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Jews Across Nation Will Demonstrate Against Executions, Hold Memorial Meetings

NEW YORK, Jan. 30 (JTA) -- Jewish businessmen in Paterson, N. J. closed their stores today. They will be closed tomorrow and Saturday as if there were a death in the family. Their symbolic action will be duplicated in numerous cities across the nation as memorial demonstrations are slated in coming days to protest Iraq's execution of nine Jews alleged to have spied for Israel and its current trial of 13 more charged with aiding the United States Central Intelligence Agency.

The National Community Relations Advisory Council (NCRAC) said today that Christian organizations and leaders were joining Jews to raise their voices against the revolutionary tribunal trials in Baghdad. Demonstrations are slated in Detroit, Cleveland, Boston, Washington, D. C., Los Angeles and Springfield, Mass. Other cities were expected to join.

Kaddish for the executed Jews will be recited and memorial candles will be lighted in synagogues from coast to coast. Next Monday congregations and community groups will also hold memorial meetings and protests, according to Rabbi Herschel Schacter, chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations. Yehuda Hellman, Presidents Conference executive director, said that following a Conference-sponsored memorial service at Congregation Kehilath Jeshurun in New York, there will be a procession to the Iraq Mission to the United Nations and a silent vigil held there. Rabbi Schacter praised President Richard M. Nixon and UN Secretary-General U Thant for "expressions of concern" but warned that 65 others--many of them Jews--faced secret trial and public hanging in the "Iraq reign of terror."

In Washington, Rep. William Fitts Ryan, New York Democrat, introduced a House bill that would authorize 3,000 emergency visas to facilitate entry of Jewish citizens of Iraq if they can escape.

The world's anger and indignation over the trials and executions continued unabated today as officials, newspapers and organizations poured out their outrage in statements and editorials.

The New York Times devoted its second editorial in two days to the event. "Israel can see that the world does care," it said. "This concern must now be manifested in appropriate international action to alleviate the plight of Jews in all Arab countries that deny them basic human rights." The Christian Science Monitor, published in Boston, similarly carried an editorial for the second consecutive day, this time saying: "By limiting itself to verbal condemnation of the dead, Israel will have a better chance of rallying world pressure behind it . . .

Recalling that it recently criticized Pope Paul VI and other world leaders for having "applied a double standard" on recent violence and terrorism involving Israel and the Arabs, the Synagogue Council of America yesterday praised the Pontiff and Protestant and Catholic leaders for voicing outrage over the executions. The organization, representing Conservative, Reform and Orthodox rabbinic and congregational organizations in the United States, expressed hope that world political and religious leaders will continue and intensify their interventions to prevent "repetition of these monstrous barbarities." Lawrence Cardinal Sheenan, Archbishop of Baltimore, termed the executions a "repugnant action" and declared "the preponderance of Jews gives the execution an aura of the vendetta."

Jacques Torczyner, president of the Zionist Organization of America, which claims over 100,000 members, today urged the U.S. Government to insist in the UN and on its own right that Jewish "captives" in Arab lands be permitted to emigrate to Israel. He said that Iraq's 2,500 Jews as well as those in Egypt, Syria and Lebanon were "hostages in deadly peril."

In a telegram to President Richard M. Nixon, Charles Feureisen, national commander of the Jewish War Veterans of the U.S.A., urged "full American protests and diplomatic pressures against the barbaric executions of Iraqi Jews." Earl Morse, chairman of the board of trustees of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations (Reform) also sought aid for Iraqi Jews in messages to Mr. Nixon and Mr. Thant. B'nai B'rith addressed a similar appeal to Mr. Thant.

In London, more than 60 Members of Parliament signed a motion in the House of Commons deploring the executions. Iraqi Ambassador, Khadim Khalaf filed protests with the Foreign Office, objecting to the Government's expression of regret over the hangings and to demonstrations outside his Embassy. Vigils were held in public squares in Manchester, in the heart of the industrial midlands and in Glasgow, Scotland.

