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## FASCIST VIOLENCE ERUPTS

By Ben Juarez, JTA Rome Correspondent

ROME, April 16 (JTA)--"It was just like the Fascist hooliganism of the 1920s," said Sandro Pertini, president of the Italian Chamber of Deputies. He was referring to the neo-Fascist riots in Milan last Thursday which left one policeman dead--ripped by a combat-type hand grenade--and sent shock waves around Italy.

For more than two hours hundreds of neo-Fascist youths, faces covered with black handkerchiefs, strutted through the streets of Milan shouting slogans against "Communists" and "Jews." They exchanged Hitler-like salutes and many carried iron bars and clubs. The grenade that killed the young police officer, 22-year-old Antonia Marino, was apparently stolen from Italian Army stores.

The battle erupted when about 500 youths defied a police ban on political meetings in Milan until April 25. The ban was imposed because of tension at the State University earlier in the week which resulted in rioting. The neo-Fascists had planned a rally which was to have been addressed by Sen. Ciccio Franco of the Italian Social Movement (MSI). Franco is the political leader of the tough "Black Action" terror squads responsible for intermittent violence in the southern city of Reggio Calabria during the past three years.

The violence in Milan destroyed the claims of the MSI to be the party of law and order. For Italians, it was a new lesson in the darker side of the radical right, which has been growing virtually unchecked for several years. The leader of the MSI, Giorgio Almirante, has for years been trying to give his party a moderate "law and order" image in an attempt to capture the votes of Italy's "silent majority." He has succeeded in making the MSI the third largest party here, with 56 deputies in parliament.

## Diehards Reject Moderation

But Almirante's "moderation" is rejected by diehard extremists who scorn what they call "Fascism of the double breasted suits," a reference to the natty dressing of party leaders. As a result, a number of fringe organizations tolerated by the MSI--but repudiated by the party when convenient--have mushroomed on the extreme right of the Italian political spectrum. Such a group is "National Vanguard," which was deeply involved with last week's riot.

Police have arrested one member of the organization, Vittorio Loi--22-year-old son of former boxing champion Duccio Loi--and have issued arrest warrants for three other youths in connection with the killing of the policeman. National Vanguard is one of a number of groups which have turned Milan into what one police official called "The European capital of cracked skulls."

They have made a virtual Nazi stronghold of Milan's central San Babila area, where dozens of persons have been savagely beaten as suspected "Communists" merely because they wore a beard or carried a left-wing newspaper or otherwise attracted the attention of right-wing extremists. Many Italians suspect that the right-wing groups, with the tacit approval of the MSI, have a plan to sow disorder in Italy that would lead to the

fall of the government and the advent of a colonels' regime along Greek lines.

National Vanguard, New Order, Mussolini Action squads, Young Italy and other such groups have training camps organized on military lines and have among their memberships a number of former parachutists and legionnaires. The MSI said it disowned the killers of the policeman and offered a reward of \$8000 for their arrest. But the Milan rally was held under party auspices, and the MSI has made no attempt to disown the extremist groups which hang on to it. In fact, Almirante urged street violence during a speech in Florence last year.

Many Italian politicians are sincerely worried about the threat from the right. Two years ago, an attempted coup by the extreme right had comic-opera overtones. But now the neo-Fascists are better organized. They have a powerful parliamentary base, and the extremist youth organizations have expanded and are giving all of Italy serious cause for alarm.

## JEW ELECTED TO UN ASSOCIATION

WESTON-SUPER-MARE, England, April 16 (JTA)--The United Nations Association, at its annual conference here, for the first time elected a Jew to its powerful procedural committee. He is Sidney L. Shipton, general secretary of the British Zionist Federation, who at one session, presided over the committee. His election, however, appeared to be a gesture of atonement for the anti-Israel bias manifest in the resolutions on the Middle East adopted by the conference.

The United Nations Association is the British body dedicated to the support of the UN and the promotion of its aims. All of its resolutions on the Middle East were anti-Israel. Resolutions on the Jews in Arab countries and on international terrorism were referred back to the executive, a polite way of rejecting them without appearing to do so.

