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SIMMERING UNREST ON WEST BANK

By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, Dec. 9 (JTA) — Simmering unrest on the West Bank and other areas during the past 48 hours kept Israeli forces busy and on a high state of alert for new outbreaks. Four Arab youngsters were detained for throwing rocks at Israeli vehicles on the Jerusalem-Ramallah road and six others were arrested in Nablus in the aftermath of Sunday's disturbances at Al-Najah College where an instructor was relieved of his identity card.

A demonstration by Arab youths in East Jerusalem was foiled today. Several dozen high school students attempting to organize a demonstration in downtown Gaza were dispersed without the use of force yesterday.

Major Confrontation in Bethlehem

A major confrontation in Bethlehem ended last night when Israeli troops lifted an eight-hour siege of Frere College after Mayor Elias Freij of Bethlehem and Mayor Hanna el-Atrash of nearby Beit Sahour intervened with the Israeli authorities.

The trouble began shortly before noon yesterday when a military patrol was stoned as it passed the campus. The soldiers fired tear gas at student demonstrators who took shelter in the college buildings. The campus was surrounded by troops, a curfew was imposed in the area of the college and roadblocks were erected at the entrance to the town.

Israeli troops barred journalists from entering Bethlehem. A United Press International photographer was arrested and his film was confiscated. The news agency lodged a protest with the military press spokesman and with the Israel Press Association.

The students were permitted to leave the college this evening after they took down a Palestinian flag they had hoisted over one of the buildings. They were also forced to clean up the rocks and debris that littered the nearby streets and to register with the Military Government. The Military Governor agreed not to prosecute any of the students but warned that charges would be brought against them if the disturbances reoccurred.

MOVE TO COMBAT SPREAD OF NAZI PROPAGANDA IN WEST GERMANY

By David Kantor

BONN, Dec. 9 (JTA) — Justice Minister Hans-Jochen Vogel announced today that he is preparing strong measures to combat the spread of Nazi propaganda in West Germany. He told reporters at a press conference that his ministry is presently drafting a series of amendments that will put teeth into existing laws.

Vogel specified the principal measures to be taken and how they will work. The import of Nazi propaganda material would be banned under one of the proposed amendments. Although most such material is now brought in from abroad, existing laws prohibit only its display. Another amendment would outlaw Nazi material from the period preceding the establishment of the Federal Republic in 1949. Existing laws ban only material produced after that date, Vogel noted.

Finally, he said, the law should explicitly prohibit propaganda aimed at playing down Nazi war crimes or denying that the Holocaust ever took place. Proposed amendments would allow state prosecutors to initiate cases against persons spreading the so-called "Auschwitz lies." Under the present law, only individual victims of Nazi war crimes can bring suit against such persons.

Vogel said that the ruling Social-Democratic Party (SPD) has reached agreement with its coalition partner, the Free Democrats, on the first two issues. He said he was confident that agreement would be reached eventually on the third.

FORECAST ISRAEL WILL IMPORT LARGE QUANTITIES OF COAL FROM CHINA WITHIN NEXT 10-15 YEARS TO REPLACE HIGH-PRICED OIL AS ENERGY SOURCE

By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, Dec. 9 (JTA) — An Energy Ministry expert predicted yesterday that Israel will import large quantities of coal from the People's Republic of China within the next 10-15 years to replace high priced oil as its principal source of energy. According to Eli Zohar, two-way trade will develop between the two countries.

Speaking at a scientific convention at Kiryat Anavim, Zohar said China was a potential buyer of phosphates, potash, bromine compounds and various industrial products produced in Israel. He said China intended to increase its coal exports up to 15 million tons this year. According to Zohar, Poland is another potential source of coal for Israel.

He said Israel will have to increase its coal consumption in the near future because of the upward spiral in the price of oil. Beginning in 1982, local coal consumption should reach 1 million tons and in the following decade, Israel will use several million tons a year because most of its power plants will burn coal. Israel will become one of the world's leading importers, after Japan and France, he said.

New Energy Sources Planned

Meanwhile, Israel will embark on an effort to develop new energy sources. It was announced today that three major chemical companies and the Haifa Refineries have set up a new energy firm for that purpose, known as "Energy 2000." It will concentrate on the development of coal and shale oil as alternative fuels in cooperation with overseas firms. Negotiations have reportedly begun with energy-oriented plants in West Germany and the U.S.

