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Thousands at Tel Aviv Warsaw Rally Hear Denunciation of Polish Regime

TEL AVIV, April 21 (JTA)--Thousands of Israelis attended today a huge rally here commemorating the 25th anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto uprising at which the Polish Communist regime was assailed for its current anti-Jewish campaign.

The rally, which was called by the World Organization of Polish Jews, was attended by Prime Minister Levi Eshkol to demonstrate the Government's support of Polish Jewry though he did not speak. The principal speaker was Information Minister Israel Galilee who described the current campaign against Polish Jewry as a "nightmare."

He denounced M. Rozcnek, the Polish Deputy Minister of Culture, who used the occasion of the observance of the ghetto revolt in Warsaw to accuse "Zionists" of using Nazi methods against the Arabs and to charge that world Jewry had deserted Polish Jews during the Nazi occupation. The Organization of Nazi Victims in Israel declared in a statement issued before the rally that Rozcnek was unfit to hold his office as secretary of the Polish underground fighters organization.

Mr. Galilee said that the "spirit and tenor" of Rozcnek's remarks "evoke tones which are sweet to the ears of the Nazi SS" and that the remarks "arouse deep repugnance in every civilized person, particularly if he has not forgotten the events of more than 25 years ago which led to the destruction and enslavement of Poland as well as the heinous holocaust wrought on our people."

He declared with bitterness that Poland, "upon whose soil Jewish genocide took place, where millions of our brethren and people of other nations were slaughtered, should have been the last country to fall prey to anti-Semitic propaganda which is now engulfing it." He charged that the Polish Communist leaders "do not even stop short of inciting hatred, making libelous attacks, carrying out purges and imposing a regime of terror." He added that "the insidious attacks on Polish Jews remind us of the doctors' libel in Moscow."

He linked the attacks on Polish Jews with Soviet policy in the Middle East and said that "the unity of our nation in mutual assistance tendered by Jews everywhere is a splendid human phenomenon which is stronger than the power of the Polish rulers." He added that the day was not distant when "the inciters shall be brought to book" and that the anti-Jewish campaign in Poland "will turn into a source of moral power for the state of Israel."

The Organization of Disabled Persons denounced Polish authorities for failing to invite an official Israeli delegation to the opening of the Jewish pavilion in Auschwitz. The statement asserted that to open the pavilion "without Israel's official participation and without the presence of the remnants of the concentration camps and Jewish fighters constitutes a desecration both of the memory of the dead and the feelings of those still alive."

(It was reported from Warsaw in London that the commemorative ceremony at the cenotaph on the site of the ghetto, which had been fixed for yesterday by Polish officials, was postponed at the last moment and was held today instead. There was no official explanation but the officials allowed the state-controlled press to blame Dr. Nahum Goldmann for protesting the Saturday date. The ceremony was reported to have been impressive as a military parade but, in contrast to the 20th anniversary, there were no foreign Jewish delegations present and Polish Jews seemed to be isolated and depressed.)

Report 'De-Judification' Term Used By Polish Leaders in Anti-Jewish Drive

NEW YORK, April 21 (JTA)--The anti-Jewish campaign in Poland appears to be reaching the level of a state policy which has brought suicides and a general purge, Flora Lewis, Newsday correspondent in Paris reported from sources she described as trustworthy "beyond any question."

Asserting that developments have gone far beyond what has been reported in the western press, she wrote also that the new policy, rivaling communism as the approved ideology, included use of a new term, "de-judification" and included rehabilitation of at least some elements of pre-war Polish fascism. She also reported she had been informed that one party official had been expelled for "pressing too hard" — he had urged at a party meeting that the remaining Jews in Poland be herded into ghettos. Another party member was expelled for quite another reason, Miss Lewis reported. She had said that it shamed her, as a Pole, to hear another party member remark that it was too bad Hitler had failed to gas all the Jews.

WASHINGTON, April 21 (JTA)--Officials of the United States Embassy in Warsaw laid a wreath at the memorial to the Ghetto fighters on the 25th anniversary of the Jewish revolt in the ghetto, it was reported here. They paid tribute to the Jewish victims on behalf of the United States Government, joining 30 groups and individuals in placing wreaths at the memorial.

Janner Tells Warsaw Ghetto Meeting Situation of Polish Jews Is Worsening

LONDON, April 21 (JTA)--Sir Barnett Janner, chairman of the foreign affairs committee of the Board of Deputies of British Jews, reported here today that the situation of Polish Jewry, far from improving, was in fact, deteriorating despite protests from various parts of the world against the Warsaw Government's officially inspired anti-Jewish campaign. Sir Barnett spoke at a memorial meeting of the Board of Deputies marking the 25th anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto uprising. He said the committee would consider the question of a boycott of Polish products.

