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Extreme Nationalist Group Burns Israeli Flag; Anti-Semitic Group Distributes Tracts

Buenos Aires, March 15 (JTA)--An Israeli flag was publicly burned here today at a memorial for Gen. Juan Manuel de Rosas, an Argentine nationalist leader and governor of Buenos Aires province, who died 94 years ago. The memorial was organized by the Junta Cruz Del Sur, a nationalist group. Leaflets exalting extreme nationalism were distributed on the occasion by the Guardia Restauradora Nacionalista, another extreme right-wing group that is strongly anti-Semitic. No police were present.

United Hias Annual Meeting Underscores Plight Of Soviet Jewry

NEW YORK, March 15 (JTA)--Frank L. Kellogg, Special Assistant to the Secretary of State for Refugee and Migration Affairs, stated last night that by depriving its Jews of the right to emigrate, the Soviet Union was "in direct conflict with the letter and spirit of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and countless subsequent related United Nations resolutions." Addressing members, organizational delegates and friends at the 87th annual meeting of United Hias Service Kellogg added, "My government deeply deplores the fact that Jews in the Soviet Union are not permitted to live as Jews...discriminated against and oppressed...and denied the right to leave." and that "our support for Soviet citizens wishing to emigrate has been reiterated many times. Secretary of State (William P.) Rogers, meeting with Soviet Foreign Minister (Andrei) Gromyko in October, 1970, underscored the United States position that free movement is one of the basic human rights." He expressed support for the efforts of the Intergovernmental Committee for European Migration (ICEM) in Geneva and other governmental and international organizations which seek to facilitate the emigration of Soviet citizens seeking to leave the USSR.

In a telegram of greetings, Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, Massachusetts Democrat, also stressed the plight of Soviet Jewry and pledged to "continue to do what I can in advocating justice and religious liberty for Jews in the Soviet Union." He added that "the time is long overdue to further encourage" the trickle of Soviet citizens, including Jews who are being enabled to leave the country "through substantive diplomatic initiatives actively supported by peoples and governments throughout the world." Harold Friedman, president of United Hias Service, characterized the year 1970 as one of achievement, since his organization was able to assist more than 50,000 men, women and children, of whom 6,377 were actually helped to leave Poland, Egypt, Rumania, Lebanon, Morocco and Tunisia, as well as the Soviet Union. However, he added, it was also a year of frustration and disappointment "because there are an estimated 180,000 Jews in the Arab countries, and very few were able to leave...because in two of these countries in particular, Syria and Iraq, several thousand Jews were living under conditions of severe repression, forbidden to engage in many occupations, or to travel more than a few miles from their homes, or to transact business, or to emigrate." In Eastern Europe the story was the same, Friedman said. "Thousands of Jewish men, women and children, but very few able to leave."

Gaynor Jacobson, executive vice president of United Hias Service, expressed concern over the rising trend of anti-Semitism in Eastern Europe, "which, in the aftermath of the Soviet invasion of Czechoslovakia, has either bolstered home-grown instincts, or followed the lead of the Soviet Union, in pursuance of a policy of anti-Semitism, thinly disguised as anti-Zionism." He also referred to the menacing situation in Latin America where "extremist governments gain ascendancy in increasing numbers of countries. These particular Latin American events are not marked by specifically anti-Jewish movements. However, the three quarters of a million Jews of the South American continent must be seen as caught in the social strife and general ferment of an entire continent." Carl Glick, treasurer, reported that United Hias Service spent more than \$3,000,000 in 1970 for its worldwide rescue and migration program and expressed gratitude for the loyalty and support of the organization's members and friends. The Jewish Immigrant Aid Services of Canada was cited for half a century of devoted service to the thousands of Jewish men, women and children who resettled in that country.

