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Jewish Spokesmen Blame Nixon Administration For Death Of Kent University Students

NEW YORK, May 7 (JTA)--Albert Vorspan, director of the Social Action Department of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, today blamed the "brutal demagoguery" of the Nixon Administration for instigating the deaths of "the young flowers cut down in Ohio"--the four Kent State University students killed by National Guardsmen Monday. In a UAHC memorial service for the four--three of them known to be Jewish--Mr. Vorspan declared, "We must find the strength to energize the Jewish community in a massive effort to save America. We have slunk from our role as the catalyst of social conscience in American life." Mr. Vorspan called the current "cancer of malaise (and) despair" the "most irreligious and un-Jewish" attitude possible. "Panicky National Guardsmen pulled the trigger," he said, "but we all killed them." He charged President Nixon, Vice-President Spiro T. Agnew and Ohio Gov. James A. Rhodes with "radicalizing and embittering" American youth by having "stereotyped and smeared" dissident students. He said President Nixon "flouts every rule of international law" in pursuing the "madness" of an "endlessly hemorrhaging war." He said he hoped the Kent State tragedy will prove "a turning point for our nation."

Rabbi Balfour Brickner, director of UAHC's interreligious activities, read Mark Twain's "War Prayer," a condemnation of "victory for our side" written during the Civil War. Also participating in the service were Rabbi Henry Skirball, director of the National Federation of Temple Youth; Jane Evans, director of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods; and Steven Pinsky, student president at Hebrew College's Jewish Institute of Religion. It was learned today that Jeffrey Glenn Miller, 20, of Plainview, L.I., one of the Kent State victims, was Jewish, as were at least two of the other three--Sandra Lee Scheuer of Youngstown, O., and Allison Krause of Pittsburgh. A memorial service for Mr. Miller was held today at Riverside Chapel in New York. Officiating were Rabbi Julius Goldberg of the Plainview Jewish Center, the Miller family's Conservative temple, and Rabbi Harold Saperstein, president of the New York Board of Rabbis. Eulogies were delivered by Sen. Charles E. Goodell and Dr. Benjamin Spock.

Dead Students As Much Victims Of National Guard Bullets As U.S. War Policy

At a service Wednesday at John F. Kennedy High School in Plainview, Democratic United States Senate candidate Theodore C. Sorensen said Mr. Miller had been killed as much by "the authors of our new policy in Indochina" as by National Guard bullets. The deceased was the son of Bernard Miller, a typesetter for the New York Times, and the brother of Russell Miller, 23, a student at Fairleigh Dickinson University, Rutherford, N.J. Mrs. Leonard H. Weiner, president of the National Council of Jewish Women, declared that the four students killed "were the hapless victims of the panic of Ohio Guardsmen and, in a broader, more tragic sense, of the escalation of the war in Southeast Asia." She urged council members to let Washington know of their "grave concern" over the incident and demand "a cutoff of the funds to continue the war, which has already cost Americans incalculable losses in life, limb and economic balance." Of a student population of some 15,000 at Kent State University, about 750 are Jewish.

The Jewish Peace Fellowship, which will be participating in Saturday's mass anti-war rally in Washington, sent telegrams today to President Nixon, Secretary of State William P. Rogers, New York Sens. Charles E. Goodell and Jacob K. Javits and several Congressmen, urging them to prohibit the use of weaponry in handling demonstrations. The co-signers were the Fellowship for Reconciliation, Clergymen and Laymen Concerned About Vietnam, and the Episcopal Peace Fellowship. They called on the officials to combat "the spirit of senseless violence...and join with our spirit of peace." The other Jewish organizations participating in Saturday's rally will be the American Jewish Congress, the American Jewish Committee, B'nai B'rith, the UAHC, the Jacobi Society and Sim Shalom.

UN Officials Rediscover Jarring Proposal To Convene Israel And Egypt

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., May 7 (JTA)--United Nations officials rediscovered today that Ambassador Gunnar V. Jarring had indeed sought to convene Israel and Egypt in peace talks in 1968 but were at a loss to "explain fully" why they were never implemented. This admission came on the heels of denials yesterday that they were aware of such efforts by Dr. Jarring. The contretemps began Tuesday when Israel's chief representative to the UN, Ambassador Yosef Tekoah, in a letter to Secretary General U Thant, cited the fact that Ambassador Jarring had sought to convene Israel and Egypt but that Egypt had rejected his attempt. A UN spokesman said yesterday that neither Mr. Thant nor Undersecretary General Ralph Bunche had any knowledge of such a proposal. A spokesman for the Israel Mission however told JTA that such a proposal was contained in a UN document (S-8309) of March 21, 1968.

