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## Rioters On Curacao Inflict Severe Damage On Many Jewish-Owned Business Firms

CARACAS, Venezuela, June 2 (JTA) -- Eye-witness accounts of rioting in the Dutch West Indies colony of Curacao have confirmed earlier reports that Jewish-owned business establishments suffered severe damage. Travellers reaching here mentioned Casa Cohen, Marine Store, El Globo, El Siglo, Touber, Casa Jose Verona and Spritzer & Furman among the shops that were sacked or burned by rampaging workers from the nearby oil refineries, all of them Negroes. But the riots, stemming from a wage dispute, were regarded by observers to be anti-white generally not anti-Jewish.

The Mikve Israel synagogue in Curacao, the oldest active Jewish house of worship in the Western hemisphere, was unharmed, nor was the 16th Century Jewish cemetery hit by the rioters.

Unofficial estimates from the colony put damages at \$25 million and said 70 percent of the island's businesses was destroyed. In addition there is the loss of tourist trade which, apart from the oil refineries, is the mainstay of Curacao's economy. New rioting was threatened yesterday unless Premier Ciro de Koon, reportedly in hiding, resigns. Willemstad, the island's principal town, was under curfew today, patrolled by Dutch marines.

The island lies 40 miles off the coast of Venezuela and, because it is a duty-free port, attracts large volumes of tourists and is visited by many cruise liners. Its shops, which are to a great extent Jewish-owned, are located mainly in the narrow Heerenstraat shopping center. They depend almost entirely on tourists to whom they offer perfumes, jewelry, liquors and handicrafts from all over the world at purportedly bargain prices.

## See Pompidou's Victory As Diminishing Chances Of Early Lifting Of Embargo On Israel

PARIS, June 2 (JTA) -- Yesterday's sweeping victory of the Gaullist Presidential candidate Georges Pompidou has further diminished chances of an early lifting of the embargo on aircraft, military equipment and spare parts imposed against Israel by former President Charles de Gaulle, diplomatic observers said today. Although M. Pompidou faces a run-off election with the runner-up in Sunday's voting, Acting President Alain Poher, political circles give the latter small chance of upsetting the Gaullist. M. Pompidou polled 44 percent of the vote to M. Poher's 23 percent. Communist candidate Jacques Duclos received 21 percent.

M. Pompidou, a former Premier, is expected to continue Gen. de Gaulle's Mideast policies for the time being if he wins the presidency. This would greatly dim Israel's prospects of receiving 50 Mirage V jet fighters, bought and paid for over a year ago, but still under embargo in a French hanger. M. Pompidou has only come out in favor of "Mideast peace" and has hinted that a general embargo on all arms to the area should be enacted.

M. Poher, during the early part of his campaign, promised to "re-examine" the de Gaulle embargo which he called "unjust and unacceptable." Circles friendly to Israel believed that a Poher victory would at least lead to a reconsideration of the embargo and presage changes in France's openly pro-Arab policies.

Now, political circles say, the only chance of a Poher victory in the run-off elections two weeks hence is by Communist Party support. However, a "price" would have to be paid for this and it is believed that one concession M. Poher would have to make to the Communists would concern the Middle East on which the French Communist Party firmly backs the Moscow line.

French aircraft manufacturer Marcel Bloch-Dassault, the man whose works built the Mirage plane, has expressed conviction that the de Gaulle embargo on the Mirages will be lifted soon. M. Bloch-Dassault also denied that his factory, or any other in France, was planning to sell Mirages or any other military aircraft to Iraq or other Arab states. The manufacturer made this statement shortly after French Defense Minister Pierre Messmer visited the International Air Show at Le Bourget airfield on the outskirts of Paris.

An Israeli delegation led by Gen. Zvi Tsur, special adviser to the minister of defense, was due to arrive in Paris for the show tomorrow. The three-man delegation does not plan to meet with M. Messmer or any other top French officials. France had first decided not to invite Israel "or any of the other Middle Eastern belligerents" to the air show. After de Gaulle's fall and under the pressure of the French Aeronautical Manufacturers' Association, invitations were sent out, reversing the de Gaulle decision.

## Dayan Says Israel Should Promote Economic Development, Health In Occupied Areas

TEL AVIV, June 2 (JTA) -- Defense Minister Moshe Dayan said today that Israel has no intention of intervening in attempts by Palestinian Arabs to organize themselves politically but is obligated to further the economic development, health and social services in the occupied territories.

Gen. Dayan spoke at a press conference marking the second anniversary of Israel's administration of the territories captured in the June, 1967 Six-Day War. He said the only Israeli intervention in the territories would be against saboteurs, underground terrorist groups and inciters to violence.

