

**At The Democratic Party Convention:
JACKSON APPEALS FOR RECONCILIATION;
ASKS FORGIVENESS FOR REMARKS THAT
CREATED PAIN OR REVIVED FEARS**

By David Friedman

SAN FRANCISCO, July 18 (JTA) — The Rev. Jesse Jackson, in a speech to the Democratic National convention last night in which he pledged to support the Democratic Party's expected ticket of former Vice President Walter Mondale for President and Rep. Geraldine Ferraro of New York for Vice President, made a strong appeal for reconciliation with those who he had offended during his campaign, including the Jewish community.

"We must turn from finger pointing to clasped hands," he said of Jews and Blacks. "We must share our burdens and our joys with each other once again. We must turn to each other and not on each other and choose the higher ground."

In his appeal for reconciliation, Jackson also said: "If in my low moments, in word, deed or attitude, through error of temper, taste or tone, I have caused anyone discomfort, created pain or revived someone's fear, that was not my truest self. If there were occasions when my grape turned into a raisin and my joy bell lost its resonance, please forgive me. Charge it to my head and not my heart." (See related story on Jewish reactions.)

At the same time, Jackson made it clear that he was sticking by the issues he raised in the campaign, including that of United States policy in the Middle East. "Our present formula for peace in the Middle East is inadequate and will not work. There are 22 nations in the Middle East and we must be able to talk, act, influence and reconcile all of them. He added that "We have too many interests (in the Middle East) and too few friends."

Change In Wording On Quotas In Platform Plank

Jackson spoke after the convention adopted his change to the affirmative action section of the party's platform eliminating a clause rejecting quotas. The change, adopted by a voice vote, was apparently the result of an agreement between Jackson and Mondale. Jackson's three other proposals, including the elimination of second primaries, were rejected by polling.

There seemed to be some question whether last night's action puts the Democratic Party in favor of quotas. The sentence in question now says that the Democratic Party "reaffirms its longstanding commitment to the eradication of discrimination in all aspects of American life through the use of affirmative action goals, timetables and other verifiable measures to overturn historic patterns and historic burdens of discrimination in hiring, training, promotions, contract procurement, education and administration of all federal programs."

Two Black spokespersons for the change definitely said that "verifiable measures" means quotas. One noted that "If Jewish Americans have a special appreciation for the relationship between the Holocaust and the need for a secure State of Israel then why not respect the deep understanding of Black Americans for the need for verifiable measures such as quotas in pursuing affirmative action."

Delores Tucker, vice chairperson of the convention's Black Caucus, said that verifiable measures do mean quotas. But Reps. Patricia Schroeder of Colorado and Barbara Mikulski of Maryland denied this.

Mikulski, national co-chairperson of the Mondale campaign, said that in the view of Mondale and Ferraro "verifiable measures does not mean quotas." This will apparently be the argument that Mondale will make to those, particularly in the Jewish community, who strongly oppose quotas.

Notes Contributions Of Blacks And Jews

Jackson's appeal for reconciliation with the Jewish community came as he noted the progress made for Blacks since the 1964 Democratic convention in Atlantic City. "Twenty years ago, tears well up in our eyes as the bodies of Schwerner, Goodman and Cheney, were dredged from the depths of a river in Mississippi," he said referring to three slain civil rights workers, Michael Schwerner, 24, and James Goodman, 20, of New York, both Jewish and James Chaney, 21, a Black of Mississippi. The three were shot to death where they and other volunteers were working to register Blacks to vote. Later, seven white men were convicted of the crime.

"Twenty years later, our communities, Black and Jewish, are in anguish, anger and pain," Jackson said. "Feelings have been hurt on both sides. There is a crisis in communications.... but we cannot afford to lose our way. We may agree to agree, or agree to disagree on issues, but we must bring back civility to the tensions."

Cites 'Shared Passion'

Jackson noted that "many Blacks and Jews have a shared passion for social justice at home and peace abroad. We must seek a revival of the spirit, inspired by a new vision of new possibilities." He said Jews and Blacks are "bound by Moses and Jesus, but also connected with Islam and Mohammed. These three great religions — Judaism, Christianity and Islam — were all born in the revered and holy city of Jerusalem."

"We are bound by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and Rabbi Abraham Heschel, crying out from their graves for us to reach common ground. We are bound by shared blood and shared sacrifices. We are much too intelligent; much too bound by our Judeo-Christian heritage; much too victimized by racism, sexism, militarism and anti-Semitism; much too threatened as historical scapegoats to go on divided one from another."