The initiators of the new company cautioned that this was a long-range project and should not raise hopes of an immediate alleviation of the energy problem. Max Reis of the Israel Chemical Corp., one of the firms involved, said alternative energy sources would not be available before the end of the decade.

ISSUE OF SOVIET JEWRY AT HELSINKI REVIEW CONFAB IN MADRID

By Maurice Samuelson

LONDON, Dec. 9 (JTA) — Dr. Immanuel Jakobovits, Britain's Chief Rabbi, flew to Madrid today to take up the issue of Soviet Jewry with delegates to the conference on European Security and Cooper-

ation. He will be joining other European Chief Rabbis who are taking part in a prolonged lobby of the conference which is reviewing the observance of the Helsinki agreements' provisions on human rights. Last week, European Jewish lay leaders were in Madrid to lobby their countries' delegates over Soviet Jewry.

Greville Janner, MP, president of the Board of Deputies of British Jews, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency on his return that he had been surprised by the insistence with which one Western country after another had been "laying into the Russians" over human rights. The Canadians had accused them of using anti-Zionism as a cloak for anti-Semitism.

In Janner's view, the Russians themselves had been taken aback by the refusal of the Western states to let the human rights issue be submerged. Even some Warsaw Pact countries had attempted to press the Soviet Union over implementation of the Helsinki agreements' Final Act, he said.

Jewish leaders from France, Belgium and Switzerland were also in Madrid at the same time. The whole exercise, Janner said, was a tribute to the new spirit of cooperation being shown by the Jewish communities of Europe, under the combined pressures of resurgent anti-Semitism and the Arab oil lobby. Soviet Jewry campaign leaders, including Rita Eker, chairman of the British Women's Campaign for Soviet Jewry, have also visited Madrid.

POSTAL SERVICE REVERSES STAND, ISSUING TOURO SYNAGOGUE STAMP

By Ben Gallob

NEW YORK, Dec. 9 (JTA) -- A 17-year deadlock has been ended by agreement by the U.S. Postal Service to issue a stamp to commemorate Touro Synagogue of Newport, R.I., the oldest existing synagogue in America, according to the Society of Friends of Touro Synagogue. The synagogue was dedicated in 1763.

A rendering of the Touro Synagogue stamp design will be unveiled tomorrow night at the museum of the Daughters of the American Revolution in Washington. The unveiling ceremony will be attended by Postmaster General William Bolger and Dr. Martin Greenfield of Great Neck, N.Y., a marketing expert who has had a key role in the effort to obtain Postal Service approval for the stamp.

The stamp rendering has been made part of an exhibit on the history of the Jewish community in early America, 1654-1830, which will be opened the same evening at the museum by former President Ford. A museum spokesman said the museum exhibit will be opened to the public Dec. 11 and will continue until March 15. He said he did not know how long the Touro stamp rendering would remain in the museum.

The idea for such a stamp was initially proposed in 1963 by Sen. Claiborne Pell (D. R.I.). The proposal was subsequently supported by the Society of Friends, a non-sectarian group formed to promote the historic significance of the Touro Synagogue.

Overcoming a Major Hurdle

A major hurdle to the idea of such a stamp reportedly was the fear of postal authorities that issuing such a stamp might be construed as a violation of the Constitutional doctrine of church-state separation.

Greenfield, who is a member of the board and of the executive committee of the Society of Friends, then suggested that not one, but four stamps be issued, honoring religious buildings of differing denominations.

He suggested the four houses of worship first designated National Historic Sites under the Historic Sites Act of 1935 -- the San Jose Mission near San Antonio, Texas; Gloria Dei (Old Swedes' Church) in Philadelphia; St. Paul's Church in Rochester, N.Y.; and the Touro Synagogue.

The Postal Service, meanwhile, made a decision which ultimately helped the Touro stamp proposal, Greenfield said. It decided to issue a Yule stamp for 1978 featuring della Robbia's sculpture, "Madonna and Child with Cherubim."

Greenfield immediately wrote to Bolger to remind him of the church-state separation clause, adding that the sculpture was neither a U.S. historical site nor under the federal Park Commission. He added that the Touro Synagogue was such a site and bears the insignia of the National Park Service.

