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**JEWISH VICTORIES IN THE ELECTIONS**

By David Friedman

WASHINGTON, Nov. 5 (JTA) -- All Jewish incumbents seeking re-election to the Senate and House won Tuesday. In addition, one Jewish newcomer was elected to the House, Benjamin Cardin (D. Md.).

This keeps the number of Jews in the Senate at eight, evenly split between Democrats and Republicans. In the House the number of Jews in the 100th Congress will be 29, one less than at present because two incumbents gave up their House seats to make unsuccessful bids for the Senate.

Rep. Ken Kramer (R. Col.) was defeated Tuesday by Rep. Timothy Wirth (D. Col.) for the Senate seat being vacated by Sen. Gary Hart. Rep. Bobbi Fiedler (R. Cal.) lost earlier in the year in the California Republican primary election for the Senate.

However, the number of Jews in the House could still be 30 next year depending on what happens in New York's 27th Congressional District where Rosemary Pooler, a Democrat who is active in the Syracuse Jewish community, is locked in a close race with Rep. George Wortley (R. NY). The outcome is expected to depend on absentee ballots.

Some Who Lost

Among several Jews who failed to win House seats was Bella Abzug, who in 1970 was the first Jewish woman elected to the House. A Democrat, she served three terms in the House, representing a Manhattan district. But on Tuesday, running in Westchester, Abzug failed to unseat Rep. Joseph DioGuardi, a Republican, elected to his second term.

If Pooler is elected, the House will again have three Jewish women. The two incumbents are Reps. Barbara Boxer and Sala Burton (both D. Cal.).

In the Senate races, Missouri Lieutenant Governor Harriett Woods, a Democrat, lost in her second attempt to become the first Jewish woman elected to the Senate. She was defeated by former Governor Christopher Bond, a Republican, for the seat being vacated by Sen. Thomas Eagleton (D. Mo.).

Two other Jews running for the Senate also lost. Kramer and Mark Green, a Democrat, who failed to upset Sen. Alfonse D'Amato (R. NY). The two Jewish Senators re-elected were Sens. Arlen Specter (R. Pa.) and Warren Rudman (R. Vt.).

Strong Support For Israel Expected To Continue

Meanwhile, with the House remaining under Democratic control and the Democrats taking over the Senate by a 55-45 margin, little change is expected in the strong support for Israel and Soviet Jewry in Congress. However, church-state and other social issues sought by the Reagan Administration and viewed as dangerous by the Jewish community would appear to have little chance of passage during the next two years.

Leading supporters of Israel, ranging from governor liberal Democrats to conservative Republicans, were re-elected to the Senate. Among

these are: Sens. Alan Cranston (D. Cal.), Christopher Dodd (D. Conn.), Daniel Inouye (D. Hawaii), D'Amato, Bob Packwood (R. Ore.) and Robert Kasten (R. Wis.).

While the number of Jews in the Senate are evenly divided among Democrats and Republicans, in the House the Jewish contingent is overwhelmingly Democrat, 25-4.

The Jewish Senators

Jewish Senators are: Rudy Boschwitz (R. Minn.), Chic Hecht (R. Nev.), Frank Lautenberg (D. NJ), Carl Levin (D. Mich.), Howard Metzenbaum (D. Ohio), Warren Rudman (R. NH), Arlen Specter (R. Pa.) and Edward Zorinsky (R. Neb.)

Jewish Members Of The House

Jewish members of the House are: Gary Ackerman (D. NY), Anthony Beilenson (D. Cal.), Howard Berman (D. Cal.), Barbara Boxer (D. Cal.), Sala Burton (D. Cal.), Benjamin Cardin (D. MD), Ben Erdreich (D. Ala.), Barney Frank (D. Mass.), Martin Frost (D. Texas).

Also, Sam Gejdenson (D. Conn.), Benjamin Gilman (R. NY), Dan Glickman (D. Kan.), Willis Gradison (R. Ohio), Bill Green (R. NY), William Lehman (D. Fla.), Sander Levin (D. Mich.), Mel Levine (D. Cal.) Tom Lantos (D. Cal.), John Miller (R. Wash.).

And, James Scheuer (D. NY), Charles Schumer (D. NY), Norman Sisisky (D. VA), Lawrence Smith (D. Fla.), Stephen Solarz (D. NY), Henry Waxman (D. Cal.), Ted Weiss (D. NY), Howard Wolpe (D. Mich.), Ron Wyden (D. Ore.) and Sidney Yates (R. Ill.).

The Race For Governorships

In other election results, one Jew was elected governor while the nation's only incumbent Jewish governor was still in doubt whether she had won re-election. Both are Democrats.

Neil Goldschmidt, former Mayor of Portland and Secretary of Transportation in the Carter Administration, was elected Governor of Oregon. But Madeleine Kunin, seeking her second term as Governor of Vermont, received the largest number of votes but apparently failed to win the 50 percent majority required by the Vermont State Constitution. This means the decision will be left to the Republican-controlled Legislature.

NO LaROUCHE CANDIDATES WIN

By Margie Olster

NEW YORK, Nov. 5 (JTA) -- None of the 13 candidates affiliated with the National Democratic Policy Committee (NDPC) headed by extremist Lyndon LaRouche succeeded in bids for state and federal offices but some made strong showings in Texas and Illinois races for the U.S. House of Representatives, early election results show. The NDPC fielded candidates in both Republican and Democratic races in eight states.

In Texas, NDPC candidate Susan Director, running on the Democratic ballot, won 28 percent of the vote for a seat in the U.S. House of Representatives.

In Illinois, where LaRouche candidates upset opponents earlier this year to win the Democratic

primaries for Secretary of State and State Lieutenant Governor, another LaRouche candidate for the U.S. House, Dominick Jeffrey, won 27 percent on the Democratic ticket.

Janice Hart, candidate for Lieutenant Governor, garnered 16 percent running as a Democrat, and Mark Fairchild, also running on the Democratic ticket for Secretary of State picked up six percent.

The results in Illinois indicate that LaRouche candidates have lost the bulk of their support since the primaries last March. Adlai Stevenson 3rd, who originally ran on the Democratic ticket for Governor in the primaries, dropped his bid for the post after he discovered that two LaRouche followers would be his running mates.

Other Races, Other Losers

In other races in Texas, Harold Kniffen, running on the Democratic ballot, received almost 12 percent of the vote for a seat in the U.S. House. Two LaRouche followers running for the State Legislature in Texas, George Larkin and Lester Dahlberg, got 25 percent and 27 percent, respectively.

In Ohio, another LaRouche candidate for the U.S. House running on the Democratic ticket, Clem Cratty, received 17 percent.

LaRouche's organization had been labeled anti-Semitic by Jewish organizations. LaRouche himself, a three-time Presidential candidate, has called Queen Elizabeth II a drug trafficker, Henry Kissinger a Soviet agent, warns of a collapse of the banking system and supports legislation to quarantine AIDS victims.

Despite an intensive campaign by the Democratic party to expose LaRouche's extremist ideology, the party suffered from LaRouche candidate victories in Democratic primaries.

Irwin Suall, director of research for the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, tracked the LaRouche group's performance in the primaries as well as Tuesday's elections.

Suall said, "The better they're known, the more they're disliked," indicating that the campaign to expose the LaRouche organization's beliefs had been successful.

Suall said the substantial support for some of the LaRouche candidates in Texas and Illinois was due to the fact that many people vote habitually on party lines and probably had no knowledge that some of the candidates on the Democratic ticket in their states supported LaRouche.

ISRAELI LEUKEMIA VICTIM TO UNDERGO BONE-MARROW TRANSPLANT FOLLOWING HIS SISTER'S ARRIVAL FROM THE USSR By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, Nov. 5 (JTA) -- Michael Shirman, who has terminal leukemia, will undergo a bone-marrow transplant at Hadassah Hospital in Jerusalem next week if tests show that the tissues of his sister, Inessa Flerova, are compatible. The transplant is his only chance to live.

His hopes were raised Wednesday when Inessa, the only possible donor, arrived in Israel with her husband, Viktor Flerov, and their children, Dariya, 7, and Mariana, 5. The entire family was granted exit visas by the Soviet authorities late last month after an agonizing and desperate campaign, joined by leading physicians, Soviet Jewry activists and humanitarians all over the world.

Shirman, 31, a biologist, had not seen his sister for six years, since he and their mother immigrated to Israel. "Thank God we are in Israel and united with my brother," Flerova told reporters at Ben Gurion Airport. The brother and sister appeared on a television interview an hour later.

Shirman said he was convinced the Soviets relented because of his presence, with an attending physician, at the summit meeting between President Reagan and Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev in Reykjavik, Iceland, October 11-12.

Later Shirman came to the United States where he told a press conference on Capitol Hill that he was given about a month to live unless he receives a bone-marrow transplant. "They (the Soviets) apparently finally decided it was simpler to let the family out than for the campaign on our behalf to continue," Shirman said.

The campaign began nearly a year ago when the Soviet authorities, after refusing Inessa permission to leave, told her she could go to Israel, but without her husband and children. Later they said she could take her children but her husband, a physicist, must stay behind because his estranged father refused to sign documents releasing him from possible financial obligations -- a requirement of Soviet law.

Shirman urged his sister not to come to Israel without her husband because she might never see him again. He insisted that the family's staying together was more important than his chance for survival. After an international outcry and intervention by U.S. officials, Viktor Flerov was allowed to leave with his wife.

Shirman said Wednesday that his personal problem may have been solved, but the major problem of Soviet Jewry remains.

CHIEF RABBINATE RULING CLEARS WAY FOR HEART TRANSPLANT OPERATIONS By David Landau

JERUSALEM, NOV. 5 (JTA)-- A ruling by the Chief Rabbinate Council Monday cleared the way for heart transplant operations in Israel. It came after weeks of discussion between the 12-man council and a panel of physicians which focussed on the definition of death as applied to the heart donor.

Although the rabbis had long insisted that death occurs only when the heart stops beating, they have now apparently accepted the medical definition that death is signaled when the brain ceases to function. They set stringent conditions, however.

According to the rabbis, the part of the brain that controls breathing must be moribund for 12 hours before the donor's heart can be removed.

Doctors at Hadassah Medical Center, which says it is fully qualified and equipped to perform heart transplants, nevertheless hailed the Rabbinate position.

They said heartbeat can be maintained by artificial means for 12 hours after breathing ceases, assuring that a healthy, blood-nourished heart will be available for transplant. Another condition requires consent of the donor or next of kin and the concurrence of a panel of doctors which must include at least one Orthodox physician.

Hadassah Hospital said Wednesday that it is prepared to begin heart transplants immediately. In fact, it has been ready for the procedure for

some time but delayed because it wanted to comply with rabbinical directives.

Role Of Former Ashkenazic Chief Rabbi

Health Minister Shoshana Arbeli-Almoslino, who authorized two liver transplants at Rambam Hospital in Haifa two weeks ago without rabbinical sanction because time was of the essence, praised the Rabbinate Council's ruling. So did leading physicians. One remarked Tuesday that it means Israel is now among the enlightened countries of the world.

Former Ashkenazic Chief Rabbi Shlomo Goren may have given some impetus to the Rabbinate Council's decision when he wrote in an article in The Jerusalem Post Sunday that organ transplants are not only halachically permissible but indeed a mitzvah because they can save lives.

He suggested in his article that cessation of breathing caused by brain death was the proper criterion and that breathing need stop for a minimum of only seven minutes before the patient can be declared dead.

But ultra-Orthodox circles in Jerusalem have refused to accept the Rabbinate Council's ruling, insisting that heart transplants are murder. The extremist Eda Haredit sect ordered a boycott of Hadassah Hospital's cardiac department. It warned that the boycott would be extended to the Medical Center as a whole, costing the hospital "millions of dollars a year."

Touch-And-Go For Liver Transplant Patients

Meanwhile, it was still touch-and-go this week for the two liver transplant patients, both of whom had to undergo a second round of surgery last week to stop internal hemorrhaging. Mira Schichmanter, a 40-year-old mother of two from Kfar Saba, underwent the first liver transplant on October 22 and appeared to be making a slow but steady recovery until her setback.

Eliahu Schreier, 59, from Moshav Shoreshe near Jerusalem, underwent two operations in less than 24 hours. He and Schichmanter remain on the critical list. Both were reported this week to be suffering from post-operative infections.

29 ISRAELI LEFTWING INTELLECTUALS GO TO BUCHAREST FOR SYMPOSIUM WITH PALESTINIANS, INCLUDING PLO REPS

By David Landau and Hugh Orgel

JERUSALEM, Nov. 5 (JTA)-- Twenty-nine Israeli leftwing activists departed for Bucharest Wednesday morning for a two-day symposium with Palestinian intellectuals, including representatives of the Palestine Liberation Organization. It is sponsored by the Rumanian Writers Association and ends Thursday night.

The group fell far short of the 100 who originally signed up for the trip. Most of the better-known activists dropped out, apparently having had second thoughts. There was dissension among the organizers and the threat of prosecution under a new law that prohibits Israelis from having contact with members of a terrorist organization.

The East for Peace movement, leftwing Sephardic doves, announced Tuesday that they were withdrawing. The Mapam Party, which was to have sent a delegation, bowed out Monday. But one of its leading intellectuals, Latif Dori, did go. He and writer-editor Yael Lotan are the most prominent members of the group that went to Bucharest.

The participants ran a gauntlet of jeers and abuse from demonstrators at Ben Gurion Airport who included relatives of terrorist victims. In the eyes of many Israelis the Bucharest meeting is nothing more than a PLO propaganda event.

The PLO announced it was sending a member of its Central Committee, Mohammed Milhem, a former West Bank Mayor. But rumors that PLO chief Yasir Arafat and other top leaders would attend turned out to be false.

'A Theater Of The Absurd'

Earlier this week, Premier Yitzhak Shamir urged the Rumanian government to withdraw its support from the meeting because it would involve Israeli citizens in an illegal act. Foreign Minister Shimon Peres characterized the event as "a theater of the absurd."

Minister-Without-Portfolio Ezer Weizman, who works out of the Foreign Ministry, said Tuesday that he thought the Israeli group should stay home, not because meetings with the PLO are banned but because such unofficial contacts do nothing to advance the peace process. According to Weizman, the issues under discussion "are political matters of the first degree" which cannot be settled by unauthorized persons.