However, Jackson added that the "old coalition" must be expanded to include others such as Arab Americans. "They too know the pain and hurt of racial and religious rejection," he said. "They must not continue to be made pariahs."

Jackson was introduced by several persons representing the various groups in his Rainbow Coalition. The first was John Zogby, national field representative of the American Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee. Another was a Jew, Suzanne Ross, who said she was born in Europe during the Holocaust and stressed her concern for Israel as well as the Palestinians.

REACTIONS BY JEWISH LEADERS

By Kevin Freeman

NEW YORK, July 18 (JTA) — Jewish political fig-

ures and leaders of Jewish organizations generally agreed today that the Rev. Jesse Jackson went a long way to heal the breach between Jews and Blacks when he struck a conciliatory tone during his address to the Democratic national convention in San Francisco last night.

But many agreed that one speech could not close the wounds and ease the pain and anguish that Jackson caused during the past months by his "Hymie" and "Hymietown" remarks and his steadfast refusal to disavow altogether Muslim leader Louis Farrakhan beyond distancing himself from Farrakhan's most vitriolic anti-Semitic statements.

In his address last night, Jackson appealed for reconciliation, saying, "If in my low moments, in word, deed or attitude, through error or temper, taste or tone, I have caused anyone discomfort, created pain or revived someone's fear, that was not my truest self."

"If there were occasions when my grape turned into a raisin and my bell lost its resonance, please forgive me," he declared. "Charge it to my head and not my heart."

Encouraged By Jackson's Efforts

While acknowledging that Jackson can be a "force for good," Henry Siegan, executive director of the American Jewish Congress, said today that "Unfortunately too often in the past he has used his talents in a divisive manner."

"One speech does not undo all that has gone before," he continued. "But we are encouraged by his efforts to heal the wounds, and hope that this is the road he will pursue in the future."

Howard Friedman, president of the American Jewish Committee, said he hoped the conciliatory tone of Jackson's speech "sustains itself in the coming weeks and is further reinforced by Rev. Jackson in both words and deeds." He added, "We hope the clouds that hovered" over relations between Blacks and Jews "have lifted."

Nathan Perlmutter, national director of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, said that while he welcomed Jackson's statements, "We nonetheless vigorously differ with his politics of appeasement of tyrants," a reference to Jackson's recent meetings with Cuban leader Fidel Castro and others who Perlmutter charged are "echo chambers for anti-Zionist and anti-American propaganda, all with failed human rights marks."

Remarks Should Have Come Earlier

At the convention in the Moscone Center, Rep. Henry Waxman (D. Calif.) was interviewed immediately after the Jackson speech. He agreed that the tone of the speech would help to build the bridge between the two communities. But, he added, "months of hurt can't be healed in one speech."

San Francisco Mayor Dianne Feinstein, interviewed by reporters, said that the speech will help ease tensions between Blacks and Jews but added that it should have come sooner. Los Angeles City Councilman Zev Yaroslavsky also praised the speech but added that "it's too bad he didn't say this long before, thus avoiding the breach and pain resulting from his remarks."

Earlier this week, Jackson said in an appearance on the NBC-TV "Meet the Press" program that he regretted remarks that may have alienated the Jewish community during his campaign for the Democratic Presidential nomination, and said he felt there was a need for a "summit meeting" between Blacks and Jews very soon.

Jackson as recently as one week ago had infuriated the American Jewish community when he charged in an interview with The Los Angeles Times that the Jewish community leadership has sought to make him a "pariah" and that likely Democratic Presidential candidate Walter Mondale did not choose him as his running mate because of "threats" to the former vice president by a "significant number of Jewish leaders."

Hopes Deeds Will Match Words

Alleck Resnick, Zionist Organization of America president, said Jackson appears "sincere" in his attempt to bridge the gaps between the two communities. He said he hoped Jackson would "follow up his words of conciliation with responsible action and constructive dialogue at reducing tensions" between Blacks and Jews.

Rabbi Dov-Aharoni Fisch, executive director of the Herut Zionists of America, said Jackson "has a propensity for making apologetic statements when they are to his political advantage. We have heard too many apologies... This time around we will not accept apologies but a long and unbroken chain of actual deeds which reflect that he is ready to abandon the anti-Jewish rhetoric of his political campaign."

