

Proposes Inter-Racial Project

SAN FRANCISCO — Bertram H. Gold, executive director of the American Jewish Committee, said last week that Jewish communities throughout the nations are confronted by "increasing hostility" from right and left-wing extremists.

Speaking of anti-Semitic attitudes in the black nationalist movement, he told the AJ Committee's national executive board that nationalist believes "liberals, Jewish and non-Jewish, black and white, are serving the same function as a ballbearing between two metal surfaces: The ballbearing prevents friction.

"The white liberal and the middle-class Negro prevent friction between white and black America. This is precisely what the black nationalist does not want. He wants friction. He wants a direct, cataclysmic confrontation."

Cites Extremist Groups

Gold called attention to anti-Semitic attitudes of such right-wing extremist groups as the Minutemen, John Birch Society, Liberty Lobby, Congress of Freedom, and Defenders of the Constitution.

He referred to the anti-Semitic literature that appeared in a recent newsletter of the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee, and to the recent "new politics" convention in Chicago where an extremist minority forced through a resolution condemning Israel for its war with the Arab states.

Liberal Negro leaders have condemned black extremists for the resolution and for the anti-Semitic attacks in the SNCC literature and they constantly make it clear that such opinions are not representative of the Negro community.

Gold recommended that Jewish religious and secular leaders create a coalition with the Negro middle-class — "with whom we have an intellectual kinship" — to combat anti-white hostility, including anti-Semitism, and to further Negro equality.

He urged establishment of a Jewish-Negro effort to alert the Negro community to the "harm that Negro anti-Semitic literature does in promoting inter-racial disharmony and in thwarting efforts of the Negro to achieve his rightful and highly justifiable place in American society."

In a program for combating anti-Semitism, Gold also proposed:

- Creation of an anti-Semitism accounting system "bringing together and systematizing all existing data on the subject" so that "an early warning system" can be constructed and counter-action planned; sponsorship of a thorough study of the basis of group anti-Semitism; development of "new and imaginative methods of conducting quick research into critical areas of anti-Semitism to permit swift insights that can have immediate use;" assumption of an active role in exposing anti-Semitic groups infiltrating the nation's political parties by the establishment

of training institutes for political leaders — on a nonpartisan basis — to impart such information that experts possess on political extremism;

Also, an examination by Jews of what they have learned about Jewish group identity that can be useful to Negroes in their own struggle for identity; and an effort to help Jewish shopkeepers leave the ghetto, possibly through governmental assistance or through local Jewish federations (studies of Negro attitudes, Gold explained, indicate that the highest degree of Negro anti-Semitism exists among the poor, who see the Jewish shopkeepers as exploiters and as a bar to their own control of the ghetto.)

Rabbis Set Forum On Negro Bias

A forum on "Negro Anti-Semitism in the United States" will be featured at a meeting of the Rabbinical Council of New Jersey (Orthodox) Tuesday in Congregation Ahavas Israel, Passaic, Rabbi Morris A. Shmidman of Asbury Park, president, has announced.

Rabbi Zev Segal of Newark, chairman of the council's legislative committee, will report on the Federal legislation passed by the Senate and awaiting House action, which would require meat plants to adhere to Federal standards for purity.

Warns Against

Lack of Concern

Robert D. Lilley, New Jersey Bell Telephone Co. president, warned against a national indifference "that results when sane men feel that they live in a world where only terror is respected," at a dinner recently during which he presented the annual Americanism Award of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, New Jersey Region.

Lilley said, "if political and social argument in this country polarizes around extremes — black power and white supremacy, John Birchers and Students for a Democratic Society — the persuasive voice of reason will be lost in the din of hysteria and violence."

He said that American Negroes have sparked the most dramatic surge in America's "migration — a migration toward a goal rather than away from a past."

Lilley said that the country's greatest national asset is the "national sense of dissatisfaction" and the realization that perform-

ance has not been matched with ideals.

Benjamin R. Epstein, ADL national director, warned that Jews should not hate Negroes because of anti-Semitic remarks expressed by Negro radicals like H. Rap Brown. Responsible Negro leaders have disowned Brown's views, he said.

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