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Quotas Perceived Differently BLACK LEADER URGES JEWS TO QUESTION ROLE IN OPPOSING AFFIRMATIVE ACTION PROGRAMS

By Kevin Freeman

NEW YORK, June 12 (JTA) — Vernon Jordan, the former president of the National Urban League, yesterday appealed to American Jewish organizations to "question their role in opposition" to affirmative action programs and asked whether the Jewish community benefitted by having its organizations "act as the point men" on an issue which, he said, Jews themselves remain divided.

The Black and Jewish community's differing perceptions on affirmative action "are based on our different historical experiences," Jordan declared. "Many Jews see quotas as a ceiling to their aspirations; Blacks see quotas as a floor—a way, perhaps the only way, to get representations in schools and jobs. So let us agree to disagree on this issue."

Jordan's remarks were contained in a speech delivered at Hunter College last night to the 39th annual meeting of the New York Chapter of the American Jewish Committee, attended by some 225 people. His address contained a call for rebuilding the "historic alliance" between Blacks and Jews, whose current relationship he described as a kind of "armed truce."

Jordan Warns Of Perception

While Jordan said he has never personally identified the Jewish community as an "anti-affirmative action bloc," he acknowledged that "there is a perception that this leading agenda item is fought by the Jewish community, primarily because some Jewish organizations are in the forefront of opposition to affirmative action."

According to the civil rights activist, one of the aspects that serves to "maintain tension and impede reconciliation" on the affirmative action issue "is the apparent failure of Jewish organizations that oppose affirmative action to effectively implement their own definition of appropriate affirmative action; namely the reaching out to recruit, train and otherwise prepare disadvantaged Blacks to compete on equal terms in the marketplace."

Continuing, Jordan said, "If that concept is endorsed, there should be evidence that it works. But there is insufficient evidence, even in companies owned and operated by individuals who are members and even activists in the community organizations that endorse such an approach."

In order to "avoid the charge of hypocrisy, those organizations and their members must aggressively implement their definition of affirmative action ... Absent that, it will continue to be court decisions and civil rights enforcement that result in Black educational and economic opportunities and not the good intentions of people who do not implement their stated beliefs," Jordan asserted.

Jordan also spoke of the Democratic Presidential campaign of the Rev. Jesse Jackson and the tensions that have enveloped the Black and Jewish communities. While he did not indicate in his remarks an endorsement of the Jackson candidacy, he asked for

"imaginative sympathy" in viewing the Jackson campaign. "Blacks are voting for Jackson just as Jews flocked out of their ghettos in the early years of this century to vote for the first Jewish candidates," he said. He described those first Jewish candidates as "radicals," adding that their outspoken advocacy of what was then perceived as "Jewish interests... would be embarrassing to sophisticated Jewish voters in the 1980s."

Those first Jewish candidates "pioneered a trail blazed by passion and commitment," Jordan said. "Today we have to respect them and the people who voted for them, just as we should respect the positives in the Jackson candidacy and the fundamental goodwill of Jackson's supporters and voters."

"Despite its radical rhetoric, the Jackson campaign is a conservative movement in that it directs Black energies to working within the political system, using the democratic mechanism provided by our constitution to effect change," he said.

Jews 'Rightly Disturbed'

Nevertheless, Jordan noted that many "Jews have been rightly disturbed by the 'Hymie' remarks, the belated and inadequate apology, and the rhetoric of Minister (Louis) Farrakhan. Many Blacks have been just as disturbed by those incidents." He also acknowledged that some Jews "who would be more tolerant of the Jackson candidacy cannot bring themselves to overcome his views on Israel and the Mideast."

He said that most Blacks support Israel and regard the Palestine Liberation Organization as a terrorist group. "But what is at issue is the degree to which unwavering support for current Israeli government policies is seen as the litmus test for Black-Jewish reconciliation. And I would argue that the litmus test has to be broader. If Blacks are willing to overlook enmity to affirmative action, in rebuilding our coalition, Jews should be willing to accept a broader range of opinion of Israel as well."

"Instead of despairing about the deterioration of Black-Jewish relations or the unfairness of the perception many Jews and Blacks have of each other, we should see the current situation as an opportunity to rebuild a relationship free of the romanticism and paternalism of the past — a healthy, equal partnership based on mutual respect and understanding," he declared.

