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British Jews Stage March to Polish Embassy Over Anti-Semitism in Poland

LONDON, May 12 (JTA)--An estimated 4,000 representatives of British Jewry marched in silence from Hyde Park to the Polish Embassy here today to present to the Polish envoy a letter condemning the Polish Government's repression of the surviving remnant of Poland's Jews and its anti-Semitic campaign. The document was taken into the Embassy by a deputation consisting of Chief Rabbi Immanuel Jakobovits of the British Commonwealth, Michael Fidler, president of the Board of Deputies of British Jews, Sir Barnett Janner, MP., chairman of the board's foreign affairs department, Sir Samuel Fisher, board vice-president, and Simon Frisner, chairman of the Polish-Jewish Ex-Servicemen's Association.

The silent march, which stretched for half a mile, was organized by the Board of Deputies in conjunction with some 20 other Jewish bodies representing the entire Anglo-Jewish community. The marchers carried hundreds of banners with statements protesting the campaign of the Communist Polish regime against Polish Jews. Their letter declared that "we are shocked that the Jews of Poland, numbering about 20,000, many of whom are aged and infirm, should be singled out as scapegoats and blamed for Poland's internal difficulties." It demanded, "in the name of humanity" the "immediate denunciation" by the Warsaw regime of all incitement to hatred against Jews, cessation of all discriminatory treatment, threats and oppression, the restoration to their posts of those dismissed because of their Jewish origins and freedom for Polish Jews to live in dignity in accordance with the Universal Declaration of Human Rights adopted by the United Nations 24 years ago.

Polish Party Newspaper Attacks British Jewish Leaders For Protests

Reports reaching here from Warsaw yesterday quoted attacks against Sir Barnett and Dr. S. Levenberg, representative of the Jewish Agency, in the Polish Communist Party newspaper, Trybuna Ludu. Sir Barnett was assailed for his speeches in Parliament condemning Polish anti-Semitism. The paper published two dispatches from London, containing detailed proceedings of the Poale Zion and Zionist Federation annual conferences and decried the "political influence" of Poale Zion whose members, it said, number a majority of the Jewish Labor Party MPs and a number of House of Lords members. One of the dispatches, sent by PAP, the official Polish press agency, condemned an "anti-Polish" resolution adopted at the Zionist parley "following the lead of Levenberg and supported by Janner." The newspaper asserted that the Zionist Federation did nothing during World War II to help the Warsaw Ghetto fighters.

According to dispatches from Warsaw, the attacks on Zionism have spilled over into attacks against the current liberalization movement in the Czech Government and Czech Communist Party. Trybuna Ludu said, in an editorial, that the content and tone of the Czechoslovak statements were "often similar to those made by imperialist and Zionist centers in the West that are conducting an anti-Polish campaign." The editorial referred to recent criticism of Poland's anti-Jewish campaign emanating from Czechoslovakia and other Czech press, radio and television comment which irked the Poles. Jozef Barecki, deputy editor of Trybuna Ludu, told a party meeting in Warsaw that "antisocialist and Zionist forces" in Czechoslovakia were demanding bourgeois political parties and improved ties with West Germany and Israel and were attacking party cadres and "fraternal countries."

The Sunday Observer reported today that 300 Polish Jews left Poland last week on exit visas as a result of Communist Party leader Wladislaw Gomulka's recent statement that those who were "loyal to Israel" would be given permission to leave Poland. "It is known that many thousands have asked for visas," the paper said. The Daily Telegraph reported that those who emigrate must renounce Polish nationality. The paper added that hundreds of Jews in responsible positions in the Polish Government, Party and press and in academic and artistic life have been ousted in the past few weeks. The violent press attacks against "cosmopolitan" agents of Zionism are unabated and widespread discrimination is rife against all Poles of Jewish origin causing deep concern among Poland's 20,000 Jews," the Telegraph said.

Israeli Approves N.Y Peace Talks; Security Council Resumes Today

JERUSALEM, May 12 (JTA)--Israeli sources, commenting on reports that United Nations peace envoy, Dr. Gunnar Jarring, plans to shift the locale of his peace-seeking efforts to New York, said that Israel would continue meetings with Dr. Jarring there but would stick to the principle that matters of substance could be raised only during direct talks with the Arabs.

Israel has insisted on direct talks with the Arabs in any peace negotiations but the sources explained that if the Arabs insisted on the term "indirect talks" for consultations attended by delegations of both Arabs and Israel under Dr. Jarring's chairmanship, this was acceptable to Israel. If the Arabs choose to address the chairman only--as, for example--in international bodies or in parliaments, this is a point of diplomatic nicety about which Israel will raise no objections the sources

said. The sources stressed, however, that whatever the initial procedures, a peace treaty signed by the parties concerned is the ultimate objective.