In Johannesburg, Maurice Porter, chairman of the Board of Jewish Deputies of South Africa, said the world "was horrified". The Board of Deputies and South African Zionist Federation called for a mass protest meeting Sunday.

In Santiago, Chile today, the newspaper, El Mercurio, described the hangings as "an offense against human rights" that "sent a shudder throughout the world." Brazilian Foreign Minister Magalhaes Pinto instructed the UN Mission to transmit to the Iraqi delegation its concern over the fate of the Iraqi Jews.

Tekoa Returning To UN, As Egypt Sets Up National Defense Council For War

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., Jan 30 (JTA) -- Israel's Ambassador to the United Nations, Yosef Tekoa, was due here tomorrow to consult with Mideast envoy Gunnar V. Jarring. His return coincides with a new degree of Egyptian militancy, as Cairo announced formation of a National Defense Council empowered to declare war.

Government officials said the Council will be led by President Nasser and will have the power to order military mobilization, determine the size and armament of Egyptian armed forces and control war preparations and civil defense. It will also be empowered to sign military pacts, truce agreements and peace treaties.

The Mideast crisis will be discussed by President Nixon and British Prime Minister Harold Wilson "very soon," the White House said today. Observers said a formula may be sought to meet Franco-Soviet efforts to exploit the Arab-Israel crisis for the advancement of the former's Mideast interests.

A meeting of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) will be convened in the near future to consider, among other things, the latest developments in the Mideast and Mediterranean area, it was announced.

In Montreal, the French Ambassador to Canada, Pierre Siraud, told the Canadian Chamber of Commerce, "France stands firm for the protection of Israel's neighboring states which are . . . weakened and threatened by the prolonged conflict.

Eban, Dayan Indicate Israel Is More Interested In Saving Lives Than Reprisals

JERUSALEM, Jan. 30 (JTA) -- Foreign Minister Abba Eban and Defense Minister Moshe Dayan said yesterday that Israel would do everything possible to save the lives of surviving Iraqi Jews and that Israel would try to mobilize the moral forces of the world to that end. But it would not take any action that could put Iraqi Jews in even greater jeopardy, they declared. Military spokesmen denied as absolutely false a Baghdad claim today that seven Israeli jets had attacked Iraqi troop concentrations in Jordan. Iraq claimed a plane was shot down.

A Foreign Ministry spokesman said Israel would complain to the UN Human Rights Commission in Geneva, as Jews observed a day of prayer and fasting for their executed co-religionists. Sephardic Chief Rabbi Itzhak Nissim said he attached "great importance" to Pope Paul VI's denunciation of the hangings. The Pontiff saw "racial prejudice" as a factor in the executions. The Chief Rabbi of Iraq, Sasson Kadouri, defended the Baghdad trials in an interview broadcast by Radio Baghdad today and claimed that "Jews in Iraq have full liberty." Rabbi Kadouri said the three-man military tribunal that condemned 14 Iraqis, nine of them Jews, was a just court. He denied reports that his son was among those executed.

Eban Reportedly Told U.S. It Could Not Regard French As Neutral

JERUSALEM, Jan. 30 (JTA) -- Foreign Minister Abba Eban has reportedly advised United States Ambassador Walworth Barbour that if the U.S. agrees to a Four Power conference on the Middle East as proposed by France, Israel could not consider France as a neutral or objective participant. It was learned today that Mr. Eban met with Mr. Barbour last week. He reportedly reiterated Israel's position on the ways to achieve peace with the Arabs and repeated his Government's opposition to a Four Power Mideast conference. It was said that Mr. Eban sought the occasion to outline Israel's position prior to Saturday's National Security Council session on the Middle East in Washington.

