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paganda machine and native extremist groups is hard to come by, but the recent revelation of the large sums poured into the coffers of American Right wing groups provides some food for hard thought.

In all this activity, Canada's surprisingly seems to have been given the "go-by". The Israeli Ambassador in Ottawa revealed recently that a number of Canadian firms had been subjected to boycott pressure, but the indications were that there had not been many of them.

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FEATURES-LOCAL AND OVERSEAS.

VIOLENCE IS BACK IN VOGUE

By MIKE FALLON

BUENOS AIRES: Argentina is having trouble again with its extremists. Violence is back in vogue.

Raul Alterman, a 32 year old Jew, got up from a cup of coffee and stepped to the front door to sign for a telegram. Two youths—one dressed as a mailman—shot him dead.

Five days before in Rosario, Argentina, a union meeting broke up in a gunfight between communists and members of the Tacuara, a far-right group bent on creating a revolution.

Two Tacuara members and a rightist supporter of exiled Argentine dictator Juan D. Peron were cut down at close range.

It is widely believed in the Jewish community here that the Tacuara murdered Alterman, who was a leftist (though not a known communist) to avenge the Rosario slayings.

The two crimes highlight a new chapter in Argentina's troubled history with extremists.

In recent weeks...

Border patrols and Federal Police have broken up three heavily armed training camps manned by communist guerrillas allied to Cuban

Premier Fidel Castro. Twenty Castroists were arrested. Authorities believe another 20 may have fled.

Terrorists have hurled bottles filled with gasoline, almost nightly, at stores and offices in Buenos Aires.

The Tacuara invaded the apartment of Andres Kretz, 24, a Belgian, scattered furniture and belongings, and scrawled on a wall, in red and black paint, "be careful, Bolshie. Dirty Jew. Tacuara is present."

Paris police traced a 107,400 dollars hold up in a Buenos Aires Clinic in which two persons were killed to a dissident faction of the Tacuara.

Unidentified assailants using rubber hose and wet rags beat up an aide of Hussein Trika, a vehemently anti-Semitic delegate of the Arab League. The aide was hospitalised.

HOT HEADS

A moderate Jewish leader said there had been "an extremely strong" reaction to Alterman's murder among the 500,000 Jews in Argentina.

"We shall find it harder to hold down our own hotheads," he said. "Self defence tends to be violent in this country."

"The danger from the Tacuara and the other extremists is far greater than it was a year ago because they're now heavily armed," he said. "Let 100 of them go out in the streets with machine guns and start shooting and we will see chaos."

The Jewish leader said he believed the Tacuara was getting some of its arms from Trika and the Arab League.

Alberto Ezcurrea, 26, National Commander of the Tacuara for five years, disavowed formal links with Trika, although he admitted "agreement on some points."

Ezcurrea, a motor scooter mechanic who is currently un-

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employed, resigned as Commander in February in order to study for the Roman Catholic Priesthood.

He said the Tacuara was "not against all Jews, but in Communism and everything else we oppose, we have always fought Jews."

He declined to give the total Tacuara membership.

"There are more than some think and fewer than others believe," he said.

Estimates made by Government officials range from 60 to 5,000 members.

Ezcurrea said the Tacuara has "no confidence in a solution at the Polls."

"The weakness of the present government lies in the system itself," he said.

"We want profound change, a revolution which is National, Christian and Social, a system which is neither Marxist nor Capitalist."

Pressed for a more specific definition, Ezcurrea said the Tacuara was seeking to achieve — "In Christian and Argentine terms" — a revolution similar to the one directed by Col. Gamal Abdel Nasser in Egypt.

DIFFERENCE

Ezcurrea said he would not admit nor deny that Tacuara headquarters had plotted Alterman's death. The Tacuara was aiding the suspects, he said, because it considered the murder a "political" offence.

Raul Santiago, Tacuara commander in Buenos Aires, said "a distinction has to be drawn between a reprisal, taken in self defence and an act of vengeance motivated by hate."

"If we didn't take reprisals after a case like the Rosario slayings... the communists would soon eliminate us," he said.

Extremists of the Tacuara and Moderates of the Jewish community share one thing in common—they both lack confidence in the impartial administration of Argentine justice.

Ezcurrea cited the incident with which the Tacuara is perhaps most vividly identified in the public mind—the 1962 carving of a swastika on the breast of a young Jewish schoolgirl.

He claimed the Tacuara was not responsible. He said a police officer who established that the wound had been self inflicted, was suddenly transferred to another precinct.

Prominent Jewish officials believe some judges and prosecutors are either afraid of the Tacuara or are sympathetic with its goals. They note that all the Tacuara members arrested at a heavily-armed training camp in Santa Fe Province last year are now free.

The delegation of Argentine-Israeli Associations recently called on the government of President Arturo U. Illit to enforce a decree banning the Tacuara as illegal. Response to the proposal was cool.

OF JEWISH YOUTH

Both these warped attitudes can be basically explained by a certain lack of understanding and tolerance between the two communities.

The obvious solution to all this is for parents to encourage their children to mix socially with Gentiles. Most parents shudder at this prospect as they immediately fear that their son or daughter is going to "marry out".

Parents fail to realise that whenever a child "marries out" it is often because the Jewish religion and culture have failed to fortify him with sufficient Judaism to enable the building of a resistance (based on reason) to the pressure to marry a Gentile.

HONEST SEARCH

This is partly the fault of the child, partly the fault of his parents and the Rabbis and, maybe, also partly because of the inadequacy of the Jewish religion to modify its practices and principles to cater for life in the Twentieth Century.

Parents have no right to tell their children not to inter-marry because "all inter-marriages are doomed to failure" when it is a fact that some inter-marriages are successful.

EXTINCTION of Judaism will rather result from failure to imbue their children with sufficient understanding of Judaism to make them feel that the Jewish religion and environment is worth preserving.

When parents, teachers and Rabbis imbue this feeling into Jewish youth, they may find that a voluntary automatic barrier against inter-marriage is being built up within the youth.

Perhaps one of the greatest problems confronting Jewish youth today is that their par-

ents and Rabbis request more Jewish feeling and observance from them without providing them with either sufficient reason or intellectual incentive to pursue this course.

It is no longer sufficient to "feel Jewish". Today in Australia, we must both want and have reasons for "feeling Jewish".

I have made no attempt to provide the answers to these problems as I believe that when the problem is realised, the individual must then work out the solution to each problem to accord with his or her values, beliefs and capacities.

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