U.S. Government Has Known For Some Times Territorial Proposals Made By Mrs. Meir

WASHINGTON, March 15 (JTA)--A State Department source said today that the U.S. government has been aware for some time of the territorial proposals made by Israeli Premier Golda Meir in an interview published in the Times of London last Saturday. The source said "suggestions of the kind she made in the interview have been conveyed to the State Department informally." Mrs. Meir stated in the interview that Israel must retain the Golan Heights, East Jerusalem, the Gaza Strip, Sharm el-Sheikh and part of the West Bank. Asked if the U.S. thought her territorial proposals represented "substantial" or "insubstantial" boundary changes, the source referred newsmen to Secretary of State William P. Rogers' speech of Dec. 9, 1969 in which he enunciated the so-called Rogers Plan calling for an Israeli withdrawal to its pre-June, 1967 boundaries with only minor alterations. He urged newsmen to give the Rogers speech a "careful reading" because it "remains U.S. public policy" on the subject.

Soviet Jew Begins Sit-In, Hunger Strike In Front Of White House

WASHINGTON, March 15 (JTA)--A Soviet Jew who emigrated to Israel in 1969 began a sit-in and hunger strike in a simulated "prisoner's cage" opposite the White House grounds today to dramatize the plight of Soviet Jews. Yosef Schneider informed the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that he intends to remain there until Sunday when several student activist groups will demonstrate for Russian Jews near the Soviet Embassy. Schneider said the reason for his action is to bring to attention the plight of Russian Jews. Four of his friends were imprisoned in Riga seven months ago, he said.

Mrs. Meir Assured Strong Backing In Knesset Debate On Her Territorial Plan

JERUSALEM, March 15 (JTA)--Premier Golda Meir seems assured of strong backing from her coalition partners in tomorrow's Knesset debate over the territorial position she took in an interview published in the London Times last Saturday, political observers said today. Opposition by the National Religious Party appears to have been warded off although the NRP's Knesset faction is sharply critical of Mrs. Meir for indicating that Israel was prepared to give up the Samaria and Judea regions on the West Bank within the framework of a peace settlement. The Orthodox MKs insist that those territories be retained on grounds that they were part of Israel during Biblical times and have religious significance. But the faction is expected to go along with its less militant leaders who hold three portfolios in Mrs. Meir's coalition Cabinet and promised her their support yesterday. The Gahal opposition on the other hand has widened its split with Meir's Labor Alignment on the territorial issue. Its motion of no confidence, and a similar motion filed yesterday by the smaller Free Centre opposition faction, will be the main subjects of tomorrow's Knesset debate. Mrs. Meir is expected to reply to the motions and to repeat what she told the London Times deputy editor Louis Heren in the interview. Gahal, and especially its hard-line Herut faction headed by Menachem Beigin, insist that Israel must make no territorial concessions on the West Bank which they regard as part of the nation's heritage from Biblical times, though on nationalistic rather than religious grounds.

Herut has no proprietary feelings toward Sinai though some of its members believe it should belong to Israel by right of conquest. In that region, however, the faction is expected to go along with some territorial concessions based on political or strategic considerations. All factions apparently agree with Mrs. Meir's interview statement that Israel must retain East Jerusalem, the Golan Heights, the Gaza Strip and the Sharm el-Sheikh strongpoint in southern Sinai. But the Premier was vague on the subject of a land bridge between Israel's southern borders and Sharm el-Sheikh and that in itself aroused the hackles of Gahal. Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir came to Mrs. Meir's defense today. Speaking in Tel Aviv he professed astonishment at the criticism and declared that when everyone else is talking about maps, the Premier had a right to express her own opinions. "Those who are proposing a no confidence motion are apparently unaware of the overall position of our policy and security," he said. Labor Party circles meanwhile rejected a proposal by Beigin that the Knesset dissolve itself to make way for new elections. The Laborites maintained that no national interests would be served by calling elections before they are due. Beigin, addressing settlers in the Beisan valley last night, said a motion to dissolve the Knesset would be presented to that body within the next two weeks, before it recesses for the Passover holiday.

Eban, Douglas-Home Confer On Mideast; Meeting Termed Useful, Explanatory

LONDON, March 15 (JTA)--Foreign Minister Abba Eban of Israel discussed the Middle East situation with British Foreign Secretary Sir Alec Douglas-Home this afternoon at an informal meeting which Israeli circles described later as useful and of an "explanatory" nature. Eban stopped off here briefly enroute to the United States where he will meet Secretary of State William P. Rogers later this week as well as United Nations Secretary General U Thant and Mideast mediator Gunnar V. Jarring. No statement was issued after the meeting between Eban and Sir Alec. The British Foreign Secretary reportedly reiterated his government's view that Israel is entitled to secure, internationally recognized borders. The two sides differ on the role of the Four Powers and on the degree of reliance that can be placed on an international peace-keeping force, whether provided by the Big Four or the UN.