The UN spokesman explained today that Dr. Bunche did not clearly understand Mr. Tekoah's reference in his letter to Mr. Thant because he assumed the Israeli ambassador was referring to recent activity by Dr. Jarring. The spokesman said after a telephone conversation between Dr. Bunche and Mr. Tekoah, the Undersecretary realized that Mr. Tekoah was referring to "suggestions Jarring made to the governments of Israel and Jordan and the UAR in the earliest months of his mission more than two years ago for discussions and negotiations under his auspices in Cyprus." The spokesman said

"This suggestion, followed later by others, was in pursuance of his (Jarring's) mandate" under the Nov. 22, 1967 resolution of the Security Council. The UN spokesman said that Dr. Bunche was "not able to explain in detail why this suggestion, though discussed by Ambassador Jarring with the parties, was never implemented" because only Dr. Jarring himself "has the full information necessary to do so whenever he decides that the time has come for him to report on substantive matters."

The UN spokesman added that Dr. Bunche noted that Mr. Tekoah had referred in his letter to "proposals" put forth by Ambassador Jarring. The spokesman said "it has been Dr. Bunche's understanding that Ambassador Jarring's right to make 'proposals' under his mandate has been questioned." Asked to explain who had questioned his mandate, the UN spokesman said that "Dr. Bunche does not wish to go beyond this statement." The document referred to by the Israel Mission spokesman was a report submitted by Mr. Thant to the Security Council in which Mr. Thant reported that Dr. Jarring, in his efforts to promote agreements between the governments, found a basic difference in the "outlook between the governments of the UAR, Republic of Jordan on the one hand and the government of Israel on the other... The efforts of Mr. Jarring have been directed towards obtaining an agreed statement of position concerning the implementation of the resolution (of Nov. 22, 1967), which could then be followed by meetings between the parties under his auspices. So far these efforts have not resulted in agreement..."

Rocket Attack On Kiryat Shemona Kills Two; U.S. State Department Deplores Incident

TEL AVIV, May 7 (JTA)--Israel Air Force jets pounded Egyptian artillery positions and other targets in the Suez Canal zone for four hours today following a night of intermittent artillery exchanges across the waterway. All Israeli planes returned safely to their bases. Security officials disclosed today that two Israeli civilians and three soldiers were killed in a series of guerrilla attacks and clashes with guerrilla bands during the last 24 hours. Four soldiers, a border policeman and two civilians were injured. Guerrilla forces suffered four dead, bringing to 27 the number killed since Monday. Israeli military sources reported a sharp increase in infiltration attempts by Arab guerrillas and saboteurs and attributed it to an organized campaign aimed at sabotaging Israel Independence Day celebrations next Monday.

The most serious incident occurred at midnight last night when a Katyusha rocket attack was launched at Kiryat Shemona in Upper Galilee near the Lebanese border killing Shimon Banjo, 56 and his 17-year-old daughter, Rina. His younger daughter, Ruth, was slightly injured. They were hit while racing for a bomb shelter as rockets began exploding within the school perimeter where 40 children on tour were spending the night. Banjo was in charge of the Kiryat Shemona school. He came to Israel from Tangiers with his family in 1955. His son and another daughter are teachers. Defense Minister Moshe Dayan visited Kiryat Shemona this morning. (U.S. State Department spokesman Robert J. McCloskey, referring to the attack said today, "We deplore all incidents of this type and renew our call upon all in the area to exercise the utmost restraint in the prevention and control of acts of violence.")

Three Israeli soldiers were killed and two were wounded last night in a clash with saboteurs from Lebanon in the Mt. Hermon area. The dead were identified as Lt. Itzhak Tzur, of Kiryat Tivon, Corp. Mordechai Bida and Corp. Avinoam Sheinfeld, of Nathanya. Lt. Tzur was in command of the patrol when it was attacked. He held off saboteurs with a submachinegun until his men found cover and remained standing until fatally wounded. Four saboteurs were killed in a half hour gun and grenade battle with an Israeli patrol ten miles north of Acre today after they blew up a water pipe at Moshav Dishon. Two Israeli soldiers were wounded. A border policeman and a civilian were wounded when guerrillas attacked an Israeli vehicle near Malkiyeh in Upper Galilee today. The guerrillas escaped to the Lebanese border. Margalit and Yiron settlements in Upper Galilee were attacked from Lebanon during the night. There were no casualties.

