

KENNEDY APPEALS FOR END TO 'POLARIZATION' BETWEEN BLACKS, JEWS; DENOUNCES FARRAKHAN, KAHANE
By Kevin Freeman

NEW YORK, June 14 (JTA) -- Sen. Edward Kennedy (D. Mass.) yesterday declared what he termed "the obvious -- that Jews are not anti-Black and Blacks are not anti-Semites," and denounced the rhetoric of Black Muslim leader Louis Farrakhan and Meir Kahane, the founder of the Jewish Defense League and leader of the ultra-nationalist Kach movement in Israel.

"We cannot pretend that we do not see or hear when Louis Farrakhan predicts a race war by 1986 or implies that Jewish editors and writers distort the news, or threaten the life of a Black reporter for doing his job, or refers to Hitler as a 'very great man' or shakes the hand of Colonel Qaddafi," Kennedy said. "Such conduct can never be condoned and it must be unequivocally condemned."

"Nor can we pretend," he added, "that we do not see or hear when Meir Kahane forms Jews against Jackson or when opposition to official Israeli decisions is equated with the shame of anti-Semitism. I strongly disagree with Rev. (Jesse) Jackson on the issue of the Middle East, but his position on the Middle East is wrong in terms of policy and it certainly is not proof of prejudice."

Kennedy addressed some 1,300 people last night at a \$200 a plate tribute to the 20 year public career of Basil Paterson, a former New York City Deputy Mayor and a possible challenger to Mayor Edward Koch's re-election bid next year. The dinner at the Sheraton Centre raised about \$100,000. Paterson has yet to indicate whether he will run for Mayor.

Schindler Urges Others To Speak Out

Kennedy's speech was immediately praised by Rabbi Alexander Schindler, the president of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, the central body of Reform Judaism in the United States. "Sen. Kennedy has spoken with candor and courage on an issue of profound concern to Jews and to all Americans of good will. Would that other political leaders in our land speak out in similarly statesman-like fashion."

Kennedy appealed also for an end to "polarization politics" a reference to the tensions which have developed between the Black and Jewish communities during the Democratic Presidential primaries. "We must not permit polarization politics to set Jewish Americans against Black Americans and deflect two great peoples from their historic dream of freedom from bondage and persecution," Kennedy declared.

The Massachusetts Democrat recalled the murder in Mississippi 20 years ago of two Jewish students and one black student -- James Chaney, Andrew Goodman and Michael Schwerner -- who were from New York City. "They were there (in Mississippi) to oppose hatred and intolerance, and they were killed because across the boundaries of race and religion, they were pushing back the walls of racism and prejudice"

4 ISRAELIS INJURED IN LEBANON
By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, June 14 (JTA) -- Four Israeli soldiers

were wounded when a bomb exploded yesterday on a roadside near Bazuriya village, six kilometers east of Tyre in south Lebanon. Two Katyusha rockets fired from Lebanon at the Upper Galilee panhandle last night fell short of their mark and exploded inside Lebanon.

An Israel Defense Force patrol found two craters formed by 107 mm. Katyusha rockets just across the border from Kibbutz Misgav Am. A military spokesman said the rockets were the type used by the Palestine Liberation Organization.

A man who aimed a hand-held missile launcher at an IDF patrol in the center of Sidon yesterday was shot to death by a soldier of the South Lebanese Army. The Israel-backed SLA is now conducting joint patrols with the IDF in Sidon. The SLA recently acquired several command cars to widen the scope of its operations.

FINANCE MINISTRY OFFICIAL FIRED IN DISPUTE OVER SEVERANCE PAY
By Gil Sedan and Hugh Orgel

JERUSALEM, June 14 (JTA) -- Hillel Dudai, the Finance Ministry official in charge of labor negotiations, was fired yesterday, apparently in a wage dispute of his own.

Dudai, the third ranking man at the Ministry, was dismissed while conducting negotiations between Histadrut and public service employers as strikes and threats of strikes created turmoil on the labor front. He was the third senior Treasury official to leave this week. The Ministry's Director General, Emanuel Sharon, resigned Sunday and was followed shortly by Mordechai Frankl, the ministerial economic advisor. Both men quit in policy disputes with Finance Minister Yigal Cohen-Orgad.

According to Cohen-Orgad, Dudai made unacceptable demands and wanted a free negotiating hand in the current labor crisis. Treasury sources said he was seeking severance pay equal to that of a deputy minister and the argument over whether or not he was entitled to it led to his being severed.

