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Conditions Of Iraqi Jews Said To Be Still Grave Despite Reported Relaxation Of 2 Laws

JERUSALEM, June 1 (JTA) -- The situation of Iraqi Jews continues to be grave despite the announcement that specific anti-Jewish legislation has been abolished, observers said here today. They could not account for the thinking behind the Baghdad Government's reported decision to cancel two laws promulgated after the Six-Day War.

An announcement on official Baghdad Radio heard here Thursday said the Cabinet decided last Tuesday to abrogate laws which provided that the property of all Jews stripped of their Iraqi nationality were to be placed under control of a public custodian.

The broadcast said the laws were being cancelled "to put an end to the exploitation suffered by these Jews at the hands of the previous regime." The former regime of President Abdel Rahman Arif was overthrown in July, 1968. The new regime, which last January hanged nine Jews as spies for Israel--and displayed their bodies--is controlled by the Socialist Baathist Party.

The announcement said that affairs of Jewish families who had been deprived of Iraqi citizenship would be attended to by the State. There are only some 2,000 to 3,000 Jews left in Iraq. Many left for Israel after the State was created in 1948 and they were deprived of their citizenship; also affected by the Government's action were relatives or direct members of families who chose to stay in Iraq. Baghdad Radio said the Cabinet had decided to abolish the laws "to preserve the interests of the Jewish community." It accused the previous regime of exploiting Jews.

New York Delivers Massive Parade Salute To Israel--60,000 Marchers, 250,000 Viewers

NEW YORK, June 1 (JTA) -- New York saluted Israel's 21st anniversary with a massive parade under a brilliant sunny sky today. There were some 60,000 marchers, an estimated 250,000 viewers and a lot of gaiety. The parade was termed the largest of its kind in the five years that New Yorkers and residents of adjacent states have been marching to celebrate their solidarity with the Jewish state.

Twenty-one white pigeons--symbolic of peace doves--were released and promptly flew in the direction of Madison Ave., from the Fifth Ave. parade site, near where about 100 Arabs were holding a counter-demonstration. In charge of the Arab group--the Action Committee on American-Arab Relations--was Dr. Mohammed Mehdi, its head, who said that the Arabs were mourning "genocide against the Jews in Europe by Hitler and against the Palestinians by the Zionists."

"You don't have to be Jewish to love Israel" one banner proclaimed, and speakers, floats and marchers reflected that mood. A number of participants--including six Negro high school bands--high stepped along the parade route. Greetings were brought by national Negro leaders.

On the reviewing stand were members of Israel's diplomatic corps, led by Yosef Tekoah, the United Nations envoy. Mayor John V. Lindsay extended the city's greetings. On hand with him were other government dignitaries and candidates of both parties for the New York mayoral nominations. During the festivities, a shofar was sounded by a member of the Student Struggle for Soviet Jewry to remind those present of the repression of the Russian Jewish community.

Oil Spreads Into Sea Of Galilee Following Terrorist Attack On Pipeline In Golan

JERUSALEM, June 1 (JTA) -- Oil slicks spread into the Sea of Galilee last night as a result of an Arab terrorist destruction of a segment of the 1,000-mile Arabian-American (Aramco) pipeline in the Golan Heights area of Israeli-occupied Syria. A splinter group of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine claimed it blew up the section of American-owned pipeline Friday night along the Baniyas River in order that the oil would pollute the river which supplies water for Israeli settlements and fisheries in the Huleh Valley.

(Officials of Tapline, the trans-Arabian Pipeline outfit, announced in Beirut that it closed down the pipeline, which runs from Saudi Arabia to Lebanon, as soon as pressure dropped at the Sidon outlet in Lebanon.)

Israeli firefighters succeeded at noon today in extinguishing flames that raged through the damaged pipeline following the explosion. The fire burned 14 hours before Israelis, working with eight trucks in tremendous heat, managed to quell it. Bulldozers were utilized to direct the flow of oil away from the headwaters of the Jordan River. An Israeli spokesman, inspecting the water sources that form the basis of Israel's supply, said that "there was no cause for alarm." Israeli officials said oil flowed from the damaged pipeline for two hours before the supply was cut off. Some oil was carried down the Baniyas River into the Jordan River, but officials said there was no danger of contamination.

