

INDIA REJECTS OFFER OF FAMINE AID BY ISRAEL

London, (JTA) — India has rejected an offer by Israel to help it meet the possible threat of famine, it was reported here from New Delhi by the Sunday Observer. The issue will be raised in the Lower House of the Indian Parliament by deputies concerned over the extent to which the Indian Government is willing to go in snubbing Israel for the sake

of her relations with the Arab states. Last month, members of the Indian Parliament criticized the Government for the failure of Indian officials to treat Israel's President Zalman Shazar in a manner befitting a visiting dignitary when Mr. Shazar changed planes in India, enroute to a state visit to Nepal. Israel's offer of help in connection with possible famine

aid facing India was made two weeks ago in response to appeals by United Nations Secretary-General U Thant, and by the UN Food and Agriculture Organization. The Observer reported, however, that Israel's consul was told by the Indian External Affairs Ministry that the offer would be refused on the grounds that its acceptance might harm India's relations with the Arab states.

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SYNAGOGUE DESECRATIONS MAR PASSOVER FESTIVAL



SWASTIKAS — SYMBOL OF NAZI HATE — and "Hitler Strikes" mottoes were smeared on doors and windows of Winnipeg synagogues last Saturday. The marking of the Passover festival by Jews and the Christian celebration of the Easter season were marred by these manifestations of the hatemongers in our midst.

Reaction were mostly a mixture of fear and rage by those who were confronted with the sight of swastikas and "Hitler Strikes" mottoes sprayed over doors and windows at Rosh Pina and Shatey Zadek synagogues last Saturday. Fear and embarrassment probably rushed the process of wiping away the black, white, green-yellow paint which symbolizes so much of the Jewish tribulations of this century. (A grocery store on Atlantic Avenue in the north-end and a parked car at the Rosh Pina were also liberally "touched-over" by the hatemongers who spent the early Sabbath morning desecrating Winnipeg's two Conservative synagogues.)

World Leader For Key UJA Affair



WOOLF PERRY . . . Special Guest

Special gifts contributors and UJA campaigners were preparing this week for a reception welcoming to the city one of world Jewry's prominent citizens, Woolf Perry of Jerusalem, deputy world chairman of the Keren Hayesod-United Israel Appeal, at the UJA Parade of Stars, next Tuesday, April 19, at 8:30 p.m. at the International Inn, cost defrayal is \$1.50 per person.

Heading the organizing committee is Harold Buchwald, Q.C., assisted by a committee including Dave Rothstein, Mickey Levine, S. J. Spivak, Q.C., Jack Shapira, Ralph Hamovich and Aaron Feld. Ronald

B. Slater is co-chairman of the committee. Talent coordinator for entertainment is orchestra leader Jack Shapira whose talent line-up includes CBC vocalist-entertainer Allan Blye, Winnipeg's Aubrey Tadman, and Philadelphia jazz artist Mike Lewis, as well as the McConnell Dancers of the "Shindig" television show. Dancing will be provided by the Shapira orchestra.

Special feature of the evening will be the award of two round-trip KLM trips, Montreal to Israel. One trip will be awarded to a con-

Though police were apparently quick to speculate that the defilements were not the work of organized groups, the obvious use of a letter stencil, the choice of synagogues, the timing and the history of anti-Semitic manifestations hereabouts tend to belie the conclusions.

A. M. Isaacs, Q.C., secretary of the Canadian Jewish Congress, expressed the reactions of most when he told the press that these actions "bring to mind one of the most horrible episodes in the history of our people . . . I don't think it is the work of children. This is people with a malicious purpose." He also expressed apprehension about local activity by organizations active in anti-Semitism.

Another source, indignant over some who quickly blamed it all on a "childish prank," and seemingly refusing to believe that it could "happen here" pointed out that in the past few years there have been a number of incidents which should be recalled as background for the argument for concern by the Jewish community.

Three winters ago a swastika had been painted in big broad black strokes across the snow covering the front lawn of a Jewish-owned home in Garden City; only two summers ago the synagogue at Winnipeg's Bésché was similarly desecrated; many are aware of the effects of secret property covenants excluding Jews from purchasing homes in certain areas of the city; and an appalling variety of hate literature still gets through the mail.

None of these were, of course, part of a grand plan, a calculated program — they just happened — said our respondent as he pondered Mr. Perry's words this week when he said that persecution of the Jews "still survives in the minds of some."

