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BELGIUM SHOCKED BY THE RESURGENCE OF NEO-NAZI ACTIVITY

BRUSSELS, Oct. 7 (JTA) — A neo-Nazi and racist demonstration held in Antwerp last Saturday has caused deep shock in Belgium. The demonstration was organized by the extreme rightwing Vlaamse Militanten Orde (VMO) group in protest against a proposal by some political movements to give voting rights to immigrant workers in Belgium.

Some 500 neo-Nazis wearing black uniforms or commando outfits, armed with batons, chains, nailed belts and shouting racist slogans, marched in the city. Other fascist and neo-Nazi groups like Vere Di, Voorpost, Vlaamse Blok and the Wiking Jugend took part in the demonstration.

Bert Erikson, the leader of the VMO, addressing his followers, called for the expulsion of immigrant workers and claimed that no concession would be made even if "blood had to be shed." Some 200 anti-Nazis tried to disrupt the demonstration but police prevented them from approaching the demonstrators. Most political leaders condemned the Antwerp demonstration.

Government Moves To Protect Jews

Meanwhile, Belgian Jewish leaders severely condemned the synagogue bombing in Paris last Friday and called on all European governments to take firm and vigorous steps to halt the resurgence of neo-Nazism.

In a radio address, Belgian Interior Minister Philippe Moereaux expressed his solidarity with threatened Jewish communities and announced that Belgium had taken a series of efficient measures to fight against the revival of Nazism. He promised that tougher measures would be taken if necessary.

Moereaux, however, called on the Belgian Jewish community not to yield to the temptation of forming self-defense groups, which, he said, might encourage further violence. He added that measures would be taken to protect Jewish schools and assured that his party, the Socialist Party, would help organize a mass demonstration to show that Belgians are opposed to Nazism.

SWISS JEWS ANXIOUS ABOUT INCREASED ANTI-SEMITISM IN FRANCE AND ITS POSSIBLE DEVELOPMENT IN SWITZERLAND

By Tamar Levy

GENEVA, Oct. 7 (JTA) — The bombing of a synagogue in Paris last Friday and the increase of anti-Semitic activities in France over the past few weeks has created a general feeling of anxiety among Jews in Switzerland.

Chief Rabbi Alexander Saffran of Geneva told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that the Jews are "very worried despite the fact that the Swiss authorities have assured us of all their help and support and despite the fact that we have excellent contacts with the security and police departments."

However, Chief Rabbi Mordechai Piron of Zurich said he did not believe anti-Semitic actions of the kind that have occurred in Paris will occur in Switzerland because of the existing

"social and political constellation. But the event in Paris (the synagogue bombing) should be cause for alarm as well as vigilance among Jews. There must be an immediate reaction to any anti-Semitic act."

Francois Brunsweig, the president of the Jewish community in Geneva, told the JTA that he had sent a telegram to Alain de Rothschild, president of the Representative Council of Jewish Organizations in France, assuring him of his support. He added that the anti-Semitic acts in Paris could not have taken place if the French government had not been indifferent to the acts when they first began.

Commenting on the situation in Switzerland, Brunsweig said that anti-Semitism is less likely in this country because the Swiss government is openly pro-Israel and because the Swiss have always severely punished any acts of terrorism. He also noted that police here are very alert to anti-Semitic acts and terrorism and always helpful.

Despite official Jewish and government assurances that there is no cause for alarm in Switzerland, many Jewish families are expressing extreme concern when they discuss the issue in private. Others are saying openly that young Jews should arm themselves for self-defense and that money should be raised to help them get arms. Still others say they intend to stay away from synagogues and Jewish gatherings.

STATE FUNERAL FOR PARIS BOMB VICTIM

JERUSALEM, Oct. 7 (JTA) — A state funeral was held here today for Aliza Shagrir who was killed last Friday in Paris when a bomb exploded in front of a synagogue. Three other persons were killed and 32 persons were injured.

Mrs. Shagrir, 42, who was in Paris for a two-week vacation, was walking past the synagogue to the home of a friend to meet her husband when the bomb exploded. Mrs. Shagrir was a film editor who worked for Israel TV and for French Ambassador Marc Bonnefous. The funeral was attended by Cabinet ministers, members of Knesset and friends. Six policemen carried the coffin and a military cantor sang psalms. There were no eulogies.

