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Eshkol Assails Poland, Soviet Union As Ally of Arab 'Murderers'

TEL AVIV, April 25 (JTA)--Prime Minister Levi Eshkol denounced today the current wave of officially inspired anti-Semitism in Poland and the global policies of Soviet Russia which caused it to identify itself with the Arabs "who want to do to the Israeli Jews what Hitler did to the Jews of Europe." The Prime Minister spoke at Kibbutz Mordei Hagetaot (Ghetto Fighters) where thousands of Israelis gathered for a mass memorial to the Warsaw Ghetto fighters of 1943 and the six million Jews who perished under Nazi rule.

Mr. Eshkol warned that after 20 years and three wars, Israel faces estrangement, misunderstanding and ill-will. "There are many whose hearts are filled with hatred of our nation," he said. "And there are those who try to exploit this bestial feeling for internal political purposes." In the practice of anti-Semitism, he said, "the Polish authorities exceed their teachers -- the Russians. How horrible it is that Poland, a country whose earth is saturated with Jewish blood more than any other country, is being swept by this wave. Their rulers are kindling foul anti-Semitic feelings. They persecute the remnants of our brothers who chose to remain in Poland and share its fate. Their only sin is that they are Jews." Mr. Eshkol assailed the Warsaw regime's allegation that Polish fighters helped Jews under the Nazis while Jews elsewhere stood idle. "It is a desecration of the memory of six million victims," he declared.

The Israeli leader described Soviet policy in the Middle East as "without morals" and completely lacking in human understanding. "That power today supports war and murder-mongers by every political means. It supplies them with the newest weapons against Israel. At the same time it forcefully imposes isolation on three million Jews within its border whom they deprive of the elementary right to live as Jews."

Mr. Eshkol stressed that the Jewish nation always had enemies and always overcame them. "This will continue to be so," he said. "We extracted, almost by force, world agreement to a Jewish State and we witnessed the dream of generations -- the ingathering of the exiles. We hope that the day is not far off when the doors will be opened and the others of our brethren will be able to come, who wish to live with us."

Israelis In Silent Prayer Throughout Nation For Martyred Jewish Dead

Tel Aviv, Israel's largest city, came to a complete standstill for two minutes this morning as thousands of citizens bowed their heads in silent prayer in memory of the six million Jews. The demonstration was heralded by the wail of sirens all over Tel Aviv. It brought cars, busses and trucks to a halt and pedestrians to pause on busy street corners. The dirge of the sirens continued for a full two minutes. A moving memorial service was held at noon beside the Treblinka martyrs' monument in the municipal cemetery. A fire was lit in memory of the Jews who died at that and at other Nazi concentration camps.

Memorial tributes were held in other cities and towns all over Israel yesterday and today for the beleaguered Jews of the Warsaw Ghetto. Thousands of Israelis attended mass rallies where the main topic was the new wave of anti-Semitism sweeping Poland today. Mrs. Golda Meir, former foreign minister of Israel and secretary general of the United Labor Party, said at a mass meeting last night that "not even the devil himself would have imagined that today, just two decades after the single largest human tragedy that engulfed the Jewish race, people would stand up in Poland and revive the craze of anti-Semitism."

Israel's Labor Party Urges Socialists To Condemn Polish Anti-Semitism

TEL AVIV, April 25 (JTA)--Premier Levi Eshkol's United Labor Party appealed today to social democratic parties throughout the world and to the Socialist International to help bring pressure to bear on the Polish regime to halt its current anti-Jewish campaign that "identifies it with the worst forces of reaction and isolates it from decent society." The appeal was contained in a letter from Mrs. Golda Meir, general secretary of the party. It was written on the occasion of the 25th anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto uprising observed in Israel today.

Mrs. Meir, former Foreign Minister of Israel, declared in her letter that "the unbridled violence of the anti-Jewish and anti-Israel policy which was initiated by the Polish Government immediately following the Six Day War last June assumes more ominous forms of hatred and violence every day. It is shocking beyond comprehension," she said, that a revival of anti-Semitism should have been initiated by a government of Poland, where three million Jews had been slaughtered. "There remains in Poland some 20,000 Jewish survivors of the holocaust, a considerable number of them invalid and infirm and they are the prime target of the unleashed hatred and all its consequences," she asserted.

Mrs. Meir said that "the present policy of the rulers of Poland must meet with the strongest condemnation on the part of world public opinion. It must be made clear to the Polish Government what is the extent of its responsibility for helping to revive, by its hideous example, the spectre of anti-Semitism in Europe and other regions."