Balfour Brickner, Senior Rabbi of the Stephen Wise Free Synagogue in New York City, said: "Jesse has reached out to the Jewish community. As a Jew and a rabbi, I accept his act of repentance. Where he hurts, he now seeks to heal. He has spoken with courage and, I believe, with great sincerity."

Rabbi David Saperstein, director of the Religious Action Center of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations based in Washington, praised Jackson for the "generous and conciliatory tone he adopted." He said Jackson can "stimulate the process of reconciliation that responsible Black and Jewish leaders have been engaged in for the past several months.... The extent of Jackson's contribution to this effort will be measured... by the words he speaks to the Black community and to the nation in the months and years to come."

Rabbi Marvin Hier, dean of the Los Angeles based Simon Wiesenthal Center, said, "It was an eloquent and stirring address which if reflected in Rev. Jackson's future action and policies could go a long way to mending strained relations between two traditionally allied communities." Hier also urged Jackson to endorse a proposed resolution submitted to the Democratic National Committee which condemns anti-Semitism. The resolution has received the support of Mondale and Colorado Senator Gary Hart.

The Americans for a Safe Israel said: "We have not forgotten that Jesse Jackson has been making anti-Semitic statements for many years. During the recent campaign Jackson walked over the Jewish community and others in spiked boots. Asking for forgiveness after the poison has been deliberately released from the bottle and the air polluted with hate is not enough." The statement was signed by Herbert Zweibon, AFSI chairman and Rabbi Avraham Weiss, AFSI executive committee member.

At The Democratic Party Convention:
LAWMAKERS TELL SOVIET OFFICIAL THAT
ANTI-SEMITISM IN USSR, CLAMP-DOWN ON
EMIGRATION HARM U.S.-SOVIET RELATIONS
By David Friedman

SAN FRANCISCO, July 18 (JTA) — Four liberal Democratic Congressmen met for 50 minutes yesterday with Vladimir Lamovtsev, the Soviet Deputy Consul General here, to stress to him that Soviet anti-Semitism and the clamp-down in emigration of Jews from the USSR is a "roadblock" to better relations between the United States and the Soviet Union.

Rep. Barbara Boxer of California, who led the group, said the Soviet official said that its treatment of Soviet Jews was "an internal issue." Boxer said "the concept they can't understand is that we are open to discussion." But she felt the talks were useful because "we are opening the door."

Boxer was accompanied by Reps. Sander Levin of Michigan, Thomas Foglietta of Pennsylvania and Gerald Kleckza of Wisconsin. While the Congresspeople were inside the Soviet Consulate, some 50 persons demonstrated outside in a rally sponsored by the Bay Area Council of Soviet Jews and the Union of Councils on Soviet Jewry. The demonstrators included some delegates to the Democratic national convention and participants of the Bay Area group's daily vigil in front of the consulate.

David Waksburg, executive director of the Bay Area group, said Boxer and her fellow Congressmen, in discussing the entire issue of U.S.-Soviet relations, raised the issues of Soviet Jewry, the issue of Andrei Sakharov, increased anti-Semitism and the harassment of Jewish activists, and the interruption of emigration.

The Democrats pointed out that as critics of the Reagan Administration they wanted to see improved relations with the USSR and negotiations for arms control and a verifiable nuclear freeze. They said Soviet violation of human rights was a "roadblock" to improved relations and that by changing this condition it would serve as a "confidence building move toward seeking arms control agreements."

When Lomovtsev said this was an internal matter and not of concern to foreign governments, Waksburg said the Congresspeople replied that all human rights violations were of international concern. They said they were interested in correcting human rights violations whether they occurred in the U.S. or other countries, including the Soviet Union.

NEW FRENCH P.M. IS SON OF JEWISH FAMILY THAT CONVERTED, BUT HIS WIFE AND CHILDREN ARE JEWISH

By Edwin Eytan

PARIS, July 18 (JTA) -- Laurent Fabius, the new Prime Minister of France, is the son of an old French-Jewish family that converted to Catholicism after World War II. His wife, the former Francoise Castro, is Jewish and Jewish community sources said today that their children "are Jewish according to any halachic interpretation."

Fabius, who was Minister of Industry in the Cabinet of Premier Pierre Mauroy, was named Prime Minister by President Francois Mitterrand yesterday following Mauroy's resignation. At 37, he is the youngest French Prime Minister in over a century.