An Israeli spokesman said an Israeli army patrol engaged the guerrillas just before they crossed back into Lebanon. A military spokesman said blood stains and an abandoned submachine gun found by the patrol suggested that at least one of the guerrillas was injured. The 30-inch pipeline, completed in 1950, runs from Saudi Arabia through Jordan and Syria to Lebanon. It carries some 30,000,000 tons of crude oil annually. Taxes on it in Lebanon earn that country \$4,000,000 annually. This is the first time the oil flow has been interrupted since the Six-Day War two years ago.

Washington Said To Be Awaiting Soviet Replies To Questions On Boundaries, Direct Talks

JERUSALEM, June 1 (JTA) -- The Soviet Union has not replied to a question submitted by Assistant Secretary of State Joseph Sisco to Soviet Ambassador Anatoly Dobrynin at bilateral talks in Washington concerning whether or not the Soviet Union accepted the concept of secure and recognized boundaries for Israel and if direct negotiations between the sides at some stage are envisaged by Moscow, informed sources said. The last Soviet document submitted in writing in the bilateral talks was in December. Everything since then has been confined to oral exchanges, the sources said.

(The Soviet Union denied Western press reports that it has been easing up on its attitude toward Israel. The Government newspaper Izvestia said in Moscow that the Soviet Union still insists on complete withdrawal of Israeli forces from the occupied territories. It said that the Government still opposed Arab-Israeli negotiations, and that Western reports to the contrary were fabrications intended to create doubt about Soviet Mideast policy.)

(In Washington, Israel's Ambassador Yitzhak Rabin told television interviewers today, in response to questions about alleged Soviet peace moves in the Big Four meetings, that there has been no let-up in the Russian supply of arms to Egypt, Syria and Iraq. Appearing in the Evans-Novak Report, Gen. Rabin was asked about reported Russian support of direct talks between the Arabs and Israel if Israel paves the way by token withdrawals from occupied territory. The envoy said he was not aware of any change in the Russian position. He pointed out that Israel was not a party to the talks.)

One Killed, 12 Wounded In Explosion In Central Israel Ammunition Factory

TEL AVIV, June 1 (JTA) -- One man was killed, 12 injured and another is missing following an accidental explosion in an ammunition factory "somewhere in central Israel," it was reported here. The 12 were hospitalized though not seriously injured. According to a report, the explosion occurred in a bunker of explosives. The precise location was not given for security purposes.

Two Israeli soldiers, including a major, were killed Friday during several hours of sporadic fighting at the Suez Canal. The clash started in the Qantara area, extended to the Firdan Bridge area opposite the Giradi Pass. Egyptians used tanks, mortars and artillery as well as machine guns in their attack, an Israeli military spokesman said. Artillery and small arms fire flared across the Suez Canal for seven hours Thursday an Israeli spokesman said. Six soldiers were injured. Egyptians fired artillery salvos and small arms at Israeli forces near Qantara.

Two Israeli soldiers were killed Thursday in a surprise attack of Jordanian tanks and artillery in the Damiya Bridge area. Jordanian forces reportedly opened fire while the bridge was crowded with Arabs, and with Israeli and Jordanian inspectors nearby. Israeli and Jordanian forces took shelter while the Arabs fled in panic. Israel returned heavy fire and reported some hits.

Israeli jet fighter planes took to the air Thursday afternoon to intercept two MIG-21 fighter planes violating Israeli air space over the Golan Heights in the Kuneitra area and shot one down in a dogfight. The clash took place at a 12,000-foot altitude. One of the MIG-21s was hit and crashed almost immediately near the cease-fire line. The pilot was seen bailing out. The Israeli planes returned safely to their base.