Thousands of New Yorkers Attend Open-Air Warsaw Ghetto Rally

NEW YORK, April 25 (JTA)--Thousands of New Yorkers attended an open air rally in Times Square today honoring the 25th anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto uprising. They heard a message from the State Department, delivered on behalf of President Johnson, which condemned the revival of anti-Semitism in Poland and wherever it occurs. They also heard a telegram from Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey acknowledging that "the frightening disease" of anti-Semitism had not been eliminated from the world.

The memorial rally was organized and sponsored by 55 national Jewish organizations. Times Square was re-named Warsaw Ghetto Square for the day. Mayor John V. Lindsay proclaimed Thursday, April 25 as "Warsaw Ghetto Commemoration Day" and Governor Nelson A. Rockefeller issued a proclamation in Albany designating the period of April 21-27 as "Warsaw Ghetto Week."

A resounding condemnation of Polish anti-Semitism was voiced by Senator Jacob K. Javits, New York Republican, who addressed the Times Square rally. "I believe it is essential," he declared, "for the United States to express its deep concern to the Polish Government regarding mounting incidents of anti-Semitism in that country and their dire implications for the future." Warsaw's reaction to popular demands for freedom, he said, "is sadly reminiscent of the tactics of Czarist times when the Imperial Russian Government blamed Jews for its woes." Senator Javits noted at the same time that there "are manifestations in the United States of vocal anti-Semitism by certain Negro extremists as a component of 'hate Whitey' racism." It indicates, the Senator said, "how extremist dangers are bred in social turmoil."

The State Department's message, prepared on behalf of the President by Dixon Donnelley, Assistant Secretary of Public Affairs, was read at the rally by Abram Salomon, chairman of the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising Anniversary Committee. It said: "In connection with your understandable concern about the current situation in Poland, I do not need to tell you that the United States condemns anti-Semitism wherever it occurs. The President has asked that I thank you for inviting him to address the Warsaw Ghetto Day Rally in New York City. He regrets he cannot accept but he is fully with you in spirit."

Other speakers at the rally included Congressman Emanuel Celler, Deputy Mayor Robert W. Sweet, and Israel Consul General Michael Arnon and Rabbi Herschel Schacter, chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations. Rabbi Schacter referred to a recent conversation he had with the Polish Ambassador to the United States who, he said, insisted that official government policy in Warsaw was to contain and control latent anti-Semitism in Poland. "However," Rabbi Schacter declared, "more recent events reported in the world press, indicate without question that it is the policy of the Polish Government to cover up the widespread purges and general ferment seething in Poland by a thinly veiled anti-Semitism, even if clumsily disguised as anti-Zionism."

The American Jewish Congress challenged today the Warsaw regime's claim that its current anti-Zionist campaign is not anti-Semitism and demanded that it cease its attacks on Polish Jews "who are guilty of no offense other than membership in the Jewish people."

In a telegram to Jerzy Michalowski, Poland's Ambassador to the United States, Rabbi Arthur J. Lelyveld, president of the AJC said that "attempts to disguise the mounting drive against Poland's Jews as being against 'Zionists' in no measure conceals its anti-Semitic nature." The telegram noted that "no other participants in the current Polish demonstrations have been identified in terms of their religious or ethnic affiliation."

Senate Approves House-Endorsed Commemoration of Ghetto Uprising

WASHINGTON, April 25 (JTA)--The Senate completed today Congressional action on a resolution commemorating the 25th anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto Revolt. The resolution, previously approved by the House, was approved unanimously by the Senate on a voice vote. The measure expressed the sense of Congress in recognition of the "world significance of the Warsaw Ghetto uprising as a reaffirmation of the ineradicable determination to fight for freedom from oppression."

In a House speech today, Rep. Edward J. Derwinski, Illinois Republican, cited a statement adopted by the board of the Polish National Alliance, which declared that the "anti-Semitic outbursts in the Communist press and governing circles in Poland is an attempted cover-up for ideological, social and economic bankruptcy." Rep. Derwinski said he wanted the statement noted to make it clear that "anti-Semitism is a tool of the Communist Government and does not reflect the feeling of the people of Poland."

Polish Party Official Says Zionism 'Not Main Enemy' But Drive Continues

WASHINGTON, April 25 (JTA)--A reported attempt to stem the anti-Semitic tide in Poland was described today in dispatches from Warsaw. Boleslaw Jaszczuk, Deputy Politburo member, told Polish Communists in a statement distributed by the official Polish news agency, PAP, it had become evident "that Zionism in itself is not our main enemy."