The deputies observed a minute of silence in memory of the European Jews destroyed by the Nazis. It followed the recitation of a special prayer by Chief Rabbi Immanuel Jakobovits of the British Commonwealth. The meeting was also addressed by Dr. S. Levenberg, representative of the Jewish Agency, who criticized a British loan to Jordan because that country is "the main base for terrorist activity against Israel."

A mass meeting here to mark the anniversary and to honor the memory of six million Jews slaughtered by the Nazis was told by Jacob Halevy, chairman of the British section of the World Jewish Congress, that the "vicious campaign" of the Polish Government had been extended from attacks on the small surviving Jewish community in Poland to Jewish communities and organizations all over the world. He charged that the Warsaw regime had deliberately prevented Jews from attending the inauguration of the Jewish pavilion at Auschwitz yesterday by insisting on holding the ceremonies on Saturday, the Sabbath and the last day of Passover, despite appeals from Jews all over the world to re-schedule the event.

Dr. Solomon Gaon, chief rabbi of the British Sephardic Jewish community, hailed the unity of the Jewish people which, he said, was always based on ethical concepts and ideals. "It was this ideal that animated the agonizing struggle of our brothers and sisters in the Warsaw Ghetto," he said. "They knew their battle had no chance of practical success and they faced defeat and annihilation. But they also knew that active resistance would signal further advances in the cause of all humanity," Dr. Gaon said. Simon Friesner, chairman of the Polish Jewish ex-Servicemen's Association, charged that the Polish Communist Party was trying to re-write history by claiming that the ghetto uprising was organized by the Polish underground movement and that Jews played only a subsidiary role.

Alderman Michael Fidler, president of the Board of Deputies, noted that "the appalling conditions in the Warsaw Ghetto did not quench the spirit of those who survived up to the spring of 1943. They took up arms to defend their honor and the honor of the Jewish people," he said. David Kerr, a member of Parliament, expressed the hope that "means will soon be provided for a suitable memorial in this country to the Jewish martyrs of Europe."

The memorial rally was sponsored by the Polish-Jewish ex-Servicemen in association with the Board of Deputies. Children lit six candles on the platform in memory of the six million European Jews. The rally was attended by Ambassador Aharon Remez, of Israel and members of the Israel Embassy staff. Also present were Warsaw Ghetto survivors and survivors from other ghettos and concentration camps.

Warsaw Ghetto Memorial Rally In New York Hears Appeal for Polish, Soviet Jewry

NEW YORK, April 21 (JTA)--An appeal to "the conscience of the world" not "to be apathetic to the conditions of Jews in Poland and the Soviet Union" was voiced here by Benjamin A. Gebiner, national executive secretary of the Workmen's Circle, the world's largest Jewish fraternal order. Mr. Gebiner spoke at a mass rally marking the 25th anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto uprising sponsored by the Workmen's Circle, the Jewish Labor Committee and various labor unions. He denounced the reported impending visit to the U.S. of a Jewish "religious delegation" from the Soviet Union. He said the group is coming to this country "to mouth propaganda that anti-Semitism does not exist" in Russia.

The Jewish Labor Committee announced that, at its request, the New York Board of Education sent a bulletin to all Bronx public schools suggesting that they arrange student visits to the Warsaw Ghetto exhibition at the Workmen's Circle Center in the Bronx. The exhibit contains pictures and documents salvaged from the ghetto and from Nazi concentration camps.

The Polish Communist regime was accused here by a former Polish diplomat of "malignant fulminations against modern-day Jews" and with "a manipulation of history which would transform the victims of persecution into criminals or cowards arraigned in a kangaroo court." The charge was made in an address to the Association of Polish-American Journalists by Dr. Joseph L. Lichten, who left his post in the Polish Embassy in Washington when the Communists took control in his native Poland and who is now director of intercultural affairs for the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith.

Exhibit of Warsaw Ghetto Paintings By Survivor Opened in Paris

PARIS, April 21 (JTA)--An exhibition of paintings of life in the Warsaw Ghetto by Halina Olomucka, one of its few survivors, opened here Friday in connection with the 25th anniversary of the ghetto uprising. The exhibit is sponsored by the documentation center at the Memorial for Unknown Jewish Martyrs. Mrs. Olomucka, now an established artist, made the paintings from drawings in a sketchbook that she kept as a young girl in the Warsaw Ghetto.

Jarring To Meet Thant in Teheran Today, Visit Jerusalem Again Tuesday

JERUSALEM, April 21 (JTA)--Officials reported today that Dr. Gunnar Jarring, the special United Nations Middle East emissary, was expected here Tuesday after a meeting tomorrow in Teheran with UN Secretary General U Thant. The officials declined to comment on the stage in the Jarring efforts which led him to seek the meeting with Thant.

