA REPORTED TENSE; ARRESTS EVOKE FEAR

MONTEVIDE0, July 4. (JTA) -- Jewish leaders in Buenos Aires sought today to calm fears among Argentina's 500,000 Jews evoked by arrests of six directors of a Jewish led credit union cooperative and a number of Jewish shopkeepers in Buenos Aires, according to reports reaching here from the Argentine capital. The police actions followed the military coup last Tuesday against President Arturo Illia.

Jewish spokesmen in Buenos Aires noted that three of the six arrested directors of the Institute for the Mobilization of Cooperative Funds were Christians. Some Jewish observers said that banking and other commercial foes of the cooperatives had encouraged anti-Semitic activities as a weapon against the credit union in the past.

The shopkeepers were arrested Friday in a largely Jewish shopping arcade in Buenos Aires. All of those detained were being held incommunicado in police headquarters in the capital and no formal charges have been filed.

Rumors of the arrest of the cooperative union directors spread in Buenos Aires Thursday but were denied by police. Yesterday, police officials said they thought the directors were imprisoned for allegedly shipping \$50,000,000 out of the country during the bank holiday last Tuesday and Wednesday. Spokesmen for the cooperative scoffed at the report, asserting that no credit union system had so much liquidity or foreign exchange.

The arrests were disclosed in advertisements by the credit union in Argentine newspapers which declared that the directors had been detained "without reason or explanation" and urged "not only the immediate release of those detained but official recognition of the important social and economic good performed by our groups."

The cooperatives were formed more than 60 years ago by Jewish farmers and cattlemen of modest means to offer low-interest loans which the large banks would not provide. The institutions expanded through the years and an increasing number of non-Jews have become active in them.

Police, discussing the arrests of the shopkeepers, claimed contraband textiles had been found in the small shops, but the Jewish shopkeepers pointed out that the type of contraband foreign goods bought by wealthy Argentines was too expensive for the shoppers coming to the small Jewish stores which were raided.

KENNEDY MEMORIAL DEDICATED IN ISRAEL; MANY AMERICANS ATTEND CEREMONY

JERUSALEM, July 4. (JTA) -- Chief Justice Earl Warren of the United States and Prime Minister Levi Eshkol dedicated today the John F. Kennedy Memorial in the Judean Hills before an assemblage of 2,000 persons.

Hundreds of visitors from the United States attended the ceremony under a broiling sun, as did Israeli Ministers, Chief Rabbi Iser Yehuda Untermyann and many other leading personalities. The memorial and the surrounding John F. Kennedy Forest are gifts of the American Jewish community and created by the Jewish National Fund. The idea was conceived by the late Max Bressler of Chicago, president of the American JNF, who died last year.

Addressing the audience, Chief Justice Warren said: "We choose to do this on the American Independence Day but also in honor of the independence of Israel and other free nations. We are all confronted here by history because this is the birthplace of the world's three religions on which our own civilization is based and which contributed the all-important principle that all people are God's children and entitled to live in peace."

Justice Warren recalled the late President's conviction that what Israel wanted above everything else was to live in peace. He added: "John Kennedy would have been deeply pleased by this way of honoring his memory." He recalled that President Kennedy had declared that the JNF "has the highest idealistic vision, combined with practical wisdom." He also recalled that the late President had a special friendship for Israel and a

deep confidence in its future. The Chief Justice then said "As he would have done, I conclude with the word 'Shalom'."

Premier Eshkol Stresses Kennedy's Friendship to Israel

Premier Eshkol described the Memorial Building, located on a windswept towering above the valleys and hills leading to Jerusalem, as "another and lasting bond which will unite these afforested hills to the eternal flame of Washington's Arlington Cemetery where the late President lies."