Gen. Dayan pointed to a virtually unblemished record of peaceful administration by Israel during the past two years. Except for two "regretted" instances when Israeli troops fired into crowds of demonstrators in the Gaza Strip, not a shot was fired against a civilian population of the occupied territories, he said. In his remarks to newsmen, Gen. Dayan stressed Israel's obligation to preserve law, to raise living standards and introduce a sound, healthy economy. He said there was significant progress along these lines in the past two years but considerably more could be done.

The Defense Minister said he was disinclined to use the words "occupied" or "liberated" with reference to the Arab territories. Their status, he said, would be decided in the years ahead. Meanwhile the respective military governors were working within this framework and were trying to create a situation that would suit whatever solution is eventually arrived at and create the basis for better understanding, Gen. Dayan said.

The news conference was also addressed by Gen. Rafael Vardi, military governor of Judea and Samaria (West Bank), and Gen. Motta Gur, military commander of the Gaza Strip. Gen. Vardi said that all services have returned to normal on the West Bank and in many cases are on a much higher standard than existed prior to the 1967 war. He said there were more teachers and more pupils attending school, much better health services and an improved employment situation. According to Gen. Vardi, 15,000 West Bank Arabs are employed in Israel, though only a third of them got their jobs through the official labor exchanges. He said 2,500 West Bankers were employed in local public works. Exports to the East Bank of the Jordan continue and last year 170,000 West Bankers visited Jordan and other Arab countries. He said freedom of movement was maintained despite some terrorist activity and civil disobedience.

Gen. Gur told the newsmen that the Gaza Strip economy, long a source of concern, is improving as many Israeli and Arab businessmen invest money there to establish factories and workshops. He said the new economy would be erected on a sound basis, not on smuggling which was one of its mainstays before the Six-Day War. Gen. Gur said terrorist activities have been reduced in the Gaza Strip. He said there were 150 Israelis employed in the administration of the area and some 2,000 local Arab civil servants.

### **Coordinating Board Wins Reprieve, Will Retain Old Status As Non-Governmental Unit**

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., June 2 (JTA) -- The Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) decided today that the Coordinating Board of Jewish Organizations should continue to enjoy the status of a non-governmental organization which allows it to speak before that body though not to vote. The Coordinating Board represents the B'nai B'rith and the boards of Jewish deputies of Great Britain and South Africa.

The Council's decision, contained in a "statement of understanding" approved 13-8 in a roll call vote, represented a defeat for the Soviet-Arab bloc which had been striving to eliminate the Jewish body from its present category which includes more than 100 other non-governmental groups from all over the world. Soviet-Arab pressure succeeded in sending the question of the Coordinating Board's status back to a committee of the Economic and Social Council at a session last May 21.

Today's decision stemmed from a proposal by the United States. However it still left a shadow of doubt over the Coordinating Board's future status. The ECOSOC statement said it was its "understanding that the Coordinating Board of Jewish organizations continue in the consultative status as a non-governmental organization with the rights and obligations exercised by it in the past" but added the words, "until its future relationship with the Council was finally determined."

The U.S. proposal was adopted after the Council rejected a Pakistani amendment which would have interpreted its May 21 action as a "decision" that the Jewish group "does not enjoy" consultative status while the results of further examination of its future were awaited.

Votes in favor of the U.S. proposal were cast by Argentina, Belgium, France, Ireland, Jamaica, Mexico, Norway, Sierra Leone, United Kingdom, United States and Uruguay. Opposed were Bulgaria, Congo (Brazzaville), Indonesia, Kuwait, Libya, Pakistan, Sudan and the USSR. There were seven abstentions and one member was absent.

### **Technicians Seal Hole In Oil Pipeline Damaged By Saboteurs, Will Treat Sea Of Galilee**

JERUSALEM, June 2 (JTA) -- Israeli technicians have sealed a hole in an oil pipe blown up by saboteurs last Friday in the Golan Heights. Concrete was used to prevent further seepage of oil into the Sea of Galilee. Two concrete blocks were installed at both ends of the damaged pipeline. Israeli sources said earlier the pipeline would not be repaired until its owner, the Arabian-American Oil Co. (Aramco) guarantees protection against future sabotage. The Israeli Government, the sources said, may ask for increased security for the pipeline and financial arrangements to protect its territory from pollution resulting from sabotage.

Permission was given yesterday to settlements in the Huleh Valley to resume the pumping of waters from the Jordan River after it has been cleared of oil. Only small quantities of oil could be detected in the water of the river. A part of the Sea of Galilee was covered by a huge oil layer. The oil has had no impact on fish, Israeli sources said, but fishermen were instructed not to fish in the northern region of the lake until the oil is cleared chemically. Five square miles of the 64-square-mile lake were covered.

