

WORLD BEAT

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Canadian Quits Party After 3 Ousted Anti- Semites Reinstated

TORONTO (JTA) — Martin Hattersley, has resigned as leader of the Social Credit Party in Alberta, charging that the party was headed in the direction of Nazi Germany.

Hattersley, 49, quit in anger after a 33-31 vote by members to reinstate three party officials recently ousted for publicly making anti-Semitic statements. One of them, Jim Keegstra, Mayor of the village of Eckville, was restored to the office of first vice president from which he was removed after his dismissal from the local high school. Keegstra, a teacher for 14 years, had been preaching to his classes that Jews are the root of all evil in the world and that the Holocaust never occurred.

A Queens court upheld his dismissal which resulted from complaints by parents that their children were being indoctrinated with anti-Semitism. There are no Jews in Eckville. Tom Erhart, another Social Credit Party official, was reinstated as second vice president. He had been quoted widely as saying, "We're tired of listening to this Holocaust. It is totally impossible for six million Jews to die in concentration camps." The third official, cited for anti-Semitic statements was reinstated as a regional supervisor.

Hattersley, commenting on his party's action, said "We cannot be successor party to the Nazi party of Germany and we are heading in that direction." His position was strongly supported by Sen. Ernest Manning who was Premier of Alberta for 20 years when the Social Credit Party governed the province. He said he would have reacted the same way as Hattersley because "there is no room for anti-Semitism" in the party.

Quebec Teachers Union Distributes Anti- Israel Poster

MONTREAL (JTA) — An anti-Israel poster and pamphlets being distributed in provincial schools by the Quebec teachers union refer to "the genocidal war of the Israeli government against Palestinians" and urge financial donations to Palestinian "victims of Israeli genocide." The man behind it is Yvon Charbonneau, head of the 70,000 member teachers union.

West German Police Cracking Down On Anti-Semitic Game

BONN (JTA) — West German police are cracking down on the distributors of a parlor game, the objective of which is to get pawns representing Jews into squares representing Nazi death camps. Police in Zweibruecken in the Saar are investigating two rightwing extremists who allegedly

produced the game. The State Prosecutor is expected to charge them with incitement to public disorder and displaying Nazi symbols.

Justice Minister Hans Engelhard said the game, which has appeared here and in other cities, "exceeds in perversity everything that has previously come from neo-Nazis." He said his Ministry is working around the clock to close loopholes in the present laws forbidding the circulation of Nazi propaganda.

The game called "Jews, Don't Get Angry," is hand drawn. It consists of a large star of David, each of the six points of which contains a square with the names Auschwitz, Treblinka, Maidanek and other camps where Jews were exterminated during World War II. Players move pawns according to the roll of dice; each pawn represents one million Jews. The winner is the first to fill all six squares and get the "Jews" into a "central gas chamber."

The game has been circulated by rightwing youth groups to at least two schools, a dance school and two discotheques. It has also been mailed to Jewish families. This latest manifestation of anti-Semitism in West Germany should not be seen as an isolated case. On a radio interview at recent soccer games, youths have shouted "Juden Raus" (Jews Out) and "Send him to Auschwitz" at unpopular players.

Attention Focuses On 2 Jews Named To British Cabinet

LONDON (JTA) — Two young Jewish ministers in Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's new Cabinet are attracting the most attention here since the Conservative's landslide election victory June 9.

Nigel Lawson, 51, is the first Jewish-born Chancellor of the Exchequer since Herbert Samuel held that office in 1916.

Leon Brittan, 43, is the first Jewish Home Secretary since Benjamin Disraeli and the youngest since Winston Churchill. Both are sons of Jewish immigrants from Eastern Europe and typify the breed of successful self-made men whom Thatcher seems to favor. Neither identifies himself closely with the Jewish community, however. Both have non-Jewish wives but neither denies his Jewish family background.

Swedish Anti- Semite Sentenced

NEW YORK (JTA) — An anti-Semitic agitator in Sweden has been sentenced to 10 months in prison for disseminating hate material. The conviction of Ditlieb Felderer, a key adherent of the Institute for Historical Review (IHR), a U.S. based outfit seeking to disprove the

Nazi Holocaust, was aided by information provided by the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith.

