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Jews Join in Mourning for Dr. King; Will Attend March and Funeral Rites

NEW YORK, April 7 (JTA)--Thousands of American Jews participated today in synagogue and interfaith services and other memorials for the martyred Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and planned to join in a memorial march in Memphis tomorrow and to attend funeral services Tuesday in Atlanta.

Expressions of shock and sorrow over the murder of the civil rights leader and of hope that his assassination would spur new efforts in legislation and citizen action to remedy the plight of the Negro down-trodden were contained in numerous messages from Jewish organizations. Many Jewish leaders planned to join the Memphis march and to attend the funeral services.

A number of Jewish meetings held during the weekend added special sessions in Dr. King's memory. More than 300 leaders of the nation's 25 major American Jewish organizations attending the opening today of the two-day biennial meeting of the American Jewish Conference for Soviet Jewry here paid tribute to Dr. King's memory and achievements at the start of the meeting. Rabbi Israel Miller, conference chairman, called Dr. King "a spokesman for the finest values of our nation, and indeed for all humanity." Dr. King's historic speech on the sufferings of Soviet Jewry, delivered on a nation-wide hook-up during Hanukah in December, 1966, was re-played at the memorial program.

A resolution voicing "sorrow and shock" and pledging rededication to the goals for which Dr. King died, was adopted unanimously by members of B'nai Zion attending the annual bill of rights conference of the fraternal order here tonight. Norman G. Levine, conference chairman, announced that B'nai Zion would plant a grove of 1,000 trees in the Kennedy Freedom Forest in Jerusalem, bearing Dr. King's name.

Jewish Leaders To Attend Memphis March and Atlanta Funeral Rites

The American Jewish Committee said that several of its officers, led by Bertram H. Gold, executive director, would join the march in Memphis and that its president, Morris B. Abram, would attend the funeral services. William Stern, administrative director of the Workman's Circle will head a delegation of leaders to the march and funeral and Emanuel Muravchik, executive director of the Jewish Labor Committee, will lead a similar delegation.

Special services were held yesterday in synagogues in memory of Dr. King. Rabbi Martin S. Halpern, president of the Washington Board of Rabbis, and a co-chairman of the Interreligious Committee on Race Relations, participated in religious services in Washington Friday, attended by President Johnson. In Atlanta, a personal message to Mrs. King from President Shazar of Israel was conveyed by Israeli Consul General Zeev Boneh. Mr. Shazar's message said "the hearts of the people of Israel are with you in mourning the incredibly tragic loss of Martin Luther King, great and noble leader of his own brothers and all seekers for peace and justice."

Dr. Maurice Eisendrath, president of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, told the annual meeting of the New York Federation of Reform Synagogues today that Congress should, "without further delay, enact the sorely needed civil rights bill, and enact effective legislation for employment, education, housing and welfare." He urged that Dr. King's plan for a "poor people's March" in Washington this month "should be pursued more vigorously than ever" under moderate Negro leadership and should be supported "by all men of goodwill." Rabbi Eisendrath urged each Reform member congregation to ask each congregant to send telegrams to his representatives and senators calling for prompt enactment of civil rights and related legislation for the poor and to plan special memorial services for Dr. King.

A memorial service was held in the B'nai B'rith building in Washington, at which two Negro staff members expressed their frustrations and grief but also pleaded for Dr. King's cause of non-violence. Some 200 colleagues attended the service at which Mrs. Lillian Brown, a clerk, and Clarence Thompson, an assistant supervisor, spoke at the invitation of Rabbi Jay Kaufman, executive vice-president.

Israeli Leaders Pay Tribute To Dr. King, Say His Work Will Live On

JERUSALEM, April 7 (JTA)--Israeli officials paid tribute today to the memory of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., the slain Negro civil rights leader. President Zalman Shazar sent condolences to Mrs. King. Foreign Minister Abba Eban called the slain leader "an historic figure in the struggle for freedom and equality" whose work "will live long after him."

Israeli newspapers described the brutal murder of Dr. King as the "tragedy of a nation doing so much to help others" but unable to overcome its own problems.

Council Gives Up Effort to End Impasse on Latest Mideast Clash

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., April 7 (JTA)--The second session of the United Nations Security Council on the Middle East deadlock in two weeks was in indefinite adjournment today after the major powers gave up efforts to find a way to resolve the latest counter-complaints of Israel and Jordan.