### Jewish Summer Camps For Children In Poland Will Not Function This Year

LONDON, June 2 (JTA) -- Jewish summer camps for children, which have been a feature of Polish Jewish life for more than a decade, will not function this year, according to information received here from Warsaw. The information confirmed previous reports that the Polish regime had decided not to permit the Jewish social and cultural organization to conduct the camps this year. It was at these camps that Polish Jewish children were given the instruction in Jewish history and culture of which they were deprived during the school year. The Jewish school children are now scheduled to go to the general summer camps with their schoolmates.

### Rosen Tells WJCongress Its Views On Jewish Life In Socialist States Needs Revision

LONDON, June 2 (JTA) -- The Chief Rabbi of Rumania told the governing council of the World Jewish Congress today "the congress should revise its views and attitudes in relation to Jewish life in the Socialist republics." Rabbi Moses Rosen said, "We live in changing times and we have to change our views and attitudes with them. The old notions sound very much like cliches today and would not do any longer."

Rabbi Rosen reported on the situation in his own country, where, he said, Jews are enjoying complete religious freedom. The Rumanian Jewish community is maintaining a program, he said, of welfare for the aged and the infirm and for those in need for other reasons. The program is being maintained in cooperation with the American Joint Distribution Committee. The Government, Rabbi Rosen said, has shown full understanding for the needs of the religious Jewish communities in Rumania.

### Sholem Aleichem Story Published In Serbian In Yugoslavia

BELGRADE, June 2 (JTA) -- The Yugoslav journal "Jezh" published in its last issue a full translation of a story by Sholem Aleichem translated into Serbian. There are few translations from the Yiddish into Serbian because the overwhelming majority of Yugoslav Jews are of Sephardic origin and not at home with Yiddish.

### Czech Magazine Publishes Article On Jewish Mysticism

LONDON, June 2 (JTA) -- The current issue of the Czech magazine "Slavia," dedicated to Slavonic studies, carries an essay on the influence of Jewish mysticism on Adam Mickiewicz and other poets and philosophers of the 19th Century. The article was written by Dr. Samuel Schepps of Geneva, a banker, author and Hebrew scholar, who said that although the work was commissioned before the Russian invasion of Czechoslovakia last August, the essay appeared in the Prague magazine as written. The essay was written in Polish as all contributions to the magazine appear in their original Slavonic language.

### Seven Nazis Accused Of Signing Deportation Orders For Jews Are Freed In West Berlin

WEST BERLIN, June 2 (JTA) -- Seven men accused of having participated in the slaughter of thousands of Berlin Jews during the Nazi era were released today after a West Berlin court dismissed charges against them. The men had been accused of signing deportation orders that sent Jews to death camps. Charges were dismissed on a request by the prosecutor on the grounds of a Federal court ruling that malice aforethought must be proved. Even if it is not proved, a 15-year statute of limitations on abetting to murder is now in effect.

### Ben Gurion Speaks Of Peace, Assimilation Before 10,000 At Buenos Aires Event

BUENOS AIRES, June 2 (JTA) -- Former Premier David Ben Gurion told Argentine Jewry yesterday that while the greatest problem facing Israel today is peace with its neighbors, the great problem that confronts diaspora Jewry is assimilation. The 82-year-old visiting statesman addressed a meeting of more than 10,000 organized in his honor by the Buenos Aires Jewish Community; the DAIA, central representative body of Argentine Jewry; and the Argentine Zionist Organization. He shared the platform with Dr. Tobias Kamenzain, outgoing president of the community, and the Israeli charge d'affaires, Yosef Govrin.

Mr. Ben Gurion said there was no certainty that the June, 1967 war was the last war Israel will have to fight, but on the other hand a new war was not inevitable. "All that is written in the Bible comes true," he said. "So Isaiah's prophecy regarding peace will also come true." Mr. Ben Gurion spoke for 45 minutes in Hebrew. Earlier, he visited the Bialik Hebrew School where students addressed him in Hebrew.

### Rabin Tells Of Pre-Requisite Of Peace, Gets Men's Clubs Award

KIAMESHA LAKE, N.Y., June 2 (JTA) -- Recognition, reconciliation and open boundaries are the three pre-requisites for peace in the Middle East, General Yitzhak Rabin, Israeli Ambassador to the United States said today. Gen. Rabin spoke at the convention of the National Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs (Conservative), where he received the 1969 award "For Distinguished Service to Jewry."

"The foremost obstacle to peace," Gen. Rabin said, "is the Arab refusal to recognize Israel's right to exist. Recognition is the first pre-requisite to peace. The second is reconciliation, which is achievable only if the parties meet together and reconcile their differences through negotiation. The third is the establishment of open boundaries. The boundaries between Israel and its neighbors must be open to the flow of ideas and of information, for only thus can mutual understanding evolve."