In a related tragedy, Dr. Baruch Shagrir, Mrs. Shagrir's father-in-law, died here yesterday of a heart attack after learning that his daughter-in-law had been killed. He was 85 years old.

BEHIND THE HEADLINES

POLICE PROBE INTO SYNAGOGUE BOMBING MIGHT PROVE TO BE A DUD

By Edwin Eytan

PARIS, Oct. 7 (JTA) — Police investigations into the bomb attack against the Rue Copernic Temple last Friday are not expected to yield spectacular results, especially since members of the police force have been shattered to learn that many neo-Nazis are members of the police force. The French government has stated its determination to find the culprits but police concede that its task would be difficult as it does not possess updated files on neo-Nazis.

Spokesmen of the two main police unions have claimed that one-fifth of the outlawed neo-Nazi group, the Federation of European Nationalist

Action (FANE) are policemen and this might explain why those responsible for the many anti-Semitic attacks in France are still at large. Now the question remains: who is behind the Friday synagogue bombing attack?

Police are convinced that attack was carried out by neo-Nazi elements and they do not discount the possibility of a "foreign hand" behind it. Jean Pierre-Bloch, president of the League Against Racism and Anti-Semitism (LICRA), said Libyan leader Muammar Qaddafi had probably financed the publication of anti-Semitic leaflets distributed by neo-Nazi elements here.

Pierre-Bloch added there was a close link between the bomb attacks in Bologna, Munich and Paris and that they were part of a vast scheme to destabilize democratic regimes.

Qaddafi is known to have financed various terror groups in the world, from the Irish IRA, the West German Baader Meinhof group to extremist Palestinians, and it would not be surprising if it were discovered that neo-Nazis and fascists in Europe received funds from the Libyan leader.

Notes Coincidence In Series Of Bombings

French Justice Minister Alain Peyrefitte also noted that there was a "strange coincidence" between the Bologna, Munich and Paris bomb attacks. "Is there a joint strategy, a clandestine conductor for this?" the minister asked.

"For the moment, we know nothing. Apparently this massacre (at the synagogue) of innocent people seems to have been carried out by the extreme right and is the result of a rebirth of Nazism and fascism," Peyrefitte said. "There are perhaps foreign organizations which are trying to destabilize the society in West Germany, Italy and France."

Several demonstrations have taken place in French provincial towns in protest against the bomb attack and a march was held today in the center of Paris with the participation of all opposition parties and most trade unions. (See P.4.)

The danger for the Jewish community is that political parties may exploit last Friday's bomb attack. Besides, it is noted by some analysts, if nothing was done to protect the synagogue and other Jewish institutions, there could be a risk for young Jews involved in retaliatory actions which could lead to further violence.

Many Jews are saying that the government really ought to take severe measures to thwart other neo-Nazi moves, otherwise members of the Jewish community would not hesitate to apply the "law of retaliation." Many young Jews are firmly determined to leave a path of blood behind them if they are given no other alternative, it was noted.

Barre's Statement Causes A Storm

Meanwhile, a statement by Premier Raymond Barre a few hours after the synagogue bombing has been a cause of fierce polemics. Barre has been accused of trying to drive a wedge between Jews and non-Jews by saying that the bomb attack was "aimed at striking Jews who were going to their synagogue and struck innocent French people in the Rue Copernic."

A spokesman for the Socialist Party said it was "unacceptable for a Premier to express himself as if French Jewish citizens were not part of the national community." The spokesman said Barre's statement was unprecedented and might lead to unfortunate consequences.

The extreme leftwing newspaper, Liberation,

wrote that Barre had "missed again the opportunity to keep silent" because he had implied that the Jews who were going to their synagogue were not "innocent French people. And if they are not innocent and as they are French, they are guilty, guilty of being Jewish?"

The Premier's office issued a communique saying that Barre's statement had been "exploited in a scandalous way" because he had stressed in his statement that the Jewish community was "a French community respected by all French people."

However, Jewish lawyer Georges Kieiman noted that the Premier made another blunder by saying that the Jews belonged to a "respected community." He asked: "Would this not be normal (to be respected) for any other community?"

In other developments, there were reports today that there were anti-Semitic attacks in several towns in southern France. According to one report, a Molotov cocktail was tossed at a Jewish-owned shop in Grenoble.

