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Apart from the hospitalized firemen no casualties were reported among the Haaretz staff and linotypists who were at work early Friday preparing the morning edition. All evacuated the building safely. But much of Tel Aviv's fire-fighting equipment was required to fight the fire that sent clouds of noxious black smoke pouring through the basement storerooms. Firemen wearing gas masks used a bulldozer to break through to the seat of the blaze and used foam machines to help quell it. Experts were still sifting through the smoldering debris this morning in search of further evidence.

BOOK CHARGES JEWS HAVE INFILTRATED MAJOR WORLD INSTITUTIONS, INCLUDING THE RANKS OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

By Asher Mibashan

BUENOS AIRES, Jan. 4 (JTA) -- A book titled "Argentina Judia" (Jewish Argentina) by a government official who accused Judaism of being the source of "international synarchy" that has infiltrated major world institutions including "the ranks of the (Catholic) Church" was introduced with fanfare at a press conference here several days ago, attended by church officials, academicians and representatives of the Libyan Embassy.

The author, Horacio Calderon, a member of the right-wing Peronist Youth, was confirmed last week as press director of the Buenos Aires National University. That position was seen in circles here as a reward for his book. His book is startlingly reminiscent of the 19th century work "France Juive" (The French Jew) by Eduard Drumont, which sparked anti-Semitism in France when it was published there.

At the press conference, Calderon stated that the "visible powers of Judaism are known as international synarchy whose various prongs are Zionist projects, diaspora projects, Jewish-Christian projects divided into capitalist, Communist, Masonic and Vatican international." Regarding the alleged Vatican international, the author declared in his speech that "it participates actively in synarchic activity...and has been established after a prolonged and persistent process of Jewish infiltration in the ranks of the Church."

Denounces Imperialism, Kissinger

Calderon espouses the concept of "synarchy" developed by the late President Juan D. Peron who viewed all world events as the outcome of a sinister link between capitalism, Communism, Freemasonry and the church, all controlled in some occult manner by "international Judaism." The philosophy was strongly reminiscent of the notorious 19th century forgery, "The Protocols of the Elders of Zion" although Peron was not unfriendly to Argentine Jews and his regime maintained diplomatic relations with Israel.

Calderon declared in his speech that his book places Argentina among the non-alligned countries. "Thus, we shall stop being satellites of imperialism and particularly obedient instruments of the Kissinger plan (U.S. Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger) which concentrates occult powers of Judaism and international synarchy."

Last November, Calderon was one of the signers of an advertisement in local newspapers applauding the United Nations Third Committee draft resolution that identified Zionism and a form of racism. Those attending the press conference introducing his book included The Rev. Father Raul Sanchez Abelenda, dean of the philosophy faculty at Buenos Aires University, and Rodolfo Tecera Del Franco, dean of the sociology department.

Ad Lauds PLO, Palestinians

Meanwhile, three Arab groups here published large advertisements in major Buenos Aires newspapers declaring that "A Palestine State is the only peace possibility" in the Middle East. The ad quotes PLO chieftain Yassir Arafat and the late President Peron.

The sponsors are Argentine Cultural Palestine House; Argentine Arab Youth for the Liberation of Palestine; and Palestine's Voice. They expressed great satisfaction over the successes achieved by the PLO at the United Nations last year and drew a distinction between Judaism and Zionism.

In that connection they quoted views expressed by the "Tkuf," the left-wing anti-Zionist Federation of Argentine Jewish Cultural Bodies which attacked the official representative organizations of Argentine Jewry such as the DAIA, the Buenos Aires Jewish Community Council and the Argentine Zionist Federation as perpetrators of "international synarchy."

The ad noted with satisfaction that during 1975 a street in the city of Rosario was named "Palestine Street" and a square in the resort town of San Clemente Del Tuyu was named "Palestine State."

TEL AVIV, (JTA) -- Israel exported \$541 million worth of polished diamonds in 1975, 1% less than in 1974.

25 CATHOLIC, PROTESTANT, JEWISH WOMEN TO MEET WITH WOMEN IN 4 MIDEAST COUNTRIES IN EFFORT TO GAIN NEW INSIGHTS INTO AREA'S CONFLICT

NEW YORK, Jan. 4 (JTA) -- Twenty-five women -- Catholics, Protestants and Jews -- will leave tomorrow for a 17-day Women's Interreligious Study Tour of the Middle East, it was announced by the American Jewish Committee. They will visit Egypt, Syria, Jordan and Israel.

Plans have been made for the group to meet with women on all levels of society in each country, in an effort to secure new insights into the Middle East conflict by reaching sources of opinion previously unknown in the West. They also hope to learn more about the life-styles of Arab and Israeli women, and to stimulate an inquiry into how women can work together toward peace in the Middle East.

The tour group, whose members come from eight states and Canada, includes a physician; a Presbyterian minister; a college professor; an arbitration expert; two editors; a photographer; a college vice president; four Roman Catholic nuns and four housewives. It also includes a social welfare consultant, an interreligious dialogue specialist, a Head Start teacher, and several communal and religious lay leaders. Two of the participants are candidates for the position of Moderator of the United Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A., the highest elected role in that religious body.

The tour is co-sponsored by the Leadership Conference of Women Religious (Roman Catholic), United Presbyterian Women, and the American Jewish Committee, in cooperation with the Division of Overseas Ministries of the National Council of Churches.

It will have three co-leaders: Sarah Cunningham, editor of the United Presbyterian women's journal, "Concern"; Sister Ann Patrick Ware, associate director of the National Council of Churches' Faith and Order Commission; and Inge Lederer Gibel, program specialist in the Interreligious Affairs Department of the AJCommittee.

Adding A New Element

Describing the group discussions on the Middle East that have been held at regular intervals for the past year and a half, Ms. Gibel called them "an effort to separate the facts and fantasies, prejudices and commitments that shape our attitudes to the Arab-Israeli conflict. We have discussed and debated the issues of the Middle East, based on the information that has been available to us here. Now we hope to broaden our understanding of these problems by obtaining new insights from the people directly involved in them -- especially from the women of the Middle East, Jewish, Moslem and Christian."

Sister Ann Patrick Ware supported the idea that women-to-women discussion of the Middle East situation would add a new element to the international dialogue on this subject. "To talk to Middle Eastern women about how the conflict has affected their lives is to hear a hitherto silent voice," she said. "We know that the political leaders of the Middle East have said for the public record, but we have no way of knowing what ideas and feelings are held by those who have little or no political voice."

U.S. POLICY POLICY SHIFTS TOWARD PLO MAY RESULT IN A NEW MUNICH

NEW YORK, Jan. 4 (JTA) -- The president of the Workmen's Circle warned here yesterday that any American foreign policy shifts favorable to the Palestine Liberation Organization "may have dire consequences that may recall the volcanic days of the infamous's Munich pact." In his year-end report to the National Executive Committee of the Workmen's Circle, Harold Ostroff declared that "unless America stands fast against appeasement, 1976 can be as fateful for world Jewry and the world as was 1939" when the Munich pact was signed.

He noted that if there will be increasing accommodations by the U.S. to the PLO, or if there are foreign policy adjustments to buttress "the shaky foundations of detente with the Soviet Union," then Jewish communities, even in the United States, "may face severe tests from those who are awaiting precisely such a signal to ignite anti-Semitic manifestations."

Continuing, Ostroff said: "World Jewry, with Israel as its pivot, may face additional burdens and dangers. Such shifts, as are now indicated, can well set off a series of domestic and foreign actions of retribution against Jews. The UN resolutions equating Zionism with racism may be mere curtain raisers in the drama, that 1976 portends."

He underscored that "it is time for Jewish organizations to close ranks in order to face the consequences we face in 1976. When the Security Council opens its Middle East debate (Jan. 12) the trigger may well be cocked. The targets are clear insofar as the PLO and their friends are concerned." It is also time, Ostroff added, for a strong labor-liberal coalition to reassert itself in the U.S. to work with Jewish communities at home and abroad "to avert economic and social backlashes from shifts in foreign policy."

EXIT VISA GRANTED DR. ANNA BERKUN

NEW YORK, Jan. 4 (JTA) -- Dr. Anna Berkun, a noted Soviet Jewish pediatrician from Orensburg, has been given permission to emigrate to Israel, the New York Medical Committee on Soviet Jewry learned. "Dr. Berkun and her 16-year-old son and invalid sister, had been arbitrarily denied permission for almost 2 years. Efforts on behalf of Dr. Berkun and her family included their adoption by New York area doctors, the publication of her petitions and vigorous appeals for the family's freedom. The Medical Committee is an affiliate of the Greater New York Conference on Soviet Jewry.

POUND DEVALUED AGAIN

JERUSALEM, Jan. 4 (JTA) -- The Israel Pound was devalued again today as part of the government's continuing efforts to combat the country's worsening balance of payments deficit. The Pound is now valued at IL 7.24 to the dollar. The Pound previously stood at IL 7.16 to the dollar as a result of a devaluation 40 days ago. It has been devalued a total of 66 percent since November, 1974, when it stood at IL 4.20 to the dollar.



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Apart from the hospitalized firemen no casualties were reported among the Haaretz staff and linotypists who were at work early Friday preparing the morning edition. All evacuated the building safely. But much of Tel Aviv's fire-fighting equipment was required to fight the fire that sent clouds of noxious black smoke pouring through the basement storerooms. Firemen wearing gas masks used a bulldozer to break through to the seat of the blaze and used foam machines to help quell it. Experts were still sifting through the smoldering debris this morning in search of further evidence.

BOOK CHARGES JEWS HAVE INFILTRATED MAJOR WORLD INSTITUTIONS, INCLUDING THE RANKS OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

By Asher Mibashan

BUENOS AIRES, Jan. 4 (JTA) -- A book titled "Argentina Judia" (Jewish Argentina) by a government official who accused Judaism of being the source of "international synarchy" that has infiltrated major world institutions including "the ranks of the (Catholic) Church" was introduced with fanfare at a press conference here several days ago, attended by church officials, academicians and representatives of the Libyan Embassy.

The author, Horacio Calderon, a member of the right-wing Peronist Youth, was confirmed last week as press director of the Buenos Aires National University. That position was seen in circles here as a reward for his book. His book is startlingly reminiscent of the 19th century work "France Juive" (The French Jew) by Eduard Drumont, which sparked anti-Semitism in France when it was published there.

At the press conference, Calderon stated that the "visible powers of Judaism are known as international synarchy whose various prongs are Zionist projects, diaspora projects, Jewish-Christian projects divided into capitalist, Communist, Masonic and Vatican international." Regarding the alleged Vatican international, the author declared in his speech that "it participates actively in synarchic activity...and has been established after a prolonged and persistent process of Jewish infiltration in the ranks of the Church."

Denounces Imperialism, Kissinger

Calderon espouses the concept of "synarchy" developed by the late President Juan D. Peron who viewed all world events as the outcome of a sinister link between capitalism, Communism, Freemasonry and the church, all controlled in some occult manner by "international Judaism." The philosophy was strongly reminiscent of the notorious 19th century forgery, "The Protocols of the Elders of Zion" although Peron was not unfriendly to Argentine Jews and his regime maintained diplomatic relations with Israel.

Calderon declared in his speech that his book places Argentina among the non-alligned countries. "Thus, we shall stop being satellites of imperialism and particularly obedient instruments of the Kissinger plan (U.S. Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger) which concentrates occult powers of Judaism and international synarchy."

Last November, Calderon was one of the signers of an advertisement in local newspapers applauding the United Nations Third Committee draft resolution that identified Zionism and a form of racism. Those attending the press conference introducing his book included The Rev. Father Raul Sanchez Abelenda, dean of the philosophy faculty at Buenos Aires University, and Rodolfo Tecera Del Franco, dean of the sociology department.

Ad Lauds PLO, Palestinians

Meanwhile, three Arab groups here published large advertisements in major Buenos Aires newspapers declaring that "A Palestine State is the only peace possibility" in the Middle East. The ad quotes PLO chieftain Yassir Arafat and the late President Peron.

The sponsors are Argentine Cultural Palestine House; Argentine Arab Youth for the Liberation of Palestine; and Palestine's Voice. They expressed great satisfaction over the successes achieved by the PLO at the United Nations last year and drew a distinction between Judaism and Zionism.

In that connection they quoted views expressed by the "Tkuf," the left-wing anti-Zionist Federation of Argentine Jewish Cultural Bodies which attacked the official representative organizations of Argentine Jewry such as the DAIA, the Buenos Aires Jewish Community Council and the Argentine Zionist Federation as perpetrators of "international synarchy."

The ad noted with satisfaction that during 1975 a street in the city of Rosario was named "Palestine Street" and a square in the resort town of San Clemente Del Tuyu was named "Palestine State."

TEL AVIV, (JTA) -- Israel exported \$541 million worth of polished diamonds in 1975, 1% less than in 1974.

25 CATHOLIC, PROTESTANT, JEWISH WOMEN TO MEET WITH WOMEN IN 4 MIDEAST COUNTRIES IN EFFORT TO GAIN NEW INSIGHTS INTO AREA'S CONFLICT

NEW YORK, Jan. 4 (JTA) -- Twenty-five women -- Catholics, Protestants and Jews -- will leave tomorrow for a 17-day Women's Interreligious Study Tour of the Middle East, it was announced by the American Jewish Committee. They will visit Egypt, Syria, Jordan and Israel.

Plans have been made for the group to meet with women on all levels of society in each country, in an effort to secure new insights into the Middle East conflict by reaching sources of opinion previously unknown in the West. They also hope to learn more about the life-styles of Arab and Israeli women, and to stimulate an inquiry into how women can work together toward peace in the Middle East.

The tour group, whose members come from eight states and Canada, includes a physician; a Presbyterian minister; a college professor; an arbitration expert; two editors; a photographer; a college vice president; four Roman Catholic nuns and four housewives. It also includes a social welfare consultant, an interreligious dialogue specialist, a Head Start teacher, and several communal and religious lay leaders. Two of the participants are candidates for the position of Moderator of the United Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A., the highest elected role in that religious body.

The tour is co-sponsored by the Leadership Conference of Women Religious (Roman Catholic), United Presbyterian Women, and the American Jewish Committee, in cooperation with the Division of Overseas Ministries of the National Council of Churches.

It will have three co-leaders: Sarah Cunningham, editor of the United Presbyterian women's journal, "Concern"; Sister Ann Patrick Ware, associate director of the National Council of Churches' Faith and Order Commission; and Inge Lederer Gibel, program specialist in the Interreligious Affairs Department of the AJCommittee.

Adding A New Element

Describing the group discussions on the Middle East that have been held at regular intervals for the past year and a half, Ms. Gibel called them "an effort to separate the facts and fantasies, prejudices and commitments that shape our attitudes to the Arab-Israeli conflict. We have discussed and debated the issues of the Middle East, based on the information that has been available to us here. Now we hope to broaden our understanding of these problems by obtaining new insights from the people directly involved in them -- especially from the women of the Middle East, Jewish, Moslem and Christian."

Sister Ann Patrick Ware supported the idea that women-to-women discussion of the Middle East situation would add a new element to the international dialogue on this subject. "To talk to Middle Eastern women about how the conflict has affected their lives is to hear a hitherto silent voice," she said. "We know that the political leaders of the Middle East have said for the public record, but we have no way of knowing what ideas and feelings are held by those who have little or no political voice."

U.S. POLICY POLICY SHIFTS TOWARD PLO MAY RESULT IN A NEW MUNICH

NEW YORK, Jan. 4 (JTA) -- The president of the Workmen's Circle warned here yesterday that any American foreign policy shifts favorable to the Palestine Liberation Organization "may have dire consequences that may recall the volcanic days of the infamous's Munich pact." In his year-end report to the National Executive Committee of the Workmen's Circle, Harold Ostroff declared that "unless America stands fast against appeasement, 1976 can be as fateful for world Jewry and the world as was 1939" when the Munich pact was signed.

He noted that if there will be increasing accommodations by the U.S. to the PLO, or if there are foreign policy adjustments to buttress "the shaky foundations of detente with the Soviet Union," then Jewish communities, even in the United States, "may face severe tests from those who are awaiting precisely such a signal to ignite anti-Semitic manifestations."

Continuing, Ostroff said: "World Jewry, with Israel as its pivot, may face additional burdens and dangers. Such shifts, as are now indicated, can well set off a series of domestic and foreign actions of retribution against Jews. The UN resolutions equating Zionism with racism may be mere curtain raisers in the drama, that 1976 portends."

He underscored that "it is time for Jewish organizations to close ranks in order to face the consequences we face in 1976. When the Security Council opens its Middle East debate (Jan. 12) the trigger may well be cocked. The targets are clear insofar as the PLO and their friends are concerned." It is also time, Ostroff added, for a strong labor-liberal coalition to reassert itself in the U.S. to work with Jewish communities at home and abroad "to avert economic and social backlashes from shifts in foreign policy."

EXIT VISA GRANTED DR. ANNA BERKUN

NEW YORK, Jan. 4 (JTA) -- Dr. Anna Berkun, a noted Soviet Jewish pediatrician from Orensburg, has been given permission to emigrate to Israel, the New York Medical Committee on Soviet Jewry learned. "Dr. Berkun and her 16-year-old son and invalid sister, had been arbitrarily denied permission for almost 2 years. Efforts on behalf of Dr. Berkun and her family included their adoption by New York area doctors, the publication of her petitions and vigorous appeals for the family's freedom. The Medical Committee is an affiliate of the Greater New York Conference on Soviet Jewry.

POUND DEVALUED AGAIN

JERUSALEM, Jan. 4 (JTA) -- The Israel Pound was devalued again today as part of the government's continuing efforts to combat the country's worsening balance of payments deficit. The Pound is now valued at IL 7.24 to the dollar. The Pound previously stood at IL 7.16 to the dollar as a result of a devaluation 40 days ago. It has been devalued a total of 66 percent since November, 1974, when it stood at IL 4.20 to the dollar.