Meanwhile, the Israeli Committee of War Resisters International and the International Movement of Conscientious Objectors appealed to Peres to allow one of their people, Yeshayahu Toma-Shik, to go to Amman next week for an international conference on non-violence. It was organized by the Arab Thought Forum under the patronage of Crown Prince Hassan, brother of King Hussein.

ARAB EDITOR ORDERED DEPORTED TO JORDAN
By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, Nov. 8 (JTA) -- Akram Haniya, editor of the East Jerusalem Arabic daily A-Shaab, was detained by security agents early Monday morning and ordered deported to Jordan. His arrest and expulsion raised a storm of protest among Arab journalists and the Arab population in East Jerusalem and the West Bank.

Haniya, described by the military authorities as a Palestinian extremist and agitator, said he would appeal the deportation order issued by the Israel Defense Force Central Command.

Although his colleagues describe Haniya as a "moderate," Israeli Arab affairs experts say he is moderate only in the context of the Palestine Liberation Organization, where he backs chairman Yasir Arafat against the even more extreme PLO dissidents and terrorist leader George Habash.

An IDF spokesman said Haniya is accused of "hostile activity in Judaea, Samaria and elsewhere." Security sources said his position with A-Shaab was financed directly by the PLO and that he was a leading activist for El Fatah, the PLO's terrorist wing.

If the deportation order is upheld, Haniya will be the seventh Palestinian deported this year.

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TEL AVIV (JTA) -- Two incendiary bombs were thrown at Joseph's Tomb in Nablus Tuesday but caused neither casualties nor damage. Security forces imposed a curfew on the nearby Balata refugee camp. Gush Emunim supporters frequently try to hold prayer meetings at the tomb site.

**BEHIND THE HEADLINES
OVERCOMING A HUMILIATING TRAUMA**

By Maurice Samuelson

LONDON, Nov. 5 (JTA) -- On the 30th anniversary of the Suez affair, British public opinion suddenly appears to be taking a less critical view of the events culminating in one of this country's greatest ever humiliations and which catapulted the glamorous and talented Prime Minister Anthony Eden from power.

This may partly reflect the current British disenchantment with present-day Arab nationalism. It is also due to a new and highly acclaimed biography of Eden, which views with sympathy his decision to reply with force to Egyptian President Gamal Abdel Nasser's unilateral nationalization of the Suez Canal.

Thirty years ago, Britain and France, in secret collusion with Israel, invaded Egypt to regain control of the Suez Canal, through which two-thirds of Britain's vital oil supplies were transported. In the face of world-wide uproar, from the United States, Soviet Union and much of the United Nations, the invaders had to retreat, presenting Nasser with a spectacular political victory.

Last week, Britain was again at odds with the leading Arab nationalist state -- not Egypt but Syria, whose involvement in the El Al aircraft bomb plot last April caused Britain to break off diplomatic relations with Damascus.

As in 1956, Britain finds itself uncomfortably isolated. This time, it is the Israelis and the Americans who are siding with Britain. But France, Britain's 1956 comrade-in-arms, has turned a deaf ear to British pleas for solidarity; so did the other European Economic Community (EEC) partners, not to mention the Soviet Union which stridently supported the extreme Syrian position.

It is the Syrians themselves who have drawn a parallel between the present British-Syrian rift and the events of 1956. Syrian officials are claiming that Britain had conspired against Damascus with the U.S. and Israel just as in 1956 they had plotted against Nasser with France and Israel.

The Reappraisal Of Eden

The British reappraisal of Eden emerges in the official biography of him by historian and fellow Conservative Party politician Robert Rhodes James, published here last month.

In it, the author largely vindicates Eden's motives for trying to topple Nasser and places much of the blame for his failure on the slowness of Britain's military operations, on the ambiguity of U.S. Secretary of State John Foster Dulles, and the doubters in the British Cabinet.

He also excuses Eden's controversial habit of equating Nasser with Hitler or Mussolini, pointing out that it was the then Labor opposition leader Hugh Gaitskell who had first made this emotive comparison. At the same time, James emphasizes the danger which the revolutionary Egyptian leader increasingly posed, with Soviet support, to British and Western interests.

In a separate article in the London Times last week, James calls Eden a frustrated peace-maker who was driven to force as a last resort. He says Eden was "absolutely right" in his assessment of Nasser, whom he describes as an "unpleasant and dangerous man."

He concludes, however, that Eden "not only outlived Nasser but saw his old opponent's megalomaniac dreams and stratagems collapse, his only memorial being the divided and embittered Middle East, and an Egypt that has moved from fantasy into cold reality."

When Dulles was almost on his death bed, the writer recalls, he said to Selwyn Lloyd, Eden's 1956 Foreign Secretary: "Hell, Selwyn, why did you stop? Why didn't you go through with it and get Nasser down?"

James comments: "It would have been better for everyone if that had happened ..."

FRANCE WILL NOT SEVER TIES WITH SYRIA
By Edwin Eytan

PARIS, Nov. 5 (JTA) -- France will not sever its diplomatic relations with Syria, Prime Minister Jacques Chirac announced Wednesday in Parliament. Chirac said he has "no proof whatsoever that any foreign state had taken part in the recent terrorist attacks in France."

The Premier said in reply to a question by former Socialist Prime Minister Laurent Fabius that Syria plays a central role in Middle Eastern affairs and that France will not break off its ties without first having conclusive evidence directly implicating Damascus.

Chirac stressed that should such evidence be forthcoming, "France will take all the necessary measures against any country which has taken part in committing terrorist attacks."

The 12 European Economic Community member-states are scheduled to meet November 10 in London to consider once again Britain's request for a show of solidarity after London severed its diplomatic ties with Syria and recalled its Ambassador in Damascus after a London court found Syria deeply implicated in Last April's attempt to blow up an El Al jet at Heathrow Airport.

Chirac's statement in Parliament indicates that France will once again oppose a joint EEC communique branding Syria as responsible for the London attempted terrorist attack.

At an earlier meeting of the EEC's Foreign Ministers in Luxembourg last month, Britain's Foreign Secretary, Sir Geoffrey Howe, called on Europe to show its solidarity and back Britain. West Germany and Belgium have recalled their Ambassadors to Syria for consultations but both governments have stressed that this is only a temporary measure.

Chirac denied in his statement that France is selling arms to Syria. He said that since his government was elected last spring, no weapons have been sold and that he has ordered a freeze on all outstanding arms sales to Syria.

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TEL AVIV (JTA) -- Transport Minister Chaim Corfu disclosed Tuesday that American and Canadian investors have offered to buy El Al, the government-owned national airline, for about \$350 million. The offer was far below the acceptable price, he said, noting that Treasury experts put the value of El Al at \$800 million.

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There will be no Daily News Bulletin dated November 11, Veterans Day, a postal holiday.

**REPORTED REMARK BY FRENCH P.M.
STIRS INTERNATIONAL POLITICAL CRISIS**

By Edwin Eytan

PARIS, Nov. 9 (JTA) -- Prime Minister Jacques Chirac is attempting to defuse an international political scandal and possible domestic crisis touched off by his alleged remark to an American journalist that Israel rather than Syria was implicated in the attempt to smuggle explosives aboard an El Al airliner at London's Heathrow Airport last April 17.

According to Arnaud de Borchgrave, editor of the Washington Times which published the story Friday, Chirac attributed the version of events to West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl and Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher in conversation at a meeting of the European Economic Community's (EEC) Council of Ministers in Luxembourg last month.

Chirac's office issued a statement Friday saying that "the interpretation given to his comments" to Borchgrave "is devoid of foundation." It was noted immediately here and abroad that Chirac's statement fell short of a denial.

The West Germans reacted angrily and an Israeli official said he was "staggered" by the "unbelievable," "ridiculous" story. Borchgrave said on French television Saturday that if the French "call me a liar" his newspaper would print the full transcript in his taped interview with Chirac.

Claims 'Story Is Pure Invention'

Reinhard Bettzuege, spokesman for the Foreign Ministry in Bonn, said "This story is pure invention which we totally, clearly and unequivocally deny." Earlier, Friedhelm Ost, a spokesman for Kohl, said "Aside from the fact that we are consulting Chirac, the West German government has never had such information (regarding the airliner bomb attempt) and therefore could never have given such information to the French government."

At a meeting with French Jewish community leaders here Sunday night, scheduled long before the Washington Times story appeared, Chirac avoided the subject and was not pressed.

At the Luxembourg meeting in question, British Foreign Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe urged Britain's EEC partners to take strong measures against Syria for its alleged involvement in international terrorism.

Britain broke diplomatic relations with Damascus, charging that the Syrian Ambassador in London and his staff acted in collusion with Nezar Hindawi, the Jordanian national convicted of the El Al bomb attempt and sentenced to 45 years in prison.

According to the Washington Times report, Chirac "pooh-poohed" the evidence against Syria, submitted by Britain at the EEC meeting. He allegedly told Borchgrave that he did not know the real truth but that Kohl and Genscher told him Syria was not involved in the bomb plot, though Israel's secret service Mossad may have masterminded the whole affair with the help of Syrian dissidents who wanted to discredit Presi-

dent Hafez Assad and bring down his government.

Borchgrave said Chirac asked not to be quoted directly on this matter but agreed to have his remarks paraphrased.

Prime Minister Taken To Task

Chirac's own party, the neo-Gaullist Rally for the Republic (RPR), and the opposition Socialist Party took the Prime Minister to task over the weekend for having been at best naive to put himself and his government in an embarrassing position. Officials close to Chirac said he may have been entrapped by Borchgrave, a hardline conservative, whom he believed mistakenly to represent The Washington Post. The Washington Times is a rightwing newspaper owned by The Rev. Sun Yung Moon.

Since his election victory over the Socialists last March 15, Chirac has tried to improve his relations with Israel and with French Jews. His reception by Jewish leaders here Sunday night was decidedly lukewarm.

Theo Klein, president of the Representative Council of Major French Jewish Organizations (CRIF), alluded to The Washington Times report in his introductory remarks. "You are our host and we shall ask you no questions. We nonetheless hope that you will answer the question which is on all of our minds," he said.

The Prime Minister, who sat between Israeli Ambassador Ovadia Soffer and French Chief Rabbi Rene Sirat, carefully avoided the issue.

**ISRAEL'S FIRST LIVER TRANSPLANT
PATIENT DIES OF COMPLICATIONS**

By David Landau

JERUSALEM, Nov. 9 (JTA) -- Mira Schichmanter, Israel's first liver transplant patient, died shortly before dawn Saturday of complications that followed surgery 17 days ago at Rambam Hospital in Haifa. A mother of two from Kfar Saba, she had her 40th birthday in her hospital bed last week, surrounded by her family who were with her at the time of death.

Doctors said her death was not caused by the operation, which was successful, but by massive internal hemorrhaging related to the liver ailment she had suffered for years, which had made the transplant necessary. She had been recovering up to five days after surgery and was about to be released from the intensive care unit when she began to bleed and a second operation was performed.

A Rambam Hospital spokesman said Sunday it would continue with liver transplants approved by the Health Ministry and was not discouraged. Doctors noted that the first liver transplants in the U.S., where the technique was developed, had a high mortality rate at first but chances for recovery now are much improved.

Meanwhile, the second liver transplant patient, Eliahu Schreier, 59, remained in critical condition at Rambam Hospital. He underwent surgery several days after Schichmanter and also had to undergo a second operation for internal bleeding.

**FORMER DIMONA NUCLEAR FACILITY
TECHNICIAN BEING HELD IN ISRAEL**

JERUSALEM, Nov. 9 (JTA) -- The government acknowledged Sunday that Mordechai Vanunu, a former technician at the Dimona nuclear facility reported missing from London October 1, is being held "under lawful detention" in Israel.

The government emphatically denied that he was kidnapped by Israeli agents and brought to Israel against his will. It did not say, however, how he came to Israel or when. Vanunu disappeared shortly after he gave a story to a British newspaper that Israel has built up an arsenal of nuclear weapons over the last 20 years.

The government statement said Vanunu was ordered detained by a court following a hearing at which he was represented by counsel. It did not specify charges against him. Vanunu, 31, a recent convert to Christianity, is believed to have leftwing, pro-Arab sympathies.

FOUR SYNAGOGUE ARSONISTS ARRESTED

JERUSALEM, Nov. 9 (JTA) -- Four young men have been arrested in Rumania in connection with an arson attack against a synagogue in the Moldavian town of Bohush, according to reports that have reached here. The synagogue was burned to the ground last month following the stabbing of the Jewish janitor there. Rumanian police are investigating the double attack. According to reports, the janitor is now out of danger and his condition is improving. He was the only person injured during the attack, which was carried out by masked men. The attacks occurred a day following a visit to the synagogue by the Hasidic Rebbe of Bohush, who now lives in Israel.

PERES IS U.S.-BOUND

By David Landau

JERUSALEM, Nov. 9 (JTA) - Shimon Peres, travelling to the United States Monday for the first time as Israel's Foreign Minister, said Sunday night that he would concentrate his efforts on attracting American investment capital for the Negev.

At Peres' initiative, the Negev 2000 Association unveiled a plan for a new deep-water port at Eilat to replace the present limited facilities and clear valuable stretches of coastline for tourist beach developments.

Binyamin Yassour, head of the Association, told The Jerusalem Post that overseas funding for Negev projects would be forthcoming if the government endorsed the projects. He said the new port would help boost Israel's trade with Australasia and southeast Asia. Ships from those regions calling at Eilat have a shorter trip and avoid the Suez Canal tolls.

While in the U.S., Peres will address the General Assembly of the Council of Jewish Federations in Chicago Thursday night and meet with Jewish leaders from all parts of the country. He will also meet with Richard Murphy, Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs.

Minister-Without-Portfolio Moshe Arens, a close political associate of Premier Yitzhak Shamir, will also go to the U.S. this week. Government

sources indicated he would have talks in Washington and arrange for Shamir's first visit to the U.S. as Premier, probably early next year.

