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COALITION OF RIGHTWINGERS AND LIBERALS EMERGES AS THE WINNER IN AUSTRIA'S PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS By Reinhard Engel

VIENNA, Nov. 24 (JTA) -- The Freedom Party, a coalition of rightwingers and liberals, emerged the clear winner in Sunday's Parliamentary elections, under the leadership of a charismatic young nationalist, Joerg Haider.

Haider, who took over the reins of the party from Norbert Steger only three months ago, raised concern in Jewish and liberal circles for the unabashed chauvinism of his campaign. While he carefully avoided overt neo-Nazi or anti-Semitic statements, he drew the loudest cheers when he said he opposed the "downgrading" of the wartime generation. Observers believe it was not by chance that he chose Braunau, the birthplace of Adolph Hitler, for one of his final campaign rallies before election day.

Haider was in fact endorsed by the radical rightwing National Democratic Party (NPD) which is considered by many to be anti-Semitic. It urged its constituents to vote for the Freedom Party. Haider did not unequivocally reject the overture.

With 99 percent of the vote counted, the Freedom Party stood to gain at least seven seats, giving it a bloc of 19 in the 183-member Nationalrat (Parliament). Its winnings were at the expense of the Socialist Party, headed by Chancellor Franz Vranitzky, which is expected to have 80 seats in the new legislature, down from 90; and the conservative People's Party of President Kurt Waldheim which is headed by Alois Mock, down to 76 seats from 81.

The ecology-oriented Green Party won eight seats. It will be the first fourth party in Parliament since the Communist Party was ousted by the voters in 1959.

Status Of Two Parties

The Freedom Party had been part of the Socialists' ruling coalition. Three months ago its standing in opinion polls was at an all-time low of three percent. On Sunday it won 10 percent of the vote.

It was Haider's ascension to power that caused Vranitzky to break the coalition and call for early elections. Normally, the elections would have been held next spring. Vranitzky maintained that by elevating Haider to leadership, the Freedom Party shifted too far to the right to continue as a partner of the Socialists.

The People's Party would have surpassed the Socialists had it not been for the votes siphoned off by Haider. It saw the danger early on and waged a campaign in which resentment against Israel and against Jewish organizations that exposed Waldheim's Nazi past during last summer's Presidential campaign were a strong element.

Israel's Action Rankles Austrians

Austrians are rankled by Israel's refusal to appoint a new Ambassador to Vienna to replace Michael Elizur who retired several months ago. The Israel Embassy is now headed by a Charge d'Affaires. A new Ambassador would have had to present his credentials to Waldheim.

The People's Party made much of this. It also seized upon an article in the Israeli daily Yediot Achronot which criticized Mock for statements he had made during Waldheim's bid for the Presidency.

This was cited to the electorate as Israeli meddling in Austria's affairs. Party aides pressured public television stations to air the complaint while criticism of the People's Party in the West German media was ignored.

The tone of the People's Party campaign only increased its tension with the Austrian Jewish community. Spokesmen for the latter noted there has always been anti-Semitism in Austria, the novelty being that it is now used for political purposes.

No Match For Haider

But the People's Party failed to gain the victory it had hoped for largely because Mock is a colorless figure. He was no match for Haider, who comes from Carinthia, Austria's southernmost province, and presented himself as champion of the common man. His appeal was to disgruntled Socialists as well as conservatives and to the unemployed in depressed industrial towns.

The most likely result of the election will be a coalition between the Socialists and the People's Party, led by Vranitzky. Waldheim is expected to ask the Chancellor to form a new government. On Sunday, Socialist Party chairman and former Chancellor Fred Sinowatz ruled out any coalition with the Freedom Party. The People's Party did not.

HOPE FOR CALM AFTER NINE DAYS OF VIOLENCE IN JERUSALEM FOLLOWING THE STABBING OF A YESHIVA STUDENT

By David Landau and Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, Nov. 24 (JTA) -- Sources at the Jerusalem municipality expressed hope Monday that calm will be restored to the city after nine days of anti-Arab violence that followed the fatal stabbing of a yeshiva student in the Old City's Moslem quarter November 15.