The latest reports from Cairo and Amman suggested some softening of the Arab stand which raised hopes for the possibility of the talks which Dr. Jarring is seeking to arrange. However, the officials also noted Egyptian President Nasser's latest speech during the weekend in which he reiterated his support for the terrorist gangs infiltrating Israel and predicted another war.

(The Cairo correspondent of the Washington Star reported from the Egyptian capital that Dr. Jarring's mission "appears to be heading toward an inglorious end" because Egyptian officials seemed to feel that the mission could serve little further purpose. Correspondent Andrew Borowiec quoted Egyptian Foreign Minister Mahmud Riad as declaring "we are not ready to surrender a single inch of Arab land" and that Egypt would insist that Israel declare its readiness to withdraw its forces from all occupied territory.)

Jordanians Engage in Sporadic Weekend Fire at Settlements, Patrols

TEL AVIV, April 21 (JTA)--Jordanian units fired at Israeli settlements and patrols in the Beisan Valley today, precipitating a third successive day of shooting duels across the cease-fire line. A military spokesman also announced that two local Arab field workers were killed and a third injured when their truck hit a mine near Kfar Tabor this morning.

Jordanian units first fired this morning at an Israeli patrol in the northern Beisan Valley, then directed small arms fire at Shaar Hagolan and then at Yardena. The fire was returned and no casualties were reported. Yesterday Jordanians fired at an Israeli patrol near Neveh Urr, starting a gun duel with Israeli units. Later shooting occurred near Gesher.

An Israeli soldier and a woman settler of Yardena were wounded slightly Friday when Jordanians fired mortar shells at Yardena and Gesher. Earlier Friday, they fired on a patrol in the Beisan Valley. Some of the exchanges took place as thousands of Israelis celebrated the last day of Passover on Lake Tiberias. Others journeyed to the El Hamma Springs on the Israeli-Jordan-Syria frontier.

Banned Parties in Jordan Form Coalition, Plan To Seek Power, Back Terrorists

LONDON, April 21 (JTA)--A national political coalition dominated by left-wing groups and headed by the anti-Royalist former Prime Minister Suleiman Nabulsi, has emerged in Jordan and is openly seeking power despite the ban placed on political parties by King Hussein in 1957, the Times reported today from Amman. Although the five-party coalition includes the extreme right-wing, anti-Communist Moslem Brotherhood, it has taken a stand against "American imperialism" and is urging Jordan to support foreign "liberation movements," an obvious reference to the El Fatah and other guerrilla bands operating against Israel from Jordanian soil. It also calls on Jordan to "resist Zionist occupation of (Arab) territory by all means...including military force and peoples' resistance but not excluding political action."

The emergence of the political coalition, despite its technical illegality, indicated that the groups believe the situation was ripe to put pressure on King Hussein to lift the ban and hold elections, the Times said. The coalition lays stress on national unity as long as Israel occupies part of Jordan. Thus, if King Hussein acts against it, he would be open to the charge of wanting to compromise with Israel, according to the Times. So far he has not interfered and apparently is trying to give the impression that the coalition is not unwelcome and is, in fact, cooperating with him.

Chairman Nabulsi is a former member of the left-wing National Socialist Party. He was dismissed as Prime Minister by Hussein in April, 1957 in the midst of violent anti-Royalist riots. One of Nabulsi's closest associates in the coalition is Kamel Nasser, a former Baathist member of the Jordan House of Representatives who Israel deported from the West Bank last December for subversive activities.

Israel To Ignore Jordanian Demand to Cancel Jerusalem Parade Plans

JERUSALEM, April 21 (JTA)--Israel will not call off its Independence Day military parade in Jerusalem on May 2 despite a Jordanian protest to the United Nations Security Council, it was learned here today. The parade, marking the 20th anniversary of Israel's independence, is scheduled to begin in East Jerusalem.

Informed quarters said that Israel would probably withhold its official reply to the Jordanian complaint until it was known what action the Security Council President intends to take. The Council is headed this month by Yacov Malik, chief of the Soviet delegation, to whom the protest was addressed.

It is known here that most U.N. members disapprove of the parade being held in Jerusalem, and especially its routing through the Old City. Observers recalled that last year the General Assembly called on Israel to take no steps to change the pre-June war status of the Old City which Israel has since united with the rest of Jerusalem. Because of official disapproval, foreign diplomats have not been invited to the Jerusalem parade. Military attaches of the various embassies are expected to attend since their presence will have no political significance.

