

NEW YORK, NY 10036-2574 ·

JEWISH TELEGRAPHIC AGENCY · 165 WEST 46TH STREET

Vol. 63 - 68th Year

Wednesday, November 6, 1985

No. 207

JEWISH COMMUNITY OF URUGUAY CONCERNED ABOUT EMERGENCE OF ANTI-SEMITISM IN A STRIKE AT JEWISH-OWNED FACTORY

NEW YORK, Nov. 5 (JTA) -- The emergence of anti-Semitism in a strike at a Jewish-owned leather factory in Paysandu, Uruguay, has aroused the country's Jewish community, the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith reported today.

According to ADL, posters mounted on the entrance gates and on the walls of the factory carried such anti-Semitic slogans as "Hitler was right: Too bad he is not here." The Central Jewish Committee of Uruguay called upon the nation's unions and union leaders to denounce this injection of anti-Semitic and pro-Nazi propaganda into a dispute between labor and management.

The anti-Semitic action has been repudiated by the national leather workers union even though the local Paysandu chapter, which represents 600 employ ees, has not yet issued a statement, the ADL reported Luis Brezzo, Uruguay's Director of Labor, denoun

ced the posters in a report to the Labor Committee of the Uruguayan House of Representatives in Monte-

video.

In the discussion on a motion for the House to condemn the anti-Semitism, Deputy Dr. Pablo Miller of the Union Colorada y Batillista declared that "the clear anti-Semitic content is repugnant" and an impediment to the negotiating process. The motion to condemn the anti-Semitism was blocked, however, by the leftwing coalition party, Frente Amplio (Broad Front).

The Anti-Defamation League is monitoring developments with the Central Jewish Committee and the

B'nai B'rith of Uruguay.

PAN-AMERICAN ARAB CONGRESS MEETING IN COLOMBIA ADOPTS PROGRAM AIMED AT ADVANCING PLO CAUSE, DEFAMING ZIONISM

CARTEGENA, Nov. 5 (JTA) -- Some 300 delegates from the Latin American continent and the Arab world met here in the Seventh Congress of FEARAB (Federation of American Arab Organizations), where they adopted a program aimed at advancing the cause of the PLO on the continent, the World Jewish Congress reported today.

The Colembian press reported that the meeting considered two main issues: the organization of joint Chambers of Commerce linking the Arab countries with those in Latin America where they do not yet exist, "for the economic cooperation between the Arab and American peoples"; and an aggressive pro-PLO and anti-Israel propaganda campaign including the defamation of Zionism.

The Latin American branch of the WJC quoted one of the delegates as saying that "the struggle against Zionism is not fought only in Palestine or any other Middle Eastern place, but everywhere. The battle is not only one with weapons, but a social, cultural and spiritual war."

The president of FEARAB, Rams Chacra, called upon all the affiliates on the continent "to make a major effort in the struggle against the common enemy so as to incite the Palestine Liberation Organization. sole representative of the Palestine people, to unite its forces towards the creation of a free and sovereign Palestinian state."

Chacra added that the holding of this congress in Colombia is "not accidental" but the result of several factors, such as the importance of the Arab communities in the country and in Central America, according

to the "El Espectador" newspaper.

Another daily, "El Tiempo," reports that during the meeting, Jose Name Teran, former president of the Colombian Parliament, "gave his most explicit support to the Arab cause, particularly the struggle of the heroic Palestinian people."

PLO Becoming Entrenched

Elsewhere, in the city of Sao Paulo, Brazil, on Avenida Paulista, one of the major thoroughfares, representatives of the Arab-Palestinian-Brazilian organizations held a public protest against Israel, stopped traffic for some time and distributed pamph-

In a Brazilian daily, Fernando Moreira de Castro, a columnist, warns against the growing aggressiveness of the PLO in Latin America and its links with extreme leftwing terrorist movements. Castro states that "PLO is in full swing in Chile, Argentina, Uruguay and Bolivia through a revolutionary coordination junta," and he concludes that "the penetration of PLO in Latin America is obvious and that may threaten the security of the Latin American countries.