He said Bolger replied that the chief objection of the Citizens Stamp Advisory Committee--which must pass on all stamp proposals -- was not based on the church-state clause but rather on the committee's opinion that the Touro Synagogue is not an architecturally significant building.

Greenfield said he promptly submitted contrary opinions, one being that the Touro Synagogue architect, Peter Harrison, was considered the dean of colonial architects by his peers who, Greenfield said, had been unanimous in declaring the Touro Synagogue an architectural gem.

Date Set For Issuing The Stamp

Greenfield, reporting that the decision to issue the stamp was made in October, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, in a telephone interview from his Great Neck office, that the Postal Service plans to issue the Touro stamp first, with the date of issuance to be Feb. 22, 1982, the 250th anniversary of the birth of George Washington.

Greenfield said he had suggested that date in recognition of the famous letter written by President Washington, on Aug. 21, 1790, to the Hebrew Congregation of Newport, declaring that the United States government "gives to bigotry no sanction, to persecution no assistance."

The Citizens Stamp Advisory Committee early in November notified the Society of Friends it had approved a design for the Touro stamp, incorporating several ideas proposed by Greenfield. In its final form, it is expected the stamp will have a likeness of the Touro Synagogue with its dedication year, 1763, beneath it, plus the phrase concerning bigotry and persecution in Washington's letter.

JDC BOARD ADOPTS \$56.7M BUDGET FOR 1981; TAUB ELECTED PRESIDENT

NEW YORK, Dec. 9 (JTA) -- The American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (JDC) adopted a budget of \$56.7 million for 1981 and elected Henry Taub, a New Jersey businessman and Jewish communal leader, JDC president at the 66th annual meeting of the agency held here today. Donald Robinson of Pittsburgh, who concluded three years as president of the JDC, was elected chairman of the Board of Directors.

The JDC meeting, which was attended by over 100 members of the Board from all over the United States and Canada, also included a number of guests and observers from abroad.

Taub, in accepting the presidency, said he was "proud of the honor and challenged by the responsibility."

bilities." He called on the agency to "continue to analyze and review the effectiveness of its programs in countries where the JDC is at work and to be alert and responsive to needs of Jews wherever they may occur."

The budget of \$56.7 million adopted by the JDC Board supports programs in 25 countries around the world including nations in Eastern Europe, Western Europe, Asia, Africa, the Middle East and Latin America. Most JDC programs help the most needy members of the communities; the aged, the young and the handicapped.

Ralph Goldman, JDC executive vice president, who was reelected at the meeting, pointed to the problem of inflation which is faced by JDC around the world, noting that the day when inflation abroad and a stable dollar combined to give JDC more mileage for its money are gone. "Inflation," he said, "hit Eastern Europe as well as Western Europe and all the countries where we operate today." On the positive side he described the "warm and continuing relationship between American and World Jewish Jews Turn To JDC To Help Italian Relief

Robinson complimented the American Jewish community for its generous response to the appeal for aid to the people of Italy. "Funds have been coming in daily. It is a demonstration of the generosity of the Jewish community and their commitment to the JDC as their instrument for overseas relief." The JDC has made a donation of \$30,000 out of its own funds and has been receiving donations from individuals during the Chanukah holidays.

In the report by Goldman, the JDC announced a reorganization of its European operations with the shift of a number of key staffers to Paris where, in addition to their field responsibilities in Europe and North Africa, they can be available to the largest Jewish community on the continent."

EEC SPOKESMAN SAYS ISRAEL AND PALESTINIAN PEOPLE HAVE RIGHTS

By Yitzhak Rabi

UNITED NATIONS, Dec. 9 (JTA) -- A solution to the Mideast conflict must take into account Israel's right to exist as an independent state and the right of the Palestinian people to self-determination, Paul Peters, Luxembourg's Ambassador to the UN, speaking on behalf of the 12 members of the European Economic Community (EEC), told the General Assembly today.

Peters, addressing the second session of the debate on the Mideast, which opened here yesterday, said that in the EEC's view a variety of approaches can be taken to reach peace in the Mideast. The Camp David accords, he claimed, were one positive step in that direction although they had not yet borne all the fruit expected of them.