## ZOA Council Paves Way For Torczyner To Seek Fifth Term As Organization's President

MIAMI BEACH, June 2 (JTA) -- The Zionist Organization of America's executive council has paved the way for Jacques Torczyner to seek a fifth term as ZOA president. The two-term restriction for the presidency was previously twice extended to allow Mr. Torczyner to serve a third and fourth term.

The ZOA Council voted by three to one to recommend to the next national convention, to be held in Los Angeles in August, that while a president who has served four consecutive terms shall not be eligible to succeed himself, "the incumbent president in 1969 shall be eligible to succeed himself for not more than two further one-year terms." If the convention approves this recommendation, Mr. Torczyner could retain his office for two more terms. Meanwhile, two rabbis, Usher Kirshtblum of Long Island and Joseph Shubow of Boston, have announced their candidacy for the ZOA presidency.

## Brooklyn Jewish Community Council Announces Opposition To College Quota System

BROOKLYN, June 2 (JTA) -- The Brooklyn Jewish Community Council has announced its opposition to the quota system for college admission proposed by the City College of New York. The council asserted that the only test for admission must be on merit and ability. CCNY announced recently that it would admit 50 percent of its incoming class from disadvantaged areas without regard to academic achievement.

If the quota system is generally adopted, Harold M. Jacobs, council president said, the Jewish community will create its own facilities to which admission can be based on merit and ability. "The American Jewish community," he said, "will have to provide the funds to enlarge ten-fold institutions like Yeshiva University, Brandeis and Stern College for Women, and establish colleges and universities for Jewish students."

## Workmen's Circle, Farband Agree To Co-Sponsor Yiddish Cultural Activities

NEW YORK, June 2 (JTA) -- The Workmen's Circle and the Farband Labor Zionist Organization have agreed to unite in a joint program of Yiddish cultural activities throughout the United States and Canada. The announcement was made jointly by Israel Breslow, president of the Workmen's Circle, and Jacob Katzman, general secretary of Farband.

One of the joint activities will be a national concert tour of outstanding actors and singers commencing next January. The Volksbuehne theater, which had been maintained by the Workmen's Circle, will now be maintained jointly as a social theater. The joint program also provides for sponsorship of lecture tours by outstanding Yiddish literary personalities. Mr. Breslow described the agreement of the two organizations to cooperate in a cultural program as "a historic moment" in the Jewish cultural life of the country. Mr. Katzman said it would do much to strengthen Jewish life and culture."

## Communal Workers Hear Plea For 'Immersion in Jewish Culture'; Elect Solender

NEW YORK, June 2 (JTA) -- A New York area rabbi told a gathering of Jewish communal workers here that most American Jews have sacrificed their Jewish identity in order to succeed in American society and proposed a "psychic liberation" which he claimed demands "immersion in Jewish culture and heritage." Rabbi Irving Greenberg of the Riverdale Jewish Center spoke before 1,000 delegates at the 71st annual meeting of the National Conference of Jewish Communal Services, the organization of professionals serving Jewish communal bodies and agencies. Earlier the conference elected Sanford Solender, executive vice president of the National Jewish Welfare Board, as president.

Rabbi Greenberg, an associate professor of history at Yeshiva University, charged that "Jews have succeeded in America as Americans but at every step have jettisoned or sacrificed their distinctive Jewishness to ensure accommodation." He said this was true of the great majority of Jews, including social workers, whose "grounding...in the culture and values of Judaism is marginal and often inauthentic." He said that in order to "recover full Jewish identity," American Jewry must create "new centers of thought, culture, religious value development and Jewish studies." Rabbi Greenberg said it was equally important to re-educate "Jewish communal leaders, social workers, rabbis and even laymen to serious grounding in Jewish values and experience."

The conference was addressed by its retiring president, Mrs. Martha K. Selig, who declared that the Jewish community must, in most cases, eschew Government aid and maintain its own financial responsibilities.

She said this was not because the Government might refuse to finance certain Jewish community programs "but because government should not." Mrs. Selig said this course "may mean, in effect, a self-imposed taxation. In that case it might be called 'taxation for identification,' a concept with which we Jews have been familiar from the beginnings of our history." The Conference was also addressed by Gus Tyler, assistant president of the International Ladies' Garment Workers Union, who urged a "redistribution of income and power" in America.

## Brandeis To Give Honorary Degrees To Cassin, Potofsky, Weisgal and Wolfson

WALTHAM, Mass., June 2 (JTA) -- Brandeis University, at commencement exercises Friday, will present honorary degrees to Dr. Rene Cassin, a principal author of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and a Nobel Peace Prize Winner; Jacob S. Potofsky, general president of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America; Meyer W. Weisgal, former president of the Weizmann Institute of Science; and Sir Isaac Wolfson, British businessman-philanthropist and founder and trustee of the Wolfson Foundation.