Jordan was introduced by R. Peter Straus, the incoming president of the New York chapter of the AJCommittee. He also called for a reconciliation between the Black and Jewish community. "Are we to listen to the Meir Kahanes and Louis Farrakhans," he said, "or should we harken to the seminal lessons of history and the urgings of our better instincts?"

JEWISH TERRORIST SUSPECTS IN COURT

By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, June 12 (JTA) — Suspected members of a Jewish terrorist underground, all under indictment for a series of criminal offenses and planned acts of violence against Arabs, mingled freely with friends and relatives in a Jerusalem district court yesterday.

The court convened to hear the prosecution's request to retain 23 of the suspects in custody until the end of legal proceedings. Seven were remanded for an

additional period and the court reconvened today to hear further arguments from prosecution and defense counsel.

But it released one suspect today for six hours to attend his sister's wedding and another is to be released for five hours tomorrow for the circumcision of his son. Each will be escorted by a police officer and must post 500,000 Shekels bail.

In testimony yesterday the lawyers for one defendant said that Rabbi Eliezer Waldman, head of a yeshiva in Kiryat Arba on the West Bank, had knowledge of an alleged plot to attack the Temple Mount in the Old City of Jerusalem, site of two Moslem shrines. According to the lawyer, whose client cannot be identified to the public, the defendant discussed the plot with Waldman and backed away from the plan when the rabbi said he was against the idea.

Waldman, who holds the fourth spot on the election list of the ultra-nationalist Tehiya Party, was detained for questioning last month about prior knowledge of the Temple Mount plot.

According to Itim, the Israeli news agency, the unidentified suspect confessed to conspiracy to attack the Temple Mount and to illegal possession of arms. The prosecution agreed, in exchange, to drop charges of membership in a terrorist organization.

Charges against a suspect known only as defendant No. 17 states that he and others in the group conducted about 20 surveillance missions on the Temple Mount to learn how the area is guarded. The defendant also purchased a Uzi submachinegun and handgun silencers from a civilian who introduced himself as an army officer.

Seen As Family Reunion

The district court session yesterday was described by observers as "more a family reunion than a criminal proceeding." The small courtroom was packed with journalists and families of suspects and a dozen or more lawyers. The suspects sat on spectator benches where they mingled with their families and freely passed notes. They entered and left the courtroom without escort. One defendant reportedly argued with a journalist over use of a public telephone in the lobby.

Observers regarded the entire scene as unusual inasmuch as all of the suspects are under arrest and charged with serious crimes. The Justice Ministry refused to comment, saying what went on in court was outside its jurisdiction. The Chief Prosecutor, Dorit Beinisch, said she only knew what she read in the newspapers. She added that watching the suspects was the job of the police. The police spokesman was not available for comment.

LONG PLEDGES CONGRESS WILL 'KEEP ISRAEL STRONG'

NEW YORK, June 12 (JTA) -- Rep. Clarence Long (D. Md.) pledged here that Congress would "keep Israel strong" despite any Reagan Administration action to the contrary.

Long, chairman of the House Appropriations Committee's subcommittee on Foreign Operations, which puts him in a key role in United States foreign aid programs, spoke at the annual award dinner of Touro College Sunday night.

Long also promised the 500 guests at the event that he would continue to fight for Israel's security and well-being despite the Reagan Administration's "unwillingness to insure Israel's security and the continuation of the peace process started by the Camp

David accords." He chided President Reagan for "compromising" Israel's security by selling sophisticated weapons to Israel's enemies.

He said that "In the case of Jordan, I opposed the sale of Stinger missiles and the Administration withdrew its request. But more recently, the Administration bypassed Congress and shipped 400 Stingers to Saudi Arabia along with plans to send more." Stingers are ground to air missiles fired from shoulder launchers.

He also criticized the Administration for not promptly moving the U.S. Embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem. Co-sponsor of a bill to make the shift, Long said he was personally assailed by the National Association of Arab Americans and other groups for his strong advocacy of aid to Israel.