Fabius has never shown interest in Judaism. But he told a French-Jewish weekly recently, "I am a friend of Israel and I think everything should be done to enable Israel to live as an independent state and in peace." He also pledged to do "everything I can" to strengthen Franco-Israeli cooperation in science.

Visited Israel On Several Occasions

He has visited Israel on several occasions, both privately and as a government minister. In the latter capacity this year, he conferred with Israel's Minister of Science, Yuval Neeman, on the possibility of joint ventures in the scientific field. Israeli diplomats here said Fabius showed good will throughout those negotiations and personally urged his advisors to reach an agreement with Israel on scientific cooperation.

On his private trips to Israel, Fabius spent time at a kibbutz. His pro-Israel sentiments are not likely to effect any changes in French Middle East policy. Under the French Constitution, foreign policy is the exclusive preserve of the President. Official sources here said today that French policy in the Middle East will continue to follow the main lines laid down by President Mitterrand.

FRENCH P.M. DESCRIBED AS A FRIEND OF ISRAEL

By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, July 18 (JTA) -- Laurent Fabius, the newly designated Prime Minister of France, was described by Israel's Ambassador in Paris today as "a friend of Israel who has deep feelings and convictions toward the Zionist enterprise."

Ambassador Ovadia Sofer said in a Voice of Israel Radio interview from the French capital that Fabius, Minister of Industry in the outgoing government of Premier Pierre Mauroy, was one of the more talented members of the Socialist government.

When he visited Israel four months ago "he broke the ice" that had chilled relations between the two countries with the result that France and Israel concluded a pact for cooperation in the high technology field.

Laurent was named Prime Minister by President Francois Mitterrand yesterday following Mauroy's surprise resignation. At 37 he will be France's youngest Prime Minister in 150 years. Sofer recalled that when he came to Paris last year after serving as Israel's Ambassador to Switzerland, Fabius' wife helped him to develop his first contacts with the Socialist regime.

Sofer said that he has noticed in the past few months a general improvement in Franco-Israeli relations. "I do not believe that at present France would initiate any political step (in the Middle East) without prior consultation with Israel," he said.

Sofer added that France in any event would not launch a diplomatic initiative, such as the often proposed international peace conference on the Middle East, before the American Presidential elections next November.

ISRAEL TO CONTRIBUTE TO SCIENTIFIC PROBE ABOARD AMERICAN SPACE FLIGHT

By David Landau

JERUSALEM, July 18 (JTA) -- A hornets nest will be Israel's contribution to a scientific investigation aboard an American space flight later this year, Science Minister Yuval Neeman announced today. It will be the first time an Israeli medical and scientific experiment will be conducted on a U.S. space vehicle at U.S. expense, he said.

Neeman said the purpose of the mission is to advance research into the human middle ear and its effect on balance. Researchers at Tel Aviv University have learned that a species of hornet prevalent in Israel has a tiny organ which enables the insects to maintain balance. The organ will be analyzed under conditions of zero gravity in space and the findings may advance knowledge about the human balancing mechanism believed to reside in the middle ear.

Neeman said final approval of the Israeli experiment was received this week from Mission Control in Houston. According to Neeman, American efforts to study hornets in space have failed to date because the hornets died. "Let us hope our hornets survive the experience," he said.

GIFT OF 1.2 MILLION SHARES OF MAJOR PUBLICLY-OWNED CORPORATION MADE BY THE MANDEL FAMILY OF CLEVELAND By Ben Gallab

NEW YORK, July 18 (JTA) -- A gift of 1.2 million shares of a major publicly-owned corporation, the Premier Industrial Corp., valued at \$42 million when the gift was arranged in March, has been made by the Mandel family of Cleveland to the Mandel Associated Foundations.

This contribution was described by a former Cleveland Jewish Federation official, Henry Zucker, as "the largest lifetime philanthropic gift in the history of Cleveland." The Premier Industrial Corp. was founded and developed by the Mandels. Its stock is traded on the New York Stock Exchange.

The donors to the Foundations are Morton and Barbara Mandel, Joseph and Florence Mandel, and Jack and Lilyan Mandel. Each couple set up a Supporting Foundation to which the stock was given. Each Supporting Foundation is chartered by the State of Ohio. Zucker said such Foundations are a relatively new type of philanthropic agency.

