

BLACK MUSLIM LEADER EXTOLS HITLER

By William Saphire

WASHINGTON, April 12 (JTA) — Controversy boiled anew today over Black Muslim leader Louis Farrakhan, a leading supporter of Rev. Jesse Jackson, who confirmed that he had acclaimed Hitler as a "very great man" who "rose Germany up from nothing."

Farrakhan, who heads the Nation of Islam group, offered his assessment of the Fuhrer in a March 11 nationwide radio broadcast. It was largely overlooked then because in the same broadcast he urged Blacks to ostracize a Black reporter, Milton Coleman, who disclosed in The Washington Post that Jackson had referred to Jews as "Hymies" and to New York City as "Hymietown."

'Hitler Was a Very Great Man'

In his March 11 broadcast, the Chicago Tribune quoted Farrakhan as saying: "Here, the Jews don't like Farrakhan, so they call him Hitler. Well, that's a good name. Hitler was a very great man. He wasn't great for me as a Black person, but he was a great German, and he rose Germany up from the ashes of her defeat by the united force of Europe and America after the first world war."

"Now, I'm not proud of Hitler's evils against the Jewish people. But that's a matter of record. He rose Germany up from nothing. Well, in a sense you could say there's a similarity in that we're rising our people up from nothing. But don't compare me with your wicked killers."

Subsequent threats against Jews if they harmed Jackson and against the physical safety of Coleman and his family, propelled Farrakhan into national prominence because of his close association with Jackson's campaign for the Democratic Presidential nomination. Jackson has dissociated himself from Farrakhan's remarks but has refused to reject his support.

Jewish Leaders Excoriate Farrakhan

Two Jewish leaders denounced the Black Muslim leader today for extolling Hitler and urged Jackson again to repudiate Farrakhan. Rabbi Alexander Schindler, president of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, said, "Mr. Farrakhan has placed a storm cloud over Jesse Jackson's rainbow coalition, and the result is a dark and deeply disturbing shadow over the American political scene."

Schindler added, "I pray that Rev. Jackson will use this latest wild and irresponsible statement by his supporter, Louis Farrakhan to at last publicly dissociate himself from Mr. Farrakhan and the dangerous demagoguery he represents."

Julius Berman, chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, said: "If Mr. Farrakhan plans to do for the Black people what Hitler did for the German people, he is an even greater menace to our country, to American Blacks and to the cause of racial justice and racial amity than he has already shown himself to be."

"Calling Hitler a 'great man' — even 'wickedly great' — is simply obscene. The sooner Black leaders and especially Jesse Jackson repudiate Mr. Farrakhan

and his kind of thinking, the better off all Americans will be." Farrakhan, at a press conference here yesterday, accused the media of distorting his remarks but insisted that Hitler could be called "great" in the context of history. "I don't think you would be talking about Adolf Hitler 40 years after the fact if he was some minuscule crackpot that jumped up on the European continent. He was, indeed, a great man, but also wicked. Wickedly great," Farrakhan said.

'A Major Cause For Celebration'
FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE WWII
THE CZECHOSLOVAK JEWISH COMMUNITY
WILL GET ITS OWN RABBI THIS SUMMER
By Yitzhak Rabi

NEW YORK, April 12 (JTA) — This summer, for the first time since World War II, the Jewish community in Czechoslovakia is going to have its own rabbi.

"This is a major cause for celebration for us," Dr. Desider Galsky, president of the Council of Jewish Communities in Czechoslovakia, told a group of Jewish leaders, members of the World Jewish Congress-American Section, at a meeting here this week.

He said that a young Czechoslovakian Jew will be ordained as a rabbi on June 10 at the Jewish Seminary in Budapest, Hungary. "We are going to open a Talmud Torah and revive Jewish life," Galsky said.

There were about 350,000 Jews in Czechoslovakia before the war, he pointed out. As a result of the Holocaust there are less than 20,000 today, mostly elderly Jews who survived the Holocaust.

Need Relief From Feeling Of Isolation

According to Galsky, most of the Jews in Czechoslovakia today lead "good, comfortable lives." He said that what they need most of all is to be relieved of the feeling of isolation from other Jewish communities in the world. "We are not poor, helpless Jews," he said. "For us, the most important thing is to know that we are not isolated."