WEST BANK SETTLERS PUBLICATION URGES SETTLERS TO FIGHT BY ALL MEANS ANY GOVERNMENT DECISION TO RELINQUISH PARTS OF THE WEST BANK, GAZA STRIP By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, Nov. 5 (JTA) -- The Attorney Gener-al indicated today he might take legal action against the publishers of an article which appeared in a West Bank settlers' biweekly urging settlers to fight through all means any possible government decision to relin-quish parts of Judaea and Samaria, and the Gaza Strip.

Attorney General Yitzhak Zamir said that publication of the article might constitute incitement to revolt, but he added that it was up to the police to decide whether the material should be forwarded to him for his legal opinion.

The article has already stirred the political community, with Knesset member Matityahu Peled having asked Police Minister Haim Barley to sue the publisher of the periodical and the author of the article.

The article appeared in Alef Yod, a biweekly in the Samaria town of Ariel. It was signed by M. Ben Yisrael, probably a pseudonym, and it described the following scenario in case of a possible peace settle-ment with Jordan:

"Each and everyone (of the Jewish settlers in Judaea and Samaria) should prepare himself spiritually to stand in Judaea, Samaria and the Gaza region, and to raise his arm--and his gun--against his brother. In that hour of national emergency, most of the means will be legitimate, in the absence of a more comfortable and acceptable choice.

Jews.



"We may witness a terrible scene indeed — a large scale and multiple subversive action within the green line, a revolt inside the army ranks, subversive activity in the security services, and armed revolt in Judaea, Samaria and Gaza, and eventually — the fight of Jew against Jew."

The author of the article wrote that this was not the threat of a lunatic, but rather a calculated description of the feelings of many settlers regarding recent political developments in the area. The article specifically warned Premier Shimon Peres that this may be the result if he pursues his peace effects.

Yaacov Rahamin, editor of the publication, said he did not fear any legal action against the newspaper. He said that by publishing the article, he merely fulfilled his journalistic responsibilities, so that the public will be aware of the views of the settlers.

THREE ISRAELIS ASKED TO TESTIFY IN EGYPTIAN INQUIRY INTO SINAL KILLINGS By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, Nov. 5 (JTA) — Three Israelis are expected fo testify before an Egyptian inquiry, scheduled to begin tomorrow, into the killing of seven Israeli tourists in Sinai last month – allegally by an Egyptian soldier, the Foreign Ministry announced today.

However, two of the three Israelis are not expected to attend the inquiry on the scheduled date since that day marks the 30th day after the murder of one of the witness' sons in the tragic incident at Ras Burka, some 40 kilometers south of Eilat.

The Foreign Ministry said Sarah Baum, and her 12-year-old son Ehud, together with Gera Koren, would give evidence at the inquiry in Neviot in the Sinai. But Baum indicated a conflict with scheduling, saying she will be attending a memorial service at the gravesite of her other son, 10-year-old Amir, a victim of the Sinai attack.

Ehud, her other son, said he refused to enter the area again unless he was accompanied by a large force of armed Israeli soldiers to ensure the security of his family.

Other Eye-Witnesses Said To Be More Qualified

Meanwhile, Sarah Baum and other eye-witnesses said that the persons called to give evidence to the Egyptian inquiry are not the right people to describe what happened and give an accurate account of the delays by the Egyptians in administering first aid to the wounded, which some experts said would probably have saved the lives of at least five of the seven people killed in the attack.

These eye-witnesses said that others present at the foot of the sand dune or in the vicinity could see more than the three persons summoned to appear before the inquiry, who had been pinned down by the soldier's fire and the orders of other Egyptian soldiers on the spot.

According to Baum, the Egyptians do not want to hear eye-witnesses whose evidence will unmask glaring mistakes by the Egyptians, and she blames the Israeli Foreign Ministry for not pressing the Egyptians enough to complete a speedy investigation of the incident. She suggested that the Israeli government does not want to embarrass Cairo and hamper any peace negotiations. The Foreign Ministry rejects the charges.