Baltimore Welfare Fund Seeks More Jobs, Housing for Victims of Rioting

BALTIMORE, April 21 (JTA)--The Associated Jewish Charities and Welfare Fund reported today that jobs and housing were still needed for Jewish families and individuals who lost homes and businesses in the rioting here which followed the assassination of Negro civil rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King.

Help was promptly furnished to the Jewish victims by the Jewish Community Center, the Jewish Family and Children's Service, the Associated Placement and Guidance Bureau and other affiliated agencies, welfare fund officials reported. Help in the form of food, clothing, shelter and employment was arranged for Jewish victims but many needs remain unfilled, the officials indicated.

The JCC and the JFCS made a survey of elderly Jews which disclosed that many of them were in desperate need of food which they had been unable to obtain because they were afraid to go into the streets to shop. Food collected by the JCC was distributed by JCC staff members and volunteers to the elderly Jews. Temporary housing and financial aid was provided by the JFCS to families who lost homes. The Associated Placement and Guidance Bureau found employment for businessmen who had lost their shops and who wanted jobs rather than welfare assistance.

The welfare fund also authorized the Jewish Armed Services Committee to spend as required to care for Jewish soldiers who were assigned to Baltimore for riot control from Fort Benning, Fort Knox and Fort Bragg. This included providing kosher food for observant servicemen and arrangements for Passover services for them. The affiliated agencies also telephoned insurance brokers to arrange fire insurance, calls to the Internal Revenue Service to explain the loss of tax documents in the fires, and provided counseling to persons suffering from shock stemming from the impact of the rioting.

American Jewish Congress Starts Celebration of its Golden Jubilee

NEW YORK, April 21 (JTA)--The American Jewish Congress began a celebration of its Golden Jubilee at a dinner here tonight and was hailed by President Johnson, former President Harry S. Truman and other American leaders for its half century record of achievements in the fields of human rights and service to the Jewish community. The guest of honor was Max Doft, of Lawrence, New York, a co-founder in 1918 of the Congress along with the late Rabbi Stephen S. Wise, Louis D. Brandeis and Nathan Straus.

President Johnson declared, in a message read to the gathering, that "the eloquent voice of the American Jewish Congress has been heard not just on behalf of Jews but on behalf of the highest ideals of freedom and democracy we all share as Americans." The President praised the organization's "courageous stand and effective campaigns to advance civil rights, protect civil liberties and defend religious freedom that have helped make this country a better home for all."

Messages were also received from Chief Justice Earl Warren of the Supreme Court, former Prime Minister David Ben Gurion, of Israel, Ambassador Arthur J. Goldberg, United States envoy to the United Nations, Governor Nelson Rockefeller, of New York, Mayor John V. Lindsay, of New York City and Dr. Nahum Goldmann, president of the World Jewish Congress. Speakers included Rabbi Arthur J. Leiyveld, president of the American Jewish Congress, Dr. Joachim Prinz, former president and Howard M. Squadron, vice-president, Rabbi Irving Miller, former AJC president, was dinner chairman. Judge Justine Wise Poller, of the New York State Family Court, honorary president of the AJC's women's division, presented Mr. Doft with an inscribed copy of the Jerusalem Bible.

Maryland Enacts Law Exempting Sabbath Observers from Sunday Closing Rule

BALTIMORE, April 21 (JTA)--Enactment of a bill exempting observers of the seventh-day Sabbath from provisions of the Maryland Sunday closing laws was hailed by the Council of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of Baltimore, which conducted a campaign for the proposal.

The work of the Council was praised by Joseph Karasick of New York, president of the parent Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America, who called enactment of the law "a forward stride in the American community's recognition of the rights of the Sabbath observer." He voiced appreciation to Gov. Spiro T. Agnew and members of the Maryland legislature, and the Rabbinical Council of Baltimore, which worked closely with the Baltimore Council for passage of the bill.

National Council of Jewish Women Endorses 'Poor Peoples March'

NEW YORK, April 21 (JTA)--The National Council of Jewish Women has endorsed the Poor People's March on Washington conceived by the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Mrs. Leonard H. Weiner, president of the NCJW, expressed the hope that the March would be accomplished with complete observance of the law.

Polish Novelist Who Helped Save Jews From Nazis, Dies at Age 76

LONDON, April 21 (JTA)--The death of a Polish novelist, Zofia Kossak, who as a member of the wartime Polish underground helped organize a committee to rescue Jews from the ghettos of occupied Poland, was reported here today from Warsaw. Miss Kossak died on April 9 at the age of 76.

Arrested by the Nazis under an assumed name, she was never identified during a lengthy internment in the Auschwitz death camp. After the war, she came to Britain where she lived for 12 years before returning to Poland in 1957.