The labor negotiations in the public service sector have been taken over by Nissim Baruch, the Finance Ministry's new Director General who was named Sunday to replace Sharon. They promise to be stormy.

Journalists employed by the Israel Broadcast Authority, the State-owned television and radio services, announced today that they will black out TV screens and silence radios for three days, beginning this Saturday, unless they are granted an equal pay scale with print journalists. The Broadcast Authority directorate apparently agrees that TV and radio newscasters deserve equal pay but say any agreement must be ratified by the Finance Ministry.

The broadcast journalists warned that if necessary they will halt all radio and television election campaigning and -- probably much worse from the viewpoint of many Israelis -- blackout the Los Angeles Olympic games.

SWISS JEWS MEET WITH POPE
By Tamar Levy

GENEVA, June 14 (JTA) -- A delegation of Swiss Jewish leaders, among them Chief Rabbi Alexander Saffran of Geneva, met with Pope John Paul II in Fribourg for 20 minutes late yesterday afternoon. Jean Nardman, president of the Jewish community in

Fribourg said the meeting, though brief, was extremely friendly and warm. It was one of the first meetings on the agenda of the Pope who arrived in Switzerland on Tuesday. He noted that he always endeavors to meet with Jewish representatives on his apostolic trips throughout the world and told the assembled Jewish leaders, "It is certainly a joy for me to meet with you."

George Brunshweig, president of the Federation of Swiss Jewish Communities who was spokesman for the group, appealed to the Pope for Vatican recognition of Israel and urged him to issue a declaration against anti-Semitism. He alluded to the Pope's Polish origin as a factor which has given him a special understanding of the problems of minorities and a desire to help them.

Brunshweig presented the Pontiff with a book on the history of Jews in Switzerland.

Rabbi Safran, who had received a special invitation from the Swiss Catholic Church to meet the Pope, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency later that they had spoken about the Jewish community of Cracow, which John Paul knows well and relations between European Jewry in general and the State of Israel.

Safran said he stressed the fact that the Jewish community in Rome was linked to Israel since the days of the Second Temple. He said the Pope showed sincere interest and he hoped the meeting would have favorable results.

Pope Expresses Concern

The Pope, for his part, touched on the main themes of concern in Catholic-Jewish relations—prejudice, dialogue, peace and justice achieved through negotiations. "How can Christians remain indifferent to the problems and dangers which concern you — if not in Switzerland, then in many parts of the world?" he asked.

The Pope made only a veiled reference to the Middle East. "Is not the Biblical term, Shalom, with which people greet each other in the countries of the East, an appeal to our responsibilities?" he said. "In fact, we are all invited to work with passion for the good of peace. On its part, the Holy See makes continuous efforts to promote a peace founded on justice, on respect for the right of all, on the suppression of the causes of non-friendship, beginning with those hidden in the hearts of men," the Pope said.

"Dialogue and negotiations", he added, are the paths that The Vatican "never tires of recommending. There are no prejudices nor basic reserves for any people whatsoever. It (The Vatican) would like to be able to demonstrate its interest to all, to collaborate for the development of one and the other on the basis of freedom, understood in its most authentic meaning. This is an ideal which can be helped a great deal by a persevering dialogue and the active and fruitful collaboration between Jews and Christians."

ARAFAT, IN ROME FOR BERLINGUER RITE, IS RECEIVED BY TOP ITALIAN OFFICIALS By Lisa Palmieri-Billig

ROME, June 14 (JTA) — The funeral yesterday of Enrico Berlinguer, leader of the Italian Communist Party, provided a platform for Palestine Liberation Organization chief Yasir Arafat and an occasion for meetings with President Sandro Pertini and other top government officials.

The peripatetic Arafat, who has been on the move since his ouster from Lebanon last year by Syrian-

backed PLO dissidents, turned up in the Piazza San Giovanni where the cortege began. He found a seat on the reviewing stand between Mikhail Gorbachev, No. 2 man of the Soviet Communist Party and Chinese Premier Zhao Ziyang. Like the others, he raised his arm in a clenched fist salute to the thousands of Italian Communists who crowded the piazza.

Arafat was received later by Premier Bettino Craxi and Foreign Minister Giulio Andreotti. He also met with Francesco Cossiga, President of the Italian Senate. He was received by Pertini this morning.

According to a PLO statement issued here, the Italian President "reiterated his support for the Palestinian people, its right to self-determination and an independent state."