UAHC LAUNCHES CAMPAIGN TO REACH 'COLLECTIVE CONSENSUS' ON RELIGIOUS PRACTICE FOR REFORM SYNAGOGUE MEMBERS

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 5 (JTA) — The Union of American Hebrew Congregations, the central agency for Reform synagogues, launched yesterday a campaign aimed at reaching a "collective consensus" on religious practice for the 1.3 million members of Reform synagogues in the United States and Canada,

The action came following an address by Rabbi Alexander Schindler, UAHC president, to 3,000 delegates representing 79 congregations; attending the UAHC's 58th biennial General Assembly here. Schindler said that despite the recent rapid growth in numbers of Reform synagogues and their memberships, "the quality of affiliation" of many Reform Jews "gives substance to the perception that it is but a religion of convenience, that we need commit or do

Schindler said that individual autonomy should not be permitted to become "the central, exclusive concept of Liberal Judaism." He continued: "The choice of the individual should never be fully unferthered. It should always be an informed and responsible choice."

little, if anything at all, yet we still can call ourselves

To help make possible this informed choice, Schindler said, he was supporting a convention resolution endorsing Reform Jewish day schools, "as a valid educational option." (See related story, P. 4.)

Elements For Jewish Continuity

"What we seek," Schindler said, "are collectively established criteria against which the individual can measure his way. We must create a communal discipline strong enough to assure group coherence and integrity but not so rigid and restrictive that it will stifle the vitality that springs from individual freedom."

He said that for "Jewish continuity, outer form be given inner substance, that thought be translated into deed. It demands the disciplined observance of our sacred calendar and a determined nurturing of our values. Only such a spiritual bonding — not just a social bonding — will assure our community its power and its future."

The UAHC leader praised the report of the UAHC Task Force on Religious Commitment, formed at his request two years ago to propose guidelines on the religious obligations of a Reform Jew. He asked the convention to continue the task force "to resolve the tension between authority and freedom, to help achieve Reform Jewish renewal without, at the same time, dampening its brisk vitality."

ELIEZER BERLINGER DEAD AT 81

AMSTERDAM, Nov. 5 (JTA) -- Chief Rabbi Eliezer Berlinger of the Utrecht district of Holland died here last Thursday at the age of 81, after a protracted illness. Following memorial services Sunday at the main Ashkenazic synagogue here, he was provisionally buried in Muiderberg cemetery outside town. His remains will eventually be transferred to the Mount of Olives cemetery in Jerusalem.

Berlinger served as a rabbi in Malmo, Sweden, during Warld War II. In 1943, he was helpful in receiving the 6,000 Jews ferried over from Nazi-occupied Dennark. He was presented with a High Danish Royal Award for his aid to the rescued Jews of that country. Immediately after the war, he helped bring large numbers of liberated concentration camp inmates to Sweden.



In 1956, Berlinger was appointed Chief Rabbi of the Utrecht district of Holland, which covers the entire country except for Amsterdam, Rotterdam, and The Hague, a demanding post he held until the end of his life.

He was born in 1904 in Saarbruecken, then Prussia and now part of West Germany, and was ordained at the Rabbinical Seminary in Berlin. After his service in various congregations in Germany, and in Malmo, he became Chief Rabbi of Finland in 1946, a post he held until he come to Holland in 1954. He was honored by the Netherlands in being made an officer in the Dutch Order of Orange Nassau.

ISRAELI JEW STABBED IN EAST JERUSALEM

JERUSALEM, Nov. 5 (JTA) — An Israeli Jew was stabbed and seriously injured near the Damascus Gate in East Jerusalem this afternoon. The victim, identified as Ovadia Baruchi, 60, a resident of the Bukharan Quarter in Jerusalem, underwent emergency surgery.

gery.

The assailant was reported to have been a young Arab, about 20 years of age, who had been seen fleeing from the scene. Police rounded up about a dozen suspects for questioning, but the attacker was

apparently not among them.

Baruchi was reported to have been shopping near the scene of the attack. The capital's police chief, Superintendent Haim Albaldess, noted that the Damas cus Gate area was a busy commercial center where Jewish shoppers and Arab shopkeepers had generally conducted their business peaceably.

HOUSE DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS AGREES ON RESOLUTION TO POSTPONE PROPOSED \$1.9 BILLION ARMS SALE TO JORDAN By David Friedman

WASHINGTON, Nov. 5 (JTA) — The House Democratic caucus has agreed on a resolution postponing the Reagan Administration's proposed \$1.9 billion arms sale to Jordan until March I, but with more restrictions then contained in the Senate resolution adopted October 24.