Israeli military sources said there was strong evidence that Iraqi units stationed in Jordan were involved in the shelling of Jewish settlements and positions in the Jordan River area just north of the Dead Sea. Splinters of shells fired at Kallia settlement on the northern tip of the Dead Sea during shelling Wednesday and Wednesday night, were identified as 122 mm. guns--a type with which the Iraqi artillery is equipped.

Although it had been reported that a large part of the expeditionary force that Iraq has maintained on Jordanian territory had been withdrawn because of the Iraqi involvement with the rebellious Kurds, it would appear that a number of Iraqi units are still in position in Jordan and are participating in actions along the entire Jordan River front.

Dayan Tells Israelis That Army Service May Be Extended To 3 Years

JERUSALEM, June 1 (JTA) -- Defense Minister Moshe Dayan put Israelis on notice that required Army service may be extended from the present two-and-a-half to three years. Speaking before 3,000 students in Convention Hall here, Gen. Dayan declared that it was not Israel's aim to intensify and escalate hostilities but to cool them down. Arab hostility, however, he said, was growing, rather than abating, and this, he warned, may make it necessary for Israel to remain on the cease-fire lines for a long time.

The Defense Minister reported that the Egyptians had made five attempts during the month of April to cross the Suez Canal but had made no further tries since then. He warned that they would not again find it as easy. Following Israel's strong response to Egyptian aggression in April, he said, the number of incidents had been reduced. Whereas in April, he reported, there had been 568 incidents in the canal area, in May, the number dropped to 370.

Israelis Take Imposition Of New Taxes On Goods, Travel In Their Stride

JERUSALEM, June 1 (JTA) -- Israel took in its stride the imposition of higher taxes on durable consumer goods and a flat-rate increase in the travel tax. On the latter, the complaint was heard that the increase discriminated against the purchaser of low-price tours to nearby destinations.

Torczyner Says ZOA Will Not Join U.S. Zionist Federation, Asserts Canadians Lost Rights

MIAMI BEACH, Fla., June 1 (JTA) -- Zionist Organization of America president Jacques Torczyner said today that the ZOA will not join the American Zionist federation which was proposed along with other Zionist federations by the last World Zionist Congress in Jerusalem. He told the first Pan-American Zionist Conference here that the ZOA's executive and administrative committee had taken that decision in order to guarantee the ZOA's autonomy.

Mr. Torczyner said that the Canadian General Zionists had joined the federation envisioned by the World Zionist Congress and were soon deprived of their initiative and basic rights. The result, he said, is that the Canadian Zionist organization is now virtually non-existent. "We have no intention of inviting such a fate for the ZOA," said Mr. Torczyner. (See related story on Page 4.)

Conservative Educator Blames Home, Parent For The 'Generation Gap'

KIAMESHA LAKE, N.Y., June 1 (JTA) -- Dr. Morton Siegel, director of the education commission of the United Synagogue of America, said it is the failure of the home and the parent that is responsible for "today's generation gap." Speaking at the annual convention of the National Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs, Dr. Siegel said that "many Jewish parents do not apply a consistent pattern of a Jewishness in their lives and thus do not project an emulative example." Children want to imitate their parents, he said, and when parents do not project an affirmative and consistent pattern, "especially on the level of the ethical and the moral," the child "will seek to dissociate himself from the parent's image, and in over-compensation for such dissociation, wed himself to the most extreme types of rebellion."

Federation president Herman C. Rothberg reported that over 90 percent of the 375 member clubs are working with Jewish youth and participating in the sponsorship of a variety of youth programs. He said, "Nothing is more essential to the preservation of a healthy American Judaism than the maintenance of interest in Judaism and Jewish affairs among our youth. This our organization does through the Atid, the college group of the United Synagogue, with which our Federation is affiliated, and a leadership training fellowship for teen-agers. However, the finest expression of our interest in youth must come at the level of the individual men's clubs, and the originality and sincerity of what each club does in its own synagogues and communities to work with youth in the furtherance of their idealistic concepts. This provides us with our greatest opportunity to prevent an erosion of Judaism among our youth."