The Swedish government prosecutor, Torsten Jonsson, in a letter to the ADL's European Office director, Shimon Samuels, thanked the ADL for the information. "It was of great value for me and made it easier for me to visualize the background of the case." Jonsson wrote.

Felderer, who resides in the Stockholm suburb of Taby, publishes anti-Semitic newsletters entitled "Jewish Information," "Bible Researcher" and "Arab News" which are distributed throughout Europe.

According to the information supplied to the prosecutor, Felderer was the source of mailings to leaders of the European Jewish community which contained pieces of fat and locks of hair with an enclosed letter asking recipients if they could identify the contents as Hungarian Jews gassed in Auschwitz.

Newspaper Regrets Anti-Semitic Ad

NEW YORK (JTA) — A Singapore newspaper has apologized to the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith for publishing an advertisement for pianos that contained an anti-Semitic slur. The ad, placed by the Chiu Piano firm, was captioned, "Now, British and German pianos at Jewish prices."

Dutchman Sentenced For Anti-Semitic Act

AMSTERDAM (JTA) — Henk Glimmerveen, former chairman of the extreme rightwing Nederlandse Volkspartij (NVU) party was sentenced Friday to six months' imprisonment for writing and distributing an anti-Semitic pamphlet. The public prosecutor had demanded a 10 month term. Glimmerveen told the court the prison sentence would not silence him.

Maryland Man Convicted For Desecrating Synagogue

WASHINGTON (JTA) — A 23-year-old man was convicted of drawing anti-Semitic symbols on a Silver Spring synagogue in what the Jewish Advocacy Center in Washington called one of the few successful prosecutions in the United States for acts of anti-Semitic vandalism.

A jury deliberated for less than two hours before returning a guilty verdict on charges of destruction of property.

Man Convicted of Vandalizing Property Of Jewish Neighbors

NEW YORK (JTA) — Brad Barry, a Kings Point, L.I., man convicted of vandalizing the property of

Jewish neighbors, was sentenced to 5-15 years imprisonment by a Nassau County Court Friday and ordered to pay \$16,000 to cover the damages.

Barry was found guilty on charges of arson and criminal mischief against his neighbors, Yaacov and Hanna Elkon. The charges included daubing the Elkons' garage with swastikas and anti-Semitic slogans, trying to set fire to their house and leaving a voodoo doll on their lawn with a Star of David on the doll's chest and a hypodermic syringe piercing the doll's eye.

The Jewish Advocacy Center has filed a \$6 million suit in federal court against Barry and two other Kings Point men for terrorizing the Elkons for the last three years.

Nicaragua's Jewish Community Exiled By Sandinist Government

NEW YORK (JTA) — The Sandinist government of Nicaragua has forced the country's entire Jewish community into exile, confiscating Jewish-owned property and taking over the synagogue in Managua, according to the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith.

The Sandinists converted the synagogue in Managua into a children's social club, covering exterior Stars of David with propaganda posters and adorning the inside walls with anti-Zionist propaganda.

Amsterdam Has Its Third Jewish Mayor In 6 Years

AMSTERDAM (JTA) — Amsterdam, capital of The Netherlands and its second largest city, has its third Jewish Mayor in succession over a period of six years. He is Ed Van Thijn, 48, who succeeded Willem Polak when he retired in June. The Mayors of Dutch cities are appointed by the government.

Van Thijn has been a strong critic of the Israeli government of Premier Menachem Begin which he considers reactionary. He stated, in an article written two years ago, that as a Jew he feels solidarity with all minority groups in Holland and elsewhere.

Israeli Named Editor Of Year

NEW YORK (JTA) — The World Press Review announced the selection of Gershon Schocken, editor and publisher of the Israeli daily, Haaretz, as international editor of the year.

Reform Leader Warns Against Adopting 'Who Is Jew' Law

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Referring to the measure that would invalidate conversions by other than Orthodox rabbis by inserting the words "according to halacha" (religious law) into the Law of Return, a leader of the Reform movement warned here that if the Knesset was ever to pass the "Who is a Jew" bill, non-Orthodox aliya to Israel would dry up completely.

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