The session began on March 29 after a full-scale artillery and air battle erupted on an 85-mile front along the Israel-Jordan demarcation line. Meetings were held three more times but no progress was made in behind-the-scenes talks on proposals for UN cease-fire observers on the Israeli-Jordan demarcation line, or for reaffirmation of the Nov. 22 Council resolution calling on both sides to cooperate with the peace-seeking mission of special UN emissary Gunnar Jarring, or a simple resolution calling on both sides to observe the terms of the cease-fire.

At the fourth meeting on Thursday, Ambassador Jacob Malik of the Soviet Union, the current Council president, read a statement expressing the Council's "deep concern" over the "deteriorating situation" and its determination to keep it under close review. He then adjourned the session with no date set for another meeting.

It was announced here meanwhile that Dr. Jarring will make a one-day visit to Cairo tomorrow to renew his talks with Egyptian authorities.

Saboteurs Mistakenly Mine Silo in Jerusalem, Instead of Target Oil Tank

JERUSALEM, April 7 (JTA)--An apparent error on the part of Arab saboteurs averted what might have been a major disaster here Friday night. A small charge of explosives tore holes in a chicken feed silo which the saboteurs mistook for a similar-looking oil storage tank nearby, officials reported today.

According to a military spokesman, the explosion was heard throughout the southern district of Jerusalem, but damage to the silo was slight because only one or two kilograms of explosives was used. The amount would have sufficed to blow up the oil storage tank and set the fuel ablaze.

Ads in Neo-Nazi Paper Appeal for Germans to Fight Against Israel

BONN, April 7 (JTA)--A self-styled "Arab Aid" organization is recruiting West Germans to fight against Israel through advertisements in the neo-Nazi, anti-Semitic newspaper, Deutsche National und Soldatenzeitung, it was reported in a television broadcast here today. The ads appeal to "home-loving" German youth to help the Arabs. One quoted an anonymous letter from a man who said he wanted to fight with the Arabs against the Jews and stated, "that is the very type we are seeking."

Jerusalem Court Kills Sabbath Observance Requirement in JNF Land Lease

JERUSALEM, April 7 (JTA)--The Jerusalem District Court, ruling in a test case, struck the Sabbath observance clause from a state-owned land lease. The clause, which had been incorporated into state leases of the standard Jewish National Fund contract, prohibited "construction or any other work on property of the Lands Administration on Sabbath and on Jewish religious holidays." The case was brought to the court by a leader of the League for Abolition of Religious Coercion, who owned the JNF lease. The court's ruling was based on the uniform contracts law which empowers the courts to amend contracts with bodies having a monopoly or near monopoly of services. The JNF is in that category.

Widespread Support Found for Boycott of Poland's Warsaw Ghetto Ceremony

LONDON, April 7 (JTA)--Widespread support was reported here today for a total Jewish boycott of Poland's official observance of the 25th anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto revolt and the unveiling of the Warsaw sponsored Jewish pavilion at the Auschwitz death camp site. Sentiment for the boycott, stemming from the Polish regime's current anti-Jewish campaign, was described to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency by Stefan Crajek, president of the Organization of Partisans, Combatants and Ghetto Fighters. Mr. Crajek, who stopped here briefly on his way back to Israel after visiting the United States, Canada and Belgium, said that the boycott was enthusiastically supported by groups of survivors and resistance fighters wherever he went.

In a related development, Jewish student groups here invited other Jewish youth organizations to join them in a march to the Polish Embassy on April 21, following a mass meeting to commemorate the Ghetto uprising.

Mr. Crajek said that Jews everywhere would mark the Warsaw Ghetto anniversary. A world assembly of concentration camp survivors and resistance fighters will be held in Israel from July 22 through July 26 where the main subjects will be the continuing struggle against neo-Nazism and the fate of Polish Jewry. Mr. Crajek said.

A counter-movement meanwhile seemed to be developing in Poland with the apparent purpose of removing the stigma of anti-Semitism. A Polish veteran's organization, the Union of Fighters for Freedom and Democracy announced, according to reports reaching here, that it would sponsor historical research to document Polish aid given to Jews during World War II. The organization said that the move was intended as a tribute to Poles who saved Jews during the Nazi occupation. Polish newspapers, in their

denunciations of "Zionist elements" in Poland, have been denigrating the role of Jews in the anti-Nazi resistance. Some papers have charged collaboration between Jewish ghetto leaders and the Nazis and have claimed that only a relatively small number of Jews took part in the 1943 ghetto revolt.