Anti-Defamation League, Jewish War Veterans Of N.Y. Oppose CCNY Quota Plan

NEW YORK, June 1 (JTA) -- The Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith has condemned the proposals to establish a quota system for admissions to the City College of the City University of New York as an attempt "to turn back the clock of progress." The ADL told the Board of Higher Education that it had fought "the pernicious practice of quota systems for college admittance" 25 years ago and had won the battle. Since then, it pointed out, "qualified students who previously would have been denied admission to colleges and universities on the basis of racial, religious and ethnic criteria have built a clear record of imposing contributions to their community and country."

The human rights agency told the Board, which will have the determining voice on whether the quota plan is adopted, that it recognized the urgent need to provide higher educational facilities for socio-economically disadvantaged youth but it warned that "any attempt to introduce a quota system is not only short-sighted but self-defeating to the university, its students and those potential students who desire and would profit from higher education." It expressed support of the City University's master plan for "compensatory education leading toward successful college matriculation" and called for firm disapproval of quota system proposals.

The New York Department of the Jewish War Veterans also called on the Board of Higher Education to reject the quota system proposals warning that to accept such a system would be "to permit retrogression." It asserted that quota systems had no place in the educational system. An agreement reached between the CCNY administration and black and Puerto Rican students would have admitted 50 percent of the next incoming class from disadvantaged areas without regard for academic achievement.

Chilean Government Newspaper Denounces Soviet Anti-Semitism In Editorial

SANTIAGO DE CHILE, June 1 (JTA) -- A severe editorial condemnation of Soviet anti-Semitism appeared last week in La Nacion, a leading Chilean Government organ. The paper traced the problem of anti-Semitism in Russia from Czarist days and found little difference in its status today under the Communist regime.

The editorial quoted anti-Semitic citations appearing in a book published in Moscow in 1966 entitled "Fundamental Questions of Scientific Atheism." The paper gave details on the suppression of Jewish life in the Soviet Union, beginning with the closing of Jewish schools in 1952. Today, it said, the Soviet Union's three million Jews are "pariahs" suffering from the anti-Semitism of the Soviet bureaucracy.

(In Berne, Switzerland, the press counsellor of the Soviet Embassy received a delegation of Jewish students which came to protest the treatment of the Jews in the Soviet Union and assured them that "everything is alright with the Soviet Jews." Attempting to prove that there was no need for demonstrations and protests, he gave the students a handful of official statements on the status of the Jews in Russia. Demonstrations were also held in Geneva under the auspices of the Union of Jewish Students in Switzerland. In Geneva, as here, the demonstrations went off peacefully.)

Pan-American Zionist Parley Told That Anti-Semitism Has Grown In Latin America

MIAMI BEACH, June 1 (JTA) -- Anti-Semitism in Latin America has grown in recent years because of Arab-financed propaganda, a Pan-American Zionist conference was told here. Prof. Gil Sinay of Santiago University and president of Chile's Jewish community, said the propaganda "is presented as anti-Zionist and anti-Israel, but it is definitely anti-Jewish and must be treated as such." One of the sources of negative attitudes toward Jews is the economic crisis experienced by many Latin American nations, according to Jacob Leszcz of Montivideo, Uruguay, president of the Latin American Confederation of General Zionists.

They addressed more than 250 delegates, including 92 from 10 Latin American nations, at the parley, the first of its kind, co-sponsored by the Zionist Organization of America (ZOA) and the Confederation of General Zionists. Dr. Emanuel Neumann, president of the World Union of General Zionists and chairman of the Jewish Agency--American section, described the purpose of the parley as the strengthening of ties between General Zionist groups in the Western Hemisphere and the Jewish communities in North, Central and South America. A Canadian delegation was also present.

