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ADL Scores Government For Grant To Group Headed By 'Professional Anti-Semite'

NEW YORK, April 14 (JTA)--The Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith has condemned the United States government for a half-million-dollar grant to an organization it charges is headed by "a professional anti-Semite" who is seeking to establish an anti-Semitic mercenary army. ADL general counsel Arnold Forster made that charge today in reference to the so-called Blackman's Volunteer Army of Liberation, headed by Col. Hassan Jeru-Ahmed, 47, director of the Blackman's Development Center in Washington. Forster told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that Jeru-Ahmed had a background of "racism, bigotry and anti-Semitism," and that it was "totally inappropriate" for him to be given federal funds--\$523,000--for his narcotics-rehabilitation program in Washington and in Spotsylvania County, Va.

The ADL's fact-finding director, Justin Finger, added that Jeru-Ahmed has been "involved with known anti-Semites and racists," such as Willis Carto, head of the right-wing Liberty Lobby. Finger said the ADL has protested the grant to the Department of Health, Education and Welfare. Jeru-Ahmed, who calls himself the head of the "Provisional Government of the United Moorish Republic," also gets \$169,000 from the Narcotics Treatment Administration, also for work with drug addicts. Last year it received \$23,000 from the Department of Human Resources, and last month \$25,000 from the Teamsters' Alliance for Labor Action. The organization's total income last year was \$193,343; after expenditures, it had \$1,500. The Blackman's Volunteer Army of Liberation is run in para-military style, with members wearing uniforms and participating in drills. Jeru-Ahmed's right-hand man, a Maj. Jamal, was sentenced earlier this year to 30 days for carrying a concealed pistol in Washington while distributing leaflets.

No Confirmation That 16 Jews Imprisoned Last Month Have Been Released

NEW YORK, April 14 (JTA)--Informed Jewish sources here were unable to confirm reports from Moscow today that 16 Jews imprisoned on March 26 have been released. The reports from Moscow were attributed to "reliable dissident sources." They said the Jews had spent 5-15 days in Butryka prison. All of them went on hunger strikes in jail to protest their arrests. Jewish sources here said the reports might refer to Jews who were sentenced to 15-day jail terms on the eve of the 24th Communist Party Congress last month to prevent them from demonstrating for emigration rights while the Congress was in session. A large number of Jews who demonstrated at the office of chief prosecutor Roman A. Rudenko last month were arrested and given two week sentences for "hooliganism."

Soviet MIGs In Egypt Threaten Not Only Israel But Southern Europe As Well

JERUSALEM, April 14 (JTA)--Military circles here warned today that the advanced MIG-23 jets reportedly delivered to Egypt recently menaced not only Israel but southern Europe with its vital network of NATO installations. They said it was still unclear how many of the new supersonic jets have been supplied to Egypt but if the number was anywhere between 200-300 the menace to NATO would be clear. According to the circles, the MIG-23s are exclusively under Russian operational control. The Soviet government made that stipulation when it agreed to President Anwar Sadat's request last February for additional protection for Egyptian cities against possible Israeli attacks. According to the military circles a Soviet objective in supplying the advanced MIGs is to blunt an Israeli attack on Egypt long enough to put international machinery into action before Israeli forces overrun Egypt and created "irreversible facts."

Vialon, Wartime Official Of German Administration In Riga, On Trial For Perjury

BONN, April 14 (JTA)--Dr. Friedrich Karl Vialon, former Secretary of State in the West German Ministry of Economic Cooperation, went on trial in Coblenz today on charges of having committed perjury when he testified at a war crimes trial several years ago that he knew nothing about the extermination of Jews during World War II. Vialon, 66, headed the finance department under the Reich Commission for the East during the war. He served as registrar of Jewish property in the German administration in Riga from 1942-44. Vialon's wartime role was attacked on West German television in 1966. Documents concerning the extermination of thousands of Jews were displayed, bearing what was alleged to be Vialon's signature. The documents were made available to the court by Soviet and East German authorities.

Blame Placed On Russia For Current Deadlock On Jarring Talks

JERUSALEM, April 14 (JTA)--Israeli diplomatic circles are seeking to place the blame for the current deadlock in the Jarring talks on the Soviet Union. They expressed sharp disagreement today with a recent remark by a United States State Department spokesman implying that the deadlocked talks are the reason for stepped-up Soviet arms shipments to Egypt. The Israelis claim that, on the contrary, the arms shipments are responsible in large measure for the impasse. They contended that the Russians are deliberately trying to make it more difficult to reach a political settlement and, in fact, have been hampering Mideast peace efforts since their first arms deal with Egypt in 1955. The circles questioned whether Moscow indeed wants a peace settlement in the region. Some sources expressed fear that the Soviet Union would try to torpedo an interim arrangement that might lead to the reopening of the Suez Canal. The initiative for such an arrangement came from the U.S. Israel has agreed in principle but has withheld detailed proposals pending assurances from Washington of built-in safeguards. The government is still waiting for word from Washington and Cairo on the matter of safeguards which will have a direct bearing on the proposals it formulates.