De Gaulle's Pro-Arab Policy Rebuked At Event Honoring Gen. Pierre Koenig

PARIS, Jan. 30 (JTA) -- President Charles de Gaulle's pro-Arab policy received a strong rebuke yesterday when 250 leading French personalities attended a dinner in honor of Gen. Pierre Koenig, World War II resistance leader and head of the France-Israel Friendship Association. The occasion was Gen. Koenig's 70th birthday. But the turn-out, which included Alain Poher, president of the French Senate, the president of France's Economic and Social Council, members of the French Academy, the Senate, Chamber of Deputies and high ranking military officers, was seen as an expression of solidarity with Israel as much as a tribute to a war hero.

Gen. Koenig called for a mass meeting Sunday at the monument to unknown Jewish martyrs in Paris to protest the public hangings of the 14 Iraqis. Gen. Koenig, a former Defense Minister, outlined a program for Mideast peace which, he said, could be accepted by all sides and the Big Powers. His proposal called for recognition of Israel's existence by the Arabs; recognition of secure, guaranteed frontiers; and a just settlement of the Palestine refugee problem.

The Koenig event was only one of a series of outpourings of solidarity with Israel since the Baghdad hangings were announced. The executions were condemned by virtually the entire French press and today the Communist Party organ Humanite made it unanimous. The paper warned that the hangings did not advance the Arab cause and urged Iraq's leaders to "show more wisdom in the future by abstaining from acts that can only serve the enemies of the Arab people." It was the Communist newspaper's first criticism of any Arab government.

The wave of revulsion over the Iraqi hangings, following widespread criticism of President de Gaulle's embargo on military equipment and spare parts to Israel, appeared today to be having an effect on the Government. Observers noted a "more discreet" attitude concerning France's relations not only with Iraq but with Lebanon, Jordan and Egypt.

Israel, Iraq Clash At UN Session On Protecting Women In Times Of Emergency

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Jan. 30 (JTA) -- Israel and Iraq clashed in the United Nations today for the first time since the public hangings of nine Iraqi Jews for alleged espionage for Israel. The verbal confrontation occurred in a debate on the protection of women in times of emergency of war, during the 22nd session of the Commission on the Status of Women.

Israel is not a member of the commission, but Moshe Leshem, the Israeli observer, was permitted to make a statement. He charged that "partisan motivation" had prompted Egypt to raise the question of the protection of women and children "fighting for peace, national liberation and independence." He praised Israel's record in the administration of the occupied Arab territories. He said "not a single woman is in jail for an offense of political nature" and that women demonstrators were free to express their dissent in the presence of foreign visitors. He said that, in contrast, no concern was shown for Israeli women and children who had to take shelter from Jordan-based Iraqi artillery firing at Israeli border settlements. He added that "the blood-thirsty Baghdad show trials were condemned by world opinion."

Mohamed R. al-Jabiri, of Iraq, demanded that the Israeli representative confine his remarks to the item under discussion. He said the citizens of Iraq were the concern of the Iraqi government and accused Israel of trying to appoint itself spokesman for Jews all over the world.

Mr. al-Jabiri insisted that "what happened in Iraq recently was not religious discrimination against Iraqi Jews." He said it was discriminatory for the Zionist information media to name the Jews involved in the Baghdad trials when persons of other religions were involved as well. He claimed that the 14 men executed had received a fair trial. "We are in a state of war with Israel," the Iraqi delegate said. He demanded that Israel stop "pushing the citizens of other countries to spy for it."

Mrs. Aziza Hussein, of Egypt, said her delegation tried hard to avoid the "political implications" of the debate. She said the remarks of the Israeli spokesman were "mere allegations" and defended the actions of "freedom fighters" who were engaged in "legitimate self-defense."

Research Projects On Polish Jews During Nazi Occupation Is Approved In Warsaw

LONDON, Jan. 30 (JTA) -- A series of research projects dealing with Polish Jewry during the Nazi occupation in World War II has been approved by the Polish Minister for Culture and the Arts, Lucian Motyka, it was disclosed in Warsaw today by Dr. Simon Dattner, recently-appointed director of the Jewish Historical Institute. Mr. Motyka is in charge of implementing Poland's laws dealing with the preservation of archives and cultural relics.