The news agency, however, also carried an announcement that it was giving detailed coverage to the trial of a Jew on charges of economic crimes, indicating the anti-Semitic campaign continued. Jaszczuk appeared to take attempts at moderation a step further by pointing out that the average Jew of no power or importance could have pro-Zionist feelings without endangering the State.

Jordan Asks Security Council Meeting on Israel Jerusalem Parade Plans

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., April 25 (JTA)--Jordan asked tonight for an urgent meeting of the Security Council to deal with Israel's "violation" of the armistice agreements in its plans to stage its Independence Day parade on May 2 in East Jerusalem.

The request was made by Jordanian Ambassador Muhammad el-Farrah in a letter to the current Council president, Jacob Malik of the Soviet Union. Jordan complained in the letter that the parade would be in "open and flagrant violation" also of earlier Council and General Assembly resolutions on the status of Jerusalem. The Council will probably be called into session on Saturday.

(The United States Government has no intention of participating in the parade, in keeping with the established policy under which Jerusalem is not recognized as the capital of Israel, State Department officials said today in Washington.)

Israel Ambassador Yosef Tekoah had two meetings today with Secretary-General U Thant. Both meetings, it was learned, concerned the dispute over the Independence Day parade.

Jordan Offers Document at UN of Alleged Israeli Desecration of Moslem Holy Places

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., April 25 (JTA)--A document containing photographs purporting to show evidence of Israeli desecration of Moslem shrines and Christian churches and cemeteries in the Israel sector of Jerusalem since 1948 was made public here today. The document, submitted by Jordan to the Secretary-General on April 19, was prepared by "The Institute for Palestine Studies." The Institute describes itself as "an independent non-profit Arab research organization not affiliated to any government, political party or group, devoted to a better understanding of the Palestine problem."

In a letter to the Secretary-General that accompanied the document, Muhammed H. El-Farra, permanent representative of Jordan to the United Nations, charged that "it was the Israelis who wilfully desecrated the Christian and Moslem Holy Places." He claimed that "for twenty years under Israeli occupation, the general public was forbidden access to them."

The document alleged that Israeli soldiers were responsible for the "total devastation of the Armenian church and with the 'systematic pillage' of the Greek Orthodox and Latin church cemeteries.

Judaism Council Says Four Soviet Jews Coming to U.S. To Attend Conclave

NEW YORK, April 25 (JTA)--A spokesman for the American Council for Judaism said today that the organization had been advised of the identity of the members of the proposed Soviet Jewish religious delegation to this country and was satisfied that the four men named were responsible Jewish leaders who could be received as representatives of the Soviet Jewish community. The spokesman for the anti-Zionist body said that it was possible that Chief Rabbi Yehuda Leib Levin of Moscow would be able to make the journey and would head the delegation. He declined to identify the other delegation members at this time.

The delegation -- the first Jewish religious group to receive permission from the Soviet authorities to leave Russia to establish direct contact with Jews abroad -- will come here at the invitation of the Council for Judaism which had originally invited Chief Rabbi Levin to address its convention in May. The convention was postponed until the fall and the Council is now discussing a date for the visit with the delegation in Moscow, the spokesman said. He reported that the Council would be the hosts of the Soviet Jewish delegation at one meeting but would not be sponsoring the delegation or arranging for a tour of the country or for other meetings.

The original disclosure that a Soviet Jewish delegation would visit the United States under the Council's auspices met with an angry reaction. The American Jewish Conference on Soviet Jewry denounced the reported visit as "a cynical attempt to perpetrate a grotesque hoax on the American public."

Goldberg Resigns as Ambassador to United Nations; George Ball Named Successor

WASHINGTON, April 25 (JTA)--Arthur J. Goldberg, the first Jew in American history to serve as Ambassador to the United Nations, resigned that post today and President Johnson accepted the resignation, the White House announced.

Mr. Goldberg will be replaced by George Ball, former Undersecretary of State, who served for many years in the State Department. Mr. Goldberg indicated he resigned for "personal reasons." He will continue as UN envoy until early June to ensure a smooth transition. President Johnson described Mr. Goldberg, who is 59, as a "dedicated public servant." He began his UN assignment in mid-1965. Previously he had been a member of the United States Supreme Court and before that had been Secretary of Labor. Mr. Ball had considerable dealings with the Arab-Israeli issue when he was No. 2 man in the State Department from 1961 to 1966.

Israel Tourist Office Reports June War Did Not Deter Dutch Visitors

AMSTERDAM, April 25 (JTA)--The Israel Tourist Office here reported today that 9,000 Dutch tourists visited Israel in 1967, a 10 percent increase in tourism over the previous year, despite last June's Six Day War. The report was issued in connection with Israel Day at the Netherlands Fair here.

Action for Jewish Ties, Urban Crisis Aid Seen U.S. Jewry's Main Tasks

SAN FRANCISCO, April 25 (JTA)--American Jewish communities were told here today that their task lies in two areas of action -- the creation of solid Jewish commitment to Judaism and purposeful identification with the problems engendered by the urban crisis. These areas were outlined at the biennial national convention of the National Jewish Welfare Board in the annual report submitted by Louis Stern and Sanford Solender, president and executive vice president respectively, of the JWB and in an address by Morris Reisen, chairman of the JWB's Public Affairs Committee.

The report, presented to the 800 delegates, noted that "the unfinished business on the agenda of the American Jewish community is to build a viable Jewish commitment and belongingness on the solid foundation of Jewish identification so dramatically expressed in the response of American Jews to the Six Day War last June." The report noted that the war and its aftermath "quicken Jewish pride, animated a new solidarity of Jewish spirit and shored up sagging Jewish identification." As evidence, the report cited a "new eagerness for and receptivity to" programs of meaningful Jewish content offered by centers and Ys.

Mr. Reisen, who spoke at a panel session on the effects of riots on Jewish community centers, warned that "in the urban crisis, Jewish community centers cannot be 'drop-outs' in the quest for identifying the emerging problems, understanding the forces that shape them and confronting these problems with a clear sense of purpose."

The annual JWB report noted that there were now 739,000 members of YM & YWHA's and Jewish community centers. Total local community expenditures for JCC and Y activities amounted to \$38,917,000 last year. The report also noted that Jewish chaplains covered 275 bases overseas and 580 domestic military installations during 1967.

Jewish, Christian Groups Join in Challenge to Welfare Residency Laws

WASHINGTON, April 25 (JTA)--Two major Jewish organizations joined today with national Protestant and Catholic groups in a petition to the U.S. Supreme Court to outlaw state residency requirements for welfare recipients for whom federally-sponsored relief help is sought.

The five organizations filed a joint brief supporting lower court decisions which invalidated such residency requirements enacted by Connecticut, Pennsylvania and the District of Columbia. Joining with the American Jewish Congress and the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds, were the National Conference of Catholic Charities, the National Council of Churches, and the Scholarship, Education and Defense Fund for Racial Equality, Inc. It was noted that the Young Women's Christian Association also supported the arguments in the brief. Federal aid is provided under the Aid to Families with Dependent Children law.

The five organizations contended that welfare aid was "so fundamental and of such long standing" as to be regarded as part of the "basic law of the land" incorporated in the "due process concept" and that it would be "inconsistent" with American law to recognize government responsibility to the poor "while denying those who would benefit from it the right to enforce it."

American-Based Aliyah Group Formed; First Convention May 19

NEW YORK, April 25 (JTA)--Formation of an American-based aliyah organization, with 207 founding members, the Association of Americans and Canadians for Aliyah, was announced here today. Dr. Norman Schanin, chairman, said membership was open to all American Jews planning to settle in Israel within three years.

Dr. Schanin, educational director of the Forest Hills (N.Y.) Jewish Center, said that the organization would hold its first annual conference here on May 19 in cooperation with the American Zionist Council and the American section of the Jewish Agency. The new group is affiliated with the Zionist Council and the Association of Americans and Canadians in Israel.

As an American membership organization, Dr. Schanin said, "we can be effective in providing our members with information and assistance related to their transfer and settlement in Israel." He said the association would seek to act as "a pressure group" on Israeli officials to help would-be settlers find proper jobs and housing. All association members plan to settle in Israel.

He added that the AACA, in cooperation with the Israel Aliyah Center here, would regularly inform members of jobs open in Israel and provide related information from Israeli Government ministries, industry, and educational institutions. He said the organization would also sponsor visits by members to Israel to find job and housing opportunities. He added that interviews have already been arranged for members with Israel Social Welfare Ministry officials.

Dr. Schanin plans to go to Israel in July to become principal of the Bet Hakerem Teachers College in Jerusalem. He said Barry Chazan, assistant principal of the Forest Hills Jewish Center, and Joseph Bruckenstein, educational director of Congregation Adas Israel in Washington, D.C., visited Israel last November seeking positions for themselves and 19 other potential American settlers, and that the idea of AACA stemmed from their visit.