The EEC, Peters declared, does not approve of Israel's settlement policy and could not accept any change in the status of Jerusalem. He criticized Israel's unilateral action recently proclaiming united Jerusalem as Israel's capital.

Soviet Ambassador Oleg Troyanovsky, also addressing the Assembly today, sharply criticized Israel and the United States for the "problems" in the Mideast. He called for Israeli withdrawal from all territories occupied since 1967, includ-

ing East Jerusalem, and the establishment of a Palestinian state. He added, however, that all states in the area had a right to security in the context of international agreements.

ARSONIST SETS FIRE TO TEMPLE; OVER \$130,000 IN DAMAGES REPORTED

By Ronald Solomon

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 9 (JTA) -- A fire set by an arsonist, apparently with anti-Semitic motivation, caused over \$130,000 in damage to Temple Beth David in the San Gabriel Valley area of Los Angeles County in the early hours of Sunday morning. No one was hurt in the blaze which gutted the sanctuary and badly damaged most of the Torahs.

The Sheriff Department's Arson Squad investigators reported that an arsonist broke into the building through a window and placed flammable materials under the "bimah" (platform). Rabbi Alan Lachman, spiritual leader of the Reform congregation, said he left the building at 11:30 p.m. Saturday night. It was set afire about 1 a.m., when the Temple City Fire Department was summoned.

Lachman told the B'nai B'rith Messenger that the 180-family congregation will conduct services temporarily in its religious school nearby. He also reported that "many of the Torahs that were burned were rescued during the Holocaust."

Suspensions of anti-Semitism were aroused in light of the vandalism at Temple Beth Torah, 2 1/2 miles away, that occurred during Rosh Hashanah. At that time a swastika was burned on the temple lawn and anti-Semitic and racist pamphlets were found strewn on the temple parking lot.

"We must view this as yet another attack on our community," said Edwin Herzog, Jewish Federation Eastern Region Community Relations Committee chairman. "We are urging all regional congregations to notify local police authorities of the need for additional patrols in the coming days and months."

FAREWELL TO LINOWITZ

JERUSALEM, Dec. 9 (JTA) -- The U.S. chief autonomy negotiator, Sol Linowitz, will visit Israel for two days later this month to take his leave of the autonomy talks and the Israeli ministers and aides who took part in them. Linowitz will resign his special diplomatic post when the Carter Administration leaves office in January.

The special envoy, together with his wife, will call on Premier Menachem Begin and Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir. He will be the guest of honor at a reception given by Israel's chief negotiator, Interior Minister Yosef Burg.

Presumably there will be some "business" intermingled with the social round, since the American envoy hopes to draw up an agreed document stating what has been achieved to date in the talks. Some work on that document has been proceeding in Washington this past week, at talks between Linowitz's deputy, James Leonard, and Burg's top aide, Haim Kuberky.

PARIS, Dec. 6 (JTA) -- Morocco's King Hassan and Bangladesh President Ziaur Rahman will meet French President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing to present "the Moslem case for Jerusalem" on behalf of the "Islamic Conference Al Qods." The Moslem delegation will meet other West European leaders, including British Premier Margaret Thatcher and West German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt. The Al Qods conference represents 44 Moslem states.

BEHIND THE HEADLINES THE JEWS OF NORMANDY

By Ben Frank

(Part Three Of A Three-Part Series)

ST.-LO, France, Dec. 9 (JTA) — Rabbi Edmond Beldreb is a circuit-riding rabbi. St.-Lo is one of the towns he covers as he drives through scenic Normandy on roads flanked by high hedge rows which sometimes form a leafy canopy.

Among other things, St.-Lo was one of the towns Gen. George Patton made famous. It was from here in June, 1944, that his forces broke out of German encirclement and the enemy front to the West collapsed. Behind the roads travelled on by the rabbi are the D-Day beaches, names that will forever ring in American history: Utah, Omaha, Gold, Juno and Sword.

True, there probably were no Jews here when Patton's Third Army moved out against the Germans. But a few have now settled in this historic town. Today there are eight Jewish families living in St.-Lo which has the distinction of being a kosher meat-packing center serving Paris.

Like the countryside around it — its brilliant past, its important historic monuments, its culinary specialties — Normandy contains small Jewish communities tied together by joint activities and by visiting rabbis such as Beldreb.

