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El Fatah Is Receiving Financial, Moral And Political Aid In U.S., The ADL Reports

WASHINGTON, April 20 (JTA) -- The El Fatah guerrilla organization is receiving financial, moral and political support from extremist groups in the United States and has had "considerable success in mobilizing extremist support here," the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith said today. Money and propaganda support have been provided to El Fatah since it launched U.S. activities in 1968, Arnold Forster, ADL general counsel, told the organization's 56th annual national Commission meeting here. Supporters include the 10,000-member Organization of Arab Students, groups of the Communist "old left," New Left radicals and some black extremists and revolutionary organizations, he said. El Fatah maintains headquarters at the offices of the Palestine Liberation Organization at 801 Second Avenue, in New York City, he said. The office is reportedly directed by Saadat Hassan, said to be a longtime Arab propagandist in the U.S.

Mr. Forster said that an El Fatah publication entitled Free Palestine is being sold on a subscription basis through a Washington, D.C. post office box. Funds are being raised under Palestine Liberation Organization auspices, throughout the U.S., by Fatah representatives Abram Abdul Majeed and Yosef Hanafi, identified as Palestinians. El Fatah emissaries are also engaged in fund-raising in Canada and Latin America. The major targets for money have been New York, Washington, Houston, Los Angeles and Detroit, Mr. Forster said.

The ADL said that El Fatah activities have received substantial and favorable treatment in The Black Panther, official publication of the Black Panther Party, and Muhammad Speaks, organ of the Black Muslim movement led by Elijah Muhammad. Last Jan. 4, the Panther, which ran three pro-El Fatah items, published a long article headlined "Palestine Guerrillas vs. Israeli Pigs." The Black Conscience, published in Detroit by the Organization for African American Education, carried a long article that glorified El Fatah and denounced Israel. It had been reprinted from The Militant, organ of the Trotskyist Socialist Workers Party.

Other pro-Fatah positions have been taken repeatedly by the following extremists elements, the ADL said: Youth Against War and Fascism, youth arm of the pro-Peking Workers World Party; the Committee to Support Middle East Liberation, an element of the Youth Against War and Fascism; and the U.S. Committee to Aid the National Liberation Front, described as a pro-Viet Cong group. The latter picketed the U.S. Mission to the United Nations on Feb. 15 in support of El Fatah. Other extremist supporters of El Fatah, the ADL said, include: the pro-Peking Progressive Labor Party, formed in the early 1960s by Communist Party dissidents and the Military Labor Forum, an arm of the Trotskyist Socialist Workers Party.

There have been recent indications, Mr. Forster said, that Students for a Democratic Society, (SDS), strongest of the student New Left organizations, may be moving toward "acceptance of old-line, anti-Zionist Arab propaganda, overlaid with support for the new Third World versus colonialism line of Arab revolutionaries--and toward a pro-El Fatah position." He said that far left elements "view Israel and the Western 'imperialist' countries, especially the U.S., as forces opposing the efforts of the 'Third World' peoples in Africa, Asia and Latin America to defeat 'colonialism' through wars of national liberation." England and France are also bases for efforts on behalf of the El Fatah, according to Mr. Forster. He said that Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Peru and Mexico are among the Latin American countries where recruiting efforts, fund-raising and "highly professional" propaganda have been reported. Disseminating El Fatah propaganda there is the Arab League, often in conjunction with the Embassies of Egypt, Syria and other Arab governments, Mr. Forster said.

Find Most Americans Subscribe To Anti-Semitic Beliefs Or Are Indifferent

A majority of Americans either subscribe to anti-Semitic beliefs or are indifferent to the problem of anti-Semitism, a four-year study financed by the ADL has disclosed. The study, conducted by the Survey Research Center of the University of California, found only 16 percent of the population to be totally free of anti-Semitic stereotypic views and to warrant the description of "consistent opponents of anti-Semitism."

The results of the study, which began in 1965, were made public at the ADL parley here by its national chairman, Dory Schary, who warned that apathy was more dangerous than overt anti-Semitic practices, which were found to be low. He said, however, that the findings on the whole constituted a "danger signal" to Jews and to all Americans.