**MOYNIHAN VOWS TO CONTINUE
EFFORTS TO MOVE U.S. EMBASSY IN
ISRAEL FROM TEL AVIV TO JERUSALEM**
By Yitzhak Rabi

NEW YORK, Nov. 9 (JTA) -- Sen. Daniel Moynihan (D. NY) has vowed to continue efforts to move the United States Embassy in Israel from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem. "The State of Israel has a right under international law to declare Jerusalem its capital," the lawmaker told 300 guests at the presentation of the Fourth Annual Defender of Jerusalem Award last Thursday night at the Metropolitan Museum of Art.

"Jerusalem is far more than just a political capital," Moynihan declared. "It embodies and symbolizes three millenia of Jewish accomplishments and aspirations. The United States government would do well to follow Costa Rica's example."

Costa Rica was the first country to put its Embassy in Jerusalem despite pressure from other countries and international bodies. Luis Alberto Monge, one of the awardees, was President at the time. The two other awardees were Per Ahlmark, former Deputy Prime Minister of Sweden, and Rabbi Eliahu Essas, for 13 years a dissident in the Soviet Union and now living in Israel.

Referring to the three winners, Moynihan noted that Ahlmark "has done so much to secure support for Israel and Jerusalem in Scandinavia"; Essas "refused to forget the message of Jerusalem in the Soviet Gulag"; and Alberto Monge "has shown the world that foreign Embassies can and should be in Jerusalem."

Nobel Prize laureate Elie Wiesel presented the award to Ahlmark, citing him for his consistent advocacy of Israel's rights and his opposition to every manifestation of anti-Semitism in his native Sweden and throughout Scandinavia. "Statesman, poet, humanist: Per Ahlmark has relentlessly defended the honor of Israel with vigor, talent and passion. He is singularly deserving of the Jewish people's gratitude," Wiesel said.

The Danger Of Anti-Semitism

Ahlmark, who is also Deputy President of the Swedish-Israeli Friendship League since 1970, said in response that Israel "has given and still does so, inspiration to free men and women around the world." "If you support Israel, you also support the idea of freedom everywhere," he added, and "what we see on the international scene now, not least in the UN, are systematic attempts to make the Jewish State illegal, efforts to isolate Israel in a way that in fact prepares world opinion for its future destruction.

"The anti-Semites," he continued, "start with the Jews, but never stop with the Jews. Anti-Semitism is always a call for the destruction of democratic values and institutions. To tolerate anti-Semitism is to invite disaster. In the end, we will all be victims."

The \$100,000 award is sponsored by the Jabotinsky Foundation. The chairman of The Foundation is Eryk Spektor. The prize is given to persons who undertake extraordinary action "in defense of the rights of the Jewish people," Spektor said.

**NEW YORK STATE JEWISH DEMOCRAT
LOSES BID FOR CONGRESSIONAL SEAT**

By David Friedman

WASHINGTON, Nov. 9 (JTA) -- Rosemary Pooler, a Democrat active in the Syracuse Jewish community, has conceded defeat in her effort to win election to the House from New York's 27th District last Tuesday. She lost to the incumbent, Rep. George Wortley, a Republican.

According to the Syracuse Herald-Journal, Wortley outspent Pooler by \$557,697 to \$385,407 in what was a heated campaign.

Pooler's loss leaves the number of Jews elected to the House at 29, one less than in the current 99th Congress, even though one new Jewish member was elected, Benjamin Cardin (D. Md.).

However, two Jewish incumbents, Reps. Ken Kramer and Bobbi Fiedler, both California Republicans, left their seats in unsuccessful bids for the Senate. The number of Jewish Senators remains at eight with the re-election of Sens. Arlen Specter (R. Pa.) and Warren Rudman (R. NH).

Meanwhile, Vermont Governor Madeleine Kunin, a Democrat, is expected to be elected to a second term by the State Legislature. She won a plurality in the November 4 elections but failed to receive 50 percent of the vote, which means under Vermont law that the Legislature decides the issue.

A second Jew elected a Governor last Tuesday is Neil Goldschmidt. A former Mayor of Portland and Secretary of Transportation in the Carter Administration, he was elected Oregon's chief executive.

**ARAB JOURNALIST'S APPEAL AGAINST
DEPORTATION REJECTED BY TRIBUNAL**

By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, Nov. 9 (JTA) -- A military tribunal in Nablus unanimously rejected an appeal against deportation by Akram Haniye, editor of the East Jerusalem Arabic daily A-Shaab. His attorney, Felicia Langer, announced she would take the case to the Supreme Court.

Haniye was arrested and ordered deported last Monday on charges that he was a principal coordinator of Palestine Liberation Organization political activities in the administered territories. The authorities conceded, however, that he was not involved in terrorist activities.

The deportation order will not be implemented pending a decision by the Supreme Court.

The order to expel Haniye to Jordan was angrily protested by Arab journalists and the general population in the territories. The Jerusalem Press Association joined the protest after several days of hesitation. It sent telegrams to Premier Yitzhak Shamir and Vice Premier and Foreign Minister Shimon Peres Friday demanding that Haniye be brought to trial if he is suspected of violating the law, not punished before he is proven guilty.

**POPE INVITED TO JERUSALEM TO LEAD A
DAY OF PRAYER AGAINST WAR, TERRORISM**

By Lisa Palmieri-Billig

ROME, Nov. 9 (JTA) -- Pope John Paul II, who invited representatives of all faiths to a "day of prayer for peace" in Assisi last month, was himself invited Thursday to lead a day of prayer against war and terrorism in Jerusalem.

The occasion was a Papal audience which concluded the second International Catholic-Jewish Theological Colloquium attended by about 70 Catholic and Jewish scholars from Israel, the U.S., West Germany and Rome. The three branches of Judaism -- Orthodox, Conservative and Reform-- were represented. The invitation to the Pope was extended by Nathan Perlmutter, national director of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, one of the organizers of the colloquium.

The ADL, he told the Pontiff, was "deeply honored to be represented in your day of prayer and peace in Assisi. Perhaps what is needed in addition to a day of prayer for peace is a day in which we contemplate the evil of terrorism, and as the site for such prayers against the scourge of terrorism and war, where more appropriate than in the city of peace, Jerusalem, led by whom, more appropriately, than by your prophetic voice of peace."

Rabbi Leon Klenicki, director of the ADL's Interfaith Department and one of the speakers at the colloquium, told reporters later, "John Paul didn't reply to the suggestion, but his face clearly expressed pleasure. He lingered a while to chat with us."

Other organizers of the colloquium, which was conducted at the Domus Mariae Convention Center here, were the Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas, the Centro Pro Unione and Sisters of Zion (SIDIC), in cooperation with the Holy See's Commission for Religious Relations with the Jews.

Broad Areas Of General Agreement

Only basic faith commitments defining Christian and Jewish identities were firmly "off limits" for discussion. Otherwise, the papers read and discussed covered a wide range of theological and historical subjects. The atmosphere was lively and there were broad areas of general agreement. Where distinct differences emerged, they were accepted without question.

Three main points that emerged from papers and discussion were: a deepening sense of common Biblical roots; a joint positive and negative evaluation of liberation theology; and acceptance of Israel in all its human and political imperfections, as the first stage of Jewish national and universal redemption, an ongoing process in the alliance between God and humankind.

SHCHARANSKYS NAME THEIR BABY RAHEL

JERUSALEM, Nov. 9 (JTA) -- The daughter born to Avital and Natan Shcharansky here Thursday was named Rahel, during Sabbath services at a Jerusalem synagogue. She was named for a sister of her paternal grandmother, Ida Milgrom. She is the couple's first child.

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GENEVA (JTA) -- The Arab League and the Arab Chambers of Commerce in eight European countries will hold a symposium on boycott and economic measures in international conflict here November 17-18. It was organized by the Euro-Arab Chambers of Commerce and the Euro-Arab Association of Jurists in cooperation with the Arab League which maintains a boycott against Israel. Israel's Ambassador to the UN here, Pinchas Eliav, said Israel took a very grave view of the fact that Switzerland is allowing a seminar that will give legitimacy to boycotts.

FOCUS ON ISSUES**JEWS TO HELP FARMERS IN TROUBLE**

By Susan Birnbaum

NEW YORK, Nov. 9 (JTA) -- Representatives of farmers' and Jewish organizations have joined forces to combat the plight of American farmers and the spread of anti-Semitism in agrarian areas of the country.

This nationwide effort was announced at a meeting here last month at the headquarters of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations (UAHC), the umbrella organization of Reform Judaism in the U.S. and Canada. The meeting, during the Succoth holiday, took place under a small succah where the representatives noted that the setting was a reminder of Judaism's agrarian roots and the importance of the harvest, celebrated during Succoth, to both farmers and Jews.

The representatives announced the beginning of a national petition drive to obtain one million signatures calling on Congress to declare an immediate moratorium on farm foreclosures, fair prices for farm products and an emergency aid program for farm families forced into bankruptcy, foreclosure, and the most extreme consequences of poverty.

The petition drive was presented by Gertrude White, national president of Women's American ORT, and David Goldstein, executive director of the Kansas City (Missouri) Jewish Community Relations Bureau, one of the pioneer Jewish organizations working to help the family farmer. The two groups have been working jointly since last April, when Women's American ORT presented the Kansas City JCRB with a \$25,000 grant to initiate a farm crisis project. The distribution of the petitions is being carried out by Women's American ORT and UAHC.

There are now 300 farm families going under every day, said Goldstein, over 100,000 farm families per year, and he cited the accompanying increases in child and spouse abuse, mental illness, "and the hopelessness."

The Range Of Projects

White, speaking for Women's American ORT and the Women's American ORT-JCRB Farm Crisis Project, outlined the range of projects considered for interaction between Jewish groups and farmers, Christian clergy, rural media, teachers and public officials, including the consideration of programs of direct financial aid and the development of expanded mental health services. "Once we started learning about their (farmers') problems, we felt we had a moral responsibility toward them."

White explained that "as the vocational and technical training arm of the Jewish people, ORT appreciates the importance of productive labor, both as a means of livelihood and because it cannot be separated from the dignity of the individual or the wealth of society. We feel a tremendous affinity for these farm families."

Goldstein said his agency first became involved in the farm crisis through investigations into the rabidly racist, anti-Semitic broadcasts of radio station KTTL-FM in Dodge City, Kansas, whose religious sermons advocated violence against Jews, Blacks and law enforcement officials.

He said that as members of the Kansas City JCRB learned more about the extremists, they simultaneously learned about the problems of

family farmers, and "determined that for our own security it was necessary to develop a program to combat anti-Semitism and racism because of our religious and social values, and the tradition of Jewish community relations agencies in aiding people in pain."

The petition, said Goldstein, "is the centerpiece of a multifaceted program to educate and involve urban Jews and through Jews other urban people in action on the farm crisis."

Some Of The Jewish Agencies Involved

Goldstein stressed the appropriateness "for Jews and farmers to work together." Among other Jewish agencies working to alleviate the farm crisis, he said, were the Des Moines, Iowa, Jewish Community Relations Council, which provided about \$10,000 to farm families for emergency survival assistance, and the Minnesota Jewish Community Relations Council - Anti-Defamation League, which established a person-to-person program bringing together Jews and farmers for "discussion and action."

Goldstein also cited the St. Louis American Jewish Committee, which, through former Lt. Gov. Harriett Woods, began a hotline offering legal advice to farmers.

Alexander Schindler, president of the UAHC, announcing the UAHC participation in the petition drive, noted the place of Jews alongside farmers. "Judaism teaches a respect for the land and those who till it ... We must revere the farmer as much as the scholar, for both do the Lord's work. It is our solemn obligation to make certain that they will not be denied the fruits of their labor."

The UAHC's Committee on Social Action passed a resolution last April "to undertake educational activities, to inform its congregations and affiliates of the Jewish and urban stake" in the farm crisis.

Schindler noted that the UAHC effort grew from the April resolution, which called the farm crisis "the most severe since the Great Depression" and urged legislative action to "stem the tide of farm foreclosures, offer reasonable and immediate debt relief to farmers in severe economic crisis and address the ongoing social service needs of farm and rural populations."

'An Irreversible Situation'

David Senter, national director of the American Agriculture Movement who gave up his farm and brought his family to Washington, D.C. to lobby Congress for legislation favorable to the farmer, described the farm crisis as rapidly becoming "an irreversible situation" brought about by the greed of a small number of giant companies that do everything from buying the fruits of the harvest to packaging it and distributing it.

They, and the Reagan Administration's farm policies, he said, have been responsible for the disastrous proportions of the farm crisis, reducing the number of farmers until ownership of the land rests in the fewest possible hands.

In accepting the petition, Cy Carpenter, president of the National Farmers Union, welcomed "the special efforts of our Jewish friends in undertaking to help us correct the injustice that is being imposed on American farmers ... Those of the Jewish faith have written a proud and productive history of involvement and leadership, and more than their share of caring and sharing when people are denied or oppressed."

SHAMIR DEPLORES FAILURE OF EEC TO SEVER DIPLOMATIC TIES WITH SYRIA

By Edwin Eytan

PARIS, Nov. 3 (JTA) -- Premier Yitzhak Shamir of Israel deplored the failure of the European Economic Community (EEC) to follow Britain's lead in severing diplomatic relations with Syria because of that country's alleged involvement in terrorist acts.

In an interview published in *Le Figaro* Monday, Shamir said the only way to deal with terrorism is "to put an end to the backing which various governments give to terrorist organizations." He urged international cooperation toward that end.

"Experience has shown that terrorist organizations cannot attain important results without state backing," Shamir said. He repeated his praise of Britain for breaking with Syria after finding that the Syrian Embassy in London was implicated in the attempt by Jordanian national Nezar Hindawi to place a suitcase loaded with explosives aboard an El Al airliner at Heathrow Airport last April 17. Hindawi was sentenced last week by a British court to 45 years in prison.

Shamir asserted that the British reaction to Syria's collusion with Hindawi "is the only conceivable one to this very dangerous phenomenon." While criticizing the EEC, he did not refer specifically to France, one of the 12 Common Market countries that refused to take the tough stance toward Syria urged by Britain. Shamir indicated he thought France may have second thoughts on the matter.