During the course of the meeting, Eban reportedly referred to the interview with Premier Golda Meir, published in the Times Saturday, in order to explain to Sir Alec the reasons behind Israel's boundary proposals. He reportedly gave a detailed explanation of why Israel considers it vital to retain control over the Sharm el-Sheikh strongpoint in southern Sinai. He also referred to Israel's note of Feb. 26 which was conveyed to Cairo by Jarring and to the talks held with Jarring by Israel's UN Ambassador Yosef Tekoah concerning Israel's position. Eban reportedly stressed that his government is prepared to negotiate on all subjects without prior conditions. Liberal Party members who have taken up the cause of a 21-year-old Palestinian Arab student arrested and allegedly tortured by the Israelis, delivered a letter of protest addressed to Eban at the Israeli Embassy here today. The letter claimed that torture was inflicted on Muayyad Othman el Bahsh during three years of detention in Israel for alleged membership in El Fatah.

No Indication Soviet Personnel Leaving UAR; U.S. Ready To Act In Peace-Keeping Role

WASHINGTON, March 15 (JTA)--A State Department source said today that the United States has "no indication at all that Soviet personnel are leaving the UAR." The source was commenting on an assertion by Sen. Mike Mansfield, Montana Democrat, Saturday that he had been advised that Soviet troops have withdrawn from surface-to-air missile sites along the Suez Canal although Russian advisors have been left behind. Mansfield said Egyptian forces were now in charge of the Soviet missiles. The same State Department source said there have been "redeployments" of Soviet forces in Egypt but that the Department would not go so far as to say that there have been any withdrawals as indicated by Sen. Mansfield. At today's press briefing, Department spokesman Charles Bray refused to comment on Mansfield's assertion. "We will not get into a subject of this kind," he said. Asked to comment on the Montana Senator's stated opposition to the use of American troops as part of any future Middle East peace-keeping force, Bray replied: "We have made it perfectly clear that the U.S. is prepared to play a responsible role in connection with a settlement, specifically including participation in a peace-keeping force if that is desired by the parties."

Poll Shows Dayan First Choice Of Israelis To Succeed Mrs. Meir; Allon Second Choice

TEL AVIV, March 15 (JTA)--The latest public opinion poll released today showed Defense Minister Moshe Dayan to be the first choice of Israelis to succeed Golda Meir as Premier. Dayan was chosen by 35 percent of the respondents while his closest rival, Deputy Premier Yigal Allon, was supported by 18 percent. But 30 percent of those polled indicated no preferred candidate.

Pincus Says Poverty In Israel Potentially Dangerous; 250,000 On Poverty Level

JERUSALEM, March 15 (JTA)--"A quarter of a million Jews in Israel, mostly recent immigrants from Oriental countries, live on a poverty level, with 12 to 14 people in a 1 1/2 room apartment," Louis A. Pincus, chairman of the Jewish Agency, told the UJA Young Leadership Mission now in Israel. Comparing the Eastern immigrants with the more affluent and skilled immigrants from Western countries, Pincus described the potentially dangerous social and educational gap within Israel's population. He stated that only 15 percent of the children from the disadvantaged sector of Israeli society graduate high school, and only 3 percent go to a university. One valuable way that the UJA assists in reversing this situation is by sponsoring much needed pre-kindergartens, especially in development towns, he said. The 105-member mission, led by Michael A. Pelavin of Flint, Michigan, has visited kibbutzim and settlements along the Beit Shean valley and the Jordanian border. They traveled through the Galilee, visiting Haifa, Acre, Safed and Tiberias and were taken to the Golan Heights, where they observed the former Syrian defense position. At a moving visit to the Western Wall, the members of the mission witnessed a swearing-in ceremony of newly-trained paratroopers. They also visited Jenin, Nablus and Ramallah.