Looking out over the barren hills where a huge forest bearing Mr. Kennedy's name will be planted, the Premier said: "It is a fitting tribute that trees around the Eternal City of Jerusalem will be linked with the late President's name, for it is written in the Bible that 'man is as a tree in the field.' The day will come when children will play in the shadow of those trees and will remember the man for whom the forest is named."

He said Mr. Kennedy's memory would be kept alive here "not only as a friend of Israel but also as a symbol of the lofty ideals of his country and of all humanity." He then dedicated the Memorial to "the man who opened new frontiers of international relations and human friendships."

A huge crowd had collected early in the morning on the top of the hill where the memorial building stands in the shape of a cut tree, symbolizing the untimely death of Mr. Kennedy. A Jerusalem children's band opened the ceremony with the Star-Spangled Banner as Mr. Eshkol and Mr. Warren arrived. Before the formal dedication there were addresses by Jacob Tzur, world chairman of the JNF; Herman Weisman, president of the American JNF; Mayor Teddy Kollek of Jerusalem and United States Ambassador Walworth Barbour.

PRESIDENTS OF CHILE AND ISRAEL ISSUE JOINT FRIENDSHIP STATEMENT

SANTIAGO DE CHILE, July 4. (JTA) -- An official communique pledging the Governments of Israel and Chile to work together for world peace and urging settlement of conflicts between nations through peaceful negotiations completed the formal phase of Israeli President Zalman Shazar's state visit to Chile today.

The Israeli President continued his tour of Chile with a visit to the seashore resort city of Valparaiso where it was disclosed that he had canceled his scheduled visit to Argentina because of political conditions there stemming from the military coup which toppled President Arturo Illia's regime. Mr. Shazar will go to Brazil next in his Latin American tour.

The communique signed by Mr. Shazar and President Eduardo Frei declared that the two countries were united in increasing friendship, a friendship based on the matching goals of creating social progress and economic development without sacrifice of personal liberty. The two Presidents agreed to increase Israeli-Chilean cooperation and listed a number of specific areas of action.

They agreed to more frequent exchanges of intellectuals, journalists and students for wider knowledge about each country's cultural life. They proposed an increase of scientific instruction, along the lines of instruction of Chilean agronomists in Israel, exchange of experts in such fields as the peaceful uses of atomic energy and tension of trade.

They declared they were convinced that their cooperation could be fruitful in the international field and contribute to the stabilization of peaceful development in the community of nations. They urged efforts to strengthen the authority of the United Nations by strengthening respect for the territorial inviolability and sovereignty of all countries. They declared both Israel and Chile were convinced that all differences "can be resolved by peaceful means such as direct talks between countries in conflict." They declared the principles basic to Israel's efforts to achieve normal relations with hostile neighboring Arab countries.

President of Chile Accepts Invitation to Visit Israel

They declared also agreement on the urgent need for regional and universal disarmament and control of conventional and atomic weapons. Both countries, they declared, consider the elimination of all racial and religious discrimination essential to assure full equality for all men and called for an increase in the "process of decolonization" to assure free expression and respect for human rights. They resolved to work toward this goal.

Mr. Shazar invited President Frei to visit Israel and Mr. Frei accepted the invitation and he would fix a date for the visit later. The Israeli President made a series of visits to Jewish institutions in Santiago before proceeding to Valparaiso and its nearby resort area, Vina Delmar. At a Santiago public school named "Israel Republic," he was welcomed by cheering students with signs in Hebrew and Spanish. He then visited the Jewish Old Peoples Home.

EBAN REPORTS TO CABINET ON WASHINGTON 'LEAK' ON DIMONA VISIT

JERUSALEM, July 4. (JTA) -- A news blackout was ordered yesterday on a report to the Cabinet by Foreign Minister Abba Eban. The report is believed to have concerned talks between Mr. Eban and United States Ambassador Walworth Barbour in which Mr. Eban expressed dissatisfaction over the leak to the American press of details of visits by engineers of the United States Atomic Energy Commission to the Israeli nuclear reactor at Dimona.