U.S. Aid For Israel

He said that to help Israel with its severe debt problem and 180 percent annual inflation, Congress had approved for fiscal 1984 \$2.61 billion in military and economic assistance, an amount \$425 million more than the Reagan Administration had requested. Long said that, for fiscal 1985, Congress is granting Israel an amount \$840 million more than requested by the Administration.

Long called Israel "an irreplaceable asset in the Middle East," as well as a safeguard of the region's oil supply. He declared that the OPEC oil countries "since 1973 have extorted an additional \$315 billion from the American consumer as a result of oil price increases" and have "used these monies to foment trouble all over the Middle East. This is how they finance the death of American marines and the slaughter of Israeli soldiers and civilians."

Long was presented by Touro College president Bernard Lander with a silver-plated encased Menorah and the college's public leadership award.

COSTA RICA BOYCOTTED BY ARABS, MOSLEMS By Tamar Levy

GENEVA, June 12 (JTA) -- The delegations of Arab and Moslem countries walked out of the annual conference of the International Labor Organization (ILO) here today in a gesture of protest against President Luis Alberto Monge of Costa Rica which recently moved its Embassy in Israel from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem.

The delegates, joined by representatives of a number of African and Asian countries, filed slowly past the rostrum and out of the hall as Monge rose to speak. The Costa Rican President received a standing ovation however from the Western nations, led by the United States.

Arab sources said only 50 delegations of the 133 attending the conference remained to hear Monge. Half the seats were empty. The Eastern bloc countries did not join the walkout but only a scattering of low-level delegates remained in their places for Monge's speech.

Egypt and other Arab countries have severed diplomatic ties with Costa Rica and with El Salvador which has also moved its embassy to Jerusalem.

ARTIST NOTES PEACE TREATY

JERUSALEM, June 12 (JTA) -- The office of Knesset Speaker Menachem Savidor became the site of a mini exhibition today with drawings by Israeli artist Yona Lotan commemorating the peace agreement with Egypt. Prints of the pictures were given by Lotan to all those involved in the peace agreement. Former Premier Menachem Begin was represented by Yehiel Kadashai, his personal secretary.

WIESENTHAL URGES U.S. TO PRESS PARAGUAY TO EXTRADITE MENGELE

By Kevin Freeman

NEW YORK, June 12 (JTA) -- Nazi-hunter Simon Wiesenthal yesterday urged the United States to press the government of Paraguay to locate and extradite Joseph Mengele, the notorious Nazi war criminal dubbed the "angel of death" for his crude and inhumane experiments on inmates at the Auschwitz death camp during World War II.

Wiesenthal also told a news conference here that the 73-year-old Mengele, responsible for the deaths of some 400,000 Jews, was sighted in Paraguay as recently as six months ago. Mengele lived at the Astra Hotel in the Mennonite Village of Valendam, Wiesenthal said.

Joining Wiesenthal yesterday was Rep. Stephen Solarz (D, N.Y.), whose proposed amendment seeking to link future U.S. military aid to Paraguay to that government's cooperation in apprehending Mengele passed the House and awaits consideration in the Senate. The Paraguayan government of President Alfredo Stroessner has maintained in recent years that it has no knowledge of the whereabouts of Mengele. Nevertheless, he is believed to have been living in Paraguay since 1959 and held citizenship of that country. In 1979, under stiff international pressure, the South American country revoked Mengele's citizenship.

Paraguayan Position Called 'Untenable'

Solarz said Paraguay's inaction to act on the Mengele issue constituted an "untenable situation." He asserted that a special effort by the U.S. was justified in this case because Mengele's crimes "were in a category all by themselves," and that an American initiative was in keeping within the United States' commitment to the ideals of justice, a concept Solarz said is degraded by Mengele's "successful evasion of the bar of justice."

Wiesenthal, who is based in Vienna, also provided documents, some purportedly signed by Mengele, which described experiments he ordered to be carried out on Jewish and gypsy children. The 75-year-old Wiesenthal also detailed the history of his pursuit of Mengele from his stay in Argentina to his continued presence in Paraguay.

Victim Makes Plea

A victim of Mengele's experiments, 52-year-old Marc Berkowitz, one of a set of hundreds of twins the Nazi war criminal experimented on at Auschwitz, was present at the news conference. "Mengele was the greatest criminal of all time," he said.