Hillel Students Dramatize Jewish Consciousness, Presence

BROOKLYN, N.Y., March 15 (JTA)--Hundreds of students, faculty, Jews and non-Jews, Blacks and whites on the Brooklyn College campus were made conscious of the celebration of Purim, reported Rabbi Frank A. Fischer of B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation. Hillel students fanned out throughout the campus and distributed Shalakh Manot gifts in honor of the festival occasion. Walking from office to office they handed packages of "goodies" to everyone they met. Whenever they were faced with a question of surprise, "what is Purim?" they took the opportunity to hammer away at the theme of anti-Semitism and its corrosive effect not only upon the Jews but upon a total community. Miss Laurie Ordan, Hillel president, said "We blasted through to the consciousness of Jewish identity and Jewish presence as never before." Many offers of contributions came from amazed recipients. The answer always was "no thank you, this is with the compliments of Hillel." This dramatic Shalakh Manot program was but one aspect of an attack upon Jewish indifference and apathy. Throughout the week, hamantashen were "sold" with the proceeds in the form of contributions for the 50,000 poor of the New York area. This group, which has been sorely neglected because of the myth of widespread Jewish affluence, was espoused by the Hillel students. Large posters and thousands of pieces of literature told the story of the needs of the Jewish aged, indigent and neglected. Several hundred dollars were collected and immediately forwarded to the poverty areas of Williamsburg, the East Side, Boro Park and other poverty pockets in the city, for distribution through key rabbinic leaders for Matanot L'Eyovonim.

CJFWF To Discuss Programs, Proposals For Strengthening Jewish Communal Services

NEW YORK, March 15 (JTA)--Major areas of Jewish communal responsibility--at home, overseas and in Israel--will be assessed by over 200 community leaders and Federation executives at the quarterly national board and committee meetings of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds March 18-21. An announcement today by the CJFWF stated that the delegates, representing 69 communities in the United States and Canada, will discuss a wide range of ongoing programs and proposals for the strengthening of Jewish communal services that call for community and CJF action. The Committee on College Youth and Faculty, focused on the growing participation and integration of students and faculty in Jewish communal life, will review new program developments across the country. Further guidelines as to how communities can continue to strengthen their ties with the campus world will be explored by the committee. From a national standpoint, similarly, increased student participation at the 40th CJF General Assembly in Pittsburgh in November, 1971, will be considered.

The Committee on Funding National Campus Projects, a subcommittee of the CY&F Committee which last month awarded \$17,000 to campus-based projects, will review further applications for grants to student groups and organizations. Featured on the agenda of the meeting of the Committee on Federation Planning for Jewish Education are: new developments in Jewish Community Centers that affect Jewish education; evaluations of the current program for, and the long-range approach to, training administrators; and educational priorities. Against the background of the upcoming Assembly of the Jewish Agency in Jerusalem in June--the first since the Agency's recent and historic reconstitution--the Overseas Services Committee will explore current developments related to the Agency, especially as they presage new patterns for American interaction and involvement of leaders and communities. The Personnel Services Committee will explore new avenues for the recruitment and training of men and women for Jewish communal service, in light of the growing need for higher qualified people.

B'nai B'rith Youth Contribute Money To Aid Earthquake-Damaged Temple

WASHINGTON, March 15 (JTA)--The three components of the B'nai B'rith Youth Organization will contribute \$200 toward repairing the damage sustained by Temple Beth Solomon of the Deaf of San Fernando in the southern California earthquake last month. A survey by the Union of American Hebrew Congregations at the time showed that the temple which serves the only deaf group in the world to have its own synagogue, was the hardest hit of all Reform congregations in the earthquake area. The contribution was approved by the presidents of the Aleph Zadik Aleph, the B'nai B'rith Girls and the B'nai B'rith Young Adults. They announced the gifts after learning that the congregants planned a drive to raise \$5,000 to rebuild the damaged part of the temple.

Toynbee Calls On Christian World To Intervene Against Changing Jerusalem

LONDON, March 15 (JTA)--Arnold Toynbee, the British historian, called on the Christian world to intervene against pre-emptive actions by the Israeli government that "not only threaten the beauty and character of (East Jerusalem) but must seriously jeopardize the chances of achieving a lasting peace in the Middle East." The plea was contained in a letter published in the Times today. A co-signer was Sir Geoffrey Furlonge, former British Ambassador to Jordan.