President Francois Mitterrand has called for a serious study of the British evidence against Syria in the Hindawi case. The EEC Foreign Ministers are scheduled to meet again in London November 10 to re-examine Syria's connection with terrorism and the EEC's reaction to it.

RED CROSS MOVEMENT CONSIDERING PLO APPLICATIONS FOR OBSERVER STATUS BUT REFUSES TO ACCEPT MAGEN DAVID ADOM

By Tamar Levy

GENEVA, Nov. 3 (JTA) -- The Palestine Liberation Organization has applied for observer status with the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement. The request, by Dr. Fathi Arafat, brother of PLO chairman Yasir Arafat, followed last week's decision to incorporate the Red Crescent into the Movement. The Red Crescent is the Red Cross equivalent in Moslem countries.

A commission will examine the applications of the PLO and other groups that claim to be national liberation movements. According to observers here, all of the applications will probably be accepted.

But the quadrennial conference of the International Red Cross Movement, which ended here Saturday, refused to budge with respect to the long-standing request by the Magen David Adom for recognition as the Red Cross equivalent in Israel. It was rejected, as it has been since 1949, despite a vigorous challenge by the delegation of the American Red Cross.

ANTI-SEMITIC SENTIMENTS ARE RIFE IN THE PROVINCE OF QUEBEC

By Michael Solomon

MONTREAL, Nov. 3 (JTA) -- Anti-Semitic sentiments are more prevalent in Quebec province, and in its largest city, Montreal, than elsewhere in Canada, according to a survey by B'nai B'rith. The lowest incidence is in British Columbia.

The B'nai B'rith 1985 Review, just published, reported that from 1983 to 1985, an average of 22.4 percent of Montreal residents felt Jews have too much power, compared to 16 percent in Toronto and 5 percent in Vancouver.

In Montreal, 14.2 percent of respondents to a poll said they would not vote for a Jew, compared to 7.1 percent in Toronto and 4.5 percent in Vancouver. On a province-wide basis, 19.6 percent of Quebec citizens would not vote for a Jewish candidate. The percentage was 7.1 in Ontario and only 2 percent in British Columbia.

Although there has been a decline in anti-Semitic incidents nationwide, 16.4 percent of Canadians in 1985 thought Jews have too much power compared to 12.7 percent in 1984 and 13.5 percent in 1983.

Prof. H. Taylor Buckner of Concordia University in Montreal, who analyzed the poll data, told a press conference that "lack of contact between Francophone Quebecers and the Jewish community" explains the greater prevalence of anti-Semitic attitudes in the province.

Buckner suggested that contributing factors were Quebec's history and the teachings of the Catholic Church. He noted that older and less educated persons tended to be more prejudiced than younger persons and those educated beyond high school. The 1985 poll was conducted among 2,059 adults.

On the plus side, anti-Semitic incidents such as vandalism, attacks on synagogues and on private Jewish property, fell from 126 in 1984 to 95 in 1985, a 24.6 percent drop.

FATHER OF MISSING DIMONA NUCLEAR FACILITY TECHNICIAN DISOWNS HIS SON

By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, Nov. 3 (JTA) -- Israeli officials continued to maintain complete silence on Mordechai Vanunu, the missing former technician at the Dimona nuclear facility. But his father, Shlomo Vanunu of Beersheba, was less reticent. He publicly disowned his son Monday.

"I'll have nothing to do with him. I don't recognize him as my son. Thank God I have seven other children," the elder Vanunu told reporters. His bitterness toward his son apparently stems from the latter's conversion to Christianity and the fact that he told British newspapers earlier this year that Israel has a substantial arsenal of nuclear weapons.

Vanunu was reported missing in London on October 1. According to The Rev. John McKnight, the Australian Anglican clergyman who converted him, he was kidnapped by Israeli agents and is presently confined to prison in Israel. Israeli officials have not confirmed or denied the allegation. But his father, who is described in the

gation. But his father, who is described in the press variously as a rabbi, a salesman and a vender of religious articles, said if his son is in jail he hopes he will receive a long sentence. The Vanunu family immigrated to Israel from Morocco in 1963.

People who knew the nuclear technician when he was a student of geology and philosophy at Ben Gurion University of the Negev in Beer-sheba have few flattering things to say about him. Some describe him as a "colorless personality." They say his only friends were Arabs and that he devoted much of his time to Communist and Palestinian causes.

1,000 PEOPLE ATTEND FUNERAL OF MURDERED YESHIVA STUDENT

By Susan Birnbaum

NEW YORK, Nov. 3 (JTA) -- Murdered yeshiva student Chaim Weiss was buried Sunday in Floral Park, New Jersey, just two weeks short of his 16th birthday. The 11th-grade student at Torah High School of Long Beach, Long Island, was brutally stabbed to death sometime Saturday morning while he slept in his third-floor dormitory room.

He appeared to have been killed "with a heavy type of knife," according to police. There was a deep gash in his forehead, said faculty member Rabbi Chaim Zelikovitz. None of the other students heard any sounds, they told police who questioned them. Nothing was disturbed in Weiss's room, according to police, school administrator Rabbi Shlomo Lesin, and Zelikovitz, and there were no signs of forced entry.

Weiss was last seen alive at 1 a.m. Saturday by a fellow student with whom he had been studying. The murdered yeshiva student was found in his bed at 7:30 a.m. by a dormitory supervisor who went looking for him when he failed to show for morning services.

People in the community and faculty members were hesitant to describe the murder as an anti-Semitic act. Both Lesin and Zelikovitz said there had been no serious anti-Semitic activity in the neighborhood, a New York suburb heavily populated by religious Jews.

Lesin said there had been some graffiti on another dormitory some years ago, but juvenile-type slogans. "We don't have any problems with our neighbors or any anti-Semitism," Lesin told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency. He said there had been no fights within the dormitory.

Incident Described As 'Bizarre'

Zelikovitz described the incident as "bizarre," an anomaly in a normally peaceful neighborhood where people are accustomed to leaving open the doors of both their houses and their cars. He said people are grappling with how to explain the unusual incident.

Zelikovitz told JTA that the school will be closed until Tuesday morning, and that they hadn't decided yet what to do with or for the students. He said that each faculty member spoke to the students and that psychologists were brought in after Shabbat to speak to the students and parents, trying to decide whether it's better to stay or leave. Saturday night they left it up to the parents. Zelikovitz said that between one-half and two-thirds of the student body left for home or friends' houses. Many students do not live in the area.

Weiss was a Staten Island resident, the son of Pessy and Anton Weiss, and older brother to Menachem, 11, and Rachel, 7. His grandparents, all of whom are living, were refugees from Hitler's Europe, and his father was born in a displaced persons camp after World War II.

The victim's family was notified by police on Staten Island towards the end of Shabbat, and school personnel visited with the Weiss family immediately after Shabbat ended, Lesin said. The yeshiva high school, known as Mesivta Torah to students and faculty, is a branch of Beth Medrash Govoha in Lakewood, New Jersey, an affiliate of Agudath Israel of America.

'He Had An Active, Creative Mind'

Zelikovitz, who was Weiss's teacher last year, described the boy as "a very bright youngster, very quick. When he was my student, he was able to field any problem without thinking, able to shoot back answers. He had an active, creative mind."

Zelikovitz said Weiss was "very well-liked, mild-mannered, wouldn't hurt a fly, always with a smile on his face and a twinkle in his eye." The rabbi said Weiss was interested in sports, played basketball, was "a very well-rounded, talented youngster."

Zelikovitz said that perhaps over 1,000 people crowded into the Shomrei Hadas Funeral Chapel in Boro Park, Brooklyn, for Weiss's funeral service Sunday. He described the scene of neither sitting nor standing room.

"Every inch of space was occupied. In fact, there was no room for the coffin to be brought in. They had to make room. What really overwhelmed me was the number of cars and busloads of students that went to the cemetery. I myself saw representatives from every major yeshiva in the New York area and even some from outside," said Zelikovitz. "It was a tragedy that every yeshiva felt part of."

HERMAN EDELSBERG DEAD AT 77

WASHINGTON, Nov. 3 (JTA) -- Funeral services were held Sunday for Herman Edelsberg, former director of international affairs for B'nai B'rith and a federal government official in the 1960's. He died last Thursday of cardiorespiratory arrest at George Washington University Hospital. He was 77 years old.

A resident of Washington, Edelsberg was born in New York City and graduated from the College of the City of New York and the Brooklyn Law School of St. Lawrence University.

Edelsberg was appointed director of B'nai B'rith's International Council in 1967 and was responsible for directing and coordinating B'nai B'rith affiliates in 41 countries outside the United States in such programs as the elimination of racial and religious discrimination, enhancement of human rights, and the promotion of peaceful international relations.

He retired in 1977 and recently finished writing his memoirs, entitled "Not For Myself Alone," which is to be published shortly by Link Press.

He served as executive director of the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission and earlier he was director of the Washington office of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith and worked closely with Congress on the 1957, 1969, and 1964 Civil Rights Acts.

In 1945-46, Edelsberg was counsel and staff director of the Senate Subcommittee on Foreign Trade and before that, counsel to the Senate Committee of War Contracts. An attorney by profession, he held important posts with the Foreign Economic Administration, the Board of Economic Warfare and the Office of Price Administration between 1941 and 1945.

HERZOG ON 18-DAY STATE VISIT TO AUSTRALASIA AND SOUTHEAST ASIA

By David Landau

JERUSALEM, Nov. 3 (JTA) -- President Chaim Herzog left Sunday on an 18-day State visit to Australasia and Southeast Asia, undertaken, he said, to advance Israel's good image and promote its trade with that region.

In a radio interview prior to his departure aboard an Israel Air Force plane, Herzog said his trip is important politically because it will give Israel a high-profile public platform from which to combat anti-Israel propaganda.

Herzog, accompanied by his wife, Aura, will visit Australia, New Zealand, Fiji, the Philippines and Singapore. The President stressed Israel's efforts to broaden its trade with a region that has emerged in recent years as one of the world's major commercial centers.

He described Australia as an awakening giant. He noted that Singapore is an important conduit for economic contacts with the People's Republic of China. Singapore and the Philippines, with large Moslem populations, have been targets of Palestine Liberation Organization and Libyan propaganda.

JEWISH SCHOLARS URGE JEWRY TO END RELIGIOUS RIFTS IN THE COMMUNITY

SEATTLE, Nov. 3 (JTA) -- A noted Jewish scholar and community leader, deploring the acts of extremists on all sides of the religious rifts that have erupted among Jews in Israel, the United States, and elsewhere, urged all Jewry to strive to end the conflicts and not leave "the issues of Jewish survival to the theologians alone."

Striking a note of mingled hope and sadness, Rabbi David Polish also expressed dismay about "the many Jews who perceive any striving for reconciliation to be futile," while at the same time indicating that he did not agree with "this abandonment of hope."

Polish, who is rabbi emeritus of Beth Emet Synagogue in Evanston, Ill., and the author of several widely respected books on Jewish thought, spoke at a session of the American Jewish Committee's annual National Executive Council meeting, which concluded Saturday evening at the Seattle Sheraton Hotel.

The discord of which Polish spoke has included sometimes violent conflict between secular and religious Jews in Israel over such matters as public advertising that the religious faction finds obscene. It has also included bitter disagreement between Jews who hew to the traditional Jewish law that says that a person is a Jew only if was born to a Jewish mother or is a convert, and those who say that Jewishness can be transmitted through the father as well as the mother.

Also causing rancor has been the dissension between those who say that a conversion performed by any ordained rabbi is valid, and those

who say that only conversions performed by Orthodox rabbis are acceptable.

Calling the conflicts "a perilous fracture," Polish said that "the Jewish people, through its own leaders and institutions, has an obligation to intervene." Specifically, he said, "we must help raise the consciousness of mainline Orthodoxy to the perils confronting it by its retreat before the extremists."

Along parallel lines, he continued, "Reform and Conservative Jews have also ratified this abandonment of hope. Secular Jews in Israel have most recently joined the struggle by enraged acts of retribution upon Orthodox institutions, leaving us appalled by the ferocity of frustration that triggered these acts."

Castigating those who question whether some Jews are "really Jewish," Polish exhorted: "Who may say that a Russian Jew who risks his life for his Jewishness, or an Ethiopian Jew who trudged into the Sudan, is disqualified from living as a free authentic Jew? Who may say that the Judaism of a non-Orthodox rabbi who jeopardizes himself by working among refuseniks is tainted?"

AJC Set Up A Task Force

At the same session, Yehuda Rosenman, director of AJC's Jewish Communal Affairs Department, noted that AJC had set up a year ago a task force organized specifically to deal with the problem of disunity in Jewish religious life. Chaired by AJC vice president Alfred Moses and comprising lay leaders of the major American Jewish religious movements, the task force, said Rosenman, had been meeting regularly and had recently issued recommendations for ameliorating the conflicts. Among these recommendations, he said, were these:

That there be "a return to civil discourse" among Jews; that the various Jewish religious movements "renew a commitment to joint action on a common Jewish agenda"; that "the educational programs of each movement stress not only the beliefs and practices of that movement but also the factors that unite all Jews and promote mutual respect"; and that American Jewry consider establishing a national beth din (Jewish religious court), with local branches, that could deal with certain religious issues in a way acceptable to all Jewish religious movements.

ONLY 104 JEWS LEFT USSR IN OCTOBER

NEW YORK, Nov. 3 (JTA) -- Only 104 Soviet Jews were permitted to leave the Soviet Union in October, according to the Coalition to Free Soviet Jews. This brings the 1986 Jewish emigration total so far to 735. In 1984, only 896 Soviet Jews were given permission to leave, and last year, 1,140 were granted exit visas. In 1979, 51,320 Jews were permitted to emigrate from the Soviet Union, which means the drop-off in emigration over the last seven years is more than 98 percent.

LATE NEWS BULLETIN

VIENNA, Nov. 3 (JTA) -- The family of Inessa and Viktor Flerov arrived here Monday. Inessa Flerova's brother, Michael Shirman, a leukemia victim in Ness Tziona, Israel, said he expects to see his sister and her family in Israel Wednesday. Shirman hopes to receive a bone-marrow transplant from his sister that may possibly save his life.