The Israel Embassy in Washington will express Israel's "dissatisfaction and concern" over the news leak, it was indicated here today. Informed sources said that while the statement will not be a formal protest, it will be energetic, along the lines of the discussion between Mr. Eban and Ambassador Barbour.

The American envoy was reportedly told that Israel could not accept the idea that publicity be given to matters on which the two countries had previously agreed to secrecy. Mr. Eban, at whose invitation the meeting was held, also reminded the envoy that the report last week was not the first incident of United States "indiscretions." He cited the news reports on the sale of Patton tanks and Skyhawk jet bombers to Israel.

(In Washington, State Department officials said today there was no ground for suspicions that the report on the visit to the Dimona reactor was leaked by them to the press. Both the Israeli Embassy in Washington and the State Department declined to comment on the issue. State Department officials stressed that the American scientists were in Dimona "not on inspection matters but only on a visit.")

COMMONS DEBATE ON SOVIET JEWRY FAVORED; MOTION SIGNED BY 150 DEPUTIES

LONDON, July 4. (JTA) -- Herbert Bowden, leader of the House of Commons, said yesterday that the Labor Government was sympathetic to a proposal for debate on the plight of Soviet Jewry but declined to make a promise for a date for such debate.

He made the statement in reply to a question from Sir Barnett Janner who asked when time could be found to debate a motion on the Soviet Jewish situation which was asked in a proposal signed by 150 members of all parties. Another Member of Parliament, Sir John Foster, submitted a similar motion for debate on the same subject which was couched in more assertive terms than the other.

The independent labor weekly, The Tribune, charged in its current issue that the British Communist Party suppressed a report by one of its officials which indicted the Soviet Union for its continued oppression of Russian Jewry. The Tribune published a summary of the findings of the report which was prepared by Alec Waterman and sent to the executive of the British Communist Party shortly before his death last April. Waterman was a leading member of the party for about 10 years before his death.

JEWS IN AUSTRIA APPEAL TO GOVERNMENT ON RISING ANTI-SEMITISM

VIENNA, July 4. (JTA) -- The Association of Jewish Communities of Austria appealed strongly yesterday to the Government, and particularly to the Justice Ministry, to take energetic steps against "rising anti-Semitism" in Austria.

The appeal was embodied in a resolution which noted that several trials in Austria of Nazi war criminals charged with mass murders of Jews during the war have ended with acquittals or "insignificant sentences." The association said it was not enough for high Austrian officials to speak out against anti-Semitism and neo-Nazism. It said deeds, not words, were needed.

DELEGATION OF INDIAN JEWRY MEETS WITH PRIME MINISTER OF INDIA

BOMBAY, July 4. (JTA) -- A delegation of Indian Jewish leaders met over the weekend with Prime Minister Indira Gandhi and reported to her on various Jewish enterprises. The delegation was comprised of Samuel Koder, president of the South Indian Jewish Association, H. Cynowitz, president of the Central Jewish Board of Bombay, Isaac Atalagewaker of Bombay and E. Jhirad of New Delhi. The four Jewish leaders will represent Indian Jewry at the Plenary session of the World Jewish Congress in Brussels at the end of this month.

Mr. Koder told the Prime Minister about plans for a major celebration in 1968 for the 400th anniversary of the building of the synagogue in Cochin. He said the Prime Minister had pledged here "whole-hearted support" for the observance. Other delegation members told the Prime Minister about the activities of the WJC and the plans of the plenary session. They said books by Indian Jewish authors would be exhibited at the Brussels gathering.

FERUT CONVENTION ENDS WITH APPEAL TO BEIGIN TO WITHDRAW RESIGNA

TEL AVIV, July 4. (JTA) -- The eighth convention of the rightwing Ferut Party ended here yesterday with an outward show of unity despite an apparent impasse over the party's internal affairs and the reaffirmation by Menachem Beigin over the week of his decision to resign as leader of the party.