Their optimism may have been inspired by the funeral of Palestinian leader Anwar Nusseibeh which took place in the Old City Monday without disturbances. He was buried on the Temple Mount. The funeral procession followed almost the same route as Sunday's memorial march by Jews for the slain yeshiva student, Eliahu Amdit. Nusseibeh, a leading Palestinian moderate, died Saturday at the age of 73.

Heavy police cordons kept Jewish extremists away, even when Arab youths joined the funeral procession chanting pro-PLO slogans. Sunday's memorial march for Amdit was fraught with violence and police said later it was a mistake to have issued a permit.

The marchers Sunday shouted "death to the Arabs" as they moved through the narrow streets of the Old City to Khaladiye Street near the Shuvu Banim yeshiva where Amdit was slain. Windows and doors of Arab-owned shops were kicked in and Arab-owned cars were smashed. Two Arab passers-by were beaten and required

first aid treatment after they were rescued by police.

According to police sources, much of the violence was whipped up by members of Rabbi Meir Kahane's Kach Party and by now it may have exhausted itself. The roughnecks were verbally chastised Monday by Sephardic Chief Rabbi Mordechai Eliahu who urged the public not to be "drawn into acts that violate the spirit of the Torah." He suggested that whoever wanted to honor Amdi's memory should study the Torah and those who shouted "death to the Arabs" should repent.

The executive committee of the Likud Knesset faction issued a condemnation Monday of all elements, Jews and Arabs alike, who have "caused unrest in the city."

Foreign Minister Shimon Peres said the anti-Arab violence caused "grave damage" to Israel's image abroad.

President Chaim Herzog, in a statement to Israel Radio, denounced the outrages by both Jews and Arabs and said that the violence should be put down "with an iron fist." He said that the violent actions by Jews "can only bring tremendous danger to the standing and image of Jerusalem, and plays directly into the hands of our enemies." He also denounced the murder of Amdi and sent his condolences to the victim's family, promising that everything possible would be done to stamp out such racist and terrorist practices.

The Jerusalem City Council, meeting in special session Monday, joined with Mayor Teddy Kollek in warning that anti-Arab violence played into the hands of terrorists who want nothing more than to create strife between Jews and Arabs in Jerusalem.

Interior Minister Yitzhak Peretz, of the Orthodox Shas Party, condemned Rabbi Moshe Levinger, the Gush Emunim leader from Hebron, and others who blamed the government for Amdi's death. Three Arab youths from the West Bank town of Jenin suspected of the crime are in custody. They have been linked to George Habash's Damascus-based Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine.

A Modest Funeral For Nusseibeh

Nusseibeh's funeral was relatively modest. Although the former Jordanian Defense Minister had maintained personal ties with Israeli leaders, no Israeli personalities attended the funeral. Apparently they wanted to avoid provoking Jewish extremists. Kollek stayed away because he did not attend the memorial march for Amdi.

Among those at the funeral, apart from members of the Nusseibeh family, were Rashad A-Shawa, former Mayor of Gaza, Hikmat el-Masri, deputy chairman of the Jordanian Senate, and the British and U.S. Consul Generals in East Jerusalem.

ANTI-SEMITIC PROPAGANDA IN ARGENTINA

NEW YORK, Nov. 24 (JTA) -- Despite Argentina's shift to a democratic regime, anti-Semitic propaganda is still prevalent and used by right-wing elements as a tool to undermine the new government, according to a report released by the American Jewish Committee.

Jacob Kavadoff, author of the report titled "The Jewish Invasion -- A Case History of Anti-Semitic Propaganda in Argentina," states that the

Argentine media have disseminated many "bizarre falsehoods" about alleged international Jewish conspiracies against Argentina.

Kavadoff, who is director of South American Affairs of AJC's International Relations Department, cited a recent example involving a supposed "Jewish plot" to colonize Patagonia, Argentina's sparsely populated southern region. He chronicles the following events:

Last January and again in March, a major Argentine news agency distributed a story saying that disguised Israeli explorers were surveying a region of Patagonia for the settlement of 10,000 Israeli and 30,000 Soviet Jews over the next 10 years. The story alleged that this project was approved by the national and local governments.

Several influential papers, some well-known vehicles for rightwing anti-Semitic propaganda, publicized the story, using headlines such as "Patagonia -- the New Palestine."

'One Of The Many Lies'

Representatives of the Delegacion de Asociaciones Israelitas de la Argentina (DAIA), the umbrella organization of Argentina's Jewish community, were unable to uncover any information regarding the source or the validity of the original report.

Dr. David Goldberg, president of the DAIA, called the story "one of the many lies spread by certain organizations with clearly anti-Semitic leanings and a general antidemocratic stance." Last August, the DAIA published a 46-page booklet titled: "The Jewish Invasion -- A New Anti-Semitic Fraud."

Despite all efforts, Kavadoff adds, the story of this Jewish Invasion remained intact.

The Patagonia controversy was not new, the AJC report pointed out. It dated back to 1939, when it was believed Nazi Germany planned to detach Patagonia from Argentina as a site for future colonization. This idea was revived in 1971 by Walter Beveraggi Allende, who wrote a highly publicized article revealing a supposed Jewish plot to establish a Jewish state in Patagonia.

Beveraggi recently sued Goldberg for libel over the DAIA's claim that he is an anti-Semite. He has admitted, however, to being anti-Zionist, the report states.

A two-year-old anti-discrimination bill, which would have subjected Beveraggi to prosecution, is still pending in the Argentine Senate, and the Jewish community there is waiting anxiously to see how his case will be handled, the report concludes.

NEW YORK (JTA) -- Amos Mansdorf became the first Israeli to win a major international tennis tournament when he defeated American Matt Anger Sunday in the South African Open in Johannesburg. The rising young Israeli star overcame the defending champion 6-3, 3-6, 6-2, 7-5 to win \$43,000, his biggest single check. In the quarterfinals, Mansdorf beat the tournament's top seed and world's 10th-ranked player, Andres Gomez of Ecuador, 6-4, 6-4. In the semifinals, he defeated South African Eddie Edwards, 6-0, 7-5. Earlier this month, Mansdorf beat the world's fifth-ranked player, Henri LeConte of France, who had beaten him at the U.S. Open here in August.

KNESSET MEMBERS DISGRUNTLED OVER GOVERNMENT'S DELAY IN DEALING WITH ALLEGED SHIPMENT OF ARMS TO IRAN

JERUSALEM, Nov. 24 (JTA) -- Members of the Knesset's Foreign Affairs and Security Committee were briefed at a closed meeting by Foreign Minister Shimon Peres Monday on Israel's alleged involvement in the Reagan Administration's clandestine shipments of arms to Iran.

They were clearly disgruntled over the government's long delay in filling them in on a subject that has been making headlines in the world media for weeks. But they did not divulge the content of Peres' briefing, inasmuch as closed meetings of the committee are classified under the law.

More light may be shed on Israel's policies toward the Iran-Iraq war and the hostile regime in Teheran when the Knesset plenum opens debate on those matters. The Cabinet Sunday withdrew its objections to a Knesset debate on the subject.

Yossi Sarid, of the leftist Citizens Rights Movement (CRM), told reporters after the session that it was ludicrous that the Knesset was kept in the dark while reports, true or false, were circulated in the world media of Israeli arms sales to Iran. He maintained that, in any event, such a policy was doomed to failure.

But Ehud Olmert, a Likud Herut MK, thought it was in Israel's interest to help Iran to make sure Iraq did not win the six year-old Gulf War. According to Olmert, Iran, however hostile to Israel, was fighting an arch enemy of Israel. Nevertheless, he criticized the government for not briefing the Knesset until now on such a crucial matter.

Peres, who was Prime Minister at the time the alleged arms shipments were made, told reporters he gave the committee a detailed report, including the rationale for Israeli policy. He said there was no general policy to sell arms to Iran. He refused to comment when asked if Israel had made an exception at the behest of the U.S.

JURIST SAYS JUDGE'S VIEW OF A CHRISTIAN AMERICA SHOULD BE CHALLENGED

By Susan Birnbaum

NEW YORK, Nov. 24 (JTA) -- A prominent jurist, Alan Dershowitz, said that the latest instance of what he called "the Christianization of America" should be challenged.

"There ought to be something done," he said, about the view expressed by a judge in Chicago that "America's origins are Christian" and that the "founding fathers intended and achieved full religious freedom for all within the context of a Christian nation in the First Amendment as it was adopted, rather than as we have rewritten it."

Dershowitz, a Harvard Law School professor and a spokesperson for civil liberties and human rights, was referring to the ruling on November 5 by U.S. District Court Judge Frank McGarr that a creche should stand on the grounds of Chicago's City Hall. (See full story in the November 24 Bulletin.)

Addressing the annual Benjamin Epstein Memorial Lecture of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith Sunday, Dershowitz urged resistance to those "who are trying, by a two-step process, to turn this country, in which all citizens are supposed to be equal, into a Christian nation where Jews are tolerated."

He said that "being tolerated was something very good for us in most countries of the world. We spent so much of our history in Poland because Poland was one of the first countries to tolerate us as merely second-class citizens." Jews, he said, were also so tolerated "in the golden age of Jewish exile in the Arab countries."

Cautions About 'Seductive Myths'

Dershowitz cautioned those who would say "What's so wrong with tolerance?" and those who claim that "second-class citizenship is much better than something else." He scored the oft-used term "Judaico-Christian tradition" as "one of the most seductive myths ever fostered on the American people. This is not a Judaico-Christian country. This is a multi-ethnic, multi-racial, multi-religious country. Judaism has no claim to being the second religion both because it has claim not to be second and because it has no right to claim to be second over others."

Dershowitz said "We must fight efforts to try to get us to take money from government to help our institutions. We must continue to fight for the survival of our Jewish institutions, but we have to pay the way, because he who pays the piper calls the tune. And we don't want the tunes called" either by Christian fundamentalists or by Jewish Orthodoxy.

He warned against prayer in the public schools "because there is no prayer without price. There is no prayer without inevitably asking the question, 'Who is it we are praying to?'"

He said that either the Chicago judge or those who say that America is a religious country will have to answer, because "There's no such thing as a religious country which doesn't eventually pick its favorite religion," like a favorite state flower, song or bird. "Inevitably, there will be a state religion if we allow this two-step process to go forward."

DESIGN ARCHITECT FOR HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL MUSEUM HAS BEEN SELECTED

By David Friedman

WASHINGTON, Nov. 24 (JTA) -- James Ingo Freed, of I.M. Pei and Partner, has been selected as the design architect for the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, it was announced here by Arthur Rosenblatt, the museum's director.

Freed, 56, was the principal design architect for the newly completed Jacob Javits Exposition and Convention Center in New York City. Born in Essen, Germany, he and his family came to the U.S. in 1940.

"The Holocaust in its enormity defies language and art, yet both must be used to tell the tale, the tale that must be told," Elie Wiesel, chairman of the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Council, said. "In James Freed we have found an architect who can master this unique challenge."

The Memorial Council is conducting a \$100 million fundraising campaign for the museum which will be located on government property adjoining the National Mall. The museum will house a Hall of Witness, telling the story of the Holocaust; a memorial Hall of Remembrance, exhibition halls, a Holocaust library and archives, a Learning Center and two theaters. Rosenblatt said that plans now call for the museum to be completed in 1989.

SPECIAL TO THE JTA**PLANS UNDER WAY FOR MARKING 45th
ANNIVERSARY OF WARSAW GHETTO UPRISING**
By Milton Jacoby**(Part One Of A Two-Part Series)**

WARSAW, Nov. 24 (JTA) -- Polish and Jewish leaders have begun preparations for the massive 45th anniversary observances in 1988 of the Warsaw Ghetto uprising in 1943. This was disclosed by Stefan Grayek, president of the World Federation of Polish Jews and himself a Warsaw Ghetto survivor. Grayek, who is now an Israeli citizen and frequently visits his homeland, played a major role in the 40th anniversary ceremonies in Warsaw in 1983.

Grayek said that plans for the 1988 ceremonies are now well under way and that the events will evoke a strong and universal response. He also noted that participation by Jewish delegates from all over the world is expected to substantially exceed the 1983 attendance and that Israel is expected to be totally supportive of the ceremonies.

These expectations were confirmed by Zbigniew Unger, head of the Congress Department of Orbis, the Polish National Tourist Office. An affable and capable official, Unger had done a noteworthy job in organizing the two-week program three years ago and is quietly enthusiastic about prospects for the 45th anniversary.

Israeli-Polish Mutual Friendship

There have been no formal relations between Poland and Israel since the Six-Day War, but mutual friendship exists. Groups of Israelis in substantial numbers arrive every other week to tour Warsaw, Cracow and other cities and to make poignant pilgrimages to the former concentration camps.

At the same time, the Polish government has decided to undertake an exchange of "representatives of mutual interests." Three Polish officials were sent to Tel Aviv in September to handle visas and consular duties and commercial and cultural matters. And their Israeli counterparts, in turn, arrived in Warsaw to reopen the Israel Embassy building closed since 1967.

Grayek was optimistic about this turn of events. "I've long prayed for this moment," he said, "and I deem it an important step on the road to full diplomatic relations in my lifetime."

A heartening factor is the apparent decrease of PLO influence in Poland since this reporter's last visit in 1983. The Arabs living in Warsaw are from Libya, Iraq and Lebanon, but the number permitted entrance has been curtailed, especially the corps of Arab students who three years ago seemed to be everywhere and are now much less in evidence.

The Preservation Of Jewish Vestiges

"There are only 1,890 Poles listed as observant Jews in the entire country, with perhaps four or five times that number who rarely, if ever, enter a synagogue" said Michael Bialkowsics, director of the Jewish Religious Union in Warsaw. This is a far cry from the 3.5 million before World War II.

And yet, the Polish government seems intent on preserving the vestiges, and on restoring the desecrated places, symbols and monuments of an annihilated people. It has even gone to the extent of creating a Jewish Cultural society with 14

branches throughout Poland, with perhaps 3,000 members, mainly non-observant Jews and their non-Jewish spouses.

The primary function of these clubs is to keep the Jewish flame burning, to study current trends in Judaism and to learn more about Israel. Lectures and cultural performances are regular features of the society's annual program. The society publishes the excellent weekly newspaper, *Folks-Sztyme*, in Yiddish and Polish. Hebrew is a popular subject at the university but almost all of those taking the course are non-Jews.

Intermarriage Is Pervasive

The sad fact is that intermarriage is pervasive and inevitable. There seems no way that the increasingly rare Jewish family unit can remain intact. "How can I raise my child to be a good Jew and continue our traditions, if he is in a Catholic environment; if he or she can't find a Jewish friend, let alone a Jew to marry?" was the rueful question often heard by this reporter.

In Cracow, there were 60,000 Jews before the war; now there are less than 600. In the year 2000, the head of its community observed, "we will be almost extinct. We have precious few sons and daughters to maintain our faith."

And yet, the age-old indomitable spirit endures. The Religious Union helps manage the synagogues, takes care of the cemeteries, the mikvahs, runs kosher canteens in eight cities and is preparing to open an attractive kosher restaurant in the center of Warsaw for foreign visitors. They cannot afford a resident shochet, but there are monthly visits from a Hungarian expert.

Observant Jews seem quite well on their own, when one considers that there is not even one rabbi in Poland. All Jewish activities have one indispensable means of aid, in addition to the government: the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee does a most effective job with its financial, practical, and moral support.

(Tomorrow: Part Two)

**GERMANY EXPANDING ITS MILITARY
COOPERATION WITH SAUDI ARABIA**

BONN, Nov. 24 (JTA) -- West Germany is expanding its military cooperation with Saudi Arabia by appointing a Military Attache at its Embassy in Riyadh where no such post previously existed. It is also sending a counter-terrorist expert to the Saudi capital; and the scheduled departure for Riyadh Sunday of Franz-Josef Strauss, leader of Bavaria's conservative Christian Social Union (CSU) is widely interpreted here as a new West German bid to sell arms to Saudi Arabia.

Sources here said government policy with respect to arms sales to the Saudis has not changed since Bonn offered them highly sophisticated weapons several years ago. Excluded "for the time being" was the advanced Leopard-2 tank, which is manufactured in Bavaria.

The Saudis took offense and refused to buy any arms from West Germany unless restrictions on certain weapons were removed. Strauss has strongly supported arms sales to Saudi Arabia. He is a member of the boards of several Bavarian-based companies which have offered weapons systems to that country. His party is closely linked with the ruling Christian Democratic Union (CDU) of Chancellor Helmut Kohl.