Yesterday, a 20-year-old Moroccan Jew, Michel Boussidan, was attacked by three youths who spotted him because he was wearing a kippa. The youths, dressed in jeans and leather jackets, first hurled epithets at him and then knifed him. Despite his wounds, Boussidan managed to escape from the assailants.

DEMONSTRATORS DEMAND TOUGHER FRENCH ACTION AGAINST NEO-NAZI TERRORISTS

By David Landau

JERUSALEM, Oct. 7 (JTA) -- About 250 Israelis, most of them of French or Moroccan origin, demonstrated outside of the French Consulate here yesterday to demand tougher French action against neo-Nazi terrorists who have attacked Jewish institutions in France, including the fatal bombing of a Paris synagogue last Friday. They were joined by many visiting French students.

They also demanded that France end its pro-Arab policy in the Middle East which, they claimed, is responsible for the increasing wave of anti-Semitic violence in that country. Most of the demonstrators were members of the Oded movement, composed of French-speaking Israelis dedicated to raising the living standards of Oriental Jews in Israel.

The demonstration was led by independent MK Mordechai Eigrabii who handed a letter to the French Consul addressed to President Valery Giscard d'Estaing of France. The letter charged that France's anti-Israel policies encouraged the emergence of anti-Semitic organizations in France. The Consul conceded that there were differences of opinion between France and Israel but insisted that France was not anti-Israel and promised that the government would do its utmost to protect Jewish citizens.

KOCH BLASTS GISCARD D'ESTAING

NEW YORK, Oct. 7 (JTA) -- Mayor Edward Koch accused French President Valery Giscard d'Estaing yesterday of "delivering Jews to the PLO." He was speaking of the fatal bombing of a Paris synagogue last Friday.

Koch made his remarks in the course of greeting Yitzhak Berman, Speaker of the Knesset, who visited City Hall. During World War II, Koch said, "the French people and the government delivered French Jews to the Nazis. He (Giscard) is delivering Jews to the PLO and he should be ashamed of himself."

Koch told reporters that he intended to make the same accusation when he speaks before the French-American Chamber of Commerce here today. "My position in this matter is public and I can't express it strongly enough," he said.

SHAMIR: PARIS BOMBING PART OF ATTACK ORGANIZED AGAINST JEWS AND ISRAEL

BRUSSELS, Oct. 7 (JTA) -- Israeli Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir said today that the synagogue bombing in Paris Friday was part of an attack "organized against the Jewish people and its state, the State of Israel." He also charged that recent anti-Semitic attacks in France and elsewhere in Europe were encouraged by European overtures to the Palestine Liberation Organization.

Shamir spoke at a press conference in Luxembourg where he is heading an Israeli delegation in talks with representatives of the European Economic Community (EEC) on trade, industrial, agricultural and scientific cooperation. It is the second such meeting. The first was held in December, 1978.

He warned that if the EEC "is going to encourage the PLO as the only representative of the Palestinian people, they will encourage those organizations linked to terrorist organizations." Shamir was referring to the declaration issued at the Venice summit meeting of the EEC heads of state last June which said that the PLO should be associated with the peace process in the Middle East.

Asked if the declaration may have encouraged the recent anti-Semitic attacks, he replied, "Yes. There is a certain link between these two problems." He claimed there was a proven link between some European terrorist groups and Palestinian terrorists. "I advise European governments to be more cautious in their relations with such organizations," he said.

Focus Of Talks With EEC

Shamir also said that Israel would cooperate with the EEC's fact-finding mission in the Middle East, conducted by Luxembourg's Foreign Minister Gaston Thorn. But he did not believe it would achieve any positive results.

The Luxembourg talks will center on Israel's future relationship with the EEC and the impact on Israel's exports of the entry of Greece into the Common Market and the proposed entry of Spain. Israel is asking for certain concessions to offset the new competition in the Mediterranean region. Israeli experts believe that Spain's economic strength in the agricultural sector might eliminate Israel from the EEC market for traditional exports such as oranges and in the industrial sector Israel's textile industry would suffer.

The EEC commission conceded that the entries of Greece and Spain would have negative repercussions on the exports of most other Mediterranean countries.

OPPOSITION REPORTED TO SECOND SCREENING IN GERMANY OF 'HOLOCAUST' By David Kantor

BONN, Oct. 7 (JTA) -- Efforts by a Cologne broadcasting station for a second screening of the American-made television drama "Holocaust" is reported to have run into serious opposition from other West German broadcasting systems. The series produced by NBC-TV was first shown in West Germany in January, 1979.