The 612 convention delegates charged the new 107-member central committee with reconvening the convention later this year to elect a party chairman. In the balloting, the delegates rose to their feet to demonstrate their support of an appeal to Mr. Beigin to withdraw his resignation from the chairmanship and decided to hold the position vacant temporarily.

The former leadership of the party and the opposition bloc agreed to form a new central committee with each side providing 46 members and the 15 Ferut members of the Knesset, Israel's Parliament, also coopted to serve on the committee. The resignation of Mr. Beigin leaves Knesset Deputy Speaker Aryeh Ben-Eliezer as the dominant figure in the incumbent national leadership but his candidacy for the chairmanship of the national executive is being challenged by Shmuel Tamir, the Israeli attorney who heads the internal opposition group.

HABIMAH TO SEEK LIFTING OF CENSORSHIP BOARD BAN ON MARCEAU'S PLAY

TEL AVIV, July 4. (JTA) -- A spokesman for Habimah, Israel's major theatrical company, said here last night that the company would seek immediate authorization from the Israel Film and Theater Censorship Board to present the play, "The Life," which was banned by the Board last week because the Belgian author of the play, Felicien Marceau, had been accused of cooperating with the Nazis over a period of 15 years.

The Habimah spokesman said that the decision to go ahead with the presentation of the play was made because "Marceau was exonerated." He said that the decision was based on information furnished by the Israel Foreign Ministry.

In a report released last night, the Foreign Ministry said that Marceau worked for the state radio and several newspapers during the German occupation of Belgium and fled to France after the Second World War. While he was tried in absentia in Belgium and sentenced to 15 years imprisonment, the French authorities did not consider him a collaborator and granted him French citizenship.

The Foreign Ministry report noted that a general amnesty went into effect in Belgium in 1962 pardoning all but actual Nazi criminals and Marceau's works have been performed since throughout Belgium.

MORE THAN 2,000 CANDIDATES APPLY FOR ADMISSION TO HAIFA TECHNION

JERUSALEM, July 4. (JTA) -- More than 2,000 candidates have applied for admission next fall to the Technion-Israel Institute of Technology which can accommodate only 1,050 students, it was announced today. Entrance examinations will be held at the school next month.

About 500,000 school pupils throughout Israel started their summer vacation today. The Ministry of Education announced that school enrollments are expected to be "still higher" for the next academic semester. The Ministry stated that it is making intensive preparations for next year's expected, higher pupil enrollments.

TWELVE SCHOLARS FROM MADRID UNIVERSITY ARRIVE IN ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, July 4. (JTA) -- Twelve scholars from Madrid University's Department of Semitics arrived today for a two-week study tour, the first of its kind. They are guests of the Central Institute for Israel-Spain Relations.

Father Peral, leader of the group, stressed the need for the department to keep in touch with the land and the people of the Hebrew language.

RABBI LEVINGER, AUTHOR AND FORMER CHAPLAIN OF AMERICAN LEGION,

ALBANY, N.Y., July 4. (JTA) -- Funeral services took place here today for Rabbi Lee J. Levinger, a former national chaplain of the American Legion and a prominent writer on Jewish themes, who died here last Friday at the age of 74. Born in Burkhart, Idaho, Dr. Levinger was ordained by the Hebrew Union College and served as a U.S. Army chaplain in the First World War. He then served as Hillel director of Ohio State University and was later field representative of the Jewish Welfare Board in California and Washington. His books dealt with anti-Semitism, Jewish history and theology.

BERNARD SINGER, PROMINENT JEWISH JOURNALIST, DIES IN LONDON; WAS

LONDON, July 4. (JTA) -- Bernard Singer, prominent Jewish journalist and author, died here at the age of 73. He was a leading political commentator for Jewish papers in Poland until the outbreak of the Second World War. He emigrated to England in 1944 and served until his death on the staff of the Economist.