Mayor Stokes: Future Of Black People In U.S. Bound Up With Israel's Survival

CLEVELAND, Ohio, May 7 (JTA)--Mayor Carl B. Stokes likened the Israeli fight for survival to the future of the black race of America in his talk to the opening dinner meeting of the 40th annual welfare fund appeal of the Jewish Community Federation. Talking about his recent visit to Israel, Mayor Stokes told the 500 attending the meeting that as he walked through the old city of Jerusalem and reflected in how it had tasted the lash of history "it was then that I realized that whatever I could do to help people understand why Israel must survive--that I must do. It taught me a lesson not just for Israel, but it taught me a lesson for my own people. There have been many sessions that I have had since I've been back here and talked to black Americans, and I tried to say to them that if Israel does not survive, then the demise of the black man will probably not be far behind." Mayor Stokes observed that the same forces that would fail to rally to the cause of "this democratic nation in the Middle East would fail also the black people." Mayor Stokes also paid tribute to the young people of Israel who have shown "a purposefulness." He added the youth of Israel "are light years ahead" of our youth. Max M. Axelrod, general chairman of the Jewish Welfare Fund appeal and Israel Emergency Fund announced the total pledges of \$5,658,986 toward the regular fund and \$3,378,385 for the IEF. This was a record high for any opening dinner in the 40 years of the welfare fund appeal.

Ministry Of Tourism Eases Restriction On Tours Through Nablus

JERUSALEM, May 7 (JTA)--The Ministry of Tourism announced yesterday that sightseeing buses will be permitted to pass through the West Bank town of Nablus but will not stop there unless specifically requested to do so by the tourists. The arrangement was approved by military authorities which agreed to provide a protective escort for tourists who want to visit Nablus, the largest town on the West Bank, the Ministry said. Nablus was the scene of a grenade incident that injured six foreign tourists a week ago and was subsequently removed from the approved itineraries of guided tours.

Big Four Said To Be Dragging Feet On Mideast; Deputies' Memorandum In Progress

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., May 7 (JTA)--A spokesman for the British delegation said today that the Big Four have asked their deputies to "press on urgently with the work they had put in their hands." The spokesman was referring to the mandate given the deputies of the Four Power ambassadors to draw up a memorandum on the progress of their Mideast talks. The Four Powers met yesterday and will meet again May 26. The spokesman noted that "the date fixed for the next meeting gives some indication of the current pace of progress that the Big Four are making." He indicated that had the Four Power representatives thought it possible that their deputies would be ready with the memorandum earlier, they would have set an earlier date for the next meeting. "The date was fixed in light of the knowledge of the progress of the deputies," he said. A diplomatic source said the Four Power ambassadors hoped that their deputies will have a final report ready by May 26. He conceded that despite the worsening situation in the Middle East, the Big Four were dragging their heels in their efforts to find a guideline that would pave the way for the resumption of Ambassador Gunnar V. Jarring's peace mission in the Mideast.

Discussing other facets of the Mideast situation, the British spokesman said, "The British Government still has no independent evidence to confirm or deny Israel's charge that Soviet pilots are flying Egyptian missions." Asked if Britain was conducting an independent investigation, he said British diplomats and officials are conducting whatever they need to but did not amplify or clarify what they were doing. A UN diplomatic source commenting on the Israeli intelligence report said that Egypt shares "with other sovereign states the right to self-determination and the right to invite whomsoever it wishes to assist in their defense. It is also true that exercising of this right in the circumstances of the Middle East may have far-reaching implications. If (Israel) reports are true, they underline the pressing need to search for peace."

Russian Jew Allowed To Leave USSR; Soviet Jewish Woman Seeks Help To Emigrate

LONDON, May 7 (JTA)--A 37-year-old Jewish mathematician left the Soviet Union yesterday, apparently for Israel, it was learned today. Yuli Telesin, an avowed Zionist who has publicly criticized the Kremlin's anti-Israel policies, left from Moscow airport for Vienna. About 30 friends saw him off. Mr. Telesin was one of 40 Soviet Jews who signed a letter last March complaining about their government's restrictive emigration policies and demanding the right to go to Israel. He was one of several Jewish protesters singled out by the government newspaper Izvestia for attacks as a "renegade long known for his Zionist views." (Israel's Premier Golda Meir has received still another letter from a Russian-Jewish woman asking help to emigrate to Israel, it was reported from Jerusalem yesterday. The letter was from Mrs. Ida Mordukhovna Ropskaya, 44, who has a mother and a sister in Israel. She asked Mrs. Meir to pass her letter on to the United Nations.) (In Jerusalem, a Public Council for Soviet Jewry has been established with Hebrew University President Avraham Harman as its chairman and five Knesset members on its presidium. The group said its purpose was to "fight for the rights of Russian Jews to emigrate to Israel and live Jewish lives." The presidium consists of Natan Peled, former political secretary of the Mapam party and MKs Shneur Z. Abramov, Arye Eliav, Gideon Hausner, Binyamin Halevy and Moshe Neriya.)

