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EAST PEACE TALKS, WILL BE THE FEATURED SPEAKER AT THE STEPHEN WISE AWARDS DINNER OF THE AMERICAN JEWISH CONGRESS TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 25 AT THE NEW YORK HILTON. RECEIVING THE AWARDS WILL BE THOMAS A. MURPHY, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF GENERAL MOTORS CORPORATION AND MARSHALL S. COGAN, BOARD CHAIRMAN OF GENERAL FELT INDUSTRIES.

AUSTRIAN CHANCELLOR TALKS OF PEACE

Dr. Bruno Kreisky, Federal Chancellor of Austria, today told a visiting delegation of Jewish youth leaders that "chances are ripe for peace in the Middle East" and that "the election of Reagan should bring no real change in America's role in world affairs."

Dr. Kreisky's comments were made in response to questions during a meeting with a Jewish delegation on a ten-day visit to Austria. The delegation comprising youth representatives from the United States, Israel and Great Britain, arrived at the invitation of Vienna's Jewish Welcome Service and the Austrian Education Ministry in order to acquaint themselves with the current conditions of the Austrian Jewish Community particularly as they relate to the needs of its young people.

In the wide-ranging talks with Dr. Kreisky, the Chancellor said that anti-Semitism, though existing, is without political consequences in Europe with the unusual exception of France describing the situation there as "a phenomenon I cannot analyze, whether it is a symptom of neo-fascism or other things it is very difficult to explain."

On East/West relations, Dr. Kreisky foresaw no substantive change in American foreign policy as a result of the United States elections - "a new President cannot change facts by speeches." Warning that "we are on the eve of a new arms race," Kreisky added

"we are highly interested in the continuation of the policy of detente." Kreisky referred to reports that Kissinger would have an important role in the Reagan administration and approvingly remarked that "Kissinger was well aware of the detente process."

On the Middle East, Dr. Kreisky stated that he had concluded from his recent fact-finding mission that "there is a chance for peace, because of objective political conditions, not because the Arabs are peace-loving -- the Arabs are as peace-loving or unpeace-loving as other people. Continuing, he stated that peace in the Middle East required resolution of the Palestinian problem and "the Palestinians, whether one likes it or not, are represented by the PLO."

Jews, Beware!

BY RABBI WILLIAM BERKOWITZ

One of the major lessons of Jewish history is the fact that there are no accidents. Events which seem to bear no relationship have an inner connection. This is not to say that we are always aware of it, but our assertion is that it exists, nonetheless, even beyond the boundary of time. Past, present, and future all blend into what one famous thinker, another context, referred to as 'the Eternal Now.'

Recent events which have stirred the Jewish people only serve to highlight this classical Jewish belief still further. In Paris, a synagogue was bombed and Jews were killed. Once again, Jews are killed because they are Jews. Nevertheless, this time there are differences. A community, shocked by the event, rises in protest. A government, forced to respond, begins to take some elementary action. And a world-wide Jewish people reacts with rage and stunned disbelief. To be sure, the bombing of a synagogue is a dastardly and profoundly disturbing occurrence. And yet, the intensity of the world-wide Jewish reaction would seem to indicate that it is not the bombing of the synagogue alone which has caused the Jewish heart to beat faster. Other ominous signs on the horizon -- small signs, minor events, little gestures -- all are coming together and forming a distinct and familiar ugly pattern. Usually the standard Jewish response to these small, individual incidents is to ignore them even while they continue to percolate on a deeper level. However, this latest Paris bombing caused the pot, with all the other incidents, to boil over.

For just look at the facts: There is a world-wide campaign against the Jewish people. Once again, attempts are being made and have been made to de-legitimize the Jew. And what better way than by de-legitimizing Israel, the one place which has become the central symbol of every Jew. And so international conferences defame the Jewish State on every occasion for every imaginary, absurd reason even as European countries and their leaders cavort with known murderers whose stated intention is the destruction of the Jewish State. And with increasing intensity, in country after country, fascist, neo-Nazi groups openly show their vile heads again as anti-Semitic events occur increasingly.

Thus, the question arises again: Does the Jew stand threatened again? Is it happening again? The answer on one level is evident: For a generation or so, the horror of the Holocaust served as a shield to protect us. To be anti-Semite was taboo. But no longer. Today one can be an anti-Semite -- especially if he calls himself an anti-Zionist. What then does it all mean and where will it all lead? One cannot say for sure. Signs are present, yet the future path is still shrouded in darkness. Nevertheless, one can still hear the reverberations of Jewish history.

In just a few short weeks, American Jewry will mark two events: the first is the anniversary of Kristallnacht; the second the cen-

tenary of the birth of the famous Zionist member and leader, Vladimir Zeev Jabotinsky. The two events, while separated by years, are still linked together in significance.

Zeev Jabotinsky, throughout the 20's and 30's saw darkness on the European Jewish horizon. He constantly urged Jews to awake to their surroundings and become aware of the dangers that were transpiring. Beware, Jews, he cried.

Kristallnacht, the night of broken glass, recalls the images of burnt and broken synagogues in Germany of 1938, synagogues which were smashed and devastated by Nazis in the beginning of their path of hatred and evil.

In short, the one event reminds us of a cry of warning, the other of an event of destruction. For the Jew who believes his history to be seamless, the meaning is clear, even though the parallel stops at the edge of repetition.

Remember: When a synagogue is destroyed and Nazis claim credit, then: Jews, Beware!

ARE JEWS IN FRANCE, FRENCH

NEW YORK (WNS) -- Rabbi Michael Williams, whose Rue Copernic Synagogue in Paris was the target of a bomb attack Oct. 3, said here that a contributing factor to the bombing was that Jews are not really considered as French by the bulk of the French people. "Being Israelite or Juif is a perjorative term in society," he told the 1000 persons who attended a Testimony against Terrorism rally at the Central Synagogue sponsored by the World Union for Progressive Judaism.

"There is no equivalent to the openness of American Jews about their Jewishness . . . Because there is a strong monolithic pattern in the French population, French Jews can't behave like American Jews. They must tread the delicate path between discretion and courage." Williams also blamed the escalating violence toward the Jewish community in France on the French government's "consistent, non-stop, 13-year-anti-Israel policy."

Rabbi Alexander Schindler, president of the Union of

American Hebrew Congregations, said there is a strong belief in France "that the government's willingness to accept the terrorist PLO as a legitimate party in the Middle East political scene emboldened the French counterparts to the PLO to engage in the same loathsome tactics." Dr. Alfred Gottschalk, president of the Hebrew Union College - Jewish Institute of Religion, called on Jews and non-Jews alike to unite in opposing the threat of neo-fascist and anti-Semitic violence.



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