The Observer reported from Warsaw today that two factions in Poland are chasing "the Zionist phantom in different directions." The "nationalist" faction, led by Interior Minister Moczar, is trying to force a massive purge of all unreliable elements, either "Zionists" or opposed to the regime. The other faction, close to Communist Party chief Gomulka, is attempting to distinguish between "Zionists" and "assimilated Jews" loyal to the regime.

So far, reports from Warsaw indicate that the Moczar faction has the upper hand. Two officials of the film school at Lodz, both Jews, were dismissed from their posts. One is the school's rector, Jerzy Toeplitz and the other, Roman Wajdowicz, one of two deputy directors. The Lodz school, which produced such prominent young directors as Roman Polanski and Jerzy Skolimowski, was attacked by a Communist Party official last week for producing films "falsifying the facts of the period of Nazi occupation."

The Polish news agency announced the dismissal of Tomasz Lempart, counselor of the president of the Polish Olympic Committee, and Aleksander Gutowski, director of the Scientific Institute of Physical Culture, both Jews. They bring to 25 the number of officials, mostly Jewish, ousted from their jobs or from the Communist Party.

Soviet Bloc Unrest Seen Inimical to Easement of Soviet Jews' Plight

NEW YORK, April 7 (JTA)--A symposium sponsored by the American Jewish Conference on Soviet Jewry was told here today that the political unrest in the Soviet bloc would probably harden Soviet resistance to demands for amelioration of the suppression of Russian Jewish cultural and religious life. The symposium opened a two-day biennial meeting of the Conference. The symposium was preceded by a memorial meeting for Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., the slain Negro civil rights leader. Some 300 leaders, representing 25 major American Jewish organizations, are attending the biennial.

The symposium was addressed by Prof. Erich Goldhagen, director of the Institute of East European Jewry at Brandeis University; Maurice Freidberg, director of the Russian Research Center at Indiana University; and Abraham Brumberg, editor of "Problems of Communism."

Prof. Goldhagen said that "the Soviets fear that the disruptive forces coursing through Eastern Europe might penetrate into their domain." This climate of political vigilance and anxiety, he said, "is inhospitable to the demands that Jewish cultural institutions be reconstructed" because "in the eyes of the Soviet leaders, a revival of Jewish culture would be tantamount to opening a window to the West, because such a culture would, of necessity be linked, at least in spirit, to the Jewish communities abroad." Prof. Goldhagen added that "the more insecure the Soviet Government feels itself and the more fearful it is of Western influence, the greater its suspicion of the Jews...and the greater its reluctance to permit recreation of the institutions that would foster the ethos of Jewish culture."

Mr. Freidberg noted that "a significant segment of the Soviet Union's younger intellectuals continues the noble traditions of the old Russian intelligencia...the traditions of exposing hypocrisy, of defending the underdog, of refusing to be silent in the face of injustice. Their preoccupation with the plight of Russian Jews may have no immediate practical effects on the Soviet establishment's policies," he declared. He added that nevertheless, "it reminds the Soviet Jews themselves that not all of their neighbors are either hostile or indifferent to their fate..."

Mr. Brumberg said it would be a mistake to see the ferment in Russia and throughout Eastern Europe as a reaction to mistreatment of the Jews. "What we are seeing is, basically, a power struggle with Jews cast in the traditional role of scapegoats." In a way, he said, "a peculiar brand of fascism has now joined forces with a peculiar brand of communism," but, he asserted, it will not prevail. "Revulsion against racism and anti-Semitism is the other side of the coin of 20th century nationalism and this revolution is as widespread among the best elements in non-communist as in communistic societies — and indeed among non-communists and those communists that wish to redeem what they consider the ideals of socialism."

Dr. William Wexler, president of B'nai B'rith and chairman of the meeting, said that "if Soviet leaders should take a new hard look at where their true self interest in the Middle East lies, they could well decide that a more balanced policy is in order and that Russian interest does not require that they be hostile to the Israelis abroad and the Jews at home."

New York Witness Testifies in Trial of Grodno Ghetto Nazis

BONN, April 7 (JTA)--A survivor of the wartime liquidation of the Grodno ghetto in occupied Poland, who is now a resident of New York, testified in a trial in Cologne of two former Nazi participants in the destruction of the ghetto. Max Dolub told the court that he had watched from a hiding place the activities of the Nazi execution squad which killed 20 Jews in March, 1943, but that he could not say whether Kurt Wiese and Heinz Errelis, the defendants, had taken part in the shootings.

