

WORLD BEAT

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French Prime Minister's Family Is Jewish

PARIS (JTA) — Laurent Fabius, the new Prime Minister of France, is the son of an old French-Jewish family that converted to Catholicism after World War II. His wife, the former Francoise Castro, is Jewish and Jewish community sources said today that their children "are Jewish according to any halachic interpretation."

Fabius, who was Minister of Industry in the Cabinet of Premier Pierre Mauroy, was named Prime Minister by President Francois Mitterand following Mauroy's resignation. At 37, he is the youngest French Prime Minister in over a century.

Archbishop Of Milan Pleads For Purging Of Anti-Semitism From Theological Literature

ROME (JTA) — Cardinal Carlo Maria Martini, the Archbishop of Milan, delivered an impassioned plea for the purging of anti-Semitism from theological literature, for promoting deeper Christian understanding of Jewish religion, culture and tradition and for Jews and Christians to join in dialogue with people of other faiths, notably Moslem.

This was the first time an Italian prelate of Martini's high rank has made such concrete suggestions as to steps to "dissipate the misunderstandings that still make us diffident of real reciprocal good will" and to further "a dialogue, a lively and up to date relationship with the entire Jewish reality" because it is "essential to the Church."

He said the Church has suffered from "being deprived of help that could have come from a living Jewish tradition within the Church."

Jewish Funeral Service Held For 500 Who Lived Eight Centuries Ago

LONDON (JTA) — The remains of 500 people who lived in England eight centuries ago were reburied recently at York in a Jewish funeral service.

The bodies, believed to be mostly of Jews, were reinterred in a part of the city called

Jewbury, the reputed site of one of the most important Jewish cemeteries of medieval England. The Anglo-Jewish community had ceased to exist with the expulsion of Jews from this country in 1290 and was not revived until 1656 when Oliver Cromwell authorized the readmission of Jews to England.

A century before the expulsion, York had also been the site of a notorious massacre of the city's Jewish community, many of whom preferred to take their own lives rather than die at the hands of their Christian attackers.

Israel Scientific Probe To Be On U.S. Space Flight

JERUSALEM (JTA) — A hornet's nest will be Israel's contribution to a scientific investigation aboard an American space flight later this year. It will be the first time an Israeli medical and scientific experiment will be conducted on a U.S. space vehicle at U.S. expense.

The purpose of the mission is to advance research into the human middle ear and its effect on balance. Researchers at Tel Aviv University have learned that a species of hornet prevalent in Israel has a tiny organ which enables the insects to maintain balance. The organ will be analyzed under conditions of zero gravity in space and the findings may advance knowledge about the human balancing mechanism believed to reside in the middle ear.

World Jewish Gay Agency Lists Member Groups In U.S.

SAN FRANCISCO (JTA) — The current issue of the Digest of the World Congress of Gay and Lesbian Jewish organizations lists 15 member groups in the United States. The Digest lists a total of 19 such groups as members with one in Israel.

The American cities in which such groups are listed are Baltimore; Cambridge, Mass.; Houston; Washington; Philadelphia; Los Angeles; New York City; Minneapolis; North Miami Beach; Chicago; New Orleans; San Francisco; Seattle; and Denver. Chicago is listed as having two Jewish

homosexual groups.

Two are listed in Europe and one in Canada. Ten of the 19 groups have box numbers, rather than street addresses, in the Digest listing.

The group in Israel, listed with a Tel Aviv box number, is called the Society for Protection of Personal Rights. There is one group in Amsterdam and one in Antwerp. The Canadian group is listed for Vancouver.

The Digest is published in San Francisco. The Digest office is listed by a postoffice box number.

History Of Anti-Semitism Published

LONDON (JTA) — A history of anti-Semitism in Hungary, culminating in the Nazi Holocaust, has been published in Budapest. It consists of a collection of essays entitled "The Jewish Question — Assimilation and Anti-Semitism."

In a foreword to the collection, Imre Poszgay, a leading Hungarian politician, says that Hungarian society has still to make a full analysis of the roots of the extermination of more than 500,000 Hungarian Jews in the Nazi concentration camps.

The contributors call on all Hungarians to examine their consciences.

Neo-Nazi Propaganda Campaign In Germany Draws Criticism

BONN (JTA) — A propaganda campaign launched by a neo-Nazi group in the town of Kassel has drawn a wave of protests and may end up in proceedings against two local newspapers which printed advertisements of a so-called "National Front" calling for the expulsion of foreigners from this country.

Kassel has been lately the scene of a major effort of a group which advocates "direct action" to clear the country of "Jews, Turks and American occupation forces." In pamphlets circulating in the town in large numbers, people were told that "Zionists are the real brains behind" the alleged growing phenomenon of Germany being "infiltrated by foreign elements."

States Have Laws Requiring Disclosure Of Foreign Donors

NEW YORK (JTA) — Three states, Illinois, Florida and New York, have adopted laws requiring public universities and colleges to report restrictions or conditions accompanying donations from foreign countries and individuals in excess of \$100,000.

Other states are considering such legislation aimed principally at thwarting attempts by Arab countries to unduly influence teaching and research or exclude Jewish faculty members from the grants. These include California, Massachusetts, Michigan, New Jersey, Ohio and Pennsylvania.

Israeli Stowaway Causes Some Red Faces

TEL AVIV (JTA) — A 15-year-old boy stowed himself away aboard a Rumanian Airline plane to Bucharest recently and spent a month there with his grandmother before being reported to the authorities and sent back to Israel.

The incident has been kept quiet till now, with many red faces at both Ben Gurion Airport in Israel and the Rumanian capital's airport and investigations about security procedures at both places have been started.

Tid-Bits

RABAT (JTA) — The head of Morocco's Jewish community, David Amar, was awarded the high decoration of "Officer in the Order of the Throne" by King Hassan at ceremonies held at the Royal Palace.

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