"Let the world not forget that even those few children who survived, have never been able to physically or emotionally recover from their ordeals," Berkowitz said. "I urge that every effort be made to locate each of the survivors of these unspeakable experiments with the hope that some of the victims might be helped as a result of recent medical advances."

Wiesenthal's estimate is that some 180 children survived Mengele's experiments on twins. Berkowitz's sister also survived Auschwitz. Berkowitz said the experiments conducted on him at Auschwitz have made his vertebrae brittle and forced him to endure numerous operations. He currently lives in New York City.

LEBANESE CHRISTIAN LEADER WARNS SYRIA GAINING TOTAL CONTROL

chief of the Lebanese Forces, El Fadhi Frem, warned here today that continued Syrian influence in Lebanon could result within a few months in Syria's "total control of Lebanon and its removal from any affiliation with the West."

Frem told a meeting of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations that the "Syrianization" of his country "imperils not only the future of Lebanon but also the security of Israel and the freedom of the Christian West."

He said he had come to the United States "to activate the American Lebanese community," which he said numbered about 1.5 million Christians, and to "ring the alarm" of the impending crisis if Syria is allowed to continue to dominate the central government in Beirut.

Christians Determined In Opposition

The Lebanese Forces commander said the Christian Forces, which he heads, was determined to oppose such a take over from Syria "politically and if necessary, militarily." He said he understood that the forthcoming elections in the U.S. and in Israel had put "constraints" on Washington and Jerusalem in regard to their involvement in Lebanon, but that he hoped they understood the importance of action to stop the "free hand" Syria now had in Lebanon.

Furthermore, Frem said the Lebanese Forces proposed a political decentralization of Lebanon that would provide each of the ethnic and religious groups in the country autonomy, including control of its educational system. "We don't want our children to learn the Koran," he declared.

The Lebanese Forces commander, who said he was named to his post before the assassination of Lebanese President-elect Bashir Gemayel in 1982, indicated he was optimistic that the Druze community would support his decentralization plan. He also said his group was working with other Christian groups "to prevent a total Syrian takeover."

According to Frem, under the present government in Lebanon, which he described as a "puppet government," west Beirut has "again become the center of world terrorism." The German Bader-Meinhof gang is now in west Beirut along with terrorists from the Far East and PLO factions headed by George Habash and Nayef Hawatmeh.

Friendship For Israel

He expressed admiration and friendship for Israel and said he strongly urged Israeli Premier Yitzhak Shamir to keep the present Israeli political mission in east Beirut. "If Israel were to withdraw this last outpost," he warned, "it would prove to be a blow to the anti-Syrian forces and also to Israel's own hopes of retaining any influence in the area."

He voiced "deep regret" that Lebanese President Amin Gemayel had abrogated the May 17 troop withdrawal and security pact with Israel. "That agreement was a demonstration of the free political will of the Lebanese people, and we were the fiercest defenders of it," he said.

The Lebanese forces commander said he hoped to organize the Lebanese Christian community in the United States, plus Lebanese Christians in other parts of "our diaspora," including Brazil, where they number 3 million. "We are not as well organized as the Jewish community," he said. "But we hope you will help us in this effort to win public opinion and public support for our cause -- the cause of a free and independent Lebanon."

NEW YORK, June 12 (JTA) -- The commander-in-

BEHIND THE HEADLINES WOMEN PROFESSIONALS GET TOGETHER TO DISCUSS LIFE AS UNWED MOTHERS

By Ben Gallab

NEW YORK, June 12 (JTA) — Two massive changes in American social patterns — the emergence of a growing number of upwardly mobile, well-paid women professionals, including Jewish women professionals, and the unprecedented liberalization of sexual mores — may have produced a development unique in western society: an organized and growing group of American women who choose to have children out of wedlock.

Many of them are members of Single Mothers by Choice (SMBC), a kind of mutual aid society organized by Jane Mattes, a New York City psychotherapist, who described the development and functions of SMBC at a luncheon sponsored by the American Jewish Committee last January and elaborated on the rationale and activities of the group in several telephone interviews with the Jewish Telegraphic Agency.

