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THOUSANDS DEMONSTRATE IN JERUSALEM AGAINST NEW AUSTERITY MEASURE IN THE MOST VIOLENT RALLY SINCE 1971

By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, Nov. 20 (JTA) -- Several thousand members of the Black Panther movement and residents of poverty neighborhoods in Jerusalem demonstrated in several parts of the city tonight against the government's new austerity economic program and its expenditure of money for settlements on the West Bank.

(In what observers said was the most violent demonstration by Jews here since 1971 when Black Panthers first took to the streets, the protesters burned tires, tossed barrels and hurled rocks at police. One police car was set on fire.

A senior police officer, Arye Ivizan, commander of the southern police district, was struck in the head by a rock and was hospitalized. He was expected to be released later tonight. A number of demonstrators were injured in clashes with police and several were arrested. The exact number of arrests was not immediately reported.

By 9 p.m. local time, the violence subsided but police were prepared for a possible renewal of the riots. According to one report, the Black Panthers were waiting for reinforcements from other parts of the country.

Demonstrations At 10 Locations

At the height of the demonstrations, large crowds of slum-dwellers gathered at 10 different locations shouting "16 Pounds is too much for milk," a reference to the sharp price hikes announced by the government, and, "The government must fall." They shouted obscenities directed at various Cabinet Ministers. They left piles of burning garbage, a rubble of stones and smashed windows. The stench of smoldering rubber tires filled the air in several neighborhoods.

Police responded in force and blocked one group of demonstrators attempting to reach the residence of Premier Menachem Begin. But they sought to mollify the Panthers. They urged them not to direct their anger against the police since there was no conflict between the police and the public.

Mayor Teddy Kollek of Jerusalem condemned the violence but said he identified himself with the slogan, "Money to the neighborhoods and not the settlements." This was apparently in response to the Panthers' cry "against price increases, against settlements." Saadya Marciano, a member of the left-wing Sheli faction, charged that the government, in its economic program, "struck against the poor families but allocated 1125 billion for the settlements."

MK Charlie Bilan, leader of the Communist-affiliated Black Panthers, grabbed a bull-horn in the Knesset and shouted protests against Finance Minister Yigal Hurwitz's economic plans. He was ordered out of the chamber. The Knesset was debating the government's deportation order against Mayor Bassam Shaka of Nablus. Speakers opposed to Shaka's expulsion used the occasion to denounce the allocation of funds for West Bank settlement purposes at a time of acute economic crisis. A no-confidence motion on the Shaka affair was defeated by a coalition majority.

TSITLIONOK PERMITTED TO LEAVE USSR

NEW YORK, Nov. 20 (JTA) -- Former Jewish Prisoner of Conscience Boris Tsitlionok has received permission from the Soviet government to leave the country within a few days, according to information obtained by the National Conference on Soviet Jewry (NCSJ).

The 35-year-old Soviet Jewish activist, arrested for demonstrating in front of Moscow's Lenin Library on Feb. 24, 1975 after several unsuccessful attempts to obtain an exit visa, was sentenced to five years exile for "disturbing public order." He was released last August, after spending nearly four-and-a-half years in Siberia. A plumber and locksmith by trade, Tsitlionok was originally denied permission to leave for "security reasons" and forcibly separated from his family when they left for Israel in 1971.

While it is usual procedure for former POCs to be granted exit visas soon after their release, Tsitlionok's friend and fellow exiled prisoner, Mark Nashpitz, is still being denied permission to leave the country. Nashpitz, arrested and sentenced together with Tsitlionok for identical reasons, has been applying for permission to emigrate to Israel since 1971. In addition to Nashpitz, three other former POCs are awaiting permission to leave. They are Isaac Shkolnik, Dr. Grigory Goldshvayn and Lev Roitbard.

BEGIN TO WALDHEIM: MOVE TO EXPEL SHAKA IS BASED ON LOCAL REGULATIONS

By Yitzhak Rabi

UNITED NATIONS, Nov. 20 (JTA) -- Premier Menachem Begin, in a letter to Secretary General Kurt Waldheim, declared today that the Israel government decision to expel Nablus Mayor Bassam Shaka "is based on local regulations, enforced in Judea and Samaria since 1945."

Begin's letter followed a General Assembly resolution last Friday, calling on Israel to stop the deportation proceedings against Shaka. The resolution was adopted by a vote of 132-1. Israel cast the negative vote. The United States abstained.

Begin's letter, which was handed to Waldheim by Israel's UN Ambassador Yehuda Blum, noted that the decision to deport Shaka "will be reviewed by the Supreme Court of Israel." Therefore, Begin said, he cannot disclose details at this stage of Shaka's activities "since the case is strictly sub-judice."

The Israeli Premier said that "In the course of the legal proceedings (against Shaka) that start at the end of this week, the State Attorney will bring evidence to prove that Mr. Shaka has been acting for the murderous PLO which is bent on the destruction of Israel and is using genocidal methods through repeated attacks against civilians, men, women and children."

Continuing, Begin told Waldheim: "Lately Mr. Shaka expressed understanding for an act which every decent human being considers to be an unspeakable atrocity, namely the killing of 34 men, women and children on the main highway from Haifa to Tel Aviv. His activities and incitement have caused unrest and disruption of normal life and public order in Judea and Samaria."

Concluding his letter, Begin drew Waldheim's attention to last Friday's General Assembly resolution using the phrase "occupied Palestine" three

times. "The government of Israel takes exception and protests against this false and misleading term," Begin stated.

REPORT PLO PRESTIGE RISING IN EUROPE

By Yitzhak Shargil

TEL AVIV, Nov. 20 (JTA) -- A visiting member of the West German Parliament said here today that the Palestine Liberation Organization enjoys rising prestige in Europe and if the PLO leaders were to declare themselves ready to recognize Israel, it would generate immense pressure on Israel to negotiate with that group.

That view was expressed by Eric Blumenfeld, chairman of the Federation of German-Israel Friendship Societies (FGIFS) who heads a 10-member delegation to the third conference of the FGIFS which opens in Jerusalem tomorrow. Blumenfeld is an opposition member of the Bundestag, West Germany's upper house, and a member of the Parliament of Europe.

He said that even Israel's most loyal friends in Western Europe do not understand Israel's settlement policies in the occupied territories. That will be one of the main topics to be discussed at the convention. MK Yosef Tamir, chairman of the Israeli section of the FGIFS, urged that West Germany should cooperate fully with Israel in combatting international terrorism which menaces not only Israel but Europe as well.

DAYAN PREDICTS NEXT MIDEAST

PEACE MOVE WILL BE WITH JORDAN

DETROIT, Nov. 20 (JTA) -- Former Israeli Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan predicted here today that the next peace move in the Middle East will be with Jordan and not with the Palestinians. He also dismissed what he called the sensationalism surrounding the arrest and deportation order against Mayor Bassam Shaka of Nablus. He said that if the Israeli Supreme Court rules this Thursday that Shaka should be released, the government will submit, as it did in the recent case of the Elon Moreh settlement.

Addressing 200 local Jewish leaders at a luncheon meeting of the Allied Jewish Appeal, Dayan outlined Israel's policies which, he said, are based on the urgency of assuring security. He said that the Camp David decisions will redound to the benefit of Israel and the Palestinian people as well as to the benefit of Egypt and the prestige of the U.S.

Dayan emphasized that the Palestinians will not be deprived of their rights. He said that Israel's policy of creating settlements in the occupied territories meant the retention of defensive forces on its borders to assure the nation's safety. The Arabs, he said, will have the benefits of self-rule as well as amity in relations with Israel. But Israel's neighbor will be Jordan, Dayan declared in his augury of an early peace agreement with that country.

He was equally emphatic in expressing confidence that President Anwar Sadat of Egypt and the Egyptian people will adhere to the Camp David agreements because they are good for Egypt.

Recalling events of the 1973 Yom Kippur War, Dayan said that when counter-attacking Israeli forces were within 100 kilometers of Cairo, Sadat asked U.S. aid to end the Israeli advances. At that time, Dayan said, the Soviet Union offered to help Sadat repel the Israeli army, but Sadat rejected Soviet participation in Middle Eastern affairs. Dayan noted that this and other developments preceded Sadat's visit to Jerusalem on Nov.

19, 1977 and the eventual peace negotiations.

BATTLE LOOMING WITHIN HISTADRUT OVER GOVERNMENT'S AUSTERITY PROGRAM

By David Landau

JERUSALEM, Nov. 20 (JTA) -- A battle is looming within Histadrut over Finance Minister Yigal Hurwitz's sweeping economic austerity program. Likud members of the Histadrut Central Committee have pledged their support for the measures but Laborites have taken strong exception to some of them. Histadrut Secretary General Yeruham Meshel cut short a visit to Spain yesterday and returned to Israel to preside over a special meeting of the Central Committee today.

Hurwitz has already conceded to one demand by the labor federation. He said the government would consider raising the cost-of-living allowances periodically given wage earners, to 100 percent of the inflation rate. At present it is paid on only 70 percent of inflation though previously it was 80 percent of the cost-of-living increases. He also announced that the increments will be paid in January instead of next April when they are normally due.

But the strongest protests within Histadrut were over Hurwitz's freeze of wage agreements. Under his program, labor contracts up for renewal next April, the beginning of the new fiscal year, will be extended until April, 1981. If this is implemented in the public sector the private sector will doubtlessly follow through. Hurwitz said the freeze is necessary to preserve the real value of wages.

The Minister told the Likud Histadrut members that tough times lay ahead, that some firms might go bankrupt and there might be unemployment. But the desperate condition of the economy demands major surgery, he said. The Likud members promised to dissociate themselves from any attempt by Labor to exploit the economic austerity in an attempt to topple the government.

JERUSALEM (JTA) -- For the first time in the history of the State, the government and the Jewish Agency have agreed to cooperate in strengthening diaspora Jewish education, Education Minister Zevulun Hammer announced. He said that "the government and the Jewish Agency have established a joint fund of \$10 million a year to carry out the policy." A team of experts comprising Education Ministry and Jewish Agency representatives has drafted a working plan to focus on teachers, pupils, Jewish communities and curricula. Adult and informal education programs were also being planned, Hammer said.

STRASBOURG (JTA) -- Two Molotov cocktails were hurled at the synagogue here last weekend without causing any damage. One failed to explode and the other rapidly fizzled. The attack occurred at night when the building was empty. Police officials say they have no clues as to the identity of the attackers.

WASHINGTON (JTA) -- The State Department Tuesday condemned as "terroristic acts" the bomb explosions in two buses in Jerusalem Monday and the attempt by terrorists Sunday night to infiltrate Israel by sea. Asked if he would specifically condemn the Palestine Liberation Organization which has claimed credit for both incidents, the Department's chief spokesman, Hodding Carter, replied, "I'll be glad to condemn anyone who wishes to claim credit for terrorist acts -- the PLO or anybody else."

REMINDER: There will be no Bulletin dated Nov. 22 due to Thanksgiving, a postal holiday.

LEGAL COALITION CALLS FOR FREEDOM FOR HOSTAGE SYRIAN JEWS

NEW YORK, Nov. 20 (JTA) -- New York State Attorney General Robert Abrams, chairman of the Legal Coalition for Syrian Jewry, led a delegation of prominent New York and California public officials and attorneys today as they called for the United Nations to take immediate action to free the hostage community of Jews in Syria.

"The Syrian Jews, on whose behalf we are here today, are a hostage community," Abrams said. "Jews in Syria are isolated from their families abroad; their useless passports and identification papers are stamped with 'MUSAWI' (Jews); they are subjected to special curfew and internal travel restrictions; their mail and telephone communications are censored. Most importantly, Syrian Jews are not allowed to freely emigrate. Those who have attempted to escape from these intolerable conditions have met with severe punishment, sometimes torture."

The delegation, which included distinguished Syrian Jewish lawyers and Abe Dwek, director of the Committee for Rescue of Syrian Jewry, presented a petition and a Bill of Particulars to U.S. Deputy Representative on the UN Security Council Richard Petreé at the United States Mission to the UN. Later, United States Ambassador to the United Nations Donald McHenry arranged for a delegation of the Legal Coalition to meet with Fou-ichin Liu, director and deputy to Secretary General Kurt Waldheim.

Following their meetings, the delegation issued the following statement: "We have just presented our views on freedom and justice for all people and on behalf of the right of Syrian Jews to emigrate from that country to any other of their choice. As Americans look forward to the Thanksgiving holidays and express appreciation for their many blessings, we hope they will remember the many throughout the world who are not free to practice their religion, who are not free to live where they choose, who have been tortured for trying to escape from a country where they are held hostage."

Simultaneous Rally In California

A simultaneous demonstration of support for the Syrian Jews was held at California State Assembly Speaker Leo McCarthy's office in Los Angeles. McCarthy, co-author with State Senator William Campbell of a Joint Assembly Resolution calling for United States action on behalf of Syrian Jews, received a delegation of the Legal Coalition.

"According to McCarthy, 'The Syrian Jewish community, numbering only 5000, is among the most persecuted groups of people on earth. While the Jews clearly are not welcome in Syria, the Syrian government will not let them leave. As a member of the United Nations, Syria is obligated to abide by the UN Declaration of Human Rights which it signed. We call for the government of the United States and the United Nations to investigate the case of the Syrian Jewish community and to take appropriate action.'"

The Legal Coalition for Syrian Jewry is an association of members of the legal profession based in New York and Los Angeles working on behalf of Syrian Jewry.

ELON MOREH SITUATION SIMMERING

JERUSALEM, Nov. 20 (JTA) -- The gov-

ernment's attempt to avoid a confrontation with the Gush Emunim by extending the deadline for the complete removal of Elon Moreh from its present site appears to have been less than successful. While there has been no formal reaction from the Gush leadership, some prominent members of the group have privately expressed disappointment with Sunday's Cabinet decision to evacuate Elon Moreh in two stages. They referred to it as a "ploy."

According to the Cabinet's decision, 30 acres of land will be evacuated Thursday in compliance with the Supreme Court's ruling of Oct. 22 that Elon Moreh was established illegally on seized Arab lands and must be removed within 30 days. That acreage was the subject of an appeal by Arab villagers. Evacuation of the remaining 140 acres, which did not figure in the appeal, was put off from "four to six weeks."

The Gush Emunim were angered by a statement attributed to "a high source in the Prime Minister's Office" that unless they agreed in the next two weeks to cooperate, the government would refuse to build a new settlement for them at Djebil Kebir, an alternative site about six miles from the present one. Deputy Defense Minister Mordechai Zipori confirmed that this was the government's position.

TEL AVIV (JTA) -- President Anwar Sadat of Egypt Tuesday formally took back Mount Sinai from Israel and declared it open to all Muslims, Christians and Jews. He hoisted the Egyptian flag over the site to mark the second anniversary of his visit to Jerusalem which led to the Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty. In a speech, Sadat appealed for an end to hatred and bloodshed among all peoples. He hailed the efforts of President Carter and Israel's Premier Menachem Begin in bringing about the peace treaty. Begin, who was unable to attend, sent a message of good wishes to Sadat.

PARIS (JTA) -- A new community center was inaugurated last Sunday night in the city of Grenoble. The new center, which includes a cafeteria, meeting halls and modern audio-visual equipment, was built with the city's financial help. The Grenoble Municipal Council will also pay part of the Jewish center's operating expenses. Deputy Mayor Maurice Verlhac said at the inauguration ceremony that the city "has assumed the moral obligation to help its Jewish community run its communal installations." There are 8000 Jews in the city.

TEL AVIV (JTA) -- The Iranian authorities' denial of landing rights to any commercial airliner that previously landed in Israel has cut the last direct airline connections between Israel and the Far East. The ban was applied to Alitalia, the only carrier still flying between Europe and the Far East via Tel Aviv's Ben Gurion Airport. Such a flight was turned back to Rome last week by the Teheran control tower and the Italian airline decided to bypass Tel Aviv on its Far East route. Travelers from Israel to destinations in the Far East now must fly to a European airport first.

ROME (JTA) -- Italian authorities have reportedly called on Israeli intelligence services to assist them in tracing a link between a Palestinian terrorist and three local left-wing extremists arrested on suspicion of planning a missile attack on top government officials. The Palestinian is believed to have provided two Strella SA-7 ground-to-air missiles which the three suspects were transporting in a wooden crate when they were intercepted by police several days ago. The missiles are identical to those used by Palestinian terrorists six years ago in an attempt to shoot down an El Al plane at Fumicino.

KLARSFELD WARNS THAT NEO-NAZISM IS ON THE RISE IN EUROPE

By Yitzhak Rabi

NEW YORK, Nov. 20 (JTA) -- Beate Klarsfeld, the renowned Nazi-hunter, warned here last night that neo-Nazism is on the rise in Europe, especially in Italy and France. In West Germany, however, the young generation is strongly anti-Nazi and anti-fascist, she observed.

The German-born Klarsfeld, who was a guest speaker at Dialogue '79, the discussion forum sponsored by Congregation Bnai Bishnun on Manhattan's West Side and moderated by Rabbi William Berkowitz, also warned that there is a resurgence of Ku Klux Klan activities in the United States and called upon Americans to confront and fight fascism in this country.

Klarsfeld, who resides in Paris with her Jewish husband, Serge, also a renowned Nazi-hunter, and their two children, said that since the neo-Nazis were defeated in 1945 in their bid for seats in the German Parliament they now operate in "small, very determined groups." She said that in order to expose them they should be confronted in their meeting places and at public functions. She said that everyone who is concerned about the resurgence of neo-Nazism should personally engage in exposing them.

Noting the increase in neo-Nazi and anti-Semitic incidents in France, Klarsfeld accused French police of not doing very much to fight this phenomenon.

Discussing neo-Nazism in the U.S., Klarsfeld urged that it be combated while it is still "small," noting that Hitler's movement was also ignored and dismissed at the beginning as unimportant. "Neo-Nazism in America should be stopped at the beginning," she said. In response to a question as to whether she had any "message" to the American people, she replied she would ask them to fight Nazism and neo-Nazism in America.

Urges Attending Nazi War Trials

Klarsfeld, who was interrupted a few times by prolonged ovations from the more than 1,500 people in the audience, many of whom are survivors of the Holocaust, called on Jews in America and Israel to try and attend the trials of Nazi war criminals in Germany and see for themselves that justice is done. "We cannot trust German society and German justice and for that reason people should go to Germany and see for themselves," she said. She warned that if the Holocaust survivors do not show greater interest in the trials of Nazis then the Germans themselves will not be interested in it.

Although she noted that German youth is generally anti-Nazi, she pointed out that in the last decade there has been growing anti-Israel feelings in Germany among the youth who identify with Palestinian aspirations and is therefore anti-Israel and anti-Zionist.

Asked about the refuge many Nazis found in South American countries, Klarsfeld said that certain "fascist countries" in that part of the world refuse to extradite the Nazis and there is no one who is willing to take actions such as Israel took when it kidnapped Adolf Eichmann from Argentina. She noted that Israel has too many problems and cannot involve itself now with such action, and cannot, therefore, kidnap the notorious "Angel of Death," Dr. Joseph Mengele, who is still residing in Paraguay. "It is not hard to identify him, I can give you his address," she said.

Klarsfeld said she and her lawyer husband

are "determined" to continue to pursue Nazis, despite the risk and the disruption to their "normal life." She disclosed that recently a package containing explosives was sent to her, but she said threats of that kind and others will not stop her from pursuing Nazis.

WARNING AGAINST RACISM, ANTI-SEMITISM

PARIS, Nov. 20 (JTA) -- The President of the European Assembly, Simone Veil, warned against the consequences of anti-Semitism and racism and said "this symptom is of serious importance not only to Europe but also to the entire world." Ms. Veil, who was speaking last Sunday at the national conference of the International League Against Anti-Semitism (LICA), said that current racism is jointly anti-Jewish and anti-Arab.

This phenomenon was stressed by many of the 400 participants who attended the conference and especially by LICA president Jean Pierre-Bloch. He proposed that the organization change its name and initials to "LICRA," to the International League Against Racism and Anti-Semitism. Pierre-Bloch said that the current racism in France "is the responsibility of a small but well-organized minority which has ample financial means and feels at ease in the current climate of social, economic and moral crisis."

ISRAELIS DONATE \$1 MILLION IN TWO WEEKS TO AID CAMBODIAN REFUGEES

JERUSALEM, Nov. 20 (JTA) -- The Israeli public has so far donated \$1 million (IL 30 million) for the refugees of Cambodia in the largest campaign of its kind ever mounted in the history of the State of Israel, it was reported. The campaign began about two weeks ago, with a marathon broadcast on Israel Television, which was responsible for coordinating the campaign, and has continued, without interruption, since then.

The money, campaign officials said, has been used to purchase 300 tons of food, and preparations have been made to dispatch medical supplies to the refugee camps. These actions supplement the relief efforts that have already been undertaken by the Israel government, including the sending of medical teams to the Cambodian-Thai border. These activities are being coordinated with the international bodies responsible for channelling the aid to its destination in Thailand.

ROMANIAN ENVOY DENIES JEWS HAVE DIFFICULTIES GETTING EXIT VISAS

TEL AVIV, Nov. 20 (JTA) -- Jon Kovac, the Romanian Ambassador to Israel, has angrily denied press reports here that Romanian Jews seeking to immigrate to Israel were experiencing difficulties and delays in getting their exit permits from the Rumanian authorities. "Such reports do not contribute to the promotion of Israeli-Romanian relations," the envoy said at a press conference here several days ago. Rumania is the only Eastern European Communist bloc country that maintains normal diplomatic ties with Israel.

The Ambassador said there are an estimated 25,000 Jews in Rumania but since every Rumanian citizen has the right to define his own ethnic affiliation, the exact number is unknown. Many Rumanian Jews have registered themselves as members of the Rumanian nation, he said.

It was learned, meanwhile, that at least three Israeli delegations will attend the 12th convention of the Rumanian Communist Party which opens in Bucharest this week. They represent the Labor Party, Mapam and Rakah.