(Dr. Jarring will arrive at the United Nations about May 15 to continue his peace-seeking mission and consultations, a spokesman for Secretary General U Thant said at the UN. A meeting of the Security Council, set for Friday afternoon to continue debate on the Jerusalem "situation," was postponed until Monday, when the session will be resumed at 3:30 p.m.)

(A resolution opposed by Israel at the International Conference on Human Rights in Teheran, which was adopted last Tuesday, and which called on Israel to respect the rights of Arabs in occupied territory, has been transmitted to the president of the UN General Assembly, Cornelius Manescu of Rumania. The resolution, it was disclosed at the UN, asked appointment of a special Assembly committee to investigate alleged violations of human rights in the occupied areas and called on Israel to "desist forthwith from acts of destroying the homes of the Arab civilian population.")

Afro-Asian Combination Defeats Israel For Seat on UN Trade Commission

GENEVA, May 12 (JTA)--Israel has been defeated for re-election to a committee of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) by a combination of the Afro-Asian neutralist bloc which put up six candidates for the six seats to be filled by the African and Asian members. Of the 53 votes cast for the vacant seats on the committee on invisibles and financing related to trade, Israel received 18.

Washington Post Says Israel Considering Building Own Jet Warplanes

WASHINGTON, May 12 (JTA)--Israel is considering building her own jet fighter aircraft because of lack of confidence in the United States as a trustworthy source, Alfred Friendly reported in a dispatch from Jerusalem to the Washington Post. The report said that "a nonspecific, nonpublic promise from a lame-duck President may be insufficient for a nation that sees its survival at stake. Thus the current debate, still under wraps, over whether to build planes here."

Notice was taken of the French termination of jet sales and the urgent need for supersonic jets to balance the Soviet buildup in the surrounding Arab states. It appeared to Friendly that the United States "has refused for the moment to plug the gap, arguing that as of now Israel is militarily secure and that if circumstances change, it will take another look at what has to be done."

The report noted Israel's demonstrated skills, including the manufacture of jet engines and small nonmilitary jets. "It should not be beyond their ability to duplicate the Mirage and keep modifying it to stay abreast of modernization requirements." But the expense would be tremendous, Friendly reported. According to the Post "Israel is known to be ready to produce its own tanks. Its prowess in electronic equipment manufacture is evidenced by the fact that it not only produced its own for the Patton tanks it bought from the United States, but recently sold \$7 million of the same equipment for Argentina's Patton tanks."

Eshkol, in Golan Heights Tour, Expresses Hope For Strong Defense Line

TEL AVIV, May 12 (JTA)--Premier Levi Eshkol expressed the hope, during a weekend tour of newly-established defense settlements in the occupied Syrian Golan Heights, that the "defense wall being built here will be both green and strong." Speaking at a Nahal outpost, the Premier declared that those who "remember the 20 years of suffering by settlements in the valley below the Golan Heights can appreciate our position here as a defense wall against all kinds of evil." Jewish settlements were regularly shelled by Syrians from 1948, when the War of Independence ended, to last June when Israel seized the Golan Heights.

The Premier and a group which included officers of the northern command, and Agriculture Minister Haim Gvati, toured the settlements being developed by Nahal, the paramilitary agricultural organization. They were told that combined teams of the Agriculture Ministry and Defense units were carrying out weather, soil and water studies on the Heights.

Two Israelis Wounded, El Fatah Member Killed, in Clash Near Jericho

TEL AVIV, May 12 (JTA)--Two Israeli soldiers were wounded in a clash with El Fatah saboteurs north of Jericho today. One of the El Fatah members was killed and another captured, a military spokesman reported. The clash occurred when the marauders were intercepted by an Israeli patrol.

Allon Urges Experimental Arab Refugee Settlements in Sinai

TEL AVIV, May 12 (JTA)--Labor Minister Yigal Allon suggested today that two experimental settlements of Arab refugees be established in Sinai territory seized during last June's Six-Day War. Speaking to settlers in the religious agricultural region of Shafir, Allon said such resettlement of refugees could be disassociated from the general Arab-Israel peace problem.

Israeli Artist Disavows Anti-Israel Letter Published in 'Pravda'

TEL AVIV, May 12 (JTA)--A prize-winning Israeli artist who lectures at the Haifa Technion has repudiated an anti-Israel letter that was published in the Communist party newspaper Pravda, over his own and some 90 other signatures, many of them Israelis. Itzhak Danziger, a sculptor, said he was misled as to the contents of the letter which accused Israel of persecuting Arabs in the occupied territories.