RACIST AND ANTI-SEMITIC GROUPS LOSING GROUND BUT BECOME MORE VIOLENT-PRONE By Margie Olster

NEW YORK, Nov. 3 (JTA) -- Racist and anti-Semitic organizations have lost ground in the past few years but the movements in many cases have become highly sophisticated and in some cases increasingly violent, according to an American Jewish Committee report.

The AJCommittee released this report at its annual National Executive Council meeting in Seattle last week. The report, based on the Committee's extensive research, found that support for anti-Semitic organizations and racist groups has waned although their numbers are still rising slowly. The report also cited increased incidents of synagogue desecrations and similar anti-religious violence.

Leonard Zeskind, an expert on the activities of racist and anti-Semitic groups, provided examples of some of the more recently developed hate groups.

Zeskind, who is research director of the Center for Democratic Renewal which monitors extremist activity in this country, alerted the AJC to growing support for the Christian Identity movement, a violent, anti-Semitic group which he called "perhaps the most sinister" of the newly emerged extremist groups. The group attempts to spread its message of hate through a thinly veiled appeal to Christian values, Zeskind said. The report also characterized extremist groups as those which perpetrate "demonized" images of Jews and non-whites and those which advocate the overthrow of the federal government.

Developing Political Sophistication

Zeskind said the extremist groups had "grown exponentially" from 1978 to 1982 and since then the growth rate has diminished but remained steady. Nevertheless, since 1982, the groups have developed a political savvy which has worked to increase their influence, according to Zeskind.

The groups have learned to take advantage of modern technology, using videotapes, cable TV, and computer bulletin boards, Zeskind said. They have also been successful in attracting a broad social spectrum of adherents, he said.

Several speakers at the convention observed that rightwing, extremist and racist movements are particularly targeting the economically depressed of the country, such as Midwestern farmers. The people in these areas, facing monumental economic and personal crises daily, look to the extremists to provide scapegoats for their problems, speakers noted.

Established groups like the Ku Klux Klan and the American Nazi Party cooperate with the newer groups, Aryan Nations and Posse Comitatus, to promote their doctrines in the depressed areas, according to the report.

The extremist organizations have also carved out a place for themselves in the political process by disguising their ideologies. Such are the tactics used by Lyndon LaRouche and his followers who have won, among others, the democratic nominations for Lieutenant Governor and Secretary of State of Illinois.

The report urged legislative and educational activity to curb the rise of extremist movements. It noted that all but six states now outlaw racial and religious violence and some 17 states have

laws prohibiting activities associated with groups like the Klan such as wearing masks or burning crosses. But no federal statute prohibits paramilitary training, a measure advocated by several Jewish organizations to limit the violence stemming from extremist groups.

The report also recommended educational programming to inform youth about democratic values, pluralism and tolerance.

GOLDFARB TO UNDERGO SURGERY FOR LUNG CANCER; APPEALS FROM HIS HOSPITAL BED TO GORBACHEV TO LET HIS FAMILY GO By Susan Birnbaum

NEW YORK, Nov. 3 (JTA) -- Former refugee David Goldfarb has been diagnosed as having lung cancer and will undergo surgery for it Wednesday at Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center here, where he has been a patient since his arrival October 16 aboard industrialist Armand Hammer's private jet.

Goldfarb, who sought to emigrate with his family since 1979, issued a plea from his hospital bed Sunday for Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev to allow his daughter Olga, her husband Lev, and their two daughters, Katya, 10, and Nadia, 4, to join him in the West. They first applied to emigrate in 1979.

In his letter to Gorbachev, Goldfarb asked that his daughter and family be permitted to join him as a humanitarian gesture.

"I cannot offer any justification for giving this privilege to my daughter except perhaps for the fact that 45 years ago I made a contribution to the Soviet state on the battlefield of Stalingrad ... Your recent reform in other areas makes me believe that change is possible" in the Soviet policy on emigration, he wrote. The letter was drafted into English by his son, Alex Goldfarb.

David Goldfarb, 67, a retired geneticist, was released suddenly from his Moscow hospital bed last month upon the personal intervention of Hammer with Soviet leaders, and immediately flown to the United States with his wife Cecilia. His release followed a long campaign for his freedom by Alex, 39, a microbiologist at Columbia-Presbyterian who immigrated to Israel in 1975. Alex has been on the Columbia staff since 1982.

David Goldfarb has been suffering from severe complications of diabetes, including partial amputation of his foot. Goldfarb lost his other leg as a Soviet war hero in the Battle of Stalingrad during World War II. He also suffers from heart disease.

David Goldfarb's cancer diagnosis was made last Wednesday by Dr. Kenneth Prager, attending physician and a colleague of Alex Goldfarb. Alex Goldfarb indicated that his father's prognosis was uncertain.

Goldfarb's case became front-page news when his son went public with the information that David Goldfarb had refused a request by the KGB to help frame his friend, American reporter Nicholas Daniloff, in 1984. During Daniloff's month-long incarceration following his August 30 arrest for alleged espionage, Goldfarb offered to testify in his behalf.

Alex Goldfarb feared for his father's life and appealed to world leaders and the American media for his father's release, including a trip to Iceland during the Reagan-Gorbachev summit meeting to push for his father's freedom.

**SOVIET JURIST SAYS HIS COUNTRY INTENDS TO STREAMLINE PROCESSING OF APPLICATIONS FOR EXIT VISAS**

By Reinhard Engel

VIENNA, Nov. 6 (JTA) -- The Soviet Union intends to streamline and speed up the processing of applications for exit visas, according to Anatoly Movtchan, a member of the Soviet delegation attending the 35-nation Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe, the follow-up conference on implementation of the 1975 Helsinki accords.

Movtchan, a specialist in international law, told the newspaper Arbeiterzeitung that his country will introduce a new emigration law early next year to eliminate bureaucratic impediments for persons seeking to leave the USSR. His announcement was later confirmed by emigrants who came here to fight for exit visas for relatives. They said they had received similar information from other Soviet delegates to the conference.

Movtchan said the new law would abolish unwarranted delays and sloppiness in handling visa applications. In the future, standard applications will have to be acted upon within a month, though complicated cases may require six months to be processed, he said.

Applications filed for permission to leave in order to seek medical treatment abroad will be answered within three days, the Soviet delegate said. But there will be no change in present policy which refuses exit visas to persons considered privy to military or technological secrets or those awaiting trial in the USSR.

Meanwhile, Soviet Jewry activists here noted a pronounced change in the attitude of the Soviet delegates. Whereas at former international conferences they were completely ignored, they are now being listened to by Soviet diplomats and sometimes even engaged in lengthy personal discussions, the activists said.

ISRAEL SIGNS \$5.1 MILLION CONTRACT WITH THE U.S. ON SDI RESEARCH

TEL AVIV, Nov. 6 (JTA) -- Israel signed a contract with the U.S. Wednesday to undertake research on anti-ballistic missile defense systems, a project related to the Reagan Administration's Strategic Defense Initiative (SDI), commonly known as Star Wars.

The contract, reported to be in the neighborhood of \$5.1 million, is the first of its kind entered into by the U.S. with a non-NATO country. It was signed here by David Ivri, Director General of the Defense Ministry, and Gordon Smith, deputy director of the SDI Organization.

It is regarded as Israel's first bid for a share in the \$27 billion SDI research allocation, based on the U.S.-Israel memorandum of understanding on strategic cooperation signed by the two countries last May.

Apart from participating in lucrative SDI contracts, Israel has a special interest in anti-ballistic missile research to counter the advanced Soviet SS-21 short range missiles reportedly in Syrian hands. The SS-21s are capable of reaching any part of Israel from Syrian territory.

Meanwhile, U.S. Deputy Secretary of Defense William Taft, touring Europe and the Middle East, began a three-day visit to Israel Wednesday. He met with Defense Minister Yitzhak Rabin and senior officials of the Defense Ministry Thursday at Israel Defense Force headquarters.

Israel Radio reported Thursday that Taft will renew a contract with Israel Aircraft Industries (IAI) for the maintenance of 15 Israel-made Kfir jet fighter-bombers on lease to the U.S. Navy. The Israeli planes are used to simulate Soviet aircraft in combat exercises.

JOINT ACTION AGAINST GLOBAL TERRORISM
By Edwin Eytan

PARIS, Nov. 6 (JTA) -- The Council of Europe announced in Strasbourg Thursday that it will establish an ad hoc committee to plan joint action by the Western European nations to fight international terrorism. The committee will consist of the Deputy Ministers of Interior of the 21 member-states of the Council.

France announced during the Council session that it will ratify the 1976 European Convention against terrorism. The French delegate, Interior Minister Robert Pandraud, said his government will ask the National Assembly to vote "at the earliest" moment to ratify the convention.

According to Council rules, the body's decisions must be ratified by the parliaments of all member-states to become operative. France, Greece, Ireland and Malta have not yet ratified the anti-terrorist convention.

The Council of Europe, which is not the same as the 12-nation Parliament of Europe, consists of members of parliaments from the 21 countries. Its role is advisory, but its decisions are often followed by concrete measures that reflect Western European political attitudes.

A POSSIBLE U.S.-ISRAELI-IRANIAN CONNECTION SEEN IN EFFORTS TO GAIN RELEASE OF U.S. HOSTAGES IN LEBANON
By Margie Olster

NEW YORK, Nov. 6 (JTA)-- The United States may have received the cooperation of Israelis in supplying American weapons spare parts to Iran in efforts to negotiate the release of American hostages in Lebanon, according to an Israel Radio report.

The broadcast said that Robert McFarlane, former National Security Advisor to President Reagan, met with Israeli officials, including David Kimche when he was Director-General of the Foreign Ministry until last month when Yitzhak Shamir replaced Shimon Peres as Premier under the national unity government's rotation agreement. McFarlane and Kimche are reportedly very friendly. The Israel Consul General in New York was not available for comment.

Earlier this week, the Speaker of the Iranian Parliament, Hajatolislam Hashemi Rafsanjani, announced that McFarlane and four other Americans made a secret mission to Iran in September offering American spare parts.

Sources in the U.S. government confirmed that the Administration was involved in an ongoing

ing effort to allow spare parts to reach Iran through third parties in efforts to win Iranian assistance in controlling terrorism, according to press reports.

Rafsanjani was quoted in the Iranian and American press as saying that McFarlane and four unidentified Americans arrived last September on a plane loaded with spare parts, posing as crew members. Iran reportedly purchased the equipment from international arms dealers. McFarlane and his four escorts were reportedly held in a hotel room for five days and then deported.

Background Detailed In JTA Series

The Jewish Telegraphic Agency reported in a series dated October 21, 22 and 23 on a court case involving a \$2.5 billion arms sale of American weapons to Iran by international arms dealers including Israelis.

In the case, 17 defendants, four of them Israelis, are charged in a New York court with conspiracy to sell some \$2.5 billion worth of American-made weapons and spare parts to Iran through a third party.

Attorneys for defendants in the case filed papers in court contending that high-ranking U.S. Administration, State Department and Pentagon officials considered and eventually approved covert arms sales of American military hardware to Iran.

The lawyers said the U.S. officials had used some of the defendants, who were international arms merchants, as intermediaries to sell the arms to Iran.

The defendants in the case negotiated with an Iranian who they said posed as a buyer for the Iranian government but who was actually acting as an informant for the U.S. government. That man, Cyrus Hashemi, is the cousin of the Speaker of the Iranian Parliament, Hashemi-Rafsanjani, who first released the story on McFarlane's visit.

Acknowledgement By U.S. Government Sources

Government sources in the U.S. have acknowledged that Teheran was promised, in exchange for assistance in getting the American hostages in Lebanon released, that the U.S. would not block the sale of surplus American arms and spare parts to Iran from third parties, according to reports this week.

Although there is no ostensible link between the McFarlane caper and the court case involving the Israeli arms dealers, the most recent reports seem to confirm much of what the lawyers in the case have alleged in regard to the U.S. government's involvement in third party sales of American surplus military hardware.

For example, in the JTA report, sources in Washington were quoted as saying one motivation for opening up covert arms sales to Iran might be to cultivate the more moderate elements in Iran. Wednesday, former Secretary of State Alexander Haig said publicly that he did not doubt that the U.S. is trying to cultivate the moderate elements in Iran.

JTA also reported on the case that U.S. officials were using middlemen like Israel to deliver the American weapons to Iran. The Israel Radio report also seemed to confirm these earlier comments by officials.

Sources in the government had acknowledged previously that an active debate existed between the different agencies of government on whether to open up the covert sales of weapons to Iran. The most recent reports back this up. ABC News

reported that the McFarlane mission had taken place with only the knowledge of the National Security office and a few high-placed officials.

Attorneys in the case of the Israeli arms dealers said that based on their interviews with defendants, the State Department, Pentagon and the Administration were the key governmental bodies deciding on the policies of arms shipments to Iran.

U.S. officials denied any roles in approving the deal in question in the New York City court case. But this week many U.S. officials seem much less reluctant to acknowledge that the U.S. has been working with Iran to free the hostages and, for the most part, the government has not denied that some arms shipments to Iran through third parties like Israel have taken place with the tacit approval of the U.S. government.

MEXICO'S CARDINAL VISITING ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, Nov. 6 (JTA) -- Justice Minister Avraham Sharir met here Thursday with Cardinal Ernesto Korfio Omada, spiritual leader of 80 million Mexican Catholics, who is visiting Israel. He used the occasion to extend a formal invitation to Pope John Paul II to visit Israel. Omada will have an audience with the Pope in Rome after leaving Israel, to be followed by a meeting with King Juan Carlos of Spain in Madrid.

Omada's meeting with Sharir, who also heads the Tourism Ministry, was seen here as part of an overall effort to improve the atmosphere between Israel and the Vatican. The Cardinal called on Catholics to visit Israel and especially Jerusalem.

Omada was accompanied by senior representatives of the Catholic Church in Mexico and of the Knights of Columbus, a Catholic lay organization.

THE CENTRAL CONSISTORY OF FRANCE HAS TEMPORARILY WITHDRAWN FROM CRIF IN A DISPUTE OVER THE ROLE OF THE WJC By Edwin Eytan

PARIS, Nov. 6 (JTA) -- The Central Consistory, which administers and represents most synagogues in France, has temporarily withdrawn from the Representative Council of Major French Jewish Organizations (CRIF) to protest the latter's recent affiliation with the World Jewish Congress. The Consistory was sharply critical of the WJC's campaign to expose the Nazi past of Austrian President Kurt Waldheim which, it maintains, only assured Waldheim's election.