It appears certain however that Israel will make no commitments to partial troop withdrawals or other arrangements until there is a cessation of hostilities in the Suez Canal zone on a more solid basis than the current de facto cease-fire. Diplomatic circles here insisted that the atmosphere would be much more conducive to a general or even partial peace settlement were it not for Soviet arms shipments to Egypt. They claimed there was no indication that the shipments are in any way connected with the fluctuations of the Jarring talks. They observed that repeated American proposals for a Middle East arms moratorium have been rejected by the Soviet Union. There is evidence that whenever a settlement appears to be in sight, the Soviet Union reacts by sending more arms to Egypt. This happened in August, 1970 when the Jarring talks were resumed, the circles said. They alleged that the shipment of Soviet missiles to Egypt was deliberately intended to violate the cease-fire agreement and upset the mutual confidence vital to successful negotiations. The Israelis agreed with the U.S. view that the gravity of the latest Soviet arms shipments to Egypt should not be under-rated. They expressed satisfaction with America's determination to maintain the arms balance in the Middle East.

Arab Summit Meeting Focuses On United Front Against Israel, End Fighting in Jordan

LONDON, April 14 (JTA)--President Anwar Sadat of Egypt met in closed session yesterday with the presidents of Libya, Sudan and Syria. One of the subjects reportedly discussed was a new Arab summit meeting to try to create a united Arab front against Israel and to end the bloody fighting in Jordan between King Hussein's forces and the Palestinian guerrillas. President Muammar el-Qaddafi, of Libya, favored a summit meeting on condition that it give priority to involving the entire Arab world in the struggle with Israel. President Sadat however is reportedly anxious to derive maximum benefit from his current diplomatic offensive to get Israel to withdraw from Sinai. Despite his partners' hard line toward Israel, they are not expected to "rock the boat," one informed source said. The others attending the meeting were President Gaafar al-Nimeiry, of Sudan and President Hafez al-Assad, of Syria. Arab ambassadors and other representatives continued to meet in Cairo on the latest flare-up of fighting in Jordan. While Israel is the major pre-occupation of the Arabs, King Hussein's efforts to subdue the guerrillas in his kingdom were the target of criticism. Bahl Ladgham, the former Tunisian Premier, accused the Hussein regime of flouting the terms of an accord reached after last September's civil war in Jordan. Ladgham was named at the time to head an all-Arab committee to supervise the accord. He accused the Jordanian government of having obstructed his mission.

Hadassah Hospital's Medical Council Opposed To Health Insurance Law

JERUSALEM, April 14 (JTA)--Hadassah Hospital's medical council said yesterday that it would oppose a proposed new national health insurance law on grounds that it would encroach on individual freedom. The council claimed the legislation would transfer governmental powers to the sick funds and to a national "health authority." The major sick fund in Israel is Hupat Holim of Histadrut. Mrs. Chaika Grossmann, chairman of the Knesset's public service committee, conceded on a television debate this week that the undeclared purpose of the proposed law was to eventually concentrate all health insurance in Histadrut's sick fund.

American Actor, Actress To Direct Theater Workshop In Israel

NEW YORK, April 14 (JTA)--The American Zionist Youth Foundation announced today the launching of a seven-week Summer Theater Workshop in Israel. The workshop will offer students, teachers and professionals of the theater an opportunity to develop their acting, directing and teaching skills while immersed in the theater and culture of another country. According to the announcement, leading Israeli theatrical and motion picture personalities, drama critics and teachers will participate in the workshop lectures and seminars. Workshop members will also travel throughout Israel to study the various aspects of Israeli repertory, experimental and commercial theaters by attending rehearsals and performances. Classes will include acting techniques, scene study, speech, dance and a theater laboratory. The AZYF announcement said that Jack and Aviva Davidson will direct the workshop in coordination with the International Theater Institute of Israel. Jack Davidson, a graduate of Boston University's Theater Department and former director of the New Theater Workshop for professionals in New York, played the leading role this season in the New York production of "AC/DC." He can currently be seen in the motion picture, "Watermelon Man," and last year played in Eugene O'Neill's "Moon for the Misbegotten." Mrs. Jack (Aviva) Davidson, a graduate of U.C.L.A. Theater Arts Department who has taught acting and directed plays in New York, studied in Israel for 10 years. On stage she starred in Edward Albee's "Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?" when the play was staged in Bermuda.