Friedrich-Wilhelm von Sell, head of the WDR radio and television station in Cologne, has taken the initiative for a second screening to be presented some time during the second half of 1981. But according to informed sources, other broadcasters in West Germany have expressed doubts about such a project. Von Sell was respon-

sible for the original screening which ran into considerable opposition at the time. WDR officials refuse to comment on the dispute.

The two national television networks, ARD and ZDF refused to purchase "Holocaust." After prolonged negotiations between local stations in several federal states, the series was presented nationwide but on the so-called "third program," a network less popular than ARD and ZDF.

Nevertheless, polls taken directly after the broadcast showed that it was watched by a huge national audience and had a powerful impact on public opinion in West Germany. Follow-up polls taken a few weeks later indicated that the impact had completely worn off. If von Sell is successful in reviving the series, it would again be shown on the "third program."

POPE SAYS CREATION OF ISRAEL WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR PALESTINIANS' PLIGHT

ROME, Oct. 7 (JTA) -- Pope John Paul II told 150,000 persons gathered at an outdoor mass last Sunday that the creation of Israel was responsible for the plight of the Palestinian people. He also appealed to Moslems and Jews to make Jerusalem a common home and "the crossroads of conciliation and peace."

The Pontiff spoke at Otranto, in southern Italy, on the occasion of the 500th anniversary of the Turkish massacre there. In what many observers regarded as the harshest indictment of Israel by any Pope, the Polish-born Pontiff declared:

"The Jewish people, a people with a tragic experience linked to the extermination of so many sons and daughters and pushed by a desire for security, gave birth to the State of Israel. But at the same time a sad condition was created for the Palestinian people who were in conspicuous part excluded from their homeland."

"Jerusalem today," he added, "is the object of a dispute that seems to be without solution. Tomorrow, God willing, it can become the crossroads of conciliation and peace. We pray that Jerusalem, rather than being what it is today, the object of contestation and division, becomes the focus toward which Christians, Jews and Moslems look and around which all feel themselves brothers."

Pontiff's Statement Termed Deploable

(In New York, Rabbi Joseph Sternstein, president of the American Zionist Federation, said today that the Pope's statement equating the plight of the Palestinians with the establishment of Israel "is absolutely deplorable. A thorough review of the facts illustrates unequivocally the Pope's statement to be both erroneous and dangerously misleading.")

("Let us recall the historical record clearly. The Arabs living within the borders of the newly established State of Israel fled their homes at the insistence and admonition of their Arab leaders and despite assurances of safety from the Israeli army. Moreover, the Vatican statement ignored the fact that at the same time as Arabs fled their houses in Haifa and Jaffa, Jews were forcibly driven from their homes in cities throughout the Arab world.")

(Ivan Novick, president of the Zionist Organization of America, said: "It is of concern that the Pope fails to recall what caused the 'plight of the Palestinians.' The distressing position of the mass of Arab refugees from Palestine was entirely the handiwork of the Arab states who continue to perpetuate their misery by refusing to settle the refugees in their wide and empty spaces.")

(Novick added: "In calling to make Jerusalem

a common home for Moslems and Jews, the Pope appears to ignore that Israel has already accomplished this. Under Israel's sovereignty there is now a secure home in the Holy City for all races and creeds, including complete freedom of worship and respect for the holy shrines of all religions.")

MORE THAN 100,000 PEOPLE MARCH IN PARIS TO PROTEST AGAINST NEO-NAZISM

Marchers Chant 'Jews And Non-Jews, We Are Fighting The Same Battle'
By Edwin Eytan

PARIS, Oct. 7 (JTA) -- Denouncing racism and crying "Jews and non-Jews, we are fighting the same battle," more than 100,000 persons, possibly as many as 200,000, marched in disciplined ranks through Paris today in a massive demonstration of protest against last Friday's neo-Nazi terrorist bombing of a synagogue and the rash of anti-Semitic acts spreading in France.

In a rare gesture of solidarity with the protesters, the National Assembly adjourned by unanimous vote so that its members could join the march. The vast throng followed the traditional Labor Day route from the Place de la Nation to the Place de la Republique in eastern Paris. The march was organized by the Human Rights Movement Against Racism and for Peace (MRAP).

