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WEST BANK MARCH ENDS; ARABS STAGE PROTEST DEMONSTRATION IN JERICHO; VIOLENCE ERUPTS AGAIN IN NABLUS BY Yitzhak Shargil and Tuvia Mendelson

JERUSALEM, April 19 (JTA) -- The two-day march through the West Bank by the Gush Emunim and their followers ended tonight in Jericho where a curfew was imposed at noon to quash an Arab protest demonstration in the center of town. The military authorities ordered the curfew because a clash seemed likely between the protestors and the first contingents of marchers arriving this morning.

The marchers themselves dispersed quietly outside Jericho. No settlement attempts were reported. But a group who wish to settle in the town told reporters they saw the march as the first step in their dream's fruition. They recalled that according to Jewish tradition the walls of Jericho were trumpeted down during Passover.

(In New York, Jewish youths held two separate rallies today for and against Gush Emunim and West Bank settlements. See related story this page.)

The march by more than 20,000 Orthodox nationalist militants, which began in the Samarian hills yesterday, precipitated a counter-march by thousands of West Bank Arabs yesterday from Ramallah to Kalandia north of Jerusalem where the protestors dispersed peacefully, But violence erupted anew today in Nablus, the largest West Bank town.

Sayid Taher Jaba, 55, was fatally wounded in a clash between rioters and an Israeli patrol. Jaba, who died in a hospital, was one of three persons shot when Israeli soldiers opened fire to extricate themselves from an alley where they were surrounded by rioters and pelted with stones from rooftops. Yesterday, Israeli troops used tear gas in Nablus to disperse Arab youths who had erected barricades and were burning rubber tires, apparently in protest against the Gush Emunim—march.

Unrest In Jenin, Tulkarem

Unrest was also reported today in Tulkarem and Jenin where high schools were forced to close as students boycotted classes to participate in demonstrations. The disorder in Jenin appeared to stem less from the Gush Emunim march than from bitterness over the outcome of the April 12 municipal elections.

Jenin was one of the few towns on the West Bank where a moderate candidate garnered the largest number of votes. But an extremist, supported by nationalist groups, may be appointed mayor with the support of a majority of the newly elected councilmen.

—Local politics were also responsible for the shootings in Ramallah Friday and Saturday which claimed two lives. Six-year-old Jamil Hamis El A Jum was killed when an Israeli soldier accidentally fired his rifle while struggling with a rioter Saturday. A Ramallah businassman. Abdul Nur Janho, defeated in his election bid a week ago, was arrested Friday for allegedly slaying Khalil Issa, 42, in a political dispute. The riots in which the

youngster was killed grew out of the earlier shooting.

ISRAELIS HOPEFUL FORD MAY HAVE CHANGED HIS MIND ABOUT OPPOSING \$550 MILLION IN TRANSITIONAL AID BY David Landau

JERUSALEM, April 19 (JTA)--Sen. Jacob K, Javits (R, NY), currently touring the Middle East, is due here tomorrow from Egypt where he had lengthy meetings with President Anwar Sadat over the weekend. Interest here, however, centers mainly on what the Senator will report to Israeli leaders about the private meeting he had with President Ford prior to leaving Washington at which the \$550 million transitional quarter aid issue is understood to have been discussed.

Israeli circles in Washington reported that the meeting may have been the first sign that Ford will relent in his opposition to foreign aid funding for the three months between fiscal 1976 and fiscal 1977 that would give Israel an additional \$550 million. According to some sources, Ford intimated to Javits that he would be amenable to a compromise that would provide Israel with half of its aid request.

Its ain request.

Javifs has meetings scheduled with Premier
Yitzhak Rabin, Foreign Minister Yigal Allon and
Defense Minister Shimon Peres. He will also meet
with former Premier Golda Meir, former Foreign
Minister Abba Eban, former Defense Minister
Moshe Dayan and Likud leader Menachem Beigin.
Javits has also requested a meeting with Prof.
Shlomo Ayineri, the new director general of the
Foreign Ministry.

At a news conference in Cairo yesterday, Javits said he was impressed by Sadal's sincere desire to achieve a peaceful settlement in the Middle East, He noted, however, that he and the Egyptian leader had agreed to disagree over a PLO role in a peace settlement.

JEWISH YOUTHS HOLD TWO SEPARATE RALLIES FOR AND AGAINST GUSH EMUNIM, WEST BANK SETTLEMENTS -BW YILTHAK RADI

NEW YORK, April 19 (JTA)—Jewish youths dominated today for and against the Gush Emunim and Jewish settlements on the West Bank at two separate rallies near the United Nations. About 200 youngsters, mostly yeshiva students, gathered in Dag Hammarskjold Plaza to shout and chant support for the militant Orthodox nationalist group in Israel which insists that the Judaea and Samaria regions belong to the Jewish. State.

Four blocks away, about 75 young members of the recently formed Socialist Zionist Union, assembled at the Isaiah Wall, denounced the Gush Emunim as an obstacle to peace in the Middle East. The two rallies were occasioned by a march through the West Bank by about 20,000 Gush Emunim followers and their supporters.

Issue Is The Jewish State.

At the larger rally, Rabbi Fabian Schonfeld, president of the Rabbinical Council of America, declared that Arab refusal to come to terms with the existence of a Jewish State, not Jewish set-

tlement on the West Bank, was the obstacte-to peace. Schonfeld told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that he did not come to the rally as a representative of the Rabbinical Council but that 90 percent of the members of that Orthodox rabbinical body identified with the Gush Emunim and their policies.

He and other speakers, who included Rabbi Avrafiam Weiss of the Hebrew Institute of Riverdale, and Hebrew University Prof. Benjamin Fraenkel, currently a visiting lecturer at Princeton, denounced the U.S. Ambassador to the UN, William Scranton, for his recent criticism at the Security Council of Jewish settlement in the occupied territories.

The pro-Gush Emunim rally was organized by Noam Hamishmeret Hatzeira, the religious Zionist youth movement affiliated with the young leadership faction of Israel's National Religious Party, and Yawneh, the national Jewish religious students association. The youngsters carried signs reading "The West Bank is Israel's, No More Retreats" and "Samaria and Judaea Are Jewish."

An Obstacle To Peace

The protest rally, in which members of Habonim and Hashomer Hatzair participated, took the view that the Gush Emunim are a "small minority of right-wing extremists...who represent a dangerous obstacle to peace." Ed Freedman, a member of the SZU, told the JTA that the demonstration was held "to show our opposition to the settlement and march by the Gush Emunim."

He said the Gush policies constitute "a moral and political obstacle". To a just solution of the Israeli-Arab conflict, Participants carried placards reading "Israel Yes, Territories No" and "Aliya, Not Territories." Re-enforced police units were present at both rallies, the larger number of them at Dag Hammarskjold Plaza. No incidents were reported at either rally.

EGYPT WANTS TO BUY DUTCH AIRCRAFT

AMSTERDAM, April 19 (ITA)--Egypt is showing interest in buying three or four Dutch "Fokker Friendship" naval patrol aircraft in their new coastal patrol version which was shown publicly only a few weeks ago.

The Dutch government has approved negotiations between Fokker and Egypt, though this does not mean it will automatically grant an export license if negotiations succeed. A government license is required for export of military material from Holland. The total amount involved is forty to fifty million Guilders.

In a radio interview yesterday the previous Minister of Defense, the Liberal Hendrik den Toom, strongly advocated selling the Fokkers to Egypt. He stressed that they are defensive aircraft only and equipped with electronic apparatus for spotting enemy submarines.

He pointed to the precarious position of Dutch industry at the moment and the heavy burdens of the Dutch economy and urged that this substantial order should not be rejected by a government veto against an export license. Moreover, in case of a Dutch refusal other Euromarket countries would be glad to take over, he said, adding that the United States also supplies military material to Egypt.

2000 ATTEND JEWISH YOUTH FAIR

NEW YORK, April 19 (JTA) -- Central Park

Mall was filled yesterday with the sounds, sights, and spirit of Jewish and Israeli songs, dances, crafts, films, at the first Annual New York City Jewish Youth Fair sponsored by the major city youth groups and coordinated by the American Zionist Youth Foundation.

Four six hours, in temperatures reaching a record high of 96 degrees, some 2000 young Jews participated in the Jewish Youth Fair-complete with booths, exhibits, displays and entertainment, Admission was 175e and everyone was invited to participate in the festivities.

Jewish and Israeli themes were presented in a festive and educational display, including community singing, Israeli folk dancing, Israeli films and a mini-Hebrew ulpan lesson. In addition to displaying the varied cultural and educational aspects of American Jewish living and Israel, the youth groups also set up-displays describing their movements, activities and programs.

The theme of the Youth Fair was "From Slavery to Freedom"--the theme both of Passover which celebrates the exodus from Egypt, and of the current struggle of Soviet Jews to emigrate to Israel. As a symbol of the union of these two efforts, a model Passover "Seder" was performed by former Soviet Jews.

Throughout the afternoon renowned entertainers and groups performed on the stage. A dramatic highlight was a short service dedicated to the Warsaw Ghetto Remembrance. The fair was sponsored by B'nai B'rith Youth Organization, Betar, Bnei Akiva, Dror, Habonim, Hashomer Hatzair, Massada, National Federation of Temple Youth, New York City High School Yeshivas, Young, Judaea and Young Israel.

EASTER SERVICE FOR SOVIET JEWRY By Joseph Polakoff

WASHINGTON, April 19 (JTA)—The Washington area's first celebration of Easter this year was the sunrise service yesterday morning by Catholic and Protestant clergymen, nuns and laity opposite the Soviet Embassy on behalf of Soviet Jewry.

"This inter-Christian and interracial remembrance of the liberation of another Jew some 2000 years ago" a Lutheran sponsor of the program said, is "in behalf of persecuted, brutalized and imprisoned Soviet Jewish believers and citizens."

"On this Easter, a day that over the centuries of Christian history has been one of harassment and brutalization of Jews by Christians as the climax of Holy Week," said the Rev. John F. Steinbruck, Pastor of the Lutheran Place Mémorial Church, "Washington Christians now call upon the Soviet government to respect the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, which it signed as a charter member, that guarantees the right to emigrate."

Among the 30 participants were Dr. Robert L. Pruitt of the Metropolitan African Methodist Episcopal Church and Monsignor Ralph Kuehner of the Office of Social Development of the Washington Archdiocese.

The number was held to 30, Dr. Steinbruck said, oavoid possible police charges of excessive demonstration in front of the Soviet Embassy under a city ordinance. The service was conducted on the site of the daily Jewish vigil which usually numbers about 15 participants.

Dr. Steinbruck said that the group unsuccessfully sought to send a message and a symbol of solidarity to the Soviet Jews through the Soviet Embasssy. They rang the front door bell of the Embassybut no one responded to accept a copy of the "Call of Christian Conscience" which Christian delegates had developed at the Second Brussels Conference on Soviet Jewry in February and a potted Easter-lily from the altar of the Luther Place Church.

DOCUMENT WRITTEN BY ELAZAR TWO YEARS AGO, RELEASED AFTER HIS DEATH, CHALLENGED AGRANAT PANEL FINDINGS. BY YILDRAK Shargil

ALEL AVIV, April 19 (JTA)—A document which the late Gen. David ("Dado") Elazar prepared two years ago challenging the findings of the Agranat Committee that as Chief of Staff he was responsible for Israel's lack of military prepardeness when the Yom Kippur War broke out, was made public today—one day after Elazar was burted with full military honors on Mt, Herzl in Jerusalem. The retired former Chief of Staff died of a heart attack Thursday in Tel Aviv at the age of 51.

He submitted the document, at the time of his resignation in April, 1974, to Premier Yitzhak Rabin, members of the Cabinet and to the members of the Agranat Committee appointed by Premier Golda Meir in 1973 to investigate events leading up to the Yom Kippur War and Israel's conduct of the battle.

In it, Elazar took issue with two charges levelled against him by the Agranat panel—that he did not warn of the imminence of war in October, 1973 and that he, rather than the then Defense Minister Moshe Dayan, was responsible for Israel's failure to mobilize in time.

Comments today on the so-called "Dado document" indicated that persons in senior positions found "loop holes" in the Agranat report and that some Cabinet ministers did not whole-heartedly back the findings but were reluctant to say so at the time. Some ministers, in fact, reportedly proposed the appointment of Elazar to be Israel's Ambassador to the U.S., indicating their trust and high regard for the general after reading the Agranat report,

Not Shown Intelligence Reports

Elazar claimed in the document that Dayan failed to exercise his legal authority-to-call up the reserves on the eve of the Yom Kippur War because he was waiting for formal approval from Mrs, Meir. Even on the day the war broke out he delayed calling up two reserve divisions until approval was forthcoming from the Premier, which cost precious time, Elazar stated.

Therefore, he contended, the Agranat panel was remiss in not placing any responsibility on Dayan. He also claimed that some 400 intelligence reports, some of them warning of the imminence of war, were not shown to him by the intelligence branch. Had he received them, he might have alerted the government and the army, he wrote.

Elazar noted that every piece of intelligence he received was also received by the Defense Minister and that while the Chief of Staff had only one source of information—army intelligence—Dayan had access to many other sources. The Defense Minister thus bears the same responsibility as the Chief of Staff, but the Agranat Committee did not mention that and placed sole responsibility on his shoulders. Since the Minister of the Mi

SOMA MORGENSTERN DEAD AT 85

NEW YORK, April 19 (JTA)--Soma Morgen-

stern, the Polish-born novelist whose work, "The Third Pillar," was adapted for part of the Yom Kippur Mahzor in the prayer book of Conservative Judaism, died Saturday, at the age of 85. Born in a hamlet near Ternopol, then part of the Austro-Hungarian empire and now in the Soviet Ukraine. Mr. Morgenstern attended the University of Vienna where he studied law and political science. Later he became a freelance writer and lournalist in German.

Mr. Morgenstern was best known for a trilogy translated from the German and published here in 1947, 1948 and 1950. "The Son of the Lost Son." "In My Father's Pastures," and "The Testament of the Lost Son." His books generally reflected the pastoral life of village and farm that once existed in Eastern Europe. Referring to the adoption of a passage from his work for the Mahzor, Mr. Morgenstern said it meant more to him than if he had won a Nobel Prize.

FLANNERY LEAVING POST AS HEAD OF CATHOLIC-JEWISH RELATIONS OF THE CONFERENCE OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS

WASHINGTON, April 19 (JTA) -- The Rev. Edward J, Flannery, head of Catholic-Jewish relations of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, will leave that post Oct. I to return to his home diocese of Providence, RI, the Conference announced today. Bishop James S, Rausch, general secretary of the Conference, said that Father Flannery will coordinate study programs for diocesan priests in Providence. No successor has been named by the Conference and no immediate reason was given for Flannery's reassignment.

Flunnery has directed the office of Catholic-Juvish Relations for the Conference since its founding at Seton Hall University in-New Jersey 10 years ago. The office was moved to Washington in 1972. Bishop Rausch praised him for having demonstrated "exemplary zeal and total commitment for many years to deepening the relations between the Church and Judaism."

He also said that Flannery has "played a major role among American churchmen in laying the groundwork for increased collaboration between Christians and Jews on a solid basis of mutual understanding and mutual esteem and many thousands of persons are profoundly grateful for his achievements."

AFL-CIO AWARD FOR GOLDA

WASHINGTON, April 19 (JTA)—Former Israeli Premier Golda Meir will receive the American labor movement's highest award for public service, AFL-CIO president George Meany has announced. She will receive the award and a \$500 check at a dinner in Washington May 20. The award honors the memory of Philip Murray, late president of the CIO, and William Green, late president of the CIO, and William Green, late president of the AFL. "All the goals that Green and Murray fought for throughout thefi lives have been-and are—the goals of Golda Meir." Meany said. "She has fought for freedom all her life, defended human dignity with unquenchable determination, and helped create, against tremendous odds, thei unique, free labor movement of Israel."

TEANECK, N.J. (JTA) — Leaders of the Catholic, Protestant and Reform-Jewish community will participate at a special Soder Wednesday at Temple Emeth utilizing a new Passover Bicentennial Hagadah relating the ancient Hebrew festival to the Jewish quest for rights and freedom in America. The Haggadah was written by Rabbi Abraham J. Klausnèr-of Temple Emanuel, Yonkers, N.Y.

CATHOLIC LEAGUE OFFICIAL ACCUSES AJ CONGRESS OF USING NAZI IDEOLOGY BY SUPPORTING LEGALIZED ABORTION

MILWAUKEE, April 19 (JTA)—An official of the Catholic League for Religious and Civil Rights has accused the American Jewish Congress of "adopting the posture of legal positivism, the very ideology that enabled Hitler to pursue his genocidal policies;" by its support for legalized abortion. Dr. Lowell A. Dunlap, the League's assistant executive director, made that charge in a study titled "Neo-Nazism in America?"

Specifically, he took issue with arguments presented by Leo Pfeffer, counsel, to-the AJ-Congress, in a brief filed by the AJ-Congress and seven other groups before the Masachusetts Supreme Court seeking reversal of the manslaughter conviction of Dr. Kenneth Edelin, who was harded with causing the death of a fetus,

Dunlap defines "legal positivism" as objections to the basic premise that natural rights due all men are the fundamental values which law must serve. By relying "heavily on the positivistic view that moral and ethical values have no place in law and public policy," the AJCongress and other groups that favor legalized abortion are using "the ideological basis for the rise of Nazism" under Hitler, Dunlap contended.

A Dangerous Precedent

"It is only a culture's conviction that law must be updeed in the light of moral and ethical values that prevents any society from succumbing to Nazi madness" and therefore the AJ Congress' position "is surely a dangerous precedent for the Jewish community," the writer claimed, "Quite simply, the only cogent objection to the Holocaust is that it was an egregious assault on the natural rights of man, Without appealing to these fundamental moral and ethical values, there can be no compelling judgement that Hitler was wrong or that the Nazis who perpetrated the Holocaust should be punished." Dunlap wrote

He added that "The Jewish community cannot demand that the leaders of religious groups use their moral prestige to condemn powering manifestations of Nazism while at the same time the American Jewish Congress rejects 'moral predilections' as having no place in law and public policy."

SAMUEL BELKIN DEAD AT 64

NEW YORK, April 19 (JTA) -- A funeral service will be held tomprow for Dr. Samuel Belkin, chancellor of Yeshiva University, distinguished authority on Jewish law and Hellenistic literature, who died yesterday at the age of 64. He had been ill for several months.

Elected president of the institution in 1943 when he was not yet 32 years old, he transformed a small college into one of the nation's major universities, the first in America under Jewish auspices. During his pioneering adpartistration, university status was attained, the duly liberal arts college for women under Jewish sponsorship was established, and graduate schools in medicine social work, law, science and the humanities and social sciences came into being.

Under Dr. Belkin's leadership, errollment grew from \$50 to 7000; the full-line faculty from 94 to 1500; the number of schools and affiliates from four to 15; the annual operating budget from \$444,000 to more than \$100,000,000; research grants totaling some \$25,000,000; degree recipi-

ents from a few hundred to more than 16,000; and physical facilities from one building in Manhattan's Washington-Heights to; four major campuses in Manhattan and the Bronx valued at more than \$100,000,000.

From Two Cultures

Born in Swislicz, Poland, Dr. Belkin studied at the yeshivas of Mir and Radun and was ordained a rabbi at Radun, when he was 17 years old. Arriving in the U.S. in 1929 when he was 18, he could speak Pollsh, Yiddish and Hebrew--but no English. Determined, however, to continue his studies, he mastered English, and in 1934 enrolled at Harvard. A year later he was awarded an honorary fellowship to Brown where in 1935 heearned the Ph.D, degree and was elected to Phi Beta Kappa.

in the fall of that year he was appointed an instructor in Greek at Yeshiva College (the men's undergraduate college of liberal arts and sciences of Yeshiva University). The next year he also became an instructor in Talmud at the Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary, an affiliate of the university, Rising swiftly through the academic ranks, he was named secretary of the faculty at the newly organized Graduate School (now Bernard Revel Graduate School) in 1937.

In 1939, Dr. Belkin was appointed a member of the Executive Committee of Yeshiva College. He was named a full professor in 1940, With the death that year of Dr. Bernard Revel, founder and first president of Yeshiva College and head of the Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary, Dr. Belkin was named dean of the Seminary.

On May 25, 1943, Dr. Belkin was elected president. He immediately began a broad academic and physical expansion program whose first result was the granting of university status to Yeshiva by the New York State Board of Regents in November, 1945. Last year Dr. Belkin was named Chancellor of Yeshiya University, retiring after 32 years as president of the institution, believed to be the longest continuous term of office among major university presidents in the nation.

A Prolific Writer

A prolific writer, his works included, "Philo and Oral Law," "Essays in Traditional Jewish Thought," "The Alexandrian Halacha in Apologetic Literature," "The Midrash Tadshe and its Hellenistic Sources," and "Questions and Answers in Genesis and Exodus,"

Dr. Belkin was a member of numerous civic, educational, scholarly and communal organizations, including the World Academy in Jerusalem. American Friends of Hebrew University, American Academy for Jewish Research, National Jewish Welfare Board, American Association for Jewish Education, American Jewish Historical Society, Union of Orthodox Rabbis of the United States and Canada, Rabbinical Council of America and the Religious Zionists of America. He was also accorded many honors and tributes and was singled out on many occasions by groups representing all denominations for his outstanding contributions to American life.

JERUSALEM (JTA) -- The Israeli Pound was mini-devalued again at midnight Sunday -- to 7.67 to the U.S. dollar. This was the eighth "mini-devaluation" since the policy was introduced last summer. Treasury officials said the devaluation should not result in any price rises in basic commodities, fuel and fares. Imports, however, were expected to go up proportionately.