Dr. Goldmann Boomed Off Campus Stage; Wins Support From French Left-Wingers

TEL AVIV, May 7 (JTA)--Dr. Nahum Goldmann was boomed off a campus stage Wednesday in the second such incident in recent days--this time before completing a single sentence of his remarks. The incident occurred at Bar Ilan University in Ramat Gan, where the president of the World Jewish Congress was hissed for his controversial proposal for "a neutralized Israel" to offset Arab aggression. Last week a similar response led him to leave the auditorium at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem after a series of interruptions. Yesterday's demonstrators raised a banner reading "Traitor" and shouted "Go to Moscow!" Some simply turned their backs on him. (In Paris, Dr. Goldmann was supported by several prominent left-wing personalities. One of them, who signed a letter of support, was Andre Blumel, well-known lawyer and former president of the Zionist Federation of France, Leon Blum. The letter urged Israel to give up its demands for direct negotiations with the Arabs and to accept the principal of withdrawal from the occupied territories.)

Hubert Humphrey Promises To Recommend Immediate Sale of Jets To Israel

TEL AVIV, May 7 (JTA)--Former Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey left for the United States today with a promise to recommend the immediate sale of more Phantom jets to Israel when he reports on his tour in Washington. Mr. Humphrey said at Lydda Airport, "A strong Israel is a step towards peace and is also important for American interests in the Middle East." Yesterday Mr. Humphrey was given an honorary fellowship by the Weizmann Institute of Science.

Clergymen And Laymen Hold World Conference In Solidarity With Palestinian Arabs

LONDON, May 7 (JTA)--About 250 clergymen and laymen representing Protestant, Roman Catholic and Orthodox churches all over the world gathered today in Reirut for the first World Conference of Christians for Palestine. The 4-day conference is described as the first organized international stand by Christians on behalf of the Palestinian Arabs. It will be attended by some 300 non-Christian observers, including Moslems and Jews. The conference will "study the Palestine problem in all its aspects and reaffirm the solidarity of the participants with the Palestinian cause," according to the conference's statement of purpose. The statement listed among the conference's other purposes to "denounce erroneous interpretations of the Bible tending to serve a partisan policy." It was recalled here that the central committee of the World Council of Churches, meeting at Canterbury in August, 1969, warned against "misuse of the Bible in support of partisan political views." The reference apparently was to Israel's citation of Old Testament texts in support of its territorial claims.

JDL Holds Rally In Harlem To Protest Black Panther Anti-Semitism; Clash Erupts

NEW YORK, May 7 (JTA)--Forty to 50 members of the Jewish Defense League clashed today with a similar number of blacks at Black Panther Party headquarters in Harlem, scene of a JDL demonstration against an alleged "outrageous explosion of anti-Semitic hatred" by the Panthers. The police said that while epithets that each flung at the other served to "heighten" the friction between the two militant organizations, there were no incidents requiring arrests. Rabbi Meir Kahane, JDL head, however, reported "two brief scuffles" and an unprovoked attack with a stick on a demonstrator by a Panther charging out from the party's storefront headquarters. Rabbi Kahane told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that he will demand that Mayor John V. Lindsay institute formal charges against the two police captains he is charging with failure to arrest the attacker. "Either there is one law for everyone in this city or there is no law for anyone," he told the JTA, alleging that the Lindsay administration has been "bending over backward for these Nazis" while repressing JDL activities.

Rabbi Kahane said he knew the identity of the attacker and that the JDL would avenge the attack. He said such action did not preclude the use of violence. "We are not frightened of them" he said of the Panthers. "We will deal with them." He called the Panthers "vicious anti-Semites who 'pose a definite clear and present danger to Jews.'" A Panther spokesman emphasized to the JTA that the party was anti-Zionist but not anti-Jewish, noting that there are numerous black Jews in New York and in other sections of the country. He admitted the stick attack but said the JDL had provoked the incident by holding a pro-Israel demonstration in an area--Harlem--where blacks feel repressed by "Jewish landlords and businessmen." He also admitted that Panthers "broke a few windows" of the JDL truck and "slapped a few of them around." The confrontation lasted an hour and a half.