Continuing Storms Mar Passover-Easter Holiday For Thousands

JERUSALEM, April 14 (JTA)--Continuing storms and unseasonably heavy rains marred the Passover-Easter holiday for thousands of Israelis and tourists. Many roads were damaged and closed down. A helicopter rescued four occupants of an automobile that was in danger of being swept into the Dead Sea by flood waters pouring over the normally parched terrain. The weather bureau promised partial clearing tomorrow. The rainy season is usually over by this time of year. But parts of the country have been deluged during the past 24 hours with more than a quarter of the total rain that normally falls during the rainy season. The wet weather had a beneficial aspect. Lake Tiberias (Sea of Galilee), Israel's largest fresh water reservoir, rose nearly seven inches. According to the experts, this translates into about 55 billion gallons, nearly a quarter of the country's annual water supply from natural sources. Water engineers of the Jordan Valley regional council said the increase would "make it a blessed year for farmers throughout the country whose irrigation systems are hooked up to the national water conduit."

Shells Fired On Israeli Patrol From Lebanese Territory

TEL AVIV, April 14 (JTA)--Bazooka shells and automatic weapons were fired at an Israeli patrol between Metullah and Misgav Am from Lebanese territory this morning. The fire was returned. No casualties were reported.

New York Jewish Schools To Be Closed On Salute To Israel Parade Day

NEW YORK, April 14 (JTA)--All Jewish schools in Greater New York will be closed on April 25, 1971, the day of the Salute to Israel Parade, it was announced by the American Zionist Youth Foundation. The New York Board of Jewish Education has declared April 25 to be a day of Israel celebration in the Greater New York area, and Dr. Alvin E. Schiff, executive vice-president of the Board has urged all school personnel, pupils, and parents to participate in the parade both as marchers and spectators. This is the first time in the history of New York Jewish schools that they will be totally closed on the day of the Salute to Israel Parade. The decision of the Bureau of Education was praised here in a statement by Dr. Arnulf M. Pins, chairman of the American Zionist Youth Foundation, the sponsor of the parade. "The action of the Board of Jewish Education should serve as a model for the communities all over the country that are having parades this year," Dr. Pins stated. In addition to the Salute to Israel Parade in New York, now in its 7th year, there will be community-sponsored parades in Boston, Chicago, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Miami and Pittsburgh. Independence Day Youth Rallies will also be held in Los Angeles, San Francisco, Cleveland, Denver, Minneapolis, Milwaukee, Oakland and other cities, the AZYF stated.

Israel Ambassador to the United States, Yitzhak Rabin, Ambassador to the United Nations Yosef Tekoah, and Consul General Rechavam Amir will be guests of honor at the parade. Mordechai Bar-On, the head of the Youth and Hechalutz Department of the Jewish Agency in Jerusalem will be a special guest of the parade. The chairman of the New York parade are Theodore Comet, Margy-Ruth Greenbaum, Arnulf Pins, and Stanley Stern. According to the announcement, 75,000 young people are expected to participate in the parade, which will take place on Fifth Avenue between 57th and 86th Streets, April 25. The theme of the parade is: "Am Isroel Chai" (the people of Israel live). More than 40 bands will participate, and there will be 62 floats from the Jewish youth movements and the general Jewish youth organizations. A Folk-Rock Be-In, Jubilee 1971, to be held in Central Park after the parade is expected to attract over 50,000 college students. It will be sponsored by the New York Union of Jewish Students. The Salute to Israel Parade is a project of the AZYF in cooperation with all major Jewish organizations and agencies.