She said SMBC has a mailing list of about 1,000 women and holds monthly meetings at a nearby church for which attendance fluctuates. She said 20 members is considered a small attendance and a large attendance. The group holds "thinkers series" sessions three Monday nights a month, on alternate months, to discuss the pros and cons of unwed motherhood. She said attendance at those sessions is restricted to ten women so that their concerns can get thorough attention.

Half Are Jewish

The group also holds two social events each year and 65 members attended the most recent one. Indicating she did not know the personal histories of many of the members, including a number of out-of-town members, she estimated that about half of the unwed mothers are Jewish.

At the luncheon, according to a report in the newsletter of the Committee's William Petschek National Jewish Family Center, Ms. Mattes, the unmarried mother of a four-year-old and the person who started SMBC, was the featured speaker. She "movingly described what it is like to be a woman in her mid-thirties with no immediate prospect of marriage and the gnawing fear" that it might soon be too late for her to bear a child.

"At age 36, after considering and rejecting the possibility of adoption, she chose to become pregnant," according to the newsletter. She stressed SMBC members are not opposed to marriage "if the right man should appear."

75 Percent Use Artificial Insemination

She told the JTA that about 75 percent of the unwed mothers use artificial insemination because they feel it is not fair to involve a man in such a situation. She said a great deal of information is available about the donor of the sperm, including whether he is Jewish, his race, his family background and related information.

The group, small in number initially, began meeting in 1981 and was incorporated as a non-profit organization under state law in 1983. Dues are \$45 a year, which includes a monthly newsletter, she said.

Once a woman has attended a thinkers series session, she can attend the monthly meetings, Ms. Mattes said. The goal of that series is to explain the realities of unwed motherhood to women thinking about it.

"One really can't do it alone," she said. "You have to have a support system, which takes time to build up." Some women who deliberately become pregnant discuss with unwed mothers the idea of having an abortion, once they have learned from SMBC members the complications and demands of motherhood on a single woman. Ms. Mattes said that after the age of 35, abortions are rare.

Agreeing that a woman planning to have a child out of wedlock needs a considerable amount of savings for pre-natal care, the birth, after-care and planning for the infant's future education as an adolescent and young adult, she said women coming to the thinkers session are urged to save as much money as they can and to have insurance. She said some SMBC members had saved enough to buy a house.

Most Children Still Very Young

She said that for her, and for many like her, careers took priority. By the time such women achieve their career goals, she added, most men seeking marriage have married.

She suggested that she was more fortunate in her own support system than other SMBC members in that her office was in the same Manhattan building in which she has her apartment and that she builds her working hours around her son's needs as much as she can.

Currently, she told the JTA, "we have no children over the age of six" but that she knew of a few unmarried mothers who have adolescent age children.

Asked whether her son was aware of his unusual familial status, she said he had asked, when he was 2 1/2 years old, why so many children he saw had both "mommies and daddies."

Ms. Mattes said she replied that some children "live with their daddy and some with just their mommy and some with both." She said the mothers brought their children with them to the monthly meetings and the children were cared for in a nursery which is part of the church where they meet. She said she pointed out to her son that all the children in the nursery had "only mommies."

YIDDISH STUDIES AT BRAZILIAN SCHOOL

By David Markus

RIO DE JANEIRO, June 12 (JTA) — The first chair for the Yiddish language and culture and Holocaust studies in Latin America will be inaugurated shortly at the Catholic University in Sao Paulo. The chair has a \$200,000 endowment to be administered by a committee headed by Sao Paulo industrialist Michael Woideleslawsky.

The Catholic University has campuses in six cities. The Sao Paulo campus, with over 10,000 students, many of them Jewish, is considered one of the best. The establishment of a chair in Yiddish and Holocaust studies was first proposed by Dr. Jose Knoplich, president of the Sao Paulo Jewish Federation.

There are chairs in Hebrew at the State University in Rio de Janeiro and at the Federal University in Sao Paulo. They have a combined enrollment of over 300 students, most of them non-Jewish.

DISABLED ISRAELI ATHLETES TO COMPETE

NEW YORK, June 12 (JTA) — Thirty-two Israeli athletes will compete in the international games for the disabled, that will take place in Long Island. The Israeli athletes are champions in their fields. Most are Israeli defense force veterans, injured while engaged in combat. They will now be able to meet side by side with many athletes from around the world, including Arab athletes.