He welcomed visits by American Jewish individuals and groups to Czechoslovakia. He said that the Jewish community in Czechoslovakia also has contacts with Israel despite the absence of diplomatic relations, since the Six-Day War, between Jerusalem and Prague. "We receive information and newspapers from Israel," Galsky said.

He stated that Jews in Czechoslovakia "are not discriminated against any more than any other minority group in the country." He said that the problem of anti-Semitism is marginal. "But if there is any anti-Semitic attack against us, we respond to it firmly."

Galsky said that not long ago a vicious anti-Semitic article appeared in the weekly, Tribuna, accusing the "Zionists" of being responsible for the deaths of Jews in the Holocaust. "We sharply protested to the editor of the paper and demanded a retraction," he said, adding that indeed recently, in the same column in the paper, there were a few articles favorable to the Jews.

Galsky said, in response to a question, that the Jews, as any other citizen in Czechoslovakia, are not allowed to emigrate. He noted, however, that two months ago a Jew was allowed to leave for Israel after seeking an exit visa for more than five years. "This is

the one and only dissident we had," he said. Galsky and Arthur Radvansky, the secretary-general of the organized Jewish community in Czechoslovakia, were in the United States as representatives of the Czechoslovakian government for the opening in the U.S. of the "Precious Legacy" exhibition of Judaica and Jewish life from the State Museum in Prague. The meeting with the World Jewish Congress leaders took place at the Park East Synagogue, whose spiritual leader is Rabbi Arthur Schneier, chairman of the WJC-American Section.

HERUT, LIBERAL PARTY SCHISM FEARED By David Landau

JERUSALEM, April 12 (JTA) -- Herut's decision to "review" its 20 year-old agreement with the Liberal Party has raised fears of a serious schism within Likud on the eve of a tough election campaign.

The Herut Secretariat ordered the review this week and appointed Deputy Premier David Levy to conduct it and make recommendations. The agreement in question, concluded between Herut leader Menachem Begin and the late Simcha Ehrlich of the Liberal Party in the mid-1960's, created the Herut-Liberal alliance originally known as Gahal.

It established, among other things, the formula for the apportionment of Knesset seats between the two factions, a formula Herut activists insist is now outdated and in need of revision.

Justice Minister Moshe Nissim, a leading Liberal, expressed concern over the Herut action. He warned in a radio interview yesterday that "only by standing together" can Herut and the Liberal Party, the chief components of Likud, hope to win the elections next July 23.

He stressed that under the agreement, changes could be made only with the consent of both parties. "I have always believed that agreements are made to be adhered to and honored," he said.

Many Feel Formula Is Obsolete

But many in Herut believe the Begin-Ehrlich formula allows the Liberal Party representation in the Knesset that exceeds its actual strength with the electorate. Levy spoke yesterday of the "feeling of resentment" in Herut ranks over the fact that the Liberals now hold 18 of Likud's 46 Knesset mandates. According to Herut activists, had the Liberals gone to the polls on their own in the last elections, they would now have far fewer seats in parliament.

Former Finance Minister Yoram Aridor, chairman of the Herut Secretariat, spoke of a "long-standing need" to "rectify the balance." He complained that Likud was plagued by Liberal MKs who refused to adhere to party discipline in the present Knesset.

This was a reference apparently to Yitzhak Berman and Dror Zeigerman, two Liberals who have frequently voted with the opposition or abstained in crucial Knesset ballots. Berman voted with the Labor opposition last month to call early elections.

Says Situation Must Be Rectified

This situation must be "put right and not allowed to recur," Aridor said. He implied that a reduced Liberal faction in the Knesset would be more manageable and bound by party discipline. In his view, this would make for a more united Likud.

Nissim said he had received assurances from Premier Yitzhak Shamir that the Herut-Liberal agreement would remain intact. He did not say when

those assurances were given. Past efforts by Herut members to challenge the agreement were swiftly quashed by Begin, whose leadership was undisputed. But Begin has withdrawn from politics and Shamir's position is not considered as firm as that of his predecessor.

Aridor and other Herut leaders seem to believe that the time is ripe to reduce the Liberal contingent in Likud. They have stressed that Herut is "united" in the demand for a review of the agreement and that this unity transcends the contest for leadership of Herut.