Steps were taken toward linking all Jewish communities in the Hemisphere for the advancement of General Zionism and for implementation of programs to elevate educational standards. During four days of sessions, delegates exchanged views in English, Spanish, Yiddish and Hebrew, with simultaneous translations provided, and reviewed the problems that have afflicted communities in Latin and North American countries.

A principle resolution adopted by the parley called for an exchange of high school and college delegations and expansion of camp programs by communities affiliated with the Pan American General Zionist movement in order to increase educational programs needed to assure greater Jewish identity. The parley resolved to establish an exchange program of speakers and to introduce an enlarged publications project to include magazines, pamphlets and newsletters for the interpretation of Zionist and other Jewish issues seen as vital to youth. The conference also called for the establishment of institutes to train leaders; facilitation of Latin American youth's participation in the ZOA's Kfar Silver and Mollie Goodman high school studies in Israel; and development of Latin American cultural programs at ZOA House in Tel Aviv.

Leon Ilutovich, ZOA executive director, told the delegates that Latin America-North America study missions are being planned and that reciprocal tours by leaders of all organized Zionist groups are slated. They will learn each other's needs, he said. An inter-American General Zionist affairs committee is being formed, he announced.

Jews in South America number 800,000 with the largest communities in Argentina and Brazil, Prof. Sinay of Chile, said. He pointed to the shortage of Hebrew teachers and rabbis as major needs which can be provided by North American communities. He indicated however that a yeshiva that has been functioning for several years in Buenos Aires aids in training Orthodox rabbis and that the Jewish Theological Seminary of America in New York has aided in encouraging the Conservative movement in South American communities. A step of great significance was taken this year with the establishment of the Instituto Studio Judaicus in the University of Chile for the training of Hebrew teachers, he said. Prof. Sinay said that, contrary to the impression gained by the predominance of Yiddish among delegates to the parley, Yiddish is declining rapidly and Hebrew is replacing it as the second language either to Spanish or Portuguese. He also declared that in order to encourage entrance of youth into the Jewish teaching profession, it is necessary that they have a college degree and the new Judaicus institute in the Chile University is helping solve the problem.

Jacobo Leszcz, Montivideo leader, declared that Uruguay has long recorded friendly attitudes towards the 50-year-old Jewish community, that the "positive relationship" persists, and that while there is sporadic anti-Semitism, there is no fear of an emerging official anti-Semitism. Mr. Leszcz took pride in the fact that the comparatively small Jewish community of Uruguay not only has one of the three daily Yiddish newspapers published in Latin American countries--the other two appearing in Buenos Aires, Argentinian--but also that the Montevideo paper now has a daily Hebrew page.

A report on conditions in Argentina submitted by Mordecai Dayan, general secretary of the Argentinian Zionist Organization and a cousin of Israel's Defense Minister, Moshe Dayan, explained that the anti-Semitism that was in evidence in his country five years ago was the result of political and economic conditions. He declared emphatically that Argentinians generally are not anti-Semitic. He said anti-Israel and anti-Zionist campaigns that emanate from Arab embassies "in no sense influence public opinion and certainly have not poisoned the press."

Latin American spokesmen joined with North American leaders in urging combined efforts to encourage aliya to Israel and to assist young people in preparing for settlement there. ZOA president Jacques Torczyner pointed to the increase in the number of young Jews who are preparing for aliya. He said that at least 7,000 will go to Israel this year--twice last year's number of aliya participants from this country--and declared that the figure will grow. He stated that the 600,000 affiliated members of all Zionist movements in the United States "who form the largest single organized force in the country besides the synagogue memberships," are united on the question of aliya.

Robert Briscoe Dead At 74, Was Dublin's First And Only Jewish Mayor

DUBLIN, June 1 (JTA) -- Robert Briscoe, one of seven children of a Lithuanian Jew who came to Ireland to escape persecution and who became Dublin's first and only Jewish Mayor, died May 29 at 74. His 1956 election as Lord Mayor of heavily Catholic Dublin made him an international figure. An Orthodox Jew, he observed the dietary laws and all the groups he addressed during a U.S. tour were informed accordingly.