The Waldheim affair was cited by the Consistory as one example of what it sees as the WJC's tendency to act and claim to speak on behalf of world Jewry on major issues without prior consultation with the various Jewish communities it purports to represent.

The Consistory charged that the current WJC president, Edgar Bronfman, and the late Nahum Goldmann, former president of the WJC, were both guilty of this practice.

The Consistory, France's Jewish religious organization, is one of the three main constituents of CRIF. The others are the FSJU (Fonds Social Juif Unifie), which runs the United Jewish Appeal campaigns and is responsible for social and cultural activities, and the French Zionist Movement. CRIF joined the WJC last spring, to create the European Jewish Congress, which has been headed since October 1 by CRIF president Theo

Klein. The campaign against Waldheim was launched by the WJC's New York office without bothering to sound out the various European communities, the Consistory charged. As a result, it triggered a strongly nationalistic backlash in Austria which propelled Waldheim to the Presidency.

Klein, meanwhile, dismissed the Consistory's withdrawal as "an episode without great importance."

ARAB GROUP IN THE UN CONDEMNS ISRAEL FOR ITS PRODUCTION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS By Margie Olster

UNITED NATIONS, Nov. 6 (JTA) -- The Arab group in the United Nations Committee on Disarmament introduced a draft resolution Tuesday condemning Israel for its refusal to renounce the production of nuclear weapons in the country. The draft resolution also calls upon all states and international organizations to refuse to cooperate with Israel in the nuclear field.

The committee will vote on adopting the resolution next week.

The Arab resolution, which comes up in one form or another almost every year during the General Assembly session, followed a sizable report recently in the Sunday Times of London in which a former Israeli nuclear technician at the Dimona plant, Mordechai Vanunu, reportedly told the Times that Israel had been researching and developing nuclear weapons for 20 years.

The Israeli representative to the disarmament committee, Shalheveth Freier, said it is unreasonable to take political action based on unconfirmed news reports.

"By quoting newspaper reports or speculations on Israel's nuclear capabilities and making this out to constitute a danger, the group of Arab states simply seized on one more expedient in order to wage the multi-pronged campaign against Israel at the UN."

In response to the Arab allegation, Freier said such newspaper reports and speculation on the nuclear capabilities of many industrialized countries have become commonplace throughout the years. These speculations, however, do not constitute grounds for a UN resolution condemning Israel.

Freier cited a statement by the head of the International Atomic Agency who said that scientific knowledge and skills necessary to produce nuclear weapons are within the reach of almost any advanced industrialized nation.

Freier also said that Israel's expansion of nuclear technology should not be construed as a threat to the Arab nations. Israeli leaders have said repeatedly that Israel would not be the first to introduce nuclear weapons into the Middle East.

GOLDFARB UNDERGOES A SUCCESSFUL FOUR-HOUR LUNG CANCER OPERATION

NEW YORK, Nov. 6 (JTA) -- Former refusenik David Goldfarb underwent a four-hour lung cancer operation at Columbia-Presbyterian Hospital Wednesday which his son Alex described Thursday as having been successful. David Goldfarb remains in the intensive care unit, but Alex said that his father was joking with visitors and is in a good mood. Alex, a microbiologist at Columbia University, also said Thursday that his sister Olga in Moscow told him in a telephone

call that Soviet authorities told her to call back in a week for an emergency visa to visit her father in New York. "This is good news," he said. David Goldfarb had written a letter last Sunday from his hospital bed to Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev asking that his daughter and family be permitted to join him as a humanitarian gesture.

David Goldfarb, 67, a retired geneticist, was released suddenly from his Moscow hospital bed last month upon the personal intervention of U.S. Industrialist Armand Hammer with Soviet leaders, and immediately flown to the United States with his wife Cecilia. His release followed a long campaign for his freedom by Alex.

David Goldfarb has been suffering from severe complications of diabetes, including partial amputation of his foot. Goldfarb lost his other leg as a Soviet war hero in the Battle of Stalingrad during World War II. He also suffers from heart disease and is due to undergo further surgery sometime in the future, Alex said.

SOLON WARNS AGAINST RELIGIOUS RIGHT

WALTHAM, Mass. Nov. 6 (JTA)-- Sen. Howard Metzenbaum (D. Ohio) warned here that the religious right and its allies in Congress and the Administration are waging relentless war against individual liberties and freedom of thought and urged activism to thwart their agenda for the country.

Metzenbaum, speaking at Brandeis University's first Founder's Day convocation Sunday, quoted the university's namesake, the late U.S. Supreme Court Justice Louis Brandeis who always cautioned against public inertia in preserving liberty.

Today, the Senator said, religious extremists are threatening freedom in America. Libraries and schools across the country are under attack. "All over the country, would-be censors are trying to purge libraries and public school curricula of every fact and every idea they see to be in conflict with their religious views," Metzenbaum said.

"In the name of combatting secular humanism, these crusaders for conformity have tried to use the paper shredder on the works of Shakespeare and Steinbeck, Homer and Mark Twain."

In Congress, Metzenbaum said, "we've faced sustained campaigns to ban abortion and to permit state-sponsored prayer in public schools. We've seen the spectacle of rightwing Senators circulating to prospective nominees for the federal bench a questionnaire designed to measure ideological purity. And from the very highest quarters, we've heard voiced the pernicious, dangerous theory that the Bill of Rights does not apply to the states." Metzenbaum was referring to recent remarks by U.S. Attorney General Edwin Meese.

Activism "in defense of the separation of church and state, of the rights of women...(and) racial and religious minorities," is urgently needed, he said, adding, in a quotation from Justice Brandeis, "the greatest menace to freedom is an inert people."

Metzenbaum also reminded his audience that to be a Jew in America is never to accept the status quo. "I'm not convinced that we dare as Jews in America or as Americans to glory in the status quo," he said.

Brandeis University, the first American institution of higher learning under secular Jewish auspices, announced its first nationally organized capital campaign to raise \$200 million.

TWO PROMINENT JEWS OFFER DIFFERENT APPROACHES TO ATTAIN A PEACEFUL WORLD
By Andrew Muchin

NEW YORK, Nov. 6 (JTA) -- In a hostile world capable of obliterating itself with nuclear weapons, what can concerned Jews do to wage peace? Two Jews renowned for their own such efforts offered different approaches here Thursday.

Nobel peace laureate Elie Wiesel, an author and lecturer, suggested words as a limited, but the only, tool for peace. "...I am much more pessimistic than many of you. I used to believe that words can work wonders. I no longer believe that," he said.

"I do believe that the best language available to human beings is still words. When words fail, what replaces them as a form of communication? There's only one available form -- violence -- so we must use words, and in this area, we Jews have been masters."

Speaking to 375 people at the presentation of the Jewish Peace Fellowship's second Abraham Joshua Heschel Peace Award at the Lindenbaum Jewish Community Center, Wiesel pondered why the issue of peace "hasn't penetrated the Jewish community to a sufficient degree ... Somehow the Jewish community turns off. It's not ready to listen, let alone act."

A True Measure Of A Jewish Humanity

The reason, he postulated, may be a feeling of helplessness. "I agree there is something to that," he said, considering the god-like powers of the leaders of the U.S. and USSR to begin the destruction of the world with the push of a button. "We must stop that international death wish that exists occasionally in society," Wiesel stated.

Even with words well used, he doesn't foresee imminent and complete change. "I don't believe that we can change the course of human destiny now," he said. "But I do believe that if we continue together, we shall have more people like us."

In Israel, this compassion could catch fire with Jews and Arabs, he predicted, causing "an awakening of their own humanity toward each other." Wiesel stated that the true measure of a Jew's humanity is his or her attitude toward Palestinians.

The Role Of Action-Oriented Activities

Rabbi Bruce Cohen, the recipient of the Heschel peace award, embodies that attitude in his work, Interns for Peace. The 10-year-old program has placed 73 Arabs and Jews from Israel, the U.S. and other countries in more than 25 Jewish and Arab villages in Israel.

During their one or two-year placements, the interns first learn how to act as catalysts for peace. Then they attempt to develop educational, social, recreational or community development projects that Cohen said involve their Arab and Jewish participants on equal footing. The program has directly affected 8,000 people, he told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, and indirectly thousands more.

Rather than utilizing words for peace, as Wiesel suggested, Cohen advocates "direct and concrete experience" manifested in cooperative activity. However, his intended result jibes with Wiesel's: a geometrically increasing cadre of

people imbued with compassion and empathy, willing to seek peaceful solutions to conflict.

"By focussing on action-oriented activities, not words, we believe we're influencing the future," he said. "You really cannot appeal to groups to come together out of simple, pure altruism, morals or ethics. Rather, you can bring together different groups ... to join in projects that benefit both parties equally."

The most successful Interns projects become integrated into the daily lives of the villages, he explained. Cohen hopes to reorganize the program to maintain 30 interns in the field and thus expand its programs and add participants from throughout the Middle East.

The peace award is named for late rabbi and educator known for his integration of theology and efforts for peace. He was involved with the fellowship, in opposing the Vietnam war and in the civil rights movement.

His daughter Susannah Heschel, an author, recalled at the ceremony her father's participation with Dr. Martin Luther King at the crucial civil rights march in Selma, Ala. The family feared for the rabbi's safety, but he returned home unscathed and undaunted. She recalled that he told his family, "I felt like my legs were praying."

MAZEL TOV TO THE SHCHARANSKYS

JERUSALEM, Nov. 6 (JTA) -- A 5.2 pound baby girl was born by Caesarian section to Avital Shcharansky, wife of Soviet Jewry activist Natan Shcharansky, at Misgav Ladach Hospital here Thursday morning. It is the first child of the couple who were reunited last February after Natan spent nine years in Soviet prisons and labor camps.

The proud father told reporters at the hospital shortly after the birth that his daughter is "a very beautiful little girl." He went so far as to say she is "an exact copy" of her dad. The infant will be named at a religious ceremony this Sabbath.

CLASSES OUT AS TEACHERS WALK OFF JOBS

JERUSALEM, Nov. 6 (JTA) -- There were no classes Thursday for tens of thousands of school children from the third grade up as teachers walked off the job for the second successive day to protest the late payment of their salaries.

Most teachers had in fact received their October checks by Thursday. The walkout was to express solidarity with those who did not. Meanwhile, the Education and Finance Ministries continued to argue over the disbursement of funds from the education budget.

The Finance Ministry insists there are sufficient funds available to pay all teachers on time. The Education Ministry contends that it needs the monies for other priorities and will not accept dictation from the Treasury.

TEL AVIV (JTA) -- U.S. military aircraft will land 800 American soldiers in Israel later this month to bring the American contingent of the United Nations peace observer force in Sinai up to full strength. Military transports are being used for the first time because of the crash of a chartered civilian plane over Newfoundland last December which killed 248 marines on their way home from duty in Sinai.

**Rotation Is Completed:
KNESSET APPROVES SHAMIR'S CABINET;
NEW PREMIER STRESSES NATIONAL UNITY**
By Hugh Orgel

JERUSALEM, Oct. 20 (JTA) -- Premier Yitzhak Shamir's 25-member Cabinet won Knesset approval Monday by a vote of 82-17 with three abstentions. In a 40-minute address preceding the vote of confidence, Shamir said his government would focus mainly on economic affairs during the final two years of its tenure but would also vigorously pursue the peace process.

He stressed the "unity of the nation," said that U.S.-Israel relations were at an "unprecedented peak" and expressed hope that the Eastern European bloc, "first and foremost" the Soviet Union, would change their attitude toward Israel.

Shamir emphasized that "Like its predecessor, this government will be a government of national unity ... It will refrain from divisiveness and extremism, will strive for mutual respect and consideration for others, and will seek to augment the love of Israel within us."

Issue Is Not Aims But Tactics

He said that both Likud and the Labor Party shared the aim of a strong and economically sound Israel living at peace with its Arab neighbors. He said the differences between the main coalition partners were not over aims but over the tactics needed to achieve those aims.

"National unity is not just a matter of parliamentary convenience," Shamir said. "Those who conceived the idea of the unity government hoped and desired that by virtue of its very formation and existence, that government would project a message of unity, of drawing closer together, of love of Israel, and of true cooperation among the country's political leadership and between all the strata of the population in the country."

"These goals have already been achieved to a certain extent, and the government I head will indeed make the unity of the nation its chief concern," Shamir said.

Striving For A 'Zionist Economy'

Shamir termed the government's economic program a "Zionist economy." Its goals, he said, are "reducing inflation to acceptable levels in order to attract immigration and ensure economic growth with work available for all newcomers, and the settlement of the entire Eretz Israel--the Biblical land of Israel or Palestine."

According to Shamir, "The unity government which has just concluded the first half of its term of office, has already registered some not inconsiderable achievements -- in the economy, in labor relations, in foreign policy, in the war against Arab terrorism, and in fortifying Israel's security."

He expressed his "thanks and appreciation to the outgoing Prime Minister, Mr. Shimon Peres, for the understanding and cooperation he accorded me during the two years (of Peres' tenure), and to wish him the best in his next position" as Foreign Minister.

Shamir presented an essentially conservative economic program. "We have to adopt the rule of refraining as far as possible from any government intervention in the economic sector, unless the need to do so has been proven," he said.

"In any other case, there is no place for subsidies, for incentives, for grants, or for providing free services to everyone -- which constitute the reason for heavy taxation." He said however that encouragement should be given "any manifestation of initiative, action, originality and the assumption of personal responsibility."

He pledged that "Every working citizen will be able to earn a living with dignity and the State will be able to look forward to economic growth and augmented aliya, the Zionist goal for whose sake the State of Israel was established and exists."

Economic Revival Will Be Difficult

He conceded that reviving economic growth will be difficult. "Yet this is the true challenge. Economic growth does not mean only a growth in the national product that enables a higher standard of living and reduced dependence on foreign aid. Economic growth signifies, first of all, creating the conditions that will allow us to fulfill the country's Zionist goals -- and above all, aliya."