Election For Top Spot On Herut Election List

That contest will be decided by the Herut Central Committee which meets tonight to fill the top spot on the Herut election list. Shamir is being challenged by former Defense Minister Ariel Sharon. Most observers believe Shamir is virtually certain to be confirmed as leader of Herut and will head the next government should Likud win on July 23.

But if Sharon, presently a Minister-Without-Portfolio, gains 30 percent of the 1,100-plus votes in the Central Committee, he will be considered to have achieved a substantial success and a position of power in Likud. A vote of 15-18 percent or less for Sharon would signify failure. (SEE LATE STORY P.3.)

Shamir told Herut activists that he will not "bear a grudge" against Sharon in any event and would consider including him in a new Likud-led government.

The Liberal Party faces an even more serious leadership struggle when its Central Committee meets on April 26. A two-way fight between Nissim and his arch rival, Energy Minister Yitzhak Modai, was a foregone conclusion. It has been complicated by the decision of Knesset Speaker Menachem Savidor to enter the race.

While Savidor is given no chance of winning, whatever support he garners will be at the expense of the two front-runners, leading to further fragmentation in the already badly divided Liberal ranks.

SETBACK FOR ADVOCATES OF ACCELERATED SETTLEMENT BUILDING IN THE WEST BANK By David Landau

JERUSALEM, April 12 (JTA) -- Advocates of accelerated settlement building in the West Bank before the elections apparently suffered a setback when it became apparent today that the string of new settlements recently approved by the Government-World Zionist Organization Settlement Committee could not possibly get underway before Israelis go to the polls on July 23.

Likud MK Benny Shalita admitted this on a radio interview. He said that the committee's decisions were valid because they reflected the basic policy of the government. But the actual building, he said, will have to wait until after the elections.

Settlement advocates are concerned that if a Labor-led government is voted into office, Likud's program of massive settlements in the occupied territories will be reversed. Labor Party policy calls for locating settlements on the basis of security needs and keeping them away from heavily Arab-populated areas.

Fierce Argument Erupts

Shalita, who hopes a Likud victory will make the delay unimportant, spoke a day after a fierce argument erupted at a Settlement Committee meeting between Science Minister Yuval Neeman of the Tehiya Party, acting chairman of the committee, and Laborite Raanan Weitz, a co-chairman.

Weitz stormed out of the meeting after Neeman proposed two new privately built settlements in the Samaria region. He accused Neeman of "grabbing for settlements" in advance of the elections.

The committee did not approve Neeman's projects, however, because the representative of the Justice Committee, Plia Albeck, said there are still legal doubts as to the ownership of the land in question. She was promptly attacked by Likud MK Michael Dekel, Deputy Minister of Agriculture, for "holding up" settlement activity.

II New Settlements Approved

The committee has approved II new settlements during the past two weeks and Neeman is said to have several more on his agenda. But there are further obstacles to settlement building. Premier Yitzhak Shamir told representatives of the West Bank settlers this week that settlements will face the same budgetary constraints that apply to all other government activities.

Mattityahu Drobless, the Herut co-chairman of the WZO Settlement Committee, is energetically pressing Finance Minister Yigal Cohen-Orgad to allocate extra funds for the two new settlements proposed by Neeman.

CONGRESS MARKS THE 82nd BIRTHDAY OF THE LUBAVITCHER REBBE

By David Friedman

WASHINGTON, April 12 (JTA) — Congress has again marked the birthday of Rabbi Menachem Schneerson, the Lubavitcher Rebbe, by proclaiming tomorrow as "Education Day U.S.A." The rabbi will be 82 tomorrow, the tenth day of Nisan, on the Hebrew calendar.

"Education represents the very essence of the Rebbe's life," Rabbi Avraham Shemtov, executive director of American Friends of Lubavitch, told a luncheon meeting in honor of Schneerson on Capitol Hill today. Shemtov noted that the Rebbe was "devoted" not only to Jewish education but to education for everyone.

A resolution adopted by both Houses of Congress praised Schneerson for his contribution to education in the United States.

Shemtov, who is the Lubavitch movement's representative in Washington, noted that Lubavitchers are not concerned with Jewish issues alone. "Anything that concerns humanity is our business," he said. He added that solutions to all today's problems can be found in "our traditions, the Torah and the Talmud."