Dr. Dattner said that despite a reduced staff, the Institute would be able to pursue a number of projects. These will include compilation of a complete list of Jewish communities destroyed by the Nazis; a list of Polish Jews who perished either as resistance fighters or in the armed forces of nations fighting the Hitlerites; a chronological list of the major events in the life of Polish Jewry during the Nazi era; a list of war criminals who committed crimes against Jews and Poles; and a history of Polish Jewry with special reference to its participation in revolutionary movements.

Israel Pays Tribute To Dutch For Economic Support Through Purchase Of Bonds

THE HAGUE, Jan. 30 (JTA) -- Israel paid tribute to Holland this week as the first country in Europe to support Israel's economic development through the sale of Israel Bonds. Ambassador Shimshon Arad visited The Netherlands' Finance Minister, Dr. H. J. Witteveen, as Israel prepared to redeem \$1,635,000 in coupon bonds of the First Development Issue which were sold in Holland from 1954 to 1959 and matured this month. An additional \$570,700 in saving bonds matured earlier. Ambassador Arad delivered to the minister a letter from Israel's Finance Minister Zeev Sharef expressing appreciation to the people of Holland for "the incomparable way in which they have, from the very beginning, stood by the State of Israel."

3 Young Followers Of Satmar Rebbe Banned From Yeshiva, Synagogue For UN Picketing

NEW YORK, Jan. 30 (JTA) -- Three young followers of the Satmar Rebbe in Williamsburg who took part in a demonstration in front of the United Nations on Jan. 14th against the State of Israel and its retaliatory attack on the Beirut airport have been expelled from the Satmar Yeshiva and banned from the Satmar Synagogue, the Jewish Telegraphic Agency learned today. The action against the three youths was taken as an indication of the displeasure of the Satmar Rebbe over their participation in the picketing which was done without permission or approval from the Hassidic sect, the JTA was informed. The youths, aged 17 to 19, were expelled from Yeshiva Torah V'Yirah and banned from the Yitev Leiv Synagogue in what amounted to an act of social ostracism against them, the JTA was told.

Two other Satmar youths who took part in the demonstration averted similar punishment, the JTA was told, when they convinced sect leaders that they repented their picketing. The three expelled youths have the same option, it was indicated, although it could not be learned whether they intended to seek a reversal of the ouster action. The Satmar Rebbe followers were among a group of some 100 bearded Williamsburg Jews who took part in the demonstration in expressing the view among ultra-Orthodox Jews that the modern State of Israel is opposed to traditional Judaism. A leaflet distributed during the protest asserted that Israel "is not and cannot be a 'Jewish State'."

Israeli Soldier Wounded By Single Shot From Egyptian Sniper At Suez Canal

TEL AVIV, Jan. 30 (JTA) -- An Israeli soldier was wounded by a single shot fired by an Egyptian sniper near Port Tewfik on the Suez Canal today, a military spokesman reported.

JTA Appeals To FCC To Reject Recommendation To Abolish Special Press Rates

WASHINGTON, Jan. 30 (JTA) -- The Jewish Telegraphic Agency has appealed to the Federal Communications Commission to reject a recommendation from its communications bureau to abolish special press rates on leased telegraph lines within the United States. The JTA informed the Commission that if it accepted the recommendation "it will take an action that will impede the free flow of information to the American public by depriving the small news services, which frequently provide specialized information, of access to the press on a competitive basis."

The JTA pointed out that "small agencies, specializing in particular areas of the news, are often able to provide information in greater depth and detail on news developments within their area of specialization. It would be a disservice to the American public to deny it the right of speedy access to this information. To abolish the press rates for leased telegraph service would be to close the field to the small news agency. This not only violates basic principles of freedom of competition but of freedom of the press."