Arafat met Andreotti accompanied by Farouk Khadumi, the PLO's foreign policy spokesman. According to an official communique, the Italian Foreign Minister expressed "the interest of Italy" in Arafat's proposal for "direct contacts between Israel and the PLO" but emphasized "the necessity of an explicit recognition of Israel by the Palestinian movement."

Andreotti Asks Release Of Israelis

The communique said Andreotti asked Arafat to release Israeli soldiers held prisoner by the PLO in Lebanon. Arafat thanked Italy for its interest in the Palestinian problem and particularly for the assistance offered Palestinian civilians by the Italian contingent in the now defunct multinational force in Beirut.

The Andreotti-Arafat encounter was their second in two years. Andreotti invited the PLO chief to Rome in September, 1982 when he was President of the International Interparliamentary Union holding a meeting there.

More recently, Andreotti and a representative of the Communist Party were the only two of a 12-member Italian delegation to the European Parliament who signed an anti-Israel resolution last April. Andreotti has spoken of the PLO, in the Italian Parliament, as a "point of reference" in the Middle East and has supported Arafat as preferable to his rival, Abu Musa, as the political leader of the Palestinian people.

ISRAELI PROTESTS ARAFAT RECEPTION IN ROME By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, June 14 (JTA) — Israel lodged a "vigorous protest" with Italy yesterday over the meeting between Italian Foreign Minister Giulio Andreotti and Palestine Liberation Organization chief Yasir Arafat in Rome. The meeting took place when Arafat came to Rome for the funeral of Italian Communist Party leader Enrico Berlinguer.

David Kimche, Director General of the Foreign Ministry, telephoned the Italian Ambassador, Corrado Taliani to convey the protest. He told the envoy that such meetings were tantamount to "artificial respiration" for an organization that has been beaten on the battlefield, is in internal disarray and no longer represents anyone.

According to Kimche they "only encourage the PLO and Arafat to continue their policies because such meetings legitimize the PLO's terror and its active anti-peace policies."

The protest was delivered by telephone because the Foreign Ministry has been shut down by a strike for the past three days and is surrounded by picket lines.

300 BRAVE BROILING HEAT ON CAPITOL STEPS FOR PRAYER, FAST IN SUPPORT OF JEWS IN USSR

By Helen Silver

WASHINGTON, June 14 (JTA) — In spite of the searing heat, dozens of Congressmen gathered today along with human rights activists and clergymen on the steps of the U.S. Capitol to demonstrate their opposition to the Soviet Union's harassment and repression of Soviet Jews and other minorities there.

In all, some 300 people participated in the second annual Congressional Fast and Prayer Vigil for Soviet Jewry. Congressional members fasted from sunup to sundown and participated in the one hour vigil on the Capitol steps.

The demonstration, one of the largest Congressional protests in support of Soviet Jewry ever held, was sponsored by Reps. John Porter (R. Ill.), Robert Mrazek (D. N.Y.), and Jack Kemp (R. N.Y.) and Sens. Carl Levin (D. Mich.) and John Heinz (R. Pa.); and Rep. Tom Lantos (D. S. Cal.).

Rather than being a mass demonstration, the vigil was planned to focus on the Congressional role in support of Soviet Jewry. It was staged on the 14th anniversary of the notorious Leningrad trials and commemorated those trials during which 11 Soviet dissidents, including nine Jewish refuseniks, were tried and imprisoned in a case that focused international attention on Soviet human rights violations.

Soviet Jews Called 'International Pawns'

"For the past several years, Soviet Jews have become undeserving pawns in the international battle of wills," Mrazek declared. "As relations have chilled the souls of innocent men, women and children are frozen. The ability of this body to help change this tragic reality is beyond question and it is our responsibility to exact this change."

Each congressional member adopted a refusenik for the day and will write to this person during the year, write to Soviet officials about the refusenik's case and help them otherwise to obtain their release from the Soviet Union. Since last year's Congressional Prayer and Vigil, about six refuseniks adopted by the Congressional members have been allowed to emigrate from the Soviet Union.

"It is sometimes hard for those so familiar with freedom to imagine life without it," Porter declared. "You can describe the freedoms we take for granted as something analogous to the food we eat. We take for granted our right to eat daily, yet by fasting today, we feel something of what it might be like to live as a freedom starved Jew in the Soviet Union."

Lynn Singer, president of the Union of Councils for Soviet Jews, thanked the Congress "for its continued vigilance and active participation for the human rights of Soviet Jews ... all righteous people pray for the survival of Soviet refuseniks and prisoners of conscience with the hope that they will one day be able to join their fellow Jews in the world."

President Reagan, in a message sent to the vigil, said the repressive policies of the Soviet authorities, "violates the standards of behavior which are incumbent upon all governments and are enshrined in international covenants. All Americans should join in the prayerful efforts to support those struggling to exercise their fundamental rights. We will continue to seek opportunities to encourage the Soviet Union to respect the human rights and to restore the individual dignity of Soviet Jews."

Lantos, speaking at a news conference prior to the vigil at the capitol, said "all of us are here today because we are determined not to turn away as the systematic government-sponsored persecution of Soviet Jews is reaching a crescendo." Lantos was fasting for his adopted Soviet refusenik, Yelena Bonner, the wife of Soviet dissident Andrei Sakharov.

The Rev. Robert Drinan, a former Massachusetts Democratic Representative, told the new conference that he hoped the former flow of Soviet Jewish emigration would be resumed and said, "my hope is deepened today because I see Congress once again doing what they have been doing very well for a long time on a totally non-partisan basis—saying that we have a crusade to liberate Soviet Jews...."

10 REFUSENIKS PLEA FOR HELP FROM ISRAEL, WORLD JEWRY

NEW YORK, June 14 (JTA) — Ten refuseniks, who have tried in vain, for more than a decade to obtain exit visas in order to immigrate to Israel, called on the Israel government and world Jewry for help, in a petition made public by the National Conference on Soviet Jewry (NCSJ) here today.

They have called specifically for Israel and world Jewry to press for a "precise agreement" with the Soviet Union for "unhindered repatriation of Soviet Jews to Israel." If this is denied, the petitioners warned, "the Jewish community in the Soviet Union would be in danger ... of total disappearance" as a distinct cultural and religious group.

They noted in that connection that "despite all international laws and agreements, our and your struggle of many years to exercise this natural human right, the repatriation of Soviet Jews to Israel, has been virtually terminated."

The signatories to the petition, dated May 5, are: Arkady Mai and his wife, Helen Seidel; Aleksandr Lerner; Vladimir Slepak; Abe Stolyar; Naum Kogan; and Lev Ovshishcher, all of Moscow; the brothers Isai and Grigory Goldstein of Tbilisi; and Dmitry Golenko, of Tashkent.

JERUSALEM (JTA) — More than 50 of the top leaders of the Zionist Organization of America have arrived on a two-week leadership mission. Among the events scheduled for the ZOA leaders are the dedication of the Alleck Resnick Forest in Independence Park in Jerusalem and the inauguration of the Ivan Novick Institute for Israel-Diaspora relations, at the ZOA House in Tel Aviv.

Alleck Resnick of Baltimore, ZOA president, said that "as the oldest most public affairs conscious Zionist organization in America, we have come to examine first-hand the state of Zionism in the Zionist state."

The ZOA leaders will attend actions committee meetings of the World Zionist Organization and most key Israeli leaders for discussion on Israel and world Jewry matters.

NEW YORK (JTA) — A \$1 million anonymous gift for cancer research in Israel was reported at the eighth annual awards luncheon of the Israel Cancer Research Fund here. The contribution will be used to establish a chair in cancer research at a university in Israel, according to Dr. Daniel G. Miller, the Fund's president.

BOOKBINDER URGES CANDIDATES NOT TO TALK TO AMERICAN JEWS AS 'PAROCHIAL SPECIAL PLEADERS'

SAN FRANCISCO, June 14 (JTA) — American Jews "do not want to be talked to as parochial special pleaders" by candidates in this year's election campaign, according to Hyman Bookbinder, Washington representative of the American Jewish Committee.

American Jews are first and foremost concerned with "what is best for the protection of our democratic, pluralist society and what kind of foreign policy is best for America and the free world," Bookbinder told the Annual Meeting of the San Francisco chapter of the AJCommittee yesterday.

He added, however, that the Jewish reaction to the candidacy of Rev. Jesse Jackson, who seeks the Democratic Presidential nomination, and to the various candidates' positions on Israel was natural and understandable. Jews, he said, will closely observe the Democratic convention, to be held here next month, to note whether Jackson will help promote intergroup harmony and to see what stand will be taken on the Middle East.

The AJCommittee official decried the "exaggerations and distortions" that he said had characterized public discussion of the Jackson candidacy. But, he noted, Jews continue to have a special interest in that candidacy. "How could they not," he asked, "when they have been confronted for the first time in recent memory with an aspirant for the Presidency whose record includes numerous instances of insensitivity and even hostility to basic Jewish interests?"

Black-Jewish Clash To Be Avoided

Bookbinder stressed however that American Jews have an "abiding interest" in avoiding a clash with the Black community and in affirming Rev. Jackson's right to seek the nomination.

"We repudiated the senseless attacks on him by the Jewish Defense League. We welcomed his apology for his 'Hymietown' remarks. We sought to make it clear that our reaction to his candidacy was in no way due to his color—pointing to the very high support Black had given to Black candidates for Mayor in Los Angeles and Chicago and Philadelphia. We recognized the contribution he made by motivating many thousands of new voters to register," Bookbinder said.

Nevertheless, he continued, Jackson's failure to repudiate the support of Black Muslim leader Louis Farrakhan and his pro-Palestine Liberation Organization posture in the Arab-Israeli dispute continue to "present problems."

According to Bookbinder, Jackson "must be willing to acknowledge that Jews have been, and continue to be, strong and reliable allies in the struggles for human rights and social justice, and he should recognize that his campaign may have contributed ominously to divisiveness and poses a threat to American pluralism."

Jewish Vote Still Undecided

Bookbinder indicated that neither of the two major parties should take Jewish support for granted. If the choice in November is between former Vice President Walter Mondale and President Reagan, Jewish voters can be confident that both are "decent, sympathetic, sensitive leaders who understand the central concerns of Jews on such matters as anti-Semitism, Israeli security and the rights of Jews in the Soviet Union and other areas around the world," Bookbinder said.

By and large, he observed, Jewish voters "will want to hear how the candidates will assure further and stronger economic recovery, how they will deal with America's crime and urban decay problems, how they will use America's strength and influence in the world to advance human rights but without undue interference in other nations' affairs."

The Jewish community, he added, also awaits intelligent discussion on immigration policy, women's rights and feminization of poverty, church-state issues, affirmative action, energy, defense policy and education.

LAVIE URGES JEWS NOT TO 'UNIVERSALIZE' HOLOCAUST

NEW YORK, June 14 (JTA) — Naphali Lavie, Consul General of Israel in New York, declared here this week that Jews who try to "universalize" the Holocaust use an approach which is "tragically short-sighted" and "inconsistent with the notion that Israel is central to contemporary Jewish life."

Lavie spoke at the annual dinner and academic convocation of Bar-Ilan University Monday night. Lavie said he was reminded of that reaction in a recent encounter with children of survivors who met here recently.

He noted that he and author Elie Wiesel arrived at the Buchenwald death camp from different countries 39 years ago but for the same reasons and that afterwards they followed differing paths, meeting Monday night at the dinner.

Lavie received the degree of Humane Letters, as did Joseph Gruss, the New York philanthropist. Wiesel was the first recipient of the Chancellor Joseph H. Lookstein Award "for meritorious service to Jewish communal life."

Message For Children Of Survivors

Lavie said he felt that the children of the survivors believe that Israel deserves support because it is home to more than three million Jews "but that Israel is important only as a last refuge for those without other alternatives."

Through the universalizing process, "the Holocaust becomes an abstract model of hate and cruelty by man against his fellow man and has no particularity to the Jewish people," he told the 700 guests. By this reasoning, he added "Jewish continuity is not a historical virtue — it is a mere expression of nostalgia. With such a perception, assimilation is unavoidable."

In responding to the citation, Wiesel, who had been a close friend of the late Rabbi Lookstein, the founder and first Chancellor of the University, spoke on the impact of the Holocaust's inhumanity on Jewish identification.

Wiesel said "A Jew must live in total symbiosis with his people. As for my own writing, all of my themes are Jewish. Whatever is Jewish, I write about." He said he was not against aliyah "but, at the same time, the Jews of the diaspora feel awkward and therefore they do all they can for Israel."

Rabbi Emanuel Rackman, Bar-Ilan's president, announced new contributions by American donors to the University of more than \$1.5 million. He said many of those in his audience were planning to go to Israel for the University commencement on July 2, at Ramat Gan.

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Eliahu Ben-Elissar, chairman of the Knesset's Foreign Affairs and Security Committee, has urged Chief of Staff Gen. Moshe Levy to go easy on Israel Defense Force officers implicated in the murder of a young Arab bus hijacker.