Marshall Breger, President Reagan's special assistant for liaison to the Jewish community, noted that wherever the Lubavitch movement is represented, the spiritual level of that Jewish community is raised.

Rabbis from various Lubavitch centers from across the country were on hand here today to greet Senators and Representatives from their areas. The host for the luncheon was Sen. Rudy Boschwitz (R. Minn.).

Other Senators who made brief remarks in praise of the Lubavitcher Rebbe were: Frank Lautenberg (D. N.J.); Alfonse D'Amato (R. N.Y.); Paul Sarbanes (D. Md.); Chic Hecht (R. Nev.); Patrick Leahy (D. Vermont); Max Mack Mattingly (R. Ga.); Quentin Burdick (D. N.D.); Joseph Biden (D. Del.); Charles Grassly (R. Iowa); and Sen. Jesse Helms (R. N.C.).

Members of the House were also present. They all spoke under a banner which said "Congress salutes vision and leadership" and a large picture of the Rebbe.

LATE NEWS DEVELOPMENT SHARON WINS STUNNING UPSET

By David Landau

JERUSALEM, April 12 (JTA) — Former Defense Minister Ariel Sharon won a stunning upset tonight when the Herut Central Committee gave him 41 percent of the vote in his bid to replace Premier Yitzhak Shamir in the top spot on the Likud election list.

Shamir, who won 59 percent of the vote, a very poor showing for an incumbent Prime Minister and party leader, will head the Likud list in the July 23 elections. But Sharon is now assured of a powerful position at the top level of Likud and a senior Cabinet post should Likud head the next government.

After the vote, both men were warmly welcomed into the hall. Sharon delivered a speech praising Herut's democratic process and seemed conciliatory toward Shamir. He was applauded when he called for "a unanimous open vote" for Shamir as the next Premier, to affirm the results of the secret balloting.

Observers noted that only 75 percent — 679 out of more than 1,100 — of the Central Committee members turned up for the voting tonight. They said that was a blow to Shamir because it indicated indifference among his supposed supporters. Pundits had said earlier that if Sharon won as much as 30 percent of the vote he would have achieved a substantial victory.

80TH BIRTHDAY PARTY FOR WEILER

NEW YORK, April 12 (JTA) — The 80th birthday of Jack Weiler, a major figure on the American and world Jewish scene for more than 40 years, will be observed by the Charter Members of the Israel Bond Organization's Israel President's Club at a dinner party on Thursday evening, May 31, at the Plaza Hotel.

Max Fisher of Detroit, William Belzberg of Los Angeles, Melvin Swig of San Francisco and Robert Amow of New York are serving as co-chairmen of the birthday committee along with Sam Rothberg, international chairman of Israel Bonds, and David Hermelin, national campaign chairman.

In accepting the position of co-chairman, Fisher pointed to Weiler's "more than four decades of unequal leadership in behalf of every important Jewish and Israeli cause."

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TERRORISTS HIJACK BUS IN ISRAEL

TEL AVIV (JTA) — An Israeli bus was hijacked Thursday night by terrorists who took its passengers hostage, military authorities announced. According to unofficial reports, the bus was driven to Rafiah at the southern end of the Gaza Strip. Military authorities said reporters were barred by military censorship from issuing any details. According to unofficial reports, the bus, said to have been packed with passengers, had been enroute from Tel Aviv to Ashkelon. There was no immediate information as to how many passengers there were or how many terrorists were involved, who they were or what they were demanding.

SPECIAL INTERVIEW
STONY BROOK U. REPORT PRAISED BY
ISRAELI PROFESSOR INVOLVED IN
THE 'DUBE AFFAIR' CONTROVERSY
 By Kevin Freeman

NEW YORK, April 12 (JTA) — Selwyn Troen, the visiting Israeli professor whose letter last summer to colleagues at the State University of New York at Stony Brook triggered the months-long controversy over the teachings in a course that likened Zionism to racism and Nazism, has praised the recently issued report by a special university commission which proposes a framework for dealing with conflicts of academic freedom and academic responsibility at the Long Island university campus.

Describing the report by "The Commission on Faculty Rights and Responsibilities," headed by Nobel Laureate C. N. Yang, as a "classic statement on academic freedom and academic responsibility," Troen said here that "had this report been in place when my complaint was issued, there would have been no need for the accusations which followed."