American Jewish Congress Starts Job-Finding Effort for Ghetto Youth

NEW YORK, April 7 (JTA)--The American Jewish Congress has launched a city-wide job-finding campaign for ghetto youth. At a meeting with Mayor John Lindsay, the organization said it was enlisting 25,000 of its members in the metropolitan area to seek summer and permanent jobs for youth aged 17 to 22.

David Haber, chairman of the AJCongress New York metropolitan council, said each member was being asked to find at least one job for a jobless youth by July 1. He cited a finding of the President's Advisory Commission on Civil Disorders that 18 to 25-year-old Negroes constituted a large part of the nation's 500,000 hard-core unemployed.

Mr. Haber told the mayor that letters and job order blanks had been sent to AJCongress members and that all job offers emerging from the campaign would be sent to the New York City Manpower and Career Development Agency, which will seek to match job offers to applicants.

Murray AA. Gordon, chairman of the organization's commission on community inter-relationships, and head of its national program in behalf of the urban crisis, told the Mayor that the AJCongress was organizing inter-racial un-armed teams to patrol the streets during evenings to help the police in high crime areas in New York City. They are equipped with two-way radios to alert the police. Rabbi Samuel Schrage of Brooklyn, who founded a voluntary security patrol in Crown Heights in 1965, is working with the AJCongress in organizing the volunteer teams.

B'nai Zion Civil Rights Award Presented to Justice Thurgood Marshall

NEW YORK, April 7 (JTA)--The 1968 B'nai Zion Bill of Rights Gold Medal Award was presented in absentia tonight to U.S. Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall in recognition of his "inspiring leadership in the furtherance of the letter and spirit of the Bill of Rights." The presentation was made by Rep. Emanuel Celler, chairman of the House Judiciary Committee, at the annual bill of rights conference of the American Zionist fraternal order. Justice Marshall could not be present owing to the national day of mourning for the Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Rep. Celler denounced "white backlash" as "the major tragedy of our cities" and accused major groups, including those on the fields of religion, labor and the professions of remaining silent in the struggle for the passage of the Open Housing bill in Congress. Mr. Celler paid tribute to Justice Marshall, the first Negro to be named to the Supreme Court, as "the rational man" who "cannot be measured as we measure other men for the triumphs that were his personally flowed from his committed mind."

Paula Ben-Gurion Scholarships Established for Israeli Children

LONDON, April 7 (JTA)--The establishment of a Paula Ben Gurion Foundation to provide scholarships at all educational levels for needy Israeli youngsters was disclosed to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency here today by one of its governors. Abraham Tsivion, director of the Midrasha, the Ben Gurion college in Sde Boker, said that the foundation named in memory of the late wife of Israel's former Prime Minister would provide scholarships at the Midrasha's seminary, high school or school of field studies. Mr. Tsivion returned to Israel last night after a visit to Britain as the guest of the Joint Palestine Appeal.

He said that President Zalman Shazar is Patron of the new foundation. Members of its governing body include Mayor Teddy Kollek, of Jerusalem, Shimon Peres, member of the Knesset (Parliament) and former Deputy Minister of Defense, and Prof. Ernst David Bergmann, the Israeli physicist.

Gas-Powered Limb for Amputees Invented by Technion Scientist

HAIFA, April 7 (JTA)--A gas-powered limb for amputees, the invention of a Haifa Technion scientist, has won three international awards at the 17th international inventorial exhibition in Brussels, it was announced here today. The limb, which is lighter than existing models, was developed by Dr. Dino Boussu, senior lecturer in mechanics at the Technion, working under a grant from the Lady Hoare Thalidomide Appeal Fund.

Dr. Boussu, 35, was born in Egypt and came to Israel in 1951. He is a graduate of the Technion where he also earned his doctorate. His limb is powered by a self-contained, re-chargeable gas cylinder and is capable of six different movements.

British Producer Plans Film Series on Major Zionist Personalities

GENEVA, April 7 (JTA)--A documentary film on the life of former Israeli Premier David Ben-Gurion will be one of a number of such documentaries of Zionist figures, Melvin Mark of Manchester, a British film producer, said here today. Mr. Mark announced last month he had signed an agreement with the former Premier to film a series of interviews with him for the film.

In disclosing the additional plans, he said films also will be made about Dr. Chaim Weizmann, Israel's first President; Vladimir Jabotinsky, the Revisionist leader; and Chaim Arlosoroff, a Labor Zionist leader. Before leaving on another trip to Israel, Mr. Mark said the purpose of the film program was to project famous 20th century Jews against the background of modern Jewish history.