Zucker, executive vice president emeritus of the Cleveland Jewish Federation and vice president of the Endowment Development Committee of the Council of Jewish Federations, said in telephone interviews with the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, that the Mandels chose to set up the Supporting Foundations because, through such Foundations, the donors have a "considerable degree of input" into the beneficiary agencies getting grants from the Foundations.

He said another reason was that the three Mandel families hoped that their special philanthropic interests and concerns would be taken into consideration in distributions after they passed away.

Zucker said the three Foundations are housed in an office in the Federation and that he acted as consultant for all three Foundations which he said function as a single entity.

Gift Made Without Conditions

He said all decisions on distributions of funds from the Foundations are made by a seven-member board of trustees, four named by the Federation and three by the Mandels. The secretary of the Foundations is Howard Berger, associate director of the Federation.

Zucker said such Foundations are considered by the United States government, for tax purposes, as public charities because they are accountable to a public charity, in this case, the Cleveland Federation.

Zucker said the Mandel family had made the gift without conditions and that the trustees can sell the stock, or use the dividends, or both. He said the Mandels had traditionally "supported a great variety of local, national and international needs. These will be continued in the future but they are also developing some ideas of their own and will probably be emphasizing that aspect more."

Morton Mandel has been president of the Cleveland Federation, the Jewish Welfare Board and the CJF. Barbara Mandel is president of the National Council of Jewish Women. Jack Mandel and Joseph Mandel have also been active in philanthropic activities in Cleveland and in Hollywood, Fla. and Palm Beach, Fla.

Already underway is a program at Case Western Reserve University, the Mandel Center for Non-Profit Management, the result of collaboration between the Cleveland Foundation, the George Gund

Foundation, Standard Oil of Ohio and the Mandel Associated Foundations to provide funds to cover the five-year starting costs of the new center.

The Mandel Associated Foundations will provide \$650,000 for endowment of a professional chair for the new center. Gifts from the Mandels and the Premier Corp. will total about \$1,250,000 for the Case Western Reserve University center.

VANDALS OVERTURN SOME 90 MONUMENTS IN JEWISH CEMETERY By Susan Birnbaum

SADDLEBROOK, N.J., July 18 (JTA) -- Two incidents of vandalism last weekend were responsible for the desecration of about 90 monuments at Riverside Cemetery in Bergen County, New Jersey, according to cemetery and police spokespersons.

Both sources are currently discounting any probable anti-Semitism at the Jewish cemetery and leaning toward vandalism by beer-drinking youths. Beer cans were found in the vicinity of the overturned monuments, and local police are investigating youth activity in the area, according to the Saddlebrook police department.

The overturned stones were discovered early Sunday morning by cemetery personnel, who called in police to investigate. The vandals returned again Sunday night and did further damage in another part of the cemetery, which borders on the three towns of Lodi, Saddlebrook, and Rochelle Park.

According to a police official, the vandalism has "nothing to do" with anti-Semitism but is rather a "periodic occurrence" affecting other local cemeteries as well. Police stressed that similar damage occurred at a nearby Catholic cemetery two years ago.

The intruders appear to have scaled the fence, as there were no signs of forced entry, and no holes in the fence, the spokespersons claimed. The investigation into the two incidents is in the preliminary stage, according to police, and local officers are "talking to kids" in the area. The police are not presently sure if the vandals are local residents or if they came from other areas.

Cemetery spokesperson Margaret Ritter said that although individual families are usually asked to shoulder the cost of damages, the cemetery will be re-erecting toppled stones at no cost to the families. Those monuments that have been damaged, however, will have to be paid for by families of the deceased. Approximately 90 percent of the damage was overturned stones. The cemetery is sending out letters to the families informing them of the damage.

Ritter said that a guard makes the rounds of the entire cemetery, which covers 90 acres. The guard tours the grounds every hour and punches a key to indicate he has performed his duty, according to Ritter.

JEWISH AGENCY CONFIRMS THOUSANDS OF FALASHAS ARE IN ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, July 18 (JTA) -- The Jewish Agency confirmed today for the first time that thousands of Falashas -- Ethiopian Jews -- are in Israel. According to data released by its immigration and absorption department, about a quarter of Ethiopian Jewry now lives in Israel, more than half of them under 18 and only five percent over 60 years of age.

This information was disclosed after reporters were taken on a tour of absorption centers in northern Israel by Haim Aharon, head of the immigration and absorption department. Aharon said the Agency changed its policy of not publicizing the Falasha presence in response to what he said were unfounded media reports about problems of Falasha immigrants.