The JTA declared that elimination of the press rates would "gravely hamper it in the distribution of news and would jeopardize its prospects of extending service to other newspapers in the country." It estimated abolition of the press rates would increase its cost for this type of service by 40 percent. Many of the publications served by JTA, it said, were publications "providing information to a section of the American public deeply concerned with the specialized news this Agency provides."

ACLU Opposes Demanded Penalties For WBAI Stemming From Anti-Semitic Remarks

NEW YORK, Jan. 30 (JTA) -- The American Civil Liberties Union took issue yesterday with organizations and individuals who have demanded penalties for radio station WBAI-FM for permitting Negro militants to broadcast anti-Semitic material over its facilities.

The latest such demand was made by Rep. Emanuel Celler, Brooklyn Dem., in a letter to Federal Communications Commission chairman, Rosel H. Hyde, urging the FCC to use its "full powers" against WBAI-FM, a listener-supported station. The FCC has authority to rescind licenses.

Mr. Celler, chairman of the House Judiciary Committee, said the directors of the station "have attempted to shield themselves with a mistaken interpretation of the First Amendment" to the U.S. Constitution granting free speech. But John De J. Pemberton, executive director of the ACLU, warned that "it is a false and ruinous logic that would lead us to fight race hate and religious bigotry with the alien weapons of censorship and suppression of free speech." He said his organization opposed sanctions against WBAI-FM and was "prepared to offer testimony before the FCC in the interest of free speech."

The demands for punitive action against WBAI-FM stemmed from a Dec. 26th broadcast on which a militant Negro teacher, Leslie Campbell, read an anti-Semitic poem allegedly written by a 15-year-old Negro schoolboy. Mr. Campbell appeared on the Julius Lester show. Mr. Lester, a Negro activist, defended the reading on grounds that it reflected feelings prevailing among many Negroes. On a show last week, Mr. Lester permitted a young Negro panelist to make anti-Semitic remarks, among them regrets that Hitler didn't make "more lampshades" out of Jews. The board of directors of WBAI-FM which is owned by the Pacifica Foundation of Berkeley, Cal., issued a policy statement Tuesday declaring that while the racist views presented were repugnant to everyone at the station, it could not suppress them without violating the First Amendment. The board categorically rejected demands by a group calling itself the "Jewish Defense League" that it fire Mr. Lester, pledge to eliminate anti-Semitic remarks from its presentations and make a public apology.

Foundation Asks Restudy Of Grant To Unit Headed By Vann

NEW YORK, Jan. 30 (JTA) -- The Ford Foundation has asked City University to re-study a \$60,000 grant earmarked for use by a community committee headed by Albert Vann, president of the militant African-American Teachers Association, who is under fire for anti-Semitic remarks. The Ford Foundation requested the university to review its relationship with Mr. Vann's committee following expressions of concern by faculty members over some of Mr. Vann's public statements.

The 60,000 grant is part of a \$442,000 grant approved by the Ford Foundation last December for the Bedford-Stuyvesant Community Coalition. The Coalition is cooperating with City University in planning a new two-year community college in the predominantly Negro section of Brooklyn.

Mr. Vann, an administrator of the Ocean Hill-Brownsville School District, has denied anti-Semitic intent in an editorial published in the organ of the African-American Teachers Association, and has been cleared of charges of harassing union teachers during last year's school strike. Other charges of anti-Semitism brought against him are under investigation by Superintendent of Schools, Bernard E. Donovan.

Nathan Perlmutter, associate director of the American Jewish Committee, yesterday welcomed the news that the Ford Foundation "is reviewing a grant that, if made, might be construed as a reward and subsidization of truculent prejudice."

Leib Rubashov, Nephew Of Shazar, Dies Suddenly In Israel At 44

JERUSALEM, Jan. 30 (JTA) -- Dr. Leib Rubashov, a nephew of President Zalman Shazar, of Israel, died here yesterday at the age of 44. Dr. Rubashov came to Israel from Leningrad in 1965 and lectured on China at the Hebrew University.