"This means that we must concentrate on those changes that will permit new immigrants to live and earn a living in this country. We will have to struggle to cut back on every non-essential government expenditure. We must place the emphasis on a concrete effort to reduce the burden of taxation -- a taxation which hinders the emergence of new places of employment for our young people, for demobilized soldiers, and for new immigrants."

Shamir added that it was no "exaggeration to term the economic system which the government will seek to forge a 'Zionist economy' -- an economy that will not be based only on solid economic principles but also on the Zionist values which must be our guide, and among them the supreme value of settlement throughout Eretz Yisrael. We will not discriminate between one part of the country and the other ..."

An Invitation To A Dialogue

He said, "We want to assure the Arab residents of Judaea, Samaria (West Bank) and the Gaza district a life of dignity and a life of peaceful co-existence with their Jewish neighbors. It is our aspiration that these Arab residents will be able to run their affairs by themselves. But the necessary condition for this is absolute severance from the various terrorist organizations. The PLO with its various branches poses the danger to their future and well-being and it is the obstacle to a settlement and to peace."

He invited the Arabs of the administered territories who reject terrorism to enter into dialogue with Israelis. He also promised "to ensure Israeli Arabs their rights and the advancement of their living conditions." He appealed to Arab "public figures and educators" in Israel "to exert their influence in order to deepen the affinity and loyalty of Israeli Arabs toward the State" and

to serve as "a bridge between Israel and its Arab neighbors ... (to) expedite understanding and peace in the region."

Relations With Jordan

Shamir pledged that "The government will continue indefatigably to create conditions that will enable Israel and Jordan to live in peace alongside each other. But we will not be able to attain this without free, direct, face-to-face discussion. No international forum can serve as a substitute for direct negotiations.

"It is also perfectly clear that peace and the terrorist organizations cannot coexist, and therefore we are following with interest Jordan's trend to free itself of any relationship with the PLO," Shamir said. He expressed regret that "despite efforts of the government, with the assistance of representatives of the United States government, Jordan has not yet responded to our call to come to the negotiation table."

"The State of Israel has more than once proved its sincere desire for peace through the difficult and painful sacrifices made, both in life and property, within the framework of the various agreements with its neighbors, up to and including the peace treaty with Egypt," Shamir said.

He said that although there are disputes within the government over tactics, "not over essence and goals," there is "no point or purpose in fanning the dispute amongst ourselves so long as the Arab side has not presented a proposal that is acceptable to even part of the government."

But Shamir stressed that "We shall not sit idly by. The government will continue to initiate and seek ways to peace and we shall not let the initiative fall from our hands."

Quest For Peace Process To Continue

He said the government will continue to adhere to the basic guidelines continuing the peace process, as agreed to at Camp David. But within those guidelines "Israel will oppose the establishment of an additional Palestinian state in the Gaza district and between Israel and Jordan and will not negotiate with the PLO."

Shamir hailed Israel's relations with the U.S. which, he said, reached an "unprecedented peak" after President Reagan's 1983 endorsement of strategic cooperation between the two countries. "President Reagan thus laid the foundation for a very close framework of cooperation which has increasingly developed since," Shamir said.

"In the past two years, we continued to consolidate and foster these important relations. Today we have reached a situation when Israel and the U.S. are allies in many spheres, and formal expression should be given to this network of relations. The government will persist in developing special relations with the U.S., our great friend, and will give this topic high priority."

Shamir expressed hope that there will be "a change of heart on the part of the Eastern bloc countries" toward Israel, "first and foremost the USSR."

"Nonetheless," he said, "it is our duty as a Jewish State to demand of the Soviet government to change its attitude toward our people living in its territory and to allow them to live as Jews, to unite with their people and to immigrate to their homeland."

In his peroration, Shamir declared: "From Jerusalem must go forth a call to our people in

all parts of the diaspora: Come back home, for Eretz Yisrael is your place. We will receive you with open arms in order to continue marching together toward the great and glorious chapter in the history of our people: The chapter of perfect redemption of the Jewish people in its land."

MEMBERS OF SHAMIR'S CABINET

JERUSALEM, Oct. 20 (JTA) -- The 25-member Cabinet presented to the Knesset Monday by incoming Premier Yitzhak Shamir differs only slightly from the outgoing national unity Cabinet headed by Simon Peres. It consists of 10 Likud Ministers, including the Premier, and nine Labor Ministers. The remaining six Ministers represent the minor parties in the coalition.

The new Cabinet is as follows:

Premier -- Yitzhak Shamir (Likud-Herut).

Vice Premier and Foreign Minister -- Shimon Peres (Labor).

Deputy Premier and Minister of Housing and Construction -- David Levy (Likud-Herut).

Deputy Premier and Education Minister-- Yitzhak Navon (Labor).

Defense Minister -- Yitzhak Rabin (Labor).

Finance Minister -- Moshe Nissim (Likud-Liberal).

Minister of Trade and Industry -- Ariel Sharon (Likud-Herut).

Minister of Economic Coordination -- Gad Yaacobi (Labor).

Agriculture Minister -- Aryeh Nahamkin (Labor).

Minister of Justice and Minister of Tourism -- Avraham Sharir (Likud-Liberal).

Minister of Transport -- Haim Corfu (Likud-Herut).

Minister of Energy and Infrastructure-- Moshe Shahal (Labor).

Minister of Communications -- Amnon Rubinstein (Shinui).

Minister of Interior -- Yitzhak Peretz (Shash).

Minister of Public Security -- Haim Barlev (Labor).

Minister of Health -- Shoshana Arbeli-Almoslino (Labor).

Minister of Immigration and Absorption-- Yaacov Tsur (Labor).

Minister of Labor and Social Affairs-- Moshe Katzav (Likud-Herut).

Minister of Science and Technology-- Gideon Patt (Likud-Liberal).

Minister of Religious Affairs -- Zevulun Hammer (National Religious Party).

Ministers-Without-Portfolio: Moshe Arens (Likud-Herut); Yigael Hurwitz (Ometz); Yosef Shapira (Morasha); Ezer Weizman (Yahad); Yitzhak Modai (Likud-Liberal).

TEL AVIV (JTA) -- A top-level delegation of Israel's Magen David Adom will go to Geneva this week for the 25th quadrennial conference of the International Committee for the Red Cross (ICRC). But their status will be only as observers. The ICRC has refused, for political reasons, to recognize the MDA, which is Israel's equivalent of the Red Cross. Israel has repeatedly sought full membership in the ICRC, which recognized the Moslem Red Crescent shortly after the Red Cross was established in 1907. Israel's first application was submitted in 1949.

**BEHIND THE HEADLINES
A CONTROVERSIAL CASE
By Margie Olster**

(Part One Of A Three-Part Series)

NEW YORK, Oct. 20 (JTA) -- Attorneys for some of 17 defendants including four Israelis charged here with conspiracy to illegally sell American weapons to Iran have made motions to dismiss the charges on grounds of entrapment, lack of jurisdiction for the case in New York and prejudicial pretrial publicity.

A hearing on the motion before a federal judge in the Manhattan U.S. District Court was scheduled to begin late Monday. After hearing from the defense and prosecution, the court will decide whether to dismiss the charges.

An affidavit filed late last month in support of this motion by Paul Grand, one of the attorneys representing Sam Evans who is the alleged middleman in the conspiracy, contends that high-ranking Administration, State Department and Pentagon officials considered and eventually approved covert arms sales of American military hardware to Iran, using some of the defendants as agents.

Grand also alleges that U.S. Customs agents and a government informant in the case pressured the defendants to use illegal means to obtain the weapons for Iran, while the defendants insisted on using legal means.

Claims Made About U.S. Officials

Grand's affidavit, based on some 200 tapes the government recorded with the help of the informant and numerous interviews with defendants in the case, claims that Vice President George Bush, Secretary of Defense Caspar Weinberger, Marine Corps commandant Gen. P.X. Kelley and unnamed State Department and Pentagon officials were in contact directly with several of the defendants and were involved in an active debate over changing U.S. government policy to begin covert arms sales to Iran on a quiet level.

Grand and other defense attorneys received access to copies of the government tapes as part of the discovery process in criminal cases. In his affidavit, Grand quotes from taped conversations between the defendants and the government informant in which the defendants say they met with Bush's aides in West Germany to discuss an arms deal with the Iranians and that Bush had given "the green light."

The affidavit also cites press reports in which an unnamed White House official acknowledged "a secret tilt toward Iran after six years of mutual hostility," within the Reagan Administration. This official reportedly stated the U.S. hopes to solidify relations with "reasonable" leaders in Teheran and "regularize" the arms flow from the U.S. directly to Iran instead of going through middlemen, one of which was identified as Israel.

Issue Of Legality

The weapons allegedly under negotiation included F-4 and F-5 fighter jets, C-130 transport planes, thousands of TOW missiles, Hawk missiles, Sidewinders, Sparrow guided missiles and Skyhawk aircraft.

According to the indictment, the weapons were already in the possession of Israel and three unnamed countries and the defendants were conspiring to resell the arms without obtaining

the proper licenses for resale from the State Department. The State Department is the ultimate authority for approving foreign military aid.

Under the U.S. ban imposed on selling American arms to Iran, those licenses called end-user certificates could not be obtained legally. Both the Israeli defendants and their attorneys claim the Israeli government was aware of the alleged negotiations. Since 1979, a number of reports of Israeli sales of American-made spare parts and weapons have surfaced in the press. Israel has steadfastly denied the allegations and press reports.

American government officials responded to the allegations in the affidavit with consistently firm denials of any involvement of U.S. officials or government agencies in approving the covert sale of American weapons to Iran.

51 Counts Of Conspiracy

The indictment issued in April charged 17 defendants with 51 counts of conspiracy to resell some \$2.5 billion of American weapons earmarked for Israel and three other unspecified countries to Iran. Other charges included mail and wire fraud.

Three Israelis and one American resident of Israel are among the 17 defendants charged in the conspiracy. The four are out on bond awaiting their trial scheduled for late November in U.S. District Court in Manhattan.

The case broke with the arrest of Evans, an American, and the four Israelis upon their arrival in Bermuda on April 29. They believed they were going to sign the contracts for the arms deal.

But in cooperation with the U.S. government, the Bermudian government had placed the five on a Stop List and upon their arrival they were arrested for illegal entry. One month later, the Bermudian government extradited the five to the U.S.

Affidavit Claims Sting Operation

The U.S. Customs Department and the U.S. Attorney's Office of the Justice Department built their case on what Grand's affidavit claims was an elaborate sting operation conducted with the cooperation of a former Iranian arms procurement agent, Cyrus Hashemi, who was indicted in the U.S. in 1984 for selling American-made weapons to Iran.

Hashemi, who posed as an arms buyer for the Iranian government, agreed to record various meetings and phone conversations with the defendants as part of a cooperation agreement made with the government in which he would not stand trial immediately for 1984 indictment.

Hashemi, the government's key witness, died of acute leukemia in a London hospital in July. After an official investigation into the cause of death, the U.S. Attorney's office in Manhattan concluded that Hashemi died of "apparently natural circumstances," indicating that there were no suspicious circumstances surrounding his death between the indictment and the trial.

The government's case now relies almost entirely on some 200 tapes of phone conversations and meetings between Hashemi and the defendants.

Grand used excerpts from the tapes in his affidavit to show that Hashemi attempted at every step of the negotiations to encourage the defendants to obtain American arms illegally. The excerpts show that the defendants insisted on exhausting all the legal channels for obtaining the arms with legitimate American approval. The

excerpts also show that the defendants were convinced that U.S. officials were going to give that approval.

In the tapes, Hashemi also turned down several of the defendants' offers to sell Iran non-American weaponry, including French Mirage jets.

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THREE TERRORISTS ARRESTED FOR GRENADE ATTACK IN JERUSALEM

By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, Oct. 20 (JTA) -- Police announced Sunday the arrests of three members of a "terrorist squad" responsible for the grenade attack on Israeli soldiers and their families in the Old City last Wednesday in which one man was killed and 69 soldiers and civilians were wounded.

The suspects were described as members of an extremist group known as the Islamic Jihad (Holy War), all in their '20s. Further identification was withheld by court order. Two of them, residents of Silwan village on the outskirts of Jerusalem, were apprehended Thursday, within 24 hours of the attack. The third, who lives in the nearby village of Abu Tor, was taken into custody Friday morning. They were arraigned in magistrates court Friday and remanded in custody for seven days.

Police sources said the investigation is continuing and other arrests are possible. According to a police statement, the suspects were recruited in Jordan in 1985 by agents of El Fatah, the terrorist arm of the Palestine Liberation Organization. The sources said they had planned for nearly two years to carry out a major assault in Jerusalem.

The soldiers and their families, attacked following a swearing-in ceremony for Israel Defense Force recruits at the Western Wall, were a target of opportunity, security sources said.

It was believed earlier that the soldiers had been a premeditated target which would have indicated new and bolder terrorist tactics. Armed IDF personnel are usually avoided by terrorists who concentrate on civilian targets.

The police statement said the arrests were made by security forces in cooperation with the police and that "In the course of the investigation, weapons and combat materiel that were in the squad's possession were handed over to the authorities."

ISRAEL'S PARTICIPATION IS SDI ASSURED BY AN AMENDMENT TO A PENTAGON BILL

By David Friedman

WASHINGTON, Oct. 20 (JTA) -- An amendment that could have prevented Israel's participation in some research for the Reagan Administration's Strategic Defense Initiative (SDI) has been deleted from the Defense Department's appropriation bill for 1987.

The amendment proposed by Sen. John Glenn (D. Ohio) was removed during the Senate-House conference on the appropriations bill, largely through the efforts of Rep. Jim Courter (R. NJ), according to Howard Kohr, deputy director of the National Jewish Coalition. The Glenn Amendment was not aimed specifically at Israel, but at all foreign countries that would compete with American firms in bids for SDI research.

This was noted by Lt. Gen. James Abrahamson, director of the Department of Defense's SDI Office during a recent address to a group of Jewish leaders. He said it would not have affected research on tactical weapons but could have prevented other research such as on lasers that Israel is now doing under the SDI program.