Some of the accusations, Troen said in an interview, was the development of what he initially said he interpreted as a clear cut debate on academic freedom and academic responsibility but which deviated into a debate between an Israeli professor (Troen) and a Black South African-born professor of psychology, Ernest Dube, who was accused by a student of teaching that Zionism is as much a form of racism as Nazism.

Speaking to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency at the New York offices of the American Associates, Ben Gurion University of the Negev, where he is currently a professor of modern history, Troen labelled as "intentionally malicious" the characterization of the controversy as the "Dube-Troen Affair" when actually, he continued, it was a student in Dube's class who brought Dube's syllabus to his attention.

Asked For Proper Accounting Of Dube's Course

Troen said he had never asked that Dube be fired for his teachings in the course, "The Politics of Race," but only, after seeing the material as presented by the student, asked that the university conduct "a proper accounting" of the course's content. He was particularly annoyed by the attempt "to stereotype a Black against an Israeli ..." during the course of the controversy. "I'm an American historian and not a foreigner," he asserted.

The 43-year-old Troen, born in Boston and who emigrated with his family to Israel in 1975, was a visiting professor of Human Development and Educational Policy at Stony Brook when a student in Dube's course last summer brought Dube's syllabus to his attention.

He later wrote a letter to senior faculty members and administration officials at the university saying that Dube had employed his own personal views "for the propagation of personal ideology and racial biases" in the course.

Commission's Report Establishes Guidelines

Troen, in the United States to address the Organization of American Historians and in New York specifically to vote in the Democratic Presidential primaries last week, provided the JTA with a copy of the commission's report.

The commission was established last October by Stony Brook president John Marburger to "review

courses of racial, ethnic and religious sensitivity to insure the proper balance in presentation between academic freedom and academic responsibility."

While the commission's report does not specifically mention the Dube controversy, it does establish guidelines for the establishment of "a mechanism for resolving conflicts which might arise on matters relating to academic rights and responsibilities." The commission submitted the report to university provost Homer Neal who will review, along with other faculty officials, the report's content and later make recommendations on its implementation.

The eight-page report by the 10 member commission is divided into two subsections, "The Academic Profession (a proposed statement)" and "The Council on Faculty Rights and Responsibilities (a proposal)." While noting the "unique place in our society" the university occupies, the report continues: "However, the opportunity to pursue learning and truth in a critical and intellectually disinterested manner is to be found only in institutions of higher learning."

"Any scholarly community must afford the opportunity for its members to engage in its intellectual efforts without the imposition of a priori conditions or external restraints," the report says.

"However, the very integrity and vitality of any intellectual community can be maintained and preserved only through the exercise of both its freedoms and its responsibilities. These are not concepts antithetical to one another, but rather complementary principles necessary to sustaining the scholarly traditions of that community. One implies and strengthens the other."

The Role Of The Council

In outlining a proposal for the establishment of a Council on Faculty Rights and Responsibilities to be chaired by a dean of the council, the report said "the council will be charged with advising the president and provost on conflicts between members of the academic community in matters relating to academic rights and responsibilities, on possible abuses of such rights, on breaches of ethics, on questions of conflicts of interest and on behavior by any member of the academic community which might reflect adversely on the reputation of the university."

"The Council will consider issues brought to it through the dean of the Council by individual students, faculty members, department chairs, deans or high administration officers," the report proposes.

Provost Neal is scheduled to make a decision on whether to implement the commission's proposals, although it remained unclear whether the university will set up a council to investigate the complaints against Dube's teachings. Dube continues to teach "The Politics of Race" at Stony Brook and reports indicated he has changed little of the course's required reading lists to present a more balanced perspective of Zionism.

4 ISRAELI SOLDIERS WOUNDED IN LEBANON

TEL AVIV, April 12 (JTA) — Four Israeli soldiers were wounded and a local resident was killed in south Lebanon today when a booby-trapped vehicle exploded on a roadside east of Tyre as an Israel Defense Force patrol passed by. The latest incident brought to five the casualties sustained by the IDF in Lebanon this week. An Israeli soldier was wounded in Nabatiya yesterday by a hand grenade that injured five local residents. In Israel, a booby-trapped grenade found near a kiosk in Bnai Brak was safely defused by sappers.