While the House resolution has not been made public. a Congressional aide told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that among several additions to the Senate resolution is one requiring President Reagan to resubmit his October 21 notification to Congress of the

proposed sale.

The House Foreign Affairs Committee was to have acted on the resolution today but after a 30-minute delay, its chairman, Rep. Dante Fascell (D. Fla.) postponed the meeting until Thursday because he said that several members who wanted to participate could not be present today. If the committee acts favorably, as expected, the resolution is expected to be taken up by the full House next week.

The Senate resolution, which was adopted by a 97-I vote, mandates that before March I "no letter of offer shall be valid with respect to any of the proposed sales to Jordan of advanced weapons systems, including advanced irrarft and advanced air defense systems" described in Reagan's October 21 notification letter "unless direct and meaningful peace negotiations between Israel and Jordan are underway."

The Senate resolution was worked out by Sen. Richard Lugar (R. Ind.), chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, with opponents and supporters of the sale, after it became clear that the sale would be rejected since 74 Senators had signed a resolution to disallow it.

In the House there is a similar majority with at least 275 Congresmen having signed a resolution to reject the sale of arms to Jordan. During the Senate debate, Lugar said the resolution could not be amended since this was the agreement of both sides and because the President had agreed to accept it in that way. Sen. Christopher Dodd (D. Conn.) cast the lone vote against the resolution because he wanted an additional paragraph that would "guarantee" the right of the Congress to reject the sale.

Lugar and Senate Majority Leader Robert Dole (R. Kans.) stressed that anytime before March I, if Senators saw a lack of progress in the peace process, they could reintroduce the resolution rejecting the

salé.

Testifying before the House Committee's Subcommittee on Europe and the Middle East, Richard Murphy, Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs, said this was also the way the Administration read the resolution. But he said that if no action is taken by March I, then the sale can go

If the House resolution is different than the one adopted by the Senate, there would have to be a conference meeting to work out the differences between the

two resolutions.

Observers expect this to be completed by November 21, which is the end of the 30-day period by which both Houses must vote to disallow the arms sales, or the Administration can go through with it.

LIKUD BOYCOTT OF HISTADRUT CONVENTION IS AVERTED

TELAVIV, Nov. 5 (JTA) — The 15th convention of the Histodrut will open in Jerusalem tonight and continue in Tel Aviv tomorrow for two days of deliberations. A Likud boycott of the meeting was averted today when the congress organizers agreed that Likud Minister of Labor Moshe Katzav will address the gathering immediately after a speech by Prime Minister Shimon Peres tomorrow.

The Likud had threatened to boycott the convention because they claimed that the Histadrut leadership—almost completely Labor Party and leftwing elements—had not invited Deputy Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir and other Likud leaders to address the aatherina.

and other Likud leaders to address the gathering.
Histadrut spokesmen said that Shamir had been invited to attend and had accepted. David Levy had also been invited to attend but is out of the country,

they said.
While Menachem Begin was Prime Minister, he was not invited to address the Histodrut convention, on the grounds that he was not a member of the labor federation.

Meanwhile Likud delegates to the convention have announced that they will not stand at attention during the traditional singing of the International, the workers anthem. Tonight, for the first time, delegates will be using new words for the International, written at the request of the labor federation by Israeli poet Haim Heffer.

TEL AVIV (JTA) — Over 9,000 American and British sailors are being hosted in Haifa this week, as units of the U.S. Sixth and British Mediterranean fleets call at the port.

REMINDER: There will be no Daily News Bulletin, November II, Veteran's Day, a postal holiday.

SPECIAL TOTHE JTA DIFFERENCES EMERGE IN UIA OVER RATIO BETWEEN ZIONISTS AND COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES ON BOARD OF DIRECTORS

NEW YORK, Nov. 5 (JTA) — A conflict is brewing in the United Israel Appeal between representatives of Zionist organizations and representatives of community fundraising arganizations.

At issue, according to reports, are "proposals made by community representatives of the UIA's Board of Directors to radically change the composition of its membership by substantially increasing community representation while retaining the same number of Zionist representatives. "This is being challenged by the Zionist representatives of the UIA's Board of Trustees.

The Zionist trustees, who met last week to discuss this proposed change, asserted that any attempt to change this ratio "would create disunity and would constitute a disrupting influence in the historic partnership between the Zionist movement and the fund-asising community in the U.S., which have traditionally worked harmoniously together in the tasks of upbuilding Israel," according to a statement issued by the World Zionist Organization-American Section which selects the Zionist representatives to the UIA's Board of Directors.

The major governing body of the UIA, the Board of Directors, now consists of 36 members: 12 Zionists from vorious parties and 24 representatives from the United Jewish Appeal and Federations elected from the communities. According to a spokesman from the Zionist representatives, fund-raising representatives are proposing to retain the present number of Zionists but to increase the community representatives to 60, thus enlarging the Board membership to 72.

No Formal Proposal For Change

According to a UIA spokesperson, there is no formal proposal to change the ratio of representatives on the Board, and a "scenario" of a possible change was brought up by one Board member in the process of an ongoing discussion on updating the UIA by-laws. The spokesperson said that "no decision has yet been made" and that the discussion is "wide open." The spokesperson expressed surprise that the Zionist representatives went public in the middle of a discussion.

Since 1950, the UIA has been a partnership between the UJA/Federations and the American Zionist movement "and throughout the years the community representation has been greatly increased on the Board of Directors of the UIA in recognition of the increased role of the Federations in the affairs of the UIA and the Jewish Agency in Israel," the WZO-American Section statement said.

Statement By Zionists

"In the reconstitution of the Jewish Agency in 1971, representatives of the fund-raising communities throughout the free world were brought into this partnership on a 50-50 basis to manage the affairs of the Jewish Agency. The Zionist trustees of UIA strongly feel that the present drive to increase community representation at the expense of Zionist representation in the UIA is a threat to this historic partnership, and will also affect the current partnership in the Jewish Agency.

"The Zionist trustees expressed great understanding of the need for increased participation of the American Jewish communities in the work of the UIA, in order to meet the new and expanding needs of Israel and also to give greater voice to community leadership in that effort," the WZO statement said. But, the Zionist trustees said, this does not have to be achieved by reducing the ratio of the Zionist representatives.

The three members of the WZO-American Section Executive who will deal with this issue are Bernice Tannenbaum, chairperson of the WZO-American Section, Rabbi Alexander Schindler, president of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations; and Harry Taubenfield, honorary chairperson of Herut, They will convey the united Zionist position to members of the recently established special UIA committee dealing with this proposal at the committee's next meeting in April.

UAHC IN PRECEDENT-SETTING ACTION

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 5 (JTA) — In a precedentsetting action, the Union of American Hebrew Congregations (UAHC) endorsed the principle of Reform Jewish day schools as a "valid educational option" while rejecting public funds for the support of private education.

By a two-to-one margin, delegates to the UAHC's 58th biennial convention voted yesterday to develop curricula and materials for "Full-time Reform Jewish schools," and to prepare training programs for teachers and administrators. The 3,000 delegates also voted "to provide guidance and counsel to those congregations and communities that are considering the establish-

ment of such schools.

Robbi Alexander Schindler, president of the UAHC, hailed the adoption of the resolution, declaring: "The vote moves our religious community toward a future of greater self-reliance. It gives us a way to harvest the fruits of our depening commitment to Judaism without betraying our universalist concerns." A similar resolution had been defeated twice before at previous UAHC conventions.

Yesterday's resolution said, in part: "The UAHC reaffirms its commitment to the principles of public education and calls upon our congregations and our Commission on Social Action to develop programs aimed at encouraging our congregants to involve themselves actively and directly in efforts to strengthen their local public school systems."

The resolution opposed tuition tax credits for private schools and called for more federal funds for education programs designed to help minority, disadvantaged and disabled students. The resolution added: "Today many public schools are plagued by economic, educational and social problems. It is incumbent on the Jewish community to be deeply involved in the struggle to strengthen and re-invigracte our public school systems."

The resolution noted with "pride and appreciation" that about 10 Reform Jewish day schools are already in operation, and that other congregations are currently exploring the establishment of such schools.

* * *

TEL AVIV (JTA) — Defense Minister Yitzhak Rabin on Monday praised Syria for keeping its borders with Israel closed to terrorists, and noted that Damascus had finally expelled the PLO from Lebanon and is keeping them out. He made this remark in an address to the Haifa Maritime and Economic Club.