Israel and several West European allies have accepted the Reagan Administration's invitation to participate in the SDI program, popularly known as "Star Wars."

Israel is particularly interested in defending itself against short-range tactical ballistic missiles such as the SS-21 which the Soviet Union has supplied Syria. But Israel is also interested in the jobs SDI research and development will bring to Israel as well as other benefits to the Israeli economy. Initial contracts now total about \$10 million, but are expected to expand greatly.

AUSTRIAN RAPS ISRAEL FOR ITS DECISION TO DOWNGRADE DIPLOMATIC REPRESENTATION IN AUSTRIA

VIENNA, Oct. 20 (JTA) -- Alois Mock, chairman of President Kurt Waldheim's conservative Peoples Party, sharply attacked Israel Sunday for its decision to downgrade its diplomatic representation in Austria.

According to a report in the daily Neue Kronenzeitung, Mock, a candidate for the office of Prime Minister, told a press conference in Carinthia province that Israel's attitude was outrageous and that he would suggest to Waldheim that Austria recall its Ambassador to Israel.

He was speaking of the announcement by Israel's then Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir following Waldheim's election victory last July, that Israel would not replace its Ambassador in Vienna, Michael Elizur, when the latter retires shortly. A new envoy would have to present his credentials to Waldheim, whose Nazi past was exposed during the election campaign. The Vienna embassy therefore would be left in the hands of a Charge d'Affaires, Shamir said.

According to Neue Kronenzeitung, Mock said Shamir's statement and decision reflected the views of a few fanatics in Israel. "Austria must not accept any recipes from Israel, from a country that has always been supported internationally," Mock was quoted as saying. He also expressed anger over the continuing campaign by the World Jewish Congress against Waldheim.

JEWISH FILM FESTIVAL IN PARIS

PARIS, Oct. 20 (JTA) -- The Jewish Film Festival will be inaugurated Wednesday by Cultural Affairs Minister Francois Leotard. The festival was cancelled last month, by the owner of the cinema where it was to be held, at the height of the terrorist wave which struck Paris. Festival organizer Emile Weiss protested at the time, saying that it was "giving in to terrorist threats" and promising that the festival would be held as planned.

Weiss told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency Monday that the month-long festival during which 65 films will be shown will be held at the Paris Jewish Community Center. He said that some 10,000 people are expected to attend.

**On Eve Of The Helsinki Accords Review Meeting:
SOVIET UNION INDICTED FOR HARSH
TREATMENT OF ITS JEWISH CITIZENS**
By Reinhard Engel

VIENNA, Nov. 4 (JTA) -- A severe indictment of the Soviet Union for harsh treatment of its Jewish citizens, particularly those seeking to emigrate, was lodged here Tuesday on the eve of the East-West follow-up conference on implementation of the human rights provisions of the 1975 Helsinki accords.

The conference, attended by delegations from 35 countries and hundreds of observers, opens Wednesday.

On Monday, Abraham Harman, president of the Israeli Public Council for Soviet Jewry, told the media that implementation of the Helsinki accords in relation to Soviet Jews is a clear test of the integrity of the Helsinki Final Act.

The Committee for Jews in the Soviet Union, meanwhile, presented a detailed report on the situation of Jews in the USSR which showed it to have deteriorated sharply despite the strengthening of the Helsinki human rights provisions at the Madrid follow-up conference in 1983. The Committee consists of representatives from Austria, Canada, France, Israel, Switzerland, Britain and the U.S.

The Committee's charges were supported by the International Helsinki Federation for Human Rights, a Vienna-based non-governmental organization, and by the personal testimony of five prominent former Soviet Jewish refuseniks. Although they were allowed to emigrate after prolonged ordeals, their presence here is to appeal before an international forum for the release of next of kin still in the USSR.

Elements In The Report

The report by the Committee for Jews in the Soviet Union, presented at a heavily attended press conference, noted first of all that the emigration of Jews has been virtually halted by the Soviet authorities even though nearly 400,000 have expressed their wish to leave for Israel.

The sharp decrease in emigration was documented by the number of arrivals in Vienna, the way-station where Soviet Jews continue on to Israel or to Western countries. While in 1980 the average monthly arrivals were well above 1,700, only an average of 64 a month passed through Vienna during the first six months of 1986.

According to the report, 11,000 Jews are known to have been refused permission to leave. Thousands more have been denied even the right to apply for exit permits. These refuseniks live as outcasts from Soviet society. They have no legal redress against harassment and victimization, the report said.

In some cases, it noted, refuseniks have been subjected to long prison terms on false charges. The real reason for their incarceration is their demand for civil rights and the right to uphold their Jewish identity, the report said.

The report noted that Jews are the only recognized nationality among the hundreds of nationalities in the USSR that is not allowed to

study its language, Hebrew, or to transmit its cultural heritage and tradition to its children. Soviet Jews are the only religious denomination that has no central organization, no theological seminary and no facilities for regular contacts with co-religionists elsewhere in the world, the report stated.

Anti-Semitism Part Of Everyday Life

It charged further that anti-Semitic discrimination and propaganda continues to be part of everyday life in the Soviet Union.

The press conference, held at the Jewish Community Center here, took note of the occasional releases of prominent Soviet Jews to go to Israel or Western countries. While these are welcome, the Committee said, the Soviet Union must not be allowed to confuse world opinion by such gestures.

"We are here to draw public attention to the overall condition of Jews in the USSR to which the Vienna Conference must address itself in its efforts to restore the integrity of the Helsinki accords in all their aspects and assure their effective implementation," a Committee statement said.

The Committee's charges against the Soviet regime were confirmed by the International Helsinki Federation for Human Rights at a separate press conference. Its report said that the Hebrew language has been rendered virtually inaccessible to Soviet Jews. There are no Jewish schools in the USSR, not even in the erstwhile Jewish autonomous region of Birobidjan, in eastern Siberia, where only one half of one percent of the present population is Jewish.

Refuseniks Offer Personal Accounts

Refuseniks at the press conference of the Committee for Jews in the Soviet Union offered personal accounts of their ordeals. Vladimir Brodsky, a medical doctor released from prison only two weeks ago and allowed to emigrate, said he endured repeated beatings, harsh forced labor, hunger and disease. He saw his release as a positive sign, however, because it came about without any trade for a Soviet spy in the West.

Brodsky attributed his freedom to the pressure of Western public opinion, not the intervention by any head of state. "I hope that mine will not remain a singular case," he said.

Alexander Gonorusky, who now lives in Israel, pleaded for the release of his crippled father who has tried in vain to obtain an exit permit for 13 years.

Vladimir Magarik, also an Israeli citizen, begged for the release of his son, Aleksei, a Hebrew teacher who has been indicted for illegal possession of drugs and put in a cell with murderers who beat and harass him.

Ilana Fridman called attention to her sister, Ida Nudel, who after imprisonment and exile has once more been exiled to Bendery in Moravia.

Alexander Slepak reminded the world media that his parents, Vladimir and Maria, have been trying for 16 years to obtain permission to leave the USSR, without success.

SHAMIR: SOVIET JEWS WHO IMMIGRATE TO COUNTRIES OTHER THAN ISRAEL ENDANGER EFFORTS TO EASE EMIGRATION FROM USSR

JERUSALEM, Nov. 4 (JTA) -- Premier Yitzhak Shamir charged that Jews who leave the Soviet Union with Israeli visas but settle in countries other than Israel gravely endanger efforts to ease emigration restrictions for Soviet Jews.

During a Knesset debate on the issue Monday, Shamir said Israel should use every means at its disposal to end the drop-out phenomenon. He appealed to the Soviet government to allow direct flights from Moscow to Israel. At present, Jews leaving the USSR go to Vienna where they decide their ultimate destination. Only 104 Jews left the Soviet Union last month. The number who chose not to go to Israel was not immediately known.

Shamir also appealed to the Soviet authorities to grant Jewish citizens equal rights. Israel "does not seek to intervene in the internal affairs of the Soviet regime," he said, but the fact is that of all Soviet national minorities, only the Jews are not allowed to live a national life of their own.

USSR AUTHORITIES REPORTEDLY TELL GOLDFARB'S DAUGHTER TO APPLY FOR EMERGENCY VISA TO VISIT HIM IN NEW YORK WHILE HE UNDERGOES SURGERY
By Susan Birnbaum

NEW YORK, Nov. 4 (JTA) -- The daughter of former refusenik David Goldfarb has reportedly been told by Soviet authorities to apply for an emergency visa to visit her father in New York who is scheduled to undergo surgery here Wednesday.

Alex Goldfarb, David Goldfarb's son, told the press that he learned in a telephone call with his sister Olga in Moscow that she had been told she may apply for a visa only for herself and that her request to bring any other member of her family with her had been denied.

The response from Soviet officials followed a letter that David Goldfarb sent Sunday to Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev through Soviet officials in the United States asking that his daughter be permitted to come to New York now as a humanitarian gesture.

David Goldfarb was diagnosed last Wednesday as having lung cancer following a bronchoscopy performed by attending physician Kenneth Prager at Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center, where Goldfarb was being evaluated for heart disease and severe complications of diabetes. The finding of cancer was reported unexpected. Prager said that never during Goldfarb's four-month hospitalization in Moscow had a chest X-ray been taken of him.

Prager said that during a prior hospital stay in Moscow in 1984, an X-ray had revealed "something suspicious," although Soviet doctors reportedly told Goldfarb not to worry. Alex Goldfarb said he was "puzzled" that his father's cancer wasn't diagnosed in the USSR and has requested his father's X-rays from Moscow with the assistance of the U.S. State Department in the matter.

Prager indicated that surgery will be performed to remove an upper lobe of one lung, which he described as "a dangerous situation."

BEHIND THE HEADLINES
30 YEARS AFTER THE HUNGARIAN REVOLUTION
By Maurice Samuelson

LONDON, Nov. 4 (JTA) -- Thirty years ago, on November 4, 1956, some 200,000 Hungarians began fleeing their country after Soviet tanks smashed the 13-day revolution against Stalinist oppression. No fewer than 20,000 of the refugees were Jews, representing about a fifth of the Hungarian Jews who had survived the Nazi Holocaust a decade earlier.

Paradoxically, though, many of those against whom the revolution was directed were themselves Jews. Matyas Rakosi, Hungary's tyrannical dictator, was one of a Jewish foursome who ran its affairs. His colleagues were Erno Gero, the economic overlord; Mihaly Farkas, in charge of security; and Jozsef Revai, the chief cultural commissar.

Nine of the 25 members of the Hungarian Communist Party's first Central Committee were Jews, most of whom had spent the war in Moscow and re-entered Hungary in the wake of the victorious Red Army.

The hated political police, against whom the revolution vented much of its wrath, was commanded by Gabor Peter, a former tailor, and included many other Jews among its commanders.

Anti-Zionism Was Not A Central Issue

It was these people who had staged the Stalinist show trials in Hungary. But in the Hungarian trials, anti-Zionism did not assume as much central importance as, for example, in Czechoslovakia, where it was used to incriminate many Jewish Communists who had, in fact, been fierce anti-Zionists.

Yet even in Hungary, the Jewish issue was never far in the background. When the Kremlin was urging the unpopular Rakosi to step down prior to the revolution, Lavrenti Beria, the Soviet security boss, told him:

"Listen to me, Rakosi. We know that there have been in Hungary, apart from its own rulers, Turkish sultans, Austrian emperors, Tartar khans, and Polish princes. But, as far as we know, Hungary has never had a Jewish king. You can be sure that we won't allow it."

Imre Nagy, the stop-gap Premier whom the Russians executed once the uprising was crushed, was chosen for his post largely because he was not Jewish.

When hard-line Communist rule was brutally restored under Janos Kadar, the Hungarian government tried to discredit the revolution by denouncing it as anti-Semitic. But even though the uprising did have anti-Jewish overtones, it did not last long enough for pogroms to break out. Whether they would have occurred is another matter.

Jews On Both Sides Of The Barricades

Nor should it be forgotten that Jews were on both sides of the barricades. Two of the nine leaders of the October uprising were of Jewish origin. One, Miklos Gimes, was executed in June 1958 together with Imre Nagy and Gen. Maleter, the Defense Minister of the Revolution.

Paul Lendvai, a Jewish journalist who fled after the uprising, later wrote in a book on anti-Semitism in post-war Europe that Hungary was a

haven of relaxation and an island of security for the fully assimilated Jewry, not only in theory but also in practice.

In the 30 years which have elapsed, Hungary has been far less antagonistic to Israel or Zionism than the Soviet Union or other Soviet bloc countries. Although Budapest cut diplomatic relations with Israel in 1967, there is a considerable volume of tourist traffic between them and visa restrictions have recently been waived.

Anti-Semitism still exists at various levels, as it does in most countries. One Hungarian diplomat was reportedly asked to divorce his Jewish wife if he wanted a foreign posting. Hungarian film makers hesitate to deal with the Holocaust in their productions.

Yet Budapest boasts the only rabbinical training academy in the Soviet bloc, numerous synagogues, kosher butcher shops, and several other Jewish facilities. The Hungarian government together with the World Jewish Congress, recently funded the refurbishment of the Jewish Museum, adjacent to the birthplace of Theodor Herzl, founder of political Zionism.

In its official events to mark the 40th anniversary of the end of World War II, the Hungarian government also associated itself last year with somber commemorations of the martyrdom of 600,000 Hungarian Jews.

CHIEF RABBINATE COUNCIL RULES THAT HEART TRANSPLANTS ARE PERMISSABLE UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS OF JEWISH LAW By David Landau

JERUSALEM, Nov. 4 (JTA) -- Leading Israeli physicians and Health Minister Shoshana Arbeli-Almoslino welcomed the Chief Rabbinate Council's ruling Monday that heart transplant operations are permissible under certain conditions according to religious law.

A leading heart surgeon commented Tuesday that the halachic decision means that Israel is now among the world's enlightened countries. The Hadassah Medical Center here announced preparations for the first heart transplant surgery. The hospital indicated that it is fully qualified and equipped for the procedure but had delayed only because it wanted to comply with rabbinical directives.

The Chief Rabbinate ruling came after weeks of discussion between the 12-man Rabbinate Council and a panel of doctors. The issue was the definition of death, as applied to the donