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CBS-TV, MILLER DENY AIR TIME TO TWO FORMER AUSCHWITZ INMATES FOR DIALOGUE WITH MILLER ON FENELON FILM By Rochelle Saidel Volk

NEW YORK, Oct. 2 (JTA) -- CBS-TV network officials and playwright Arthur Miller said yesterday that they would turn down a request from two Auschwitz-Birkenau survivors for time to air a dialogue between them and Miller, author of the television drama "Playing for Time" which was broadcast on the CBS network Tuesday night.

The survivors are Marc Berkowitz of New City, N.Y., and Alex Dekel of New York City, both in their late forties. As children they were subjects of the notorious Dr. Josef Mengele's medical experiments at the extermination camp in southern Poland. They told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that they wanted the dialogue with Miller to clear up "deceptions" and "dangerous fictionalizing" in Miller's version of the story of Fania Fenelon, a French, half-Jewish member of the women's orchestra at Auschwitz.

Term Film 'A Force,' 'Outrage'

In addition to other "cruel insensitivities," they described the characterization of Mengele in the television play as "a force" and an "outrage." "After 33 years of pain and sorrow, we want to come out and express what happened to us. Seeing this opened wounds that never will be healed," they said.

Along with the denial of air time, CBS officials reiterated that the network had never intended to offend the Jewish community in either the casting of the controversial Palestine Liberation Organization sympathizer Vanessa Redgrave in the role of Fenelon or in the presentation of "Playing for Time."

"On the contrary, it is our belief that this production will make a lasting contribution that the terrible events of the Nazi era will not be forgotten," the CBS official said.

A spokesperson for Miller told the JTA that the playwright "prefers not to get involved or discuss the idea" of a dialogue. "He is starting a new project and important as the idea is, he cannot get involved. He doesn't have the time," the spokesperson stated. Miller, in the midst of rehearsals of his new Broadway play, said he had "no comment" on the allegations that Mengele's character was distorted in "Playing for Time."

Watched Film From Hospital Bed

Berkowitz said he watched the television film from a hospital bed where he is under treatment for a neurological condition inflicted upon him by Mengele's medical experiments. Claiming a lack of authenticity in the film, he told the JTA in a telephone interview, "Maybe this can be done when it pertains to ancient times. But when something is still before your eyes like pictures in a camera, you don't need second best."

Berkowitz, whose arm bears the Auschwitz tattoo number A7738, carries a copy of a certificate signed by Mengele, stating that he was experimented on by the infamous death camp doctor.

He said he obtained the document from the Polish government. He said that he and his twin sister were among some 400 children, mostly twins, who were selected for inhuman "medical" experiments.

Berkowitz and his sister were liberated from Auschwitz by Soviet forces in December, 1944 along with five other pairs of twins who survived. Berkowitz described Mengele's medical experiments section of the camp, not referred to in the television film, as a "human zoo."

Describes Some Distortions

Dekel described himself to the JTA as "a human guinea pig for Mengele" when he was a child in Auschwitz. He was liberated while on a death march from the camp. The tattoo number B14844 is still on his arm.

According to Dekel, "Miller's message was we're all human beings, even Nazis and he made heroes out of butchers to prove it." Dekel said, "The film gives the impression Auschwitz was a jail with inmates who were sentenced. The SS were depicted as wardens, human beings who did their jobs. Giving people like Maria Mandel (the SS commander of the women's camp at Birkenau) a human element is a very tragic situation," Dekel said.

He described Mandel, portrayed in the film by a slim, attractive blonde actress, Shirley Knight, as weighing over 200 pounds and regularly beating the women. "Here (in the film) only her tragic human element is depicted," he said. "She is glamorized and her constant beatings and cruelty are left out, showing her as compassionate. I saw her beat the women with my own eyes."

Will Help Denial Of Holocaust

Dekel, who has detailed "what the experimental children went through" in his forthcoming book, "The Valley of Dry Bones," called the television film "an injustice to the few survivors of Mengele. Miller misled the public on what actually happened at Auschwitz-Birkenau," he charged. He observed that "There was just enough realism to make people believe that this is how it was."

The greatest danger of all, according to Dekel, is that "Playing for Time" will help the neo-Nazi movement's denial of the Holocaust because it portrays the Nazis as "just human beings."

While neither of the survivors questioned Redgrave's acting ability nor her right to perform, Dekel said he feared that she will use her role to promote her pro-PLO sentiments in an attempt to separate anti-Zionism from anti-Semitism. "She will be able to say, 'you see, I did something beautiful for you,'" he said.

General Reactions To Film

Meanwhile, CBS headquarters in New York City reported that "Playing for Time" swept the ratings in Los Angeles, Chicago and New York City. The film captured 41 percent of the viewing audience in New York, 36 in Chicago and 35 in Los Angeles.

In related developments, the front door of the CBS network affiliate in Phoenix was firebombed and the front door of the CBS network affiliate in Los Angeles was shattered by bullets. No one was hurt in either incident. Demonstrators picketed

outside CBS headquarters in New York and outside the offices of CBS affiliates in Philadelphia, Detroit, Denver and Phoenix.

Some American Jewish weeklies said they would publish a list of advertisers who sponsored the program. In at least two cities, Los Angeles and Philadelphia, Redgrave was hung in effigy prior to the telecast. Fenelon, who has threatened to sue CBS over the casting of Redgrave, was reported to have said in Paris, "These kind of fanatics frighten me. They are almost as bad as she (Redgrave) is."

In Los Angeles, an "Israeli Cabaret Night" attracted more than 2,000 people at the Stephen Wise Temple during the three hours "Playing for Time" was being shown. The Cabaret night had been designated as an alternative to watching the program. CBS in New York reported that it had received some 900 unfavorable calls in a three-hour period before the film went on the air, but dismissed it as "obviously organized." However, CBS also reported that after the program it received more than 400 telephone calls, and they were about six-to-one in praise of the program.

REAGAN: U.S. SHOULD HALT FUNDS TO THE UN IF ISRAEL IS SUSPENDED

NEW YORK, Oct. 2 (JTA) -- Republican Presidential candidate Ronald Reagan said the United States should suspend its financial contributions to the United Nations if the UN General Assembly voted to expel Israel.

Reagan, on a campaign swing of New York and Pennsylvania, made that remark to reporters yesterday -- two days after President Carter declared in New York that the expulsion of Israel would raise questions about the U.S. remaining in the world organization and one day after Syrian Foreign Minister Abdul Halim Khaddam urged the General Assembly to suspend Israel from membership.

Reagan noted that under the UN Charter, a member can be expelled or suspended only at the recommendation of the Security Council and, in that event, the U.S. should exercise its veto power.

If this failed, "We should suspend our contributions to the United Nations and urge our friends to do the same until the rights of Israel are fully respected," Reagan said. "If we are determined and make clear that we will protect our interests and our friends, I am confident the attempt to deprive Israel of its rights in the United Nations can be deterred."

JACKSON CALLS FOR NEW EFFORTS BY THE WEST TO HELP SOVIET JEWS EMIGRATE

By Joseph Polakoff

WASHINGTON, Oct. 2 (JTA) -- Sen. Henry Jackson (D-Wash.) has called for a resurgence by the West to help Soviet Jews and other emigrate and reverse the development by Soviet authorities of obstacles against their emigration.

Pointing to the drop in Soviet emigration in recent months, Jackson told the Senate Tuesday "There are many reasons why the Soviets are pursuing these policies, and one reason may be that they think the United States and the West do not really care anymore."

"At one time," the principal author of the Jackson-Vanik Amendment dealing with Soviet emigration and U.S. trade said, "the fate of Soviet Jewry and the cause of free-emigration were a primary subject of public attention. Of

late, public attention has focused on Iran, Afghanistan, Camp David negotiations, Poland and the Iran-Iraq war. It is high time," Jackson added, "to make abundantly clear that we do care about those denied their fundamental right to emigrate."

Jackson observed that, "In this respect, the Helsinki conference is an especially welcome opportunity. Let the public in this country now call upon our government and the other Western governments to champion at Helsinki the emigration right of Jews, Christians, and others who can no longer tolerate or be tolerated by a repressive government."

Jackson has personally urged the Helsinki conference which is to review the Helsinki accords beginning Nov. 11 in Madrid to "give special attention to the fate of the Soviet and East European members of the groups formed to monitor compliance with the Helsinki accords." He said more than 40 of those members are imprisoned or exiled.

CONCERN EXPRESSED FOR FALASHAS

NEW YORK, Oct. 2 (JTA) -- District Attorney Eugene Gold, chairman of the Committee for Ethiopian Jewry of the New York Jewish Community Relations Council (JCRC), expressed concern regarding the safety and security of Ethiopian Jews in view of the continuing fighting and tensions within that country and along its borders. In a special report to member agencies of the JCRC, Gold noted that the Ethiopian Jews, Falashas, have in the past been caught between the conflicting parties in ongoing civil and external wars.

He pointed out that it is believed that the community that numbered in excess of 50,000 at the turn of the century has dwindled to almost half that number today. "Ethiopian Jewry remains a proud and dedicated community," Gold said, "and we must do all that we can to assure their security and assist them in fulfilling their age-old dream of immigration to Israel."

Gold noted that facilities are available for the successful absorption of Ethiopian Jews in Israel as well as their successful integration into the larger Israeli society. He further urged that a broad-scale educational effort be undertaken within the Jewish community, and then within the general community, to mobilize support and understanding for Ethiopian Jews.

"Over the centuries, the Ethiopian Jews have not forgotten their tie to the Jewish people and it is imperative that we not forget them now," Gold added. "It is essential that people be made aware of the plight of these people, the complexity of their situation, and efforts that can be undertaken on their behalf."

UJA YOUNG LEADERSHIP CABINET PLEDGES \$1.7 MILLION FOR 1981

NEW YORK, Oct. 2 (JTA) -- A total of \$1.7 million in pledges for the 1981 United Jewish Appeal campaign was received from 175 members of the UJA's Young Leadership Cabinet at the UJA annual retreat at the Harrison Conference Center in Lake Bluff, Ill.

The final figures were released by David Green of Rockville, Md.; Michael Jaffe of N.Y.C.; and Ron Sosnick of Los Gatos, Cal., the national campaign chairmen for the Young Leadership Cabinet. They said the pledges represented a 43 percent increase over the amount the Cabinet members donated to the 1980 campaign. The Cabinet was founded in 1962 with an original membership of 44 men and now has 280 members from 32 states.

POINT OF VIEW**WHERE HAVE ALL THE ISSUES GONE?**

By Murray Zuckoff

NEW YORK, Oct. 2 (JTA) -- The issue of Israel's defense and security preoccupies the Presidential candidates and their Jewish audiences whenever they are in proximity to each other.

President Carter, Republican Party standard bearer Ronald Reagan and Independent candidate John Anderson assure and reassure Jewish audiences of their unyielding support for Israel, give or take a nuance or two. Jewish audiences, in turn, indicate full, partial or hesitant support for one or another candidate depending on those nuances.

Many non-Jews feel, and many Jews also leave the impression, that the "single issue" of any real interest to American Jews and the "single issue" to which the Presidential candidates must repeatedly address themselves is that of Israel. Many Jewish spokespersons give credence to this by either ignoring or minimizing other vital foreign and domestic issues of concern to American Jews both as Jews and as Americans.

Israel Is Not A 'Single Issue'

However, the focus on Israel does not make the electioneering, either for Jews or the candidates, a "single issue" campaign. The ways it is handled, does. When all the posturings and genuflections by the candidates toward Israel are over and done with, and when all the correct formulas and shibboleths are weighed in, the issue of Israel should be seen, properly, as a broad category within which vital elements of American foreign policy are subsumed.

Some related components, such as assuring future oil supplies to the U.S. and its allies and Soviet expansionist plans in the Middle East, are invariably stressed by the candidates and Jewish spokespersons in connection with the issue of Israel. But other components which should be included are merely alluded to in passing or routinely ignored both by the candidates and the Jews.

It should be incumbent on the candidates to state where they stand on such related issues as the violation of human rights in Arab countries where dissidents, minorities, women and Jews are oppressed; the consequences of providing material aid to unstable and autocratic regimes; ways to help countries that are still feudal achieve industrialization and economic diversification to bring them into the 20th Century; programs to offset Soviet economic penetration; and ways to combat disease and illiteracy.

All these issues should be discussed and programs formulated because the future of Mideast peace and Israel and American contributions to both can be stymied unless there is a concerted effort to tackle these problems. After all, American aid is going to many of the Arab countries where these problems are rife and the question of future aid will be faced by the next Administration.

Domestic Issues Of Vital Concern

But there are other issues which need to be raised by American Jews and which the candidates must be asked to answer. These issues, of vital concern to the Jewish community, relate to the social and economic developments which create and reinforce tensions between classes and ethnic groups, as well as the fallout in the American economy resulting from, among other devel-

opments, heightened Arab financial activities in American conglomerates and banks and Arab financial arrangements with universities for special centers, study programs and chairs.

The issue of the American economy, like that of Israel, also contains a host of components. For example, a debilitated economy creates not only social problems at home but makes American aid to Israel more precarious. Too many Americans are angry over skyrocketing inflation, unemployment and spiraling taxes that are eroding their standard of living. More and more Americans maintain that defense spending and foreign military and economic aid are biting into their weekly paychecks.

Emerging Mood Of Neo-Isolationism

As a result, there is an emerging mood of neo-isolationism among ever broader layers of American workers and the lower middle class which expresses itself in a feeling that their rights, beliefs and value systems are being trampled upon and destroyed by an indifferent federal government.

There is a greater demand, therefore, for less government spending abroad and more government saving at home. There is an increasing demand, especially by those victimized by the recession and inflation, for the federal government to deal with these vexing problems rather than with the problems of other countries.

All this is taking place within the context of a steady drift toward conservatism. One of the more ominous manifestations of this is the Fundamentalist Evangelical movement which calls itself the Moral Majority, which leaves open the question of who comprises the immoral minority. The strength of the Moral Majority movement can best be judged by the fact that a decade or so ago many of the Moral Majority people were involved in the Moral Re-armament movement. It seems that they managed to rearm.

The Rev. Jerry Falwell, founder of the Moral Majority, claims a membership of 400,000. Falwell also claims that this movement is no longer confined to the "bible belt," but has a following in Los Angeles, Philadelphia, Boston, New York City and Chicago. He also claims that his movement registered three million voters last year. In addition, even sections of traditional liberals have adopted what amounts to a neo-isolationist position in the belief that American intervention would lead to more Vietnams.

Candidates Must Be Prodded

Black and Hispanic organizations and spokespersons have no qualms about demanding that the Presidential candidates make public their views on how to deal with the various socio-economic issues of concern to them. But where are the Jewish organizations and spokespersons who are making similar demands? Where, in fact, have all the issues, other than Israel, gone?

One major Jewish organization, for example, recently listed a number of key foreign and domestic issues that will have a bearing on how Jews vote in the Presidential election next month. On the domestic scene the issue noted was: "To what extent will each candidate support equal opportunity in employment and education for all Americans, regardless of race, color, sex or creed? In short, does the candidate support or oppose quotas?"

This is, without doubt, an important issue and the candidates should address themselves to it. But this barely skims the surface and hardly begins to touch the concerns of the majority of American Jews. In fact, the issue of quotas is genuinely a "single

issue" problem. What about:

* Economic aid for some 800,000 Jews who live at or below the poverty level defined as an income of \$6600 for a family of four.

* Funds for job-training programs for Jews who lack the requisite skills to enter into a highly technological labor market.

* Combatting inflation and recession through increased production and prompting more effective use of the productive capacity that now lies idle. According to the Federal Reserve Board, the nation's factories have been operating at only 75-80 percent capacity during the last nine months. If the government can take measures to assure effective use of productive capacity during wartime, why can't it do the same during peacetime?

* Action to locate and prosecute Nazi war criminals living in the United States and deportation for those found guilty of war crimes.

* Tough laws, with enforcement powers, against hate-mongering and anti-Semitic groups.

* Tough laws, with enforcement powers, to halt the mailing of hate literature.

* Tightening regulations to prevent an Arab takeover of banks, control by the Arabs, especially Kuwait, of some of the country's oil company giants, and Arab stock purchases in major industrial firms. According to a recent report, a former American broker who now operates his own money investment firm in Kuwait said that 80 percent of the \$100 million he manages for Kuwaiti businessmen is in U.S. equities, and of that, 85 cents of every dollar is in U.S. energy stocks. That, he said, compares to only 25 cents of every dollar being invested in U.S. energy companies by investors in the U.S.

* The consequences of high unemployment with its ensuing social tensions which could pose a danger to Jews in such states as New York, California, New Jersey, Florida, Illinois, Michigan and Ohio. These states have some of the largest concentrations of Jews, Blacks, Hispanics and other minorities.

It is urgent that these domestic issues, among others, be brought into focus and onto the center stage. It is imperative that the Jewish community make known its concern about these issues and that the candidates have more than a glib reply. Mounting tensions and ensuing social violence bode ill for Jews in America -- as well as for Israel. The real single issue, therefore, is to make all the issues which now remain implicit, explicit.

LAME DUCK CONGRESS TO CONSIDER FOREIGN AID AFTER NOV. ELECTIONS

By Joseph Poblekoff

WASHINGTON, Oct. 2 (JTA) -- A lame duck Congress will consider foreign aid for the current fiscal year (1981) for Israel and other countries after the Presidential elections next month. Meanwhile, Congress has resolved that foreign aid will be continued on the basis of the 1980 fiscal year which ended Sept. 30.

The Senate has recessed and the House is expected to recess later today. Both branches will reconvene Nov. 12, eight days after the elections, and could continue in session until the new Congress meets Jan. 3. About one-third of the 100 Senate seats and all 435 House seats are up for election Nov. 4.

Foreign aid requires two laws annually. The authorization bill, which sets policy and financial ceilings, is in a Senate-House conference

which has been unable to complete action owing to difficulties in handling U.S. intelligence activities that are included in the bill. The appropriations bill, which fixes funding for the aid program, has been cleared by the House Appropriations Committee and is on the House calendar for consideration.

The Senate Appropriations Committee will act after the House adopts its measures.

HOLOCAUST LIBRARY AND RESEARCH CENTER HAS HUNDREDS OF RARE DOCUMENTS

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 2 (JTA) -- The Holocaust Library and Research Center celebrated its first anniversary last month. Max Garcia, the chairman of the Center, and a survivor of Auschwitz, said that in that year "our collection has grown to 2500 books and we have collected hundreds of documents from every country where Hitler's madmen struck."

He said that among these books and documents are death certificates from Bergen-Belsen, handwritten in a notebook by a Hungarian doctor listing all Jews who died of "various diseases" in the camp during the winter of 1944 and the spring of 1945, and babies who were born in the camp; a black book of Polish Jewish communities that have disappeared from the face of the earth, one of a handful of such books in existence; and a purchase order from a Berlin factory placed by a Nazi commandant for gas ovens described as "garbage disposal ovens" complete with prices.

Lonny Darwin, co-chairman of the Center, said that among the rare books at the Center is a story about a little known concentration camp called Dora. "Thousands of victims of the Third Reich were used to dig an underground center for the production of V2 rockets in a mountain range in the heart of Germany after Allied planes bombed Peenemuende out of business," she said. "Thousands upon thousands of people died at Dora and yet few people have heard of it."

"We have to keep answering those books and articles that declare the Holocaust to have been a hoax. We have to give documented proof that the Holocaust was indeed a fact of history," she added.

The Center also has an Oral History Division that interviews former members of the U.S. Armed Forces who actually helped to liberate concentration camps, as well as camp survivors living in the San Francisco area. In addition, the Center sponsors lectures dealing with the Holocaust.

PLO REP BARRED FROM HOLDING PRESS CONFERENCE AT WORLD BANK MEETING

WASHINGTON, Oct. 2 (JTA) -- Gesticulating and shouting his demands, a spokesman for the Palestine Liberation Organization tried to hold a press conference in the giant press room set up for the annual meeting of the World Bank and International Monetary Fund (IMF) here. But he was barred from doing so under the rules set up for the meeting.

"You're a Zionist tool," Hatem Hussein, chief of the PLO's Washington office, jeered at John Merriam, director of information and public affairs of the World Bank. "For from being a 'Zionist tool,' Merriam worked in Jordan for a number of years and is a friend of King Hussein and his family."

Hussein demanded the right to hold a press conference on grounds that the PLO is a member of the Arab League which had credentials last year for observer status at the World Bank-IMF meeting, though not this year. All observers have been "dis-invited" to the current meeting because the PLO was barred.