More Than 60,000 Expected At Salute To Israel Parade; Rabin And Amir Honored Guests

NEW YORK, May 7 (JTA)--The sixth annual Salute to Israel Parade--this year celebrating Israel's 22nd anniversary with the theme "Israel: Blossoming From 4,000-Year Roots"--will get under way Sunday morning, with more than 60,000 marchers expected to join in the 29-block walk uptown. The marchers, essentially students and members of more than 300 schools and youth groups, are sponsored by the American Zionist Youth Federation, representing 76 national and local Jewish organizations. The parade will be led by the state's four gubernatorial candidates--Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller, Arthur J. Goldberg, Howard J. Samuels and Robert M. Morgenthau.

Yitzhak Rabin, Israeli ambassador to the United States, and Israeli Consul General Rehavam Amir, will be honored guests at the parade. Ed Sullivan, the newspaper columnist and television host, will be honorary reviewing officer. (Mr. Sullivan's wife is Jewish.) The grand marshals will be Dr. William A. Wexler, chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, and Marc J. Rosenstein, chairman of the North American Jewish Youth Council. Mayor John V. Lindsay will be represented by Deputy Mayor Timothy V. Costello. The more than 50 organization floats will be keyed to themes of Jewish history and the State of Israel. (A similar parade, sponsored by the Jewish Federation-Council of Greater Los Angeles, the American Zionist Council and two dozen other Jewish organizations, will be held the same day in the California city. The speakers will be Israeli UN ambassador Yosef Tekoah and Consul General Michael Ravid.)

Soviet News Agency Attempts To Refute Dr. Decter's Series On Jews In Russia

NEW YORK, May 7 (JTA)--Novosti, the Soviet news agency, has issued a reply to a series of Jewish Telegraphic Agency articles by Dr. Moshe Decter on the treatment of Jews in the Soviet Union. Dr. Decter, head of the Jewish Minorities Research Organization in New York, wrote the three-part series for JTA last January to answer a previously circulated Novosti article titled "Soviet Jews as They Are" which depicted the life of Russian Jewry as "happy." The Novosti reply was written by one of its staff writers, Ruvim Groyer. Novosti, regarded as an external propaganda agency, circulates its dispatches abroad but not within the USSR. The main point the Novosti writer sought to prove was that anti-Semitism was more prevalent in the United States than in the Soviet Union and that American Jews were no better off culturally, if not worse off, than Soviet Jews. "Dr. Decter mentions the absence of Jewish 'educational institutions' in the USSR," Mr. Groyer wrote. "May I ask him what percentage of Jewish boys and girls get 'Jewish education' in the USA and what aim, apart from Zionist and Jewish nationalist indoctrination it pursues?" Mr. Groyer rejected Dr. Decter's claim that Soviet Jews were left to fend for themselves during the Nazi onslaught against Russia in June, 1941. In his January series, Dr. Decter described the Novosti version of Jewish life in Russia as "a tired rehash of old lies, half truths and distortions. Even as propaganda it is pathetically incompetent."

Jurist Predicts Future Of Jews In Quebec Tied To Future Of Quebec In Canada

MONTREAL, May 7 (JTA)--Philip B. Veinberg, outgoing dean of the Montreal bar, predicted that "the future of the Jews in Quebec will be the same as the future of Quebec in Canada." Addressing community workers of Allied Jewish Community Services, representing 125,000 Montreal Jews, Mr. Veinberg added that 2000 Jews move to Montreal annually, placing it third in Jewish immigration behind New York State and Israel. Mr. Veinberg joined with Boris Levine and Manuel Badshaw, president and executive director of AJCS, in urging Jewish integration into the French-Canadian community. While French-Canadians were "insulated and isolated from external influence" up to a decade ago, the outgoing dean said, "a new French-Canadian generation is making big strides forward to gain a foothold in their province's prosperity." Mr. Veinberg, a lawyer and King's Counsel, predicted the appointment to the Ministry of Victor Goldbloom, a pediatrician who was recently re-elected to Parliament with a 50,000-vote majority. Mr. Goldbloom, who has been spoken of as a possible Minister of Health and Social Welfare, would become the first Jewish Minister in the new Liberal government of Robert Bourassa. Mr. Veinberg remarked that while the recent election campaign was free of anti-Semitism, Montreal Jews still retained "anxiety" over possible terrorist activities by separatists.