U.S. Academic Community Mobilized on Behalf of Jews of Soviet Union

NEW YORK, May 12 (JTA)--A concerted drive to mobilize academic support of efforts to ease the plight of Soviet Jewry was launched here today by the newly formed Academic Committee on Soviet Jewry. A 17-point action program which will seek to bring the weight of America's academic community to bear on the Soviet regime to reverse its "irrational and cruel" policy toward the Jews, was adopted at a two-day conference attended by more than 200 delegates representing 86 college campuses. The program was submitted by Prof. Herbert H. Paper, of the University of Michigan. He reported that some 1,175 faculty members at 153 American college campuses had so far pledged their support to the committee's efforts. Prof. David W. Weiss, former professor of bacteriology at the University of California, was conference chairman.

The conference was addressed by a specialist on Soviet affairs, Prof. Leonard Schapiro of the London School of Economics. The conference also heard Dr. Binyamin Eliav, of Jerusalem, Israel's leading authority on Soviet affairs. The conference adopted the text of a "national academic appeal," introduced by Prof. Irene Eber, of Whittier College, which called on the Soviet Government to end its "systematic anti-Jewish propaganda assault," restore its cultural and educational facilities and secure for the Jewish religious community "the same kinds of institutions and prerogatives accorded all other religions" and to "open the door to emigration for those Jews who wish to be re-united with their families abroad as well as for those Soviet Jews who wish to live in Israel."

The action program adopted by the conference includes sponsorship of research projects and similar studies, distribution of new published materials and a "systematic attempt to develop and introduce appropriate scholarly articles and studies into the relevant professional journals that will reach libraries, scholars and students in the U.S.S.R."

Prof. Schapiro said that Soviet authorities had imposed "a blanket of silence" on the fact that the Jewish population loss during World War II was proportionately four times as severe as that of the Soviet population as a whole. He conceded that interest in religion had declined among Soviet Jews as a result of intermarriage, assimilation and other factors. "But the drastic nature of the restrictions against Jewish religious life, as compared with other denominations, makes it certain beyond doubt that the decline has been artificially forced by Soviet authorities," he said.

Dr. Eliav said that the Soviet regime was not insensitive to international opinion. "Soviet leaders are aware that any anti-Semitic excesses in the U.S.S.R.--such as are now taking place in Poland--would greatly damage the prospects of a future Soviet rapprochement with the West. What happens to the Jews of the U.S.S.R., therefore is of international importance--not only to Jews abroad seeking to ameliorate the plight of their fellow-Jews in the Soviet Union but also to Communist supporters in the West who are embarrassed by any anti-Semitism in the Soviet bloc," Dr. Eliav said.

Von Thadden Says NPD Will Combat Party's "Neo-Nazi" Image

BONN, May 12 (JTA)--Adolf von Thadden, chairman of West Germany's right-wing National Democratic Party (NPD), said the party's executive planned to purge radical speakers contributing to the "neo-nazi" image. In his first news conference since the NPD captured 9.8 per cent of the vote and 12 seats in the recent Baden-Wuerttemberg state election, von Thadden said his party believed that opponents were looking for a pretext to get it banned.

To counter such efforts, he said, the Executive will toughen party discipline "since there must not be the slightest doubt that the NPD is taking seriously its devotion to parliamentary democracy and freedom." He said the party would maintain a check on all speakers and issue special certificates to those who qualified as NPD representatives.

The NPD chairman denied that his party was "neo-Nazi," declaring it was a "national party" devoted to democracy. He denied again that he had been a member of the Nazi party. He asserted the NPD was financially healthy and that membership had increased from 31,000 last November to more than 38,000. He predicted a membership of possibly 50,000 by 1969 when elections are scheduled to the Bundestag, the lower house of the Parliament. Declaring that the NPD would spend up to \$2.5 million in that election, he forecast it would win 40 to 50 Bundestag seats and was expecting to offer a candidate for the Presidency next year.

In a related development, Vice Chancellor and Foreign Minister Willy Brandt warned that Germans could no longer deny that "middle-class radicalism and neo-nationalism" were growing in the Federal Republic. Speaking at Mainz, Brandt said there was a danger that the "democratic center" could be eroded by extremists of the right and left, and called for a dynamic Government policy to offset this tendency.

Right-Wing Spaniards Hail Third Reich in Madrid Mass for Hitler

MADRID, May 12 (JTA)--Cries of "Heil Hitler" and the Nazi "Horst Wessel" song sounded outside a Roman Catholic church here this weekend where some 300 Spanish Nazi sympathizers attended a mass for Adolf Hitler on the 23rd anniversary of his death. The demonstrators were extreme right-wing Spaniards, including veterans of the Blue Division which fought alongside the Germans on the Russian front during World War II. The mass was arranged privately with no advance publicity. But members of the West German Embassy here, who learned that it would take place, asked the Spanish Foreign Ministry and Archbishop of Madrid to prevent it from turning into a political demonstration. Such a demonstration, they pointed out, could have adverse effects on a visit here later this month by West German Chancellor Kurt Kiesinger.