The demonstration was extraordinary since representatives of most French political parties were present as well as people of all political opinions: Zionists, pro-Israelis and also those who are openly pro-Palestinians. Never before in the history of France did so many people demonstrate against fascism and Nazism and show such solidarity with the Jews.

Most moving was the strong presence of young Jews who waved Israeli banners and sang the Hatikvah and other Hebrew songs. They looked determined as they pointed their fists and shouted in unison: "Israel shall live" and "jail the fascists." The march started at 5 p.m. along a two-mile route and lasted until 9 p.m. with thousands and thousands of people marching in an orderly manner.

Massive Presence Of Non-Jews

Most impressive also was the massive presence of non-Jews who came to the demonstration. "We have to show solidarity with the Jews. If we were indifferent to fascist actions against them we would be responsible for a fascist takeover and afterwards, it would be our turn to be in trouble," a non-Jewish demonstrator told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency.

"We have to reject the ugly fascist beast," another demonstrator stated. The battle cry of Communist-led trade union members was "Giscard, Bonnet -- accomplices of the murderers." This was in line with charges in many quarters, following the bombing which took four lives and injured 32 persons that President Valery Giscard d'Estaing and Interior Minister Christian Bonnet have been lax in cracking down on neo-Nazi organizations in France, thereby emboldening them. The government was also criticized for not sending any representative to the Rue Copernic Temple at the Shabbat service the day after the bomb attack.

Other mass demonstrations took place in many provincial cities, evidence that a majority of the French people reject anti-Semitism. However, while French people braced themselves for the struggle against fascism other anti-Jewish

incidents took place overnight in France.

In Nice, on the Riviera, a powerful firecracker was thrown at demonstrators denouncing anti-Semitism. A Jewish butcher shop in Nice was ransacked and anti-Semitic slogans were scrawled on its walls.

In Marseilles, a home-made bomb was found by police outside a Jewish-owned restaurant. It had failed to explode. The owner said he and other Jewish tradesmen in the area had received threatening messages from the outlawed neo-Nazi Federation of European Nationalist Action (FANE). Members of FANE claimed responsibility for smashing the windows of a Jewish-owned clothing store in Troyes in eastern France.

BEGIN SAYS HUSSEIN IS 'NOT WISE' IN AIDING IRAQ IN PERSIAN GULF WAR

By David Landau

JERUSALEM, Oct. 7 (JTA) -- "Not wise."

This was how Premier Menachem Begin today described Jordan's increasingly high profile support for Iraq in the current Persian Gulf war.

Addressing a high school audience in Bet Shemesh, a development town near Jerusalem, Begin compared King Hussein's decision to side with Iraq now to his decision in 1967 to come into the war against Israel on the side of Egypt. "We all know what happened then," Begin observed.

Hussein had "jumped on the bandwagon" in 1967 because Egypt's army had given misleading reports of the first hours of the fighting to President Nasser, and Hussein had relied on these reports, Begin recalled.

Referring to Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein's declaration that the road from Abadan leads to Jaffa, Begin said: "Let him just try that road. . . . We shall show him where it ends. The same applies to Jordan's Hussein who has said that Iraq's victory will pave the way to victory in Palestine."

SECOND NAZI COMMITS SUICIDE

BONN, Oct. 7 (JTA) -- A former Gestapo official, who was the chief officer in wartime Belgium and northern France, committed suicide last Saturday, it was disclosed here today by Justice Ministry officials. Another high-ranking Nazi, a former SS officer, Gustav Franz Wagner, also committed suicide last week at his home in Brazil.

The 70-year-old former Nazi, Ernst Ehlers, took his own life just a few weeks before his trial was to open on charges of complicity in murder and his role in deporting thousands of Jews to Nazi death camps. Ehlers, who electrocuted himself at his home in Kiel, left a suicide note in which he said the upcoming trial was the reason he decided to commit suicide. The trial was to have opened Nov. 26.

According to the charges, Ehlers was responsible for the deportation of about 26,000 Belgian and French Jews to Auschwitz and other concentration camps in Poland. Only 3439 of the deportees were said to have survived.

PARIS (JTA) -- Foreign Minister Gaston Thorn of Luxembourg said here that he believed an Israeli-Arab dialogue was possible after his talks in the Middle East. "Contacts between Arabs and Israelis should and in fact must take place," he told reporters after meeting President Valery Giscard d'Estaing here Monday. The nine members of the European Economic Community are expected to announce a new Middle East peace initiative shortly after the American Presidential election.