On the other hand, the conference passed a resolution on Jews in the Soviet Union which urged free emigration for them and abolition of the education tax on visas. Jewish organizations represented at the conference were the World Jewish Congress, the Association of Jewish Servicemen and Women, B'nai B'rith, the Federation of Synagogues, the Anglo-Jewish Association and the Federation of Women Zionists.

## ORTHODOX RABBINIC SEMINARY TO TRAIN RABBIS FOR SOUTH AMERICA

BUENOS AIRES, April 16 (JTA)--The first Orthodox rabbinical seminary in South America has started to function here as a "kollel," an institute of higher learning, to prepare rabbis and spiritual leaders for Central and South American communities. The head of the seminary is Rabbi Aryeh Levin, a well-known Talmudist, a native Argentinian, who studied in the Ponevich Yeshiva in Bnei Brak in Israel for 18 years. The seminary is housed in a modern building and students are accepted from all Spanish-speaking countries. Scholarships will be granted to those who distinguish themselves in their studies. There is an acute shortage of Orthodox rabbis in this area and the institute is seen as a vital contribution to religious life.

**CHILE, ISRAEL, IN EXCHANGE PROGRAMS**

By Murray Zuckoff, JTA News Editor

SANTIAGO, April 16 (JTA)--Israeli water irrigation experts have been invited to Chile to help this country study ways and means of irrigating arid land and improving present irrigation methods, it was reported by Israeli Ambassador Moshe Tov. The Israeli envoy told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that several months ago President Salvador Allende sent the Chilean Minister of Development to Israel to meet with Israeli water irrigation experts. After several days of intense work, the minister and the president of the Institute of Arid Zones in the Negev came to an agreement, along with the Latin American Institute for Economic and Social Planning, to conduct a one-year study program.

Tov said that the program, expected to begin in May, will be conducted for five months in Israel and seven months in Chile. The program will not be a theoretical one but a practical one--the spot application of Israeli water irrigation methods to arid areas in northern Chile. "This program, one of several in this area, is a concrete example of the admiration Chile and President Allende have for Israeli technical know-how and at the same time a manifestation of Israel's readiness to help try solve some of the problems of a nation it considers to be its friend," Tov said.

Meanwhile, Tov added, Shaul Alozoroff, one of Israel's leading experts on water problems, was invited by the University of Chile to present a series of lectures on this problem. He arrived here several days ago to present a three-day lecture series. The invitation to Alozoroff was part of an exchange program between Chile and Israel of technicians, professors and students. The program was arranged, Tov said, last Oct. when the president of the University of Chile went to Israel with a group of professors and signed an exchange program agreement.

Presently, the Israeli envoy said, there are some 200 persons from Israel in Chile who received fellowships in Israel to come here and work in other countries to provide technical aid in agricultural problems. Last Wednesday another Israeli water irrigation expert was invited by Chile's University of the North to work for six weeks to prepare the basis for a special seminar to study water irrigation problems throughout Chile.

**DAYAN RAPS DOVES; ASSAILS EBAN**

TEL AVIV, April 16 (JTA)--Defense Minister Moshe Dayan delivered a blistering attack on the doves and singled out Foreign Minister Abba Eban for particularly scathing treatment. Speaking at the closing session of the Labor Party secretariat which had been debating the future of the administered territories, Dayan said he was not shocked by the concept of "creeping annexation" applied in areas such as the environs of Jerusalem, Nebi Samwil, Kiryat Arba near Hebron, Gush Etzion and the Latrun salient, and the Kfar Saba region. He called for more intensive settlement of these areas both by government and private initiative and for more Israeli investments in the administered territories to create more employment and improve the inhabitants' living standards.

During the debate, Premier Golda Meir castigated "some of our youth and academics" who question the moral foundations of Zionism. She said there was no comparison between the Jews, for whom Israel was the only chance of independ-

ence, freedom from persecution and the opportunity of self-expression, and the Palestinians. The Arabs had 18 states, she said, and the Palestinians had their future in Jordan where they already form 50 percent of the population.

On militarily secure borders, Dayan stressed the importance of Israel's radar positions on the crests of the hills in the West Bank and Sinai. "I say to Eban: do not forget the hill tops," he said, noting that the air force was now the most vital part of Israel's deterrent and the radar posts its eyes and ears.

However, he added, he would be willing to trade some military security for a real political settlement, but would not advocate Israel's withdrawal from areas of Jewish settlement because these areas must be protected if Israelis are to live there and not just visit them as tourists. In addition, Dayan said it was Israel's duty to help raise the living standards of the inhabitants by providing health, education and welfare services which it gave its own citizens. Israel must also create employment and industry on the West Bank and in Gaza, he said.

**FULBRIGHT: ISRAEL CONTROLS SENATE**

WASHINGTON, April 16 (JTA)--Sen. J. William Fulbright claimed on the CBS "Face the Nation" television program yesterday that the Senate was "subservient" to Israel and prevented the Administration from applying pressure on that country. The Arkansas Democrat, chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, said the U.S. possessed the leverage on Israel because "we supply all the wherewithal--or a major part of the wherewithal--to finance or to pay for everything Israel does." But, he added, this leverage could not be applied because "Israel controls the Senate."

Fulbright said, "The Senate is subservient to Israel, in my opinion much too much. We should be more concerned about the United States interest rather than doing the bidding of Israel. This is a most unusual development."

He also expressed opposition to the Jackson Amendment linking most favored nation treatment for the Soviet Union to the removal of emigration restrictions by that country. But Fulbright said the Senate would probably approve it. He said he had supported previous Administration plans to achieve a Middle Eastern settlement, but Israel's objections were supported by the Senate.

"The great majority of the Senate of the United States--somewhere around 80 percent--are completely in support of Israel, anything Israel wants. This has been demonstrated time and again and this has made it difficult for our government," Fulbright said.

**STAFF FORMS CO-OP IN EFFORT TO KEEP YIDDISH DAILY PUBLISHING**

BUENOS AIRES, April 16 (JTA)--Di Yiddish Zeitung, Buenos Aires' Yiddish daily, resumed publication Friday after suspending the two previous days for lack of funds. The financially hard-pressed newspaper informed its readers that staff members were organizing a cooperative to take over publication and asked for financial assistance.

An ad hoc committee has been formed to try to keep the paper alive. Its members are, among others, Zvi Fainguersch, former president of the Buenos Aires Jewish Community Council, Marcos Korenhendler, vice-president of the Council, Herzl Gesang, vice-president of DAIA and Lazaro Rubinson, president of the Argentine Zionist Organization.

### PASSOVER MESSAGES STRESS PARALLEL BETWEEN EXODUS FROM EGYPT, DEPARTURE OF JEWS FROM RUSSIA

NEW YORK, April 16 (JTA)--As Jews everywhere prepared to celebrate the joyous spring festival of Passover commemorating the exodus of Jews from Egypt, American Jewish leaders issued their annual Passover greetings and compared this "ancient miracle" to the case of the tens of thousands of Soviet Jews who have managed to reach Israel in the past two years.

Paul Zuckerman, United Jewish Appeal general chairman, said the "dream of life" and hope "nurtured by the cry of 'Let my people go'... continues 25 years after the establishment of the Promised Land.... But this Passover, there are still fellow Jews desperately seeking the redemption of freedom." This Passover, Zuckerman said, "as we prepare to celebrate Israel's 25th anniversary, let us resolve to make the dream a reality; to keep the promise."

Edward Ginsberg, chairman of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, said the joyousness of Passover "will be especially true for tens of thousands of immigrants in Israel for whom 'Next year in Jerusalem' is now. Tens of thousands more, for whom 'Next year in Jerusalem' is still but a dream, will celebrate the Passover seders with somewhat less joy, behind locked doors." Ginsberg extended the JDC's Passover greetings to "the American and Canadian Jewish communities and to all Jews everywhere" in the name of cooperating agencies and "of all Jews everywhere who continue to depend on the JDC for assistance."

Sam Rothberg, general chairman of the Israel Bond Organization, said "Nowhere has this parallel of an ancient miracle (the flight from Egypt) been so dramatic as in the case of tens of thousands of Russian Jews who have brushed aside almost insurmountable barriers to reach the Promised Land. It is a source of real joy that so many Russian Jews, cut off not so long ago from normal relations with the rest of their people, will this year for the first time celebrate Passover in freedom as new citizens in the free State of Israel."

#### Jewish Will To Survive

Jacob Stein, chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, said that the central meaning of Passover and Israel's Independence Day is "essentially the same" to Jews. "They represent the Jewish will to survive in the face of bitter oppression," he said. "They represent as well the determination of Jews to live and worship as free men..."

Philip E. Hoffman, president of the American Jewish Committee, decried the continued persecution and harassment of Jews in the Soviet Union, especially those who have indicated their desire to leave for Israel. "Our joy (at the deliverance of 32,000 new Soviet immigrants) is clouded by those many tens of thousands who still live in bondage in the Soviet Union..." Hoffman said. In his Passover message, Hoffman urged the United States to turn to the needs of the poor and unfortunate at home and build unity in American society.

Mrs. Charlotte Jacobson, chairman of the American Section of the World Zionist Organization, said "As we happily commemorate the ancient Biblical exodus from Egypt, we rejoice that a new and miraculous exodus has transpired in the past quarter century, the emigration to a national homeland in Israel of a million and a half Jews, largely from countries of dire oppression." She said that today Jews must direct the summons of

"Let my people go" to the Soviet government and "we must back up our words by positive action."

Herman L. Weisman, president of the Zionist Organization of America, said that Soviet Jewry's struggle will take its place in history alongside the exodus from Egypt and that this "new exodus commands our reverence."

Rabbi Irving Lehrman of Miami Beach, president of the Synagogue Council of America, said that since Passover "celebrates man's quest to live in freedom and dignity" it is "not surprising that the situation of Jews in the Soviet Union is so central in our thoughts during this season." He added that "Passover's theme of freedom also turns our attention to the struggle for justice at home."

#### Kremlin Leaders Need Passover Message

Rabbi William Berkowitz, president of the New York Board of Rabbis, said "Never was a message of freedom more needed and valid than it is today." He said that message should be directed to the leaders of the Kremlin, and that "it is especially needed in Syria, Iraq and other Arab countries where Jews are not accorded elementary human rights."

Rabbi Robert J. Marx, New York Federation of Reform Synagogues director, said "Our seder prayers this year will be with our fellow Jews in the Soviet Union who are struggling for freedom in their own way."

Mrs. Henry N. Rapoport, president of the National Women's League of United Synagogue of America, said that "On this festival of freedom, we pray for the welfare and happiness of our Jewish brothers and sisters in the Soviet Union and say to them: 'We support you in your struggle...'" Mrs. Eleanor Marvin, president of the National Council of Jewish Women, urged its 100,000 members "to raise their voices of protest in behalf of those in bonded poverty, oppression by government, discrimination because of sex, race or religion."

Rabbi Louis Bernstein, president of the Rabbinical Council of America, urged rabbis to dedicate their Passover sermons to the "plight of our brethren in the Soviet Union, the Holocaust with particular emphasis on the Warsaw Ghetto revolt which occurred during Passover and the 25th anniversary of the State of Israel."

Rabbi Sol Landau, president of the Southeastern Region Rabbinical Assembly, said "this season of 'our liberation' evokes the full dynamism of redemption and deliverance for... (and for) Americans who were kept enslaved for years as prisoners of war (and for) Soviet Jews who were kept for decades in isolation and bondage."

The Lubavitcher Rebbe, Menachem M. Schneerson, in a lengthy message addressed "To the Sons and Daughters of Our People Israel, Everywhere" said, "There were times when Jews saw revealed miracles, such as the miracles that occurred daily in the Beth Hamikdash. But even in the present days of Golus, when the world is engulfed in 'darkness' and miracles are not in evidence to the physical eye, it is only because 'the person to whom a miracle occurs does not recognize his miracle,' as our Sage of blessed memory declare."

Carl Glick, United Hias Service president, said "All of us associated with United Hias Service are proud to know that many Jewish men, women and children will observe this Passover as free people for the first time..."