The rabbi's base is Caen, located in the department of Calvados in northern France, and from here Jewish communities receive this spiritual leader.

There are eight Jewish families in Evreux; eight families in Lisieux; 15 families in Cherbourg; 200 families in LeHavre; and 400 families in Rouen. And in Caen, almost entirely rebuilt after the war, there are about 100 Jewish families. After World War II, the Jews of Caen built their own synagogue on 16 Avenue de la Liberation.

A Close-Knit Group

The Jews of Normandy are a close-knit group. New superhighways and high-speed trains offer them the opportunity to go from Caen to Paris in two hours; from Rouen to Paris in a little over an hour. All roads lead to Paris. Nearly half of 700,000 Jews in France live in and around the French capital.

But there are also inter-city activities. The Jews of LeHavre and Caen hold joint activities: seminars, lectures, films.

Caen itself has a small but active Jewish community. They are proud. They are not afraid and the young people are activists. Many arrived here from North Africa in the 1960s; others came here from that center of Jewish life, Strasbourg.

In the summer time, thousands of Jews also come to Deauville, the world-renowned resort of casinos, polo matches and horse racing. In the summer months, it was told, there is even a "minyan" in Deauville which in the summer jumps in population from 10,000 to over 100,000 persons.

Multi-Faceted Activities

The Jews of Normandy are also involved in the tourism industry. In the department of Calvados, new hotels are going up in Honfleur, Lisieux, Bayeux and Caen.

Throughout Normandy, one finds American Jews, even former GI's who settled here after

World War II. Having landed and survived on the beaches on D-Day, they said they fell in love with this beautiful area which provides visitors with an astonishing variety of scenery, from indented cliffs and coves, to wide sandy beaches and seaside resorts.

Wherever I travelled in Normandy, whether it was in Deauville, the elegant seaside resort; or in Rouen, which has old streets set with buildings in the ageless half-timbered Norman style; or in Caen which, besides being a cultural and artistic center, is also a large industrial and commercial plant, I learned about Jewish communities.

Some are small; some large. They exist. They thrive. They recall a rich historical past of which there is even now new, exciting proof, a proud discovery of a proud people: the yeshiva in Rouen, the capital of Normandy.

PLAN TO SETTLE YOUNG FAMILIES IN THE JORDAN VALLEY

JERUSALEM, Dec. 9 (JTA) — The government unveiled a plan yesterday to induce young families to settle in the Jordan Valley. Spokesmen for the Ministry of Labor and Welfare told reporters at a press conference that financial incentives would be offered to settle collective farms in the region and that the emphasis will be on motivation.

The Ministry plans to launch a publicity campaign in conjunction with the various settlement movements, the Jewish Agency and other Zionist bodies. It will be the first time such an effort is made to attract new blood for rural settlements. Similar campaigns have been successful in the past in recruiting settlers for urban regions.

Speakers for the Ministry said there was room for 150 families at the nine moshavim and six kibbutzim involved in the government-sponsored plan. Ready-made homes and agricultural opportunities will be provided for the settlers. The project already has a slogan: "Build your nest in the Jordan Valley."

16 FRENCH GROUPS URGE THE CLOSING OF THE PLO OFFICE IN PARIS

NEW YORK, Dec. 9 (JTA) — Sixteen French organizations comprising the "Common Front For Israel" have asked the French government to close the Palestine Liberation Organization's Paris office.

According to Shimon Samuels, director of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith's European office in Paris, the appeal, made to the members of the French Parliament, said that despite attempts "to clear the PLO," the Oct. 3 Rue Copernic synagogue bombing is being traced to international terrorist organizations with links to the PLO.

In calling for the closing of the PLO office, the appeal said the matter should be treated with "urgency" for the welfare of the nation. The Common Front for Israel asserted that unjustifiable attacks on Israel or threats to individual Jews place all nations and all peoples in jeopardy — as was demonstrated in the Rue Copernic bombing, in which non-Jews were also killed.

"It is quite impossible," the appeal went on, "to draw a distinction between anti-Semitism, which refuses to grant one man the same rights as another because he is a Jew, and anti-Zionism, which refuses to grant a people the same right as other peoples because they are Jews."

The Common Front for Israel also assailed the French government for what it called a "policy of keeping silent" in the synagogue bombing and for fostering the PLO cause.