Workmen's Circle Clarifies Pro-Israel, Non-Zionist Stance; Aids Histadrut

KIAMESHA LAKE, N.Y., May 12 (JTA)-- The newly re-elected president of the Workmen's Circle pledged last night his organization's continued whole-hearted support of Israel but declared that it would remain a non-Zionist organization and explained the reasons to the 800 delegate's attending the biennial convention of the Jewish fraternal labor order. According to Israel Breslow, "there is a basic difference between being supporters of Israel, even passionate supporters, as we are, and being Zionists." The Zionists, he said, "believe that Israel is the homeland of all Jews, and that Jews elsewhere are living in the Galut--in the diaspora. We in the Workmen's circle say no. For us the United States....is our permanent homeland."

But Mr. Breslow, who is a vice president of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union, aided the Workmen's Circle for the first time with Histadrut, Israel's Labor Federation. "Our failure to do so in the past made little sense to me," he said. "We were supporting Israel but withholding support from the movement in Israel with which we have the most in common." Mr. Breslow said "for the Zionists, the Jewish community in the United States must be a temporary affair--to be abandoned in exodus to Israel, adding that "For the Zionists the goal is immigration to Israel...Our goal is to improve and strengthen our society here, to make it more truly democratic, to eliminate prejudices and bigotry, to give all of our citizens a fair chance to share in the general prosperity."

The convention adopted a series of resolutions supporting the programs of President Johnson's "Great Society" and condemning the "small-minded groups in Congress" that failed to enact all of the President's proposals and scaled down those they did enact. Also adopted were resolutions denouncing the anti-Semitic manifestations in the Soviet Union and Poland. Concerning Jews behind the Iron Curtain, the delegates declared "our fervent hope is that the winds of freedom will quickly gain momentum in the Communist lands, that it will loose the bonds that have confined its peoples' better impulses and that when freedom is restored it will prove again that Jewish life has the gift of durability and regeneration with which to outlive its tormentors."

Five Ohio Jewish Groups Join in Suit Against Sectarian School Aid

COLUMBUS, O. May 12 (JTA)--Five Ohio Jewish organizations joined the American Civil Liberties Union and the Ohio Baptist Convention today in a taxpayers suit challenging the constitutionality of a state law requiring school districts to provide educational materials to sectarian schools on the same basis as to public schools. The disputed state law authorizes a \$13 million expenditure for such aid over an 18-month period.

The petition contended that the law violated the church-state separation principle and the religious liberty guarantees of the first amendment of the federal constitution. The suit was filed in the Court of Common Pleas here but its sponsors indicated they intended to carry it to the U. S. Supreme Court if necessary. Jewish groups joining in the suit were the Northern Ohio Council of the American Jewish Congress, the Cleveland Jewish Community Federation, the Jewish Community Relations Committee of Cincinnati, the Community Relations Committee of the Toledo Jewish Welfare Federation and the Workmen's Circle district committee of Ohio.

AJCongress Urges All Members to Provide Help to Poor People's Marchers

NEW YORK, May 12 (JTA)--Members of the American Jewish Congress throughout the United States were urged today by President Arthur Lelyveld to provide food, clothing and shelter to members of the Poor People's march converging on Washington. Rabbi Lelyveld, asserting that the organization endorsed the purposes of the march and its principle of non-violence, called on Jewish community centers, Ys, synagogues and other Jewish communal institutions to "open their doors and hearts" to the marchers.

Sponsors of the march agreed to change the name of the temporary town being erected in Washington to "The Resurrection City" from "City of Hope" at the request of the Jewish medical center in Los Angeles which has the latter name. The new name was chosen by Dr. Ralph Abernathy, head of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, which is sponsoring the demonstration, after the request was made by the Los Angeles institution.

Jewish Education Council Hears Appeal for Israel Studies in All Curricula

GROSSINGERS, N.Y. May 12 (JTA)--An appeal that Israel studies be made "an integral part of the curriculum at all levels of Jewish education in the United States" was made today by Dr. Abraham P. Gannes in his presidential address at the opening of a four-day 42nd annual conference of the National Council of Jewish educators here attended by more than 200 Jewish educators in Hebrew and Jewish studies.

Dr. Gannes said he hoped the convention would result in development of "a broad program of action and activities for introduction of Israeli studies into American religious schools."

Funeral Services Planned for Samuel Bloomingdale; Dies at 94

NEW YORK, May 12 (JTA)--Private funeral services were planned here today for Samuel J. Bloomingdale, son of the co-founder of the Bloomingdale department store, who died here at the age of 94. He was a trustee of the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies and of Montefiore Hospital for which he provided funds for a nurses apartment building. He was also a supporter of the American Jewish Committee and contributed to the development of its Institute for Human Relations here.