Beigin Disputes Contention That Dir Yassin Was Similar To My Lai

LONDON, April 14 (JTA)--Menachem Beigin claimed in an article published in The Times today that no massacre occurred at Dir Yassin in April, 1948 and attributed "hypocrisy" to anyone drawing analogies between that incident and the My Lai massacre in Indo-China of March, 1968. Dir Yassin, an Arab village on the western approaches to Jerusalem, was occupied by units of the Irgun and Stern Gang, extremist underground Jewish organizations, on April 9, 1948 following a heavy attack in which many civilians including women and children were killed. Beigin, now leader of the Gahal opposition party in Israel, was commander of the Irgun at the time. His article in the Times was a reply to one published by the paper's deputy editor Louis Heron April 6 in which he referred to Dir Yassin as "Israel's My Lai." "It was neither a Jewish My Lai nor a Jewish Amritsar," Beigin wrote. "The reason is simple. No massacre was either ordered or carried out at Dir Yassin." On April 11, 1948, the Executive of the Jewish Agency, then the de facto government of Jews in Palestine, bitterly condemned the Dir Yassin affair. The Executive said that after learning the full details of the occupation of Dir Yassin "it must express its horror and disgust...at the barbarous manner in which this action was carried out...Such brutalities by Jews are repugnant to the Yishuv (Jewish Palestine)." The Executive also sent a cable to King Abdullah of Jordan, expressing sorrow over the events at Dir Yassin.

According to Beigin, the village was occupied because it "kept the only road to Jerusalem under fire" and was the base for repeated attacks on the western suburbs of Jerusalem. He said the Irgun, which was then operating jointly with the Stern Gang, or "Lehi," brought a loudspeaker van to the hills near Dir Yassin and warned all civilians to leave. "Many did so and were not hurt and were handed over to the Red Cross," he wrote. "Iraqi soldiers were in Dir Yassin helping local bands. Our men suffered unprecedented casualties. Civilians were killed because the battle was fierce. From almost every house built of solid stone our men were fired at. To overcome the enemy's deadly fire, they had no option but to toss grenades into houses...The next day as we received the first news about civilian casualties, we publicly expressed our deep regret. This is what happened at the battle of Dir Yassin," Beigin said. Heron wrote in The Times, "It can of course be argued that the situation was entirely different to that of My Lai. Unlike Lt. Calley and his men, the Jews were fighting for their lives as well as the establishment of a Jewish State....Dir Yassin was certainly different in that none of the allegedly mitigating arguments in defense of Calley applied. It was not the work of a confused young man but a carefully planned operation with a clear political objective. No effort was made to hush it up."

Kahane Receives \$500-Or-90-Days Sentence; Has Until May 7 To Pay Fine

NEW YORK, April 14 (JTA)--Rabbi Meir Kahane, national chairman of the Jewish Defense League, received a \$500-or-90-days sentence yesterday for obstructing governmental administration and disorderly conduct at a Dec. 30, 1969 demonstration at the Soviet Mission to the United Nations. Criminal Court Judge Irving Lang gave Rabbi Kahane until May 7 to pay his fine, but the JDL chief's lawyer, Philip Edelbaum, said he would appeal the sentence. Rabbi Kahane was unavailable for comment today. He told newsmen after sentencing that "I intend to continue doing exactly what I've been doing," adding: "I'm a rabbi and I'm trying to teach people that the pain of a Jew anywhere is the pain of a Jew everywhere."

Arabs Set Up Journalism School; Name It After Notorious Anti-Semite

BUENOS AIRES, April 14 (JTA)--An official of the Delegacion de Asociaciones Israelita Argentinas (DAIA) reported today that an Arab journalism school has been established in this city. The school, he said, is named after Juan Martel, a pen name of a vicious anti-Semitic Argentinian writer who lived here 60 years ago when there were few Jews.

Workmen's Circle Seder Urges U.S. To Help Obtain Passover Amnesty For USSR Jews

NEW YORK, April 14 (JTA)--The Workmen's Circle, the largest Jewish labor fraternal order, has asked the United States government to intervene with Soviet authorities to obtain a Passover amnesty for all Jewish political prisoners in the Soviet Union, it was disclosed here tonight. Joseph Mlotek, the Circle's education director, said a cable was sent to U.S. Ambassador Jacob Beam in Moscow on April 3 with a copy to the Soviet desk at the State Department. No response has been received so far. Mlotek addressed 2,000 persons at the Workmen's Circle annual Third Seder. He said Beam was asked to request amnesty and release from prison "for Soviet Jews incarcerated for demonstrating their desire to emigrate." He said "We did not indicate that we sought exodus for them--just freedom which includes the right to leave if they choose or to remain within Soviet borders as free and unfettered citizens." The amnesty would apply to 11 Jews convicted in the Leningrad hijack trial last December and now serving prison terms as well as Jews in Riga, Leningrad and other Soviet cities now imprisoned and awaiting trial on related charges.

Students from nine campuses in the New York area conducted an "exodus" seder in Washington Square Park today to dramatize the efforts of Soviet Jews to emigrate. The event featured the reading of the "Exodus Haggadah," an account of Jewish difficulties in the Soviet Union and their growing resistance. The "seder" was sponsored by the University Community for Soviet Jewry in cooperation with the Center for Russian Jewry. Meanwhile, the Long Island Committee for Soviet Jewry has called on the Jewish community of Long Island to observe a "ninth day" of Passover on Sunday evening as an expression of commitment and concern for the plight of Soviet Jews. Harold Appelbaum, coordinator of the observance, said that 150 Jewish and Christian leaders are expected to participate in a "Freedom Seder" at Temple B'nai Shalom of Rockville Center. The seder, he said, has been endorsed by the Right Rev. Jonathan G. Sherman, Episcopal Bishop for the Diocese of Long Island and will be cosponsored by a number of inter-faith organizations. On Sunday morning, demonstrators will gather at the gates of the Soviet Mission Compound in Glen Cove in a program featuring Cantor Shlomo Carlbach, Appelbaum added.

Hillel Foundation To Feature Week-Long Holocaust Observance

NEW YORK, April 14 (JTA)--The Hillel Foundation on the Brooklyn College campus believes the Nazi holocaust of 25 years ago contains an urgent warning for the generation growing up today. It will devote the week of April 19-22 to a program of multi-media activities focussing attention on the genocide committed against six million Jews in Europe. In "An Open Letter to the Generation After," the Holocaust Observance Week committee declared, "Yesterday's scapegoats were the Jews of Europe. Tomorrow's victims: the Blacks? The 'radical liberals'? Even You." The Hillel students, under the chairmanship of Iris Elyakin will sponsor public lectures, a guerrilla theater, poetry readings, ghetto folk singing and creative dance interpretations of the holocaust theme. Several films dealing with the Nazi period in Europe will be screened, among them the Czech film "Shop on Main Street." Evening torchlight processions accompanied by readings from the Book of Lamentations and a 28th anniversary Warsaw Ghetto photographic exhibit will be part of the observance.

Prof. William Forman, president of the Faculty Hillel Associates, said in a letter to the faculty today, "In the light of Mytil the conscience of every American has been painfully and dramatically alerted to the grim possibility and frightening truth that 'It can happen everywhere.'" At the same time, the Warsaw Ghetto Resistance Organization announced a candle-lighting ceremony at Carnegie Hall April 18th to mark the 28th anniversary of the uprising. Guest speakers will include Sen. Jacob K. Javits of New York, Rabbi Herschel Schacter, chairman of the American Jewish Conference on Soviet Jewry and Rabbi Arthur J. Lelyveld, president of the American Jewish Congress. The Zionist organization's youth movement, Masada, in Chicago, announced today that it will hold special programs on April 17 and 27 to commemorate the holocaust and memorialize Israeli soldiers fallen in battle.

U.S., Israeli Students At Hebrew U. Use Coffee House Atmosphere For Getting Together

JERUSALEM, April 14 (JTA)--American students at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem who have been searching for a place to relax after a long day of studies have now opened an American style Coffee House on the Givat Ram campus. Located in a converted dormitory game room, the Coffee House is purely American in mood and style. But it also appeals to Israelis, who, as word spreads, are turning up more and more frequently. Carl Viniar, a junior-year-abroad student from Cornell University, who conceived the idea and turned it into a reality, would like to see the Coffee House become a place where Americans and Israelis, who seldom meet socially, can get together. Communication between the visiting and Israeli students begins with quiet conversations, not with big seminars or sociological studies. The Coffee House affords an opportunity for an informal intermingling of cultures.

This cosmopolitan spirit is given explicit expression during poetry evenings in which French, English and Hebrew works are included. Started by overseas students on the one year program, the Coffee House is one of their contributions to student life at the University. Although supported by the University, it is a place for students, run by students. Sipping coffee while comparing thoughts on Dylan Thomas, Anwar Sadat, Bob Dylan, or Hebrew grammar till all hours is called "doing your own thing." Now, this American collegiate form of entertainment has been in reduced into the Israeli campus by some energetic overseas students and it is going over big. The initiators are already thinking about the future. Students who will remain at the University are encouraged to get involved and are taking over the major responsibilities.

Land-Of-Israel Members Prevented From Holding Prayer Service At Mosque

JERUSALEM, April 14 (JTA)--About 60 followers of the Land-Of-Israel movement were prevented from holding a prayer service today in the Temple Mount area of East Jerusalem between the Mosque of Omar and the El Aksa Mosque. Police, informed in advance of the group's plans, locked the Mugh-rabi Gate which gives the only access to the area. No arrests were made. Jews are forbidden to hold religious services on the site which Moslems consider sacred.