U.S. Hearing Smears Israeli Envoys

Washington, (JTA) — J. G. Sourwine, counsel for the U.S. Senate Internal Security Committee, characterized six Israeli diplomats as "intelligence agents" and "espionage agents" for a foreign country, following publication of testimony taken last fall at a closed hearing conducted by the Senate group. The issue had been brought up during a hearing into the activities of Abba P. Schwartz, then administrator of the State Department's Bureau of Security and Consular Affairs. Mr. Schwartz resigned from that post last month, after learning, upon returning from a Government mission abroad, that his post would be abolished.

At the time of the hearing, it was known, Mr. Sourwine had questioned Mr. Schwartz about his alleged "former association with espionage agents of a foreign government." The testimony now published named those persons as Theodore P. Koltik, former Israeli Embassy Minister and now Mayor of Jerusalem; Meir Schalit, former first secretary at the Israeli Embassy

here; Reuven Shiloah, late Minister at the Embassy; Eliasiv Ben-Horin, of the Israeli mission here; Eliahu Epstein, Israel's first Ambassador to the United States, who has since hebraized his name to Elath, and is now president of the Hebrew University in Jerusalem; and Elieser Linah, former consul in Munich, West Germany.

The published testimony shows that Mr. Schwartz had replied to Mr. Sourwine's inquiries that, to the best of his knowledge, the men mentioned were not intelligence agents. "I knew these men," he had answered, "as people who were interested in the refugee problem, and that was my contact with them."

Mr. Schwartz had contact with many persons interested in the refugee problem, when he worked for the Intergovernmental Committee for European Migration. During his appearance before the Senate subcommittee, Mr. Schwartz made it clear that he knew only four of the Israeli diplomats that Mr. Sourwine mentioned. He said that he did not know Mr. Ben-Horin and Mr. Linah.

U.S. MID-EAST CHIEF

Seeks U.S. Military Aid to Arabs

Washington, (JTA) — Gen. Paul D. Adams, Commander in Chief of United States forces in the Middle East and in portions of Africa and Asia, has testified before the House Foreign Affairs Committee that the United States, during the 1967 fiscal year will have "active military assistance program" in Saudi Arabia, Jordan, Lebanon, Syria, Yemen and Iraq.

Gen. Adams requested \$114,200,000 for "material and training" in the Arab states and other countries of the region. No program was listed for Israel. The U.S. Commander in Chief of the Middle East said that military assistance was requested "to protect U.S. interests in these key countries, and to help them to promote their own goals."

Rep. Seymour Halpern, New York Republican, denounced "the stamp of secrecy" on the new agreement to provide U.S. supersonic military jet planes to Jordan. He said he had found it "surprising" that the Jordan jet agreement "evoked comparatively little mention" in the public press. Presumed details of the agreement were reported by the Financial Times of London in a dispatch from Beirut. The Times said that the sale involved two squadrons, totaling 24 planes, of the F-104 jet fighters.

At Aham, the authoritative Cairo newspaper, expressed "surprise and resentment" over the United States announcement and charged that the pact was "merely a pretext" for a new United States arms deal.

Bowing to Boycott by Coca Cola Arouses Ire of Jewish Groups

New York, (JTA) — The Coca-Cola Company was charged last week with yielding to the Arab boycott of Israel in denying a franchise to an Israeli bottling company.

In the initial development, a spokesman for the firm confirmed in Washington that it had refused to sell its famous soft drink in Israel but insisted that the action was based on a "business judgment" that sale of Coca-Cola in Israel would not be profitable.

Informed sources suggested then however, that the huge volume of sales in Egypt, Lebanon and other Arab states could have influenced the American company's decision. Threats from Beirut and Cairo were cited, if the firm provided Israelis with the soft drink.

The spokesman said that in December, 1964, Tempo Soft Drinks Co. of Israel applied for a franchise. He said that in January 1965, "we advised the applicant that as a result of a careful study of his presentation" the American firm concluded that economic and market conditions in Israel "were not yet such" as would make possible a profitable operation in Israel. The spokesman added that the company had informed the Israeli firm that it had taken the same position about a number of other applications which would get consideration "when economic conditions justify it." The Anti-Defamation League of

B'nai B'rith branded as "obvious nonsense" the need of a \$1 million investment as criteria that the firm insists upon, and the claim that in the Israeli case financial feasibility was in doubt.

A proposal for a "counter-boycott" of the Coca-Cola Company by American consumers, in response to this refusal to provide a franchise in Israel, will be considered by the national executive committee of the Jewish War-Veterans of the United States.

Abraham Kraditor, chairman of the JVV, executive committee, said a proposal has been made by "elements of our membership" that

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