According to Dr. Charles Y. Glock, director of the Research Center, the results were based on 2,000 interviews representing a national cross-section of the population. They showed that the acceptance of anti-Semitic stereotypes is "firmly anchored in a whole system of generally unenlightened beliefs and weak commitment to democracy." It is most pervasive among the least educated, among the older segment of the population and in the rural South and Midwest. The survey showed that while education "can be the primary countervailing influence," acceptance of social club discrimination, if not anti-Semitic stereotypes, was found among persons with high educational and occupational status.

The survey showed that 37 percent of the population has a negative image of Jews based on old canards that Jews control international banking, engage in shady business practices, are too powerful, too shrewd and tricky, too clanish, too ambitious, too bossy, and are less loyal to America than other citizens. More than 25 percent defended the right of social clubs to exclude Jews while 29 percent, though opposed in principle, would do little or nothing to combat social club discrimination. Only 36 percent firmly opposed it. Only five percent of those questioned said they would vote for an anti-Semitic candidate, but over one-third indicated that a candidate's anti-Semitism would make no difference to them, the survey showed.

It confirmed the findings of other studies which showed that anti-Semitism was far less prevalent among American Negroes than among whites. Ninety-one percent of Negroes interviewed were against anti-Jewish social club discrimination; 87 percent opposed anti-Jewish employment practices; and 68 percent--as against 51 percent of the whites--said they would not be disturbed if a Jew were nominated for President. But negative beliefs about Jews were evident among Negroes in the economic sphere. For every 100 whites who said Jews use shady business practices, 145 Negroes gave that response. For every 100 whites who said Jews were not as honest as other businessmen, 129 Negroes said so. But unlike the white population, where the young were less anti-Semitic, in the black community negative opinions of the Jews were more prevalent among the young than the old.

Among religious groups, liberal Protestant denominations were found to be lower in anti-Semitism (24 percent) and higher in college education (52) than either Roman Catholics or conservative Protestant denominations. Mr. Schary said any amount of anti-Semitism among the college educated "is far from trivial...since they typically occupy positions of power and prestige which set or maintain society's values. The acceptance of social club discrimination by the educated elite helps to validate and reinforce the anti-Semitic attitudes and beliefs of the less educated," Mr. Schary said.

Ben Gurion Favors Yielding Territories--Except Jerusalem--For A True Peace

ROME, April 20 (JTA) -- Former Prime Minister David Ben Gurion of Israel says he would be disposed to give up at once all Arab territory occupied by Israel in the June, 1967 Six-Day War in exchange for a true peace with the Arabs--all except Jerusalem. Mr. Ben Gurion's remarks were heard on a television interview taped at his home in Sde Boker and broadcast yesterday over the Italian television network.

The 82-year-old retired statesman warned that "peace is in danger." "We need to act quickly," he said, "because we may be on the brink of a new war." Mr. Ben Gurion said that only Jerusalem was not exchangeable because "to us it is everything."

Politicians, Military Leaders Sum Up Israel's Position As Anniversary Approaches

JERUSALEM, April 20 (JTA) -- Israeli politicians, summing up the diplomatic situation as Israel's 21st anniversary on Wednesday approaches, agree that there can be no changes in the cease-fire lines until a firm peace agreement is negotiated with the Arabs. Their statements indicate that differences persist within the Government of the future status of the occupied territories. Military leaders are emphasizing Israel's strength.

Premier Golda Meir and Foreign Minister Abba Eban took sharp issue with those of their colleagues--Defense Minister Moshe Dayan--who want to link the occupied territories more closely to Israel economically and legally. Mrs. Meir told reporters Friday that she had reservations about the economic integration of the West Bank with Israel, as proposed by Gen. Dayan. She said the present movement of West Bank Arab laborers into Israel would decline once Israeli planners established full employment on the West Bank. She said Israel did not want to face a situation where white collar workers and foremen were Jews and the menial laborers were Arabs. She also rejected proposals for a separate Palestinian state on the West Bank. Such a state, she claimed, could not exist unless it was closely tied to either Israel or Jordan and she opposed such links, especially with Israel. Mr. Eban criticized Gen. Dayan's plan to impose Israeli legislation on the occupied territories. He said such a step would make it appear to the world that Israel is not serious in its proclaimed desire for peace.

Mr. Eban also criticized groups like the "Greater Israel" movement whose adherents say that Israel must not return an inch of captured territory. He said such views could do great harm to Israel and that even those who profess them realize that there can be no peace unless both sides agree to some concessions.

Gen. Dayan, a political figure and a highly regarded military leader, ridiculed Egyptian claims of heavy casualties inflicted on Israeli forces along the Suez Canal. Gen. Dayan spoke at a pre-Independence Day rally last week. But he disclosed Israel's official casualty figures--dead and wounded--during and since the 1967 war which, if not corresponding to the inflated Arab figures, were still high in proportion to Israel's population. He said that Israel suffered 3,600 casualties in the Six-Day War and 1,600 dead and wounded in the nearly two years of border fighting since then. He said the border fighting was politically motivated by the Arabs, militarily indecisive, and will continue.

Gen. Dayan said that Israel has lost seven jets and one Piper Cub since the war, and that Egypt has lost 15 jets and Syria three. The commander of Israel's Air Force, Gen. Mordechai Hod, said Friday that Egypt and Syria now have far more first line combat planes than they had on the eve of the war. But, he said, "it is still the man behind the gun and the pilot in the cockpit who counts" and here Israel continues to maintain its superiority.

Gen. Aharon Adnan, commander of Israel's Armored Corps, said at a rally in Ramle today that

gypt and Syria now have far more first line combat planes than they had on the eve of the war. Three quarters of the Egyptian Army is concentrated along the west bank of the Suez Canal with a 10 to one ratio of artillery in their favor. Nevertheless, he said, the Egyptians suffered greater casualties and damage in the recent fighting. He observed that Egyptian refineries and oil ports were wrecked and front line bunkers destroyed. Gen. Aharon Yariv, chief of intelligence, General Headquarters branch, said that while the Arabs have strengthened their armies, they are still unprepared for war. Chief of Staff Gen. Haim Bar-Lev said that Israel can produce the same number of pilots and tank troops as an Arab country and that Israel will maintain its military technical and scientific superiority for years to come.

Moshe Kol, Israel's Minister of Tourism and Development, declared that Israel's Army has become the custodian of free navigation through the Strait of Tiran and the Gulf of Aqaba on behalf of the United Nations which proved unable to keep the waterway open.

Eban Says Washington Stands By 3 Basic Principles On Mideast Solution

JERUSALEM, April 20 (JTA) -- Foreign Minister Abba Eban told the Cabinet today that the U.S. still stands by at least three basic principles for a solution of the Mideast conflict which coincide more or less with Israel's position. Mr. Eban did not evaluate the progress--or lack of it--in the Big Four talks so far. He said, however, that the U.S. believed that there must be a contractual peace, that the two sides should, at some time, meet directly and that the armistice lines which existed in May, 1967 are not the secure and agreed boundaries called for by the Security Council's Nov. 22, 1967 resolution.

Mr. Eban would not estimate how long the Big Four talks would last, but said that the U.S. envisaged a two month limit. (The four will hold their fifth meeting tomorrow at the New York residence of the French UN Ambassador, Armand Berard.) Mr. Eban told the Cabinet that King Hussein's various remarks during his visit to the U.S. confirmed Israel's previous evaluation of his peace proposals as having no practical meaning. He declared that the only Arab proposals that should be taken seriously are those that Arab leaders bring to a peace table.

(King Hussein was to meet this weekend in London with Prime Minister Harold Wilson and Foreign Secretary Michael Stewart. Jordanian Premier Abdel Moneim Rifai told the Cairo newspaper Akhbar el-Yom that King Hussein's six-point peace plan presented in a Washington speech was not new. He said it contained the points appearing in the Security Council resolution.)

Israel Ridicules Egyptian Claim That Commandos 'Wiped Out' Israeli Canal Position

TEL AVIV, April 20 (JTA) -- An Israeli military spokesman today ridiculed an Egyptian claim that a commando unit had "wiped out" an Israeli position opposite Ismailia on the Suez Canal and that it destroyed an Israeli tank in a subsequent encounter. The spokesman said an Egyptian commando squad of 15 men crossed Lake Timsah at about 8:30 last night but was driven back with loss of equipment. He said one Israeli soldier was wounded and a military vehicle was damaged.

Cairo radio claimed today that 30 Israeli soldiers were killed or wounded and that Israeli Army vehicles and munitions depots were destroyed. An Israeli military spokesman said the Egyptian crossing was one of the rare attempts by Egyptian forces to penetrate the Sinai Peninsula and had little success. He said the Egyptians retreated after an exchange of fire and left behind explosives, a Russian-made Kalachnikov assault rifle and smoke bombs.

The claims and their rebuttal came as Egyptian artillery opened fire across the Suez Canal for the 12th straight day. Israeli guns returned the fire. Soviet-supplied long range artillery was reported to have been moved to the Suez firing line in recent days. Cairo claimed the big guns had destroyed an Israeli supply convoy in the Mitla Pass, 18 miles east of the canal.

Heavy fighting flared over the week-end along Israel's border with Jordan, in the Golan Heights and across the Suez Canal. Artillery, tank guns and mortars roared along the entire length of the waterway yesterday in a battle that went on almost for 23 hours. Egyptian spokesmen claimed that heavy casualties and damage were inflicted on Israeli forces. Israel said that three soldiers were killed and five wounded on all fronts since Friday. Four Arab saboteurs were killed today in a clash with an Israeli patrol on the West Bank. The body of another guerrilla was found following a clash Saturday north of the Allenby Bridge.

The large number of clashes along the Israel-Jordan demarcation line appeared to be the result of desperate efforts by saboteurs to infiltrate Israeli territory with the object of launching attacks and planting explosives during Israel's Independence Day celebrations Wednesday. Saboteurs were intercepted by Israeli patrols near the Allenby Bridge and near Um Tutz where there is a natural ford across the Jordan River, a military spokesman said.

Israeli security forces reportedly were taking measures to prevent incidents in areas where mass celebrations of Independence Day will take place.

Jordanian forces and Arab irregulars shelled Beisan Valley settlements Friday, Saturday and Sunday. The shooting spread to the southern Golan Heights. Israel return fire blasted Jordanian positions. In one case a water canal paralleling the Yarmuk River was destroyed. Iraqi artillery stationed in Jordan was reported to have taken part in some of the attacks. Some of the shells that landed in the Golan Heights came from 122-mm. field pieces used by the Iraqi Army.

AJCommittee Survey Finds Catholics More Sympathetic To Israel Than Protestants

WASHINGTON, April 20 (JTA) -- A survey by the American Jewish Committee has found clerical and lay leaders of the Roman Catholic Church in America to be more sympathetic toward Israel than American Protestant denominations. The results of the survey were based on a study of the public positions of Catholic and Protestant leaders following Israel's reprisal raid on Beirut Airport last Dec. 28 after a terrorist attack on an El Al airliner at Athens two days before.

The study, prepared by Mrs. Judith H. Banki of the AJCommittee's inter-religious affairs department, noted that "on the whole, Catholic leaders and the official diocesan press are more sympathetically disposed to Israel and more likely to balance their specific criticism of Israel's behavior with parallel criticisms of the Arab nations. The official Protestant press--and the statements of most Protestant institutional leaders--have been less favorably disposed to Israel and have seen the plight of the Arab refugees as the overriding issue in the Middle East and have placed primary responsibility for the plight of the refugees on Israel." The AJCommittee findings showed that official Catholic statements have called on both the Israelis and Arabs to negotiate directly with each other. Leaders of the National Council of Churches, the Protestant coordinating body, wired their gratitude to former President Lyndon B. Johnson and former Ambassador J. Russell Wiggins for the United States' condemnation of Israel's Beirut raid, the study noted.

Huge Throng Witnesses Lighting Of Candles Here Marking Israel's 21st Anniversary

NEW YORK, April 20 (JTA) -- More than 3,000 persons in Manhattan Center today witnessed the kindling of 21 huge candles to mark the 21st anniversary of Israel's independence. Independence Day will be celebrated in Israel on Wednesday, April 23. The candle-lighting ceremony was part of the annual conference of the council of organizations of the United Jewish Appeal of Greater New York. It was addressed by Morris J. Levinson, president of the New York UJA, and Gen. Uzi Narkiss, director of the Jewish Agency's immigration department in Jerusalem.

The Synagogue Council of America issued an Independence Day statement noting that the American Jewish community viewed the event with mixed emotions. According to Rabbi Jacob P. Rudin, president of the Council, which speaks for Conservative, Orthodox and Reform Jewry, Jews feel "the primary sense of gratitude that the State exists, that Israel is a reality." But, he added, Israel still faces the obdurate hatred of the Arabs and, despite its victory in the June, 1967 war, it has not been able to win the peace which it fervently desires.

Sen. Charles Goodell of New York said here today that the Big Four talks on the Mideast could be fruitful only if the course they pursued was "persuasive rather than dictatorial." The New York Republican spoke at an Israel Independence Day celebration and religious service arranged by the New York metropolitan region of the United Synagogue of America (Conservative) and attended by 1,000. He said the current talks between the U.S., Britain, France and Soviet Russia "can only be effective if they lead to Arab and Israel sitting down together at the table and ironing out their own differences by force of argument rather than by force of arms."

Axel Springer, West German Publisher, Says Reconciliation Is A Goal Of His Papers

NEW YORK, April 20 (JTA) -- Axel Springer, the West German publisher, said here Friday that his newspapers--five daily and two Sunday--had principles which all of his editors accepted, and one was the goal of "reconciliation between the Jewish and German people." He spoke at the annual awards dinner of the Overseas Press Club.

Mr. Springer said this goal could be achieved, if it could be reached at all, "only in the generation of our children and grandchildren." He said he was "so concerned" about Israel because he felt that "the unspeakable things done in Germany's name" to the Jews by the Nazis "can never be undone, nor can they be overcome." But, he added, it was essential to "use the historic chance that the Lord of history has manifestly granted my people." This, he said, was "to stand fast by the State of Israel, the State built by the children and brothers of those whom Germans murdered." He also voiced opposition to the right-wing National Democratic Party.

Mr. Springer also asserted that a strong stand by the Western powers in the present Mideast deadlock would pay off for the West. He characterized the Russians as seeking to be "chief mediators, while at the same time playing the role of quasi-belligerents" in the Mideast. The publisher, who recently visited Israel, said that the Israelis were not "basically hostile" to the Arabs and that they were ready to negotiate outstanding issues "but only after the Arabs have also shown willingness to negotiate." Meanwhile, he added, the Israelis "are not prepared to give up a square foot of the soil they hold." He said he was certain that the Israeli stand "will finally create prosperity and peace in the region for both Arabs and Jews."

NPD's Von Thadden Announces His Candidacy For The Bundestag

BONN, April 20 (JTA) -- Adolf von Thadden, National Democratic Party chairman said today he will run this year for election to the Bundestag, the West German lower house, and his party will spend \$2.5 million to gain seats for its candidates. He also said that a general in the West German Army was a NPD member but declined to identify him. The West German Government is expected to consider Wednesday the question of seeking a ban on the party as anti-democratic, and may also consider abolishing the statute of limitations on Nazi war crimes which is slated to go into effect on Dec. 31. After that date, no new prosecutions for war crimes involving murder and crimes against humanity may be initiated.

In a related development, the Western Allies have turned down requests by West Berlin Mayor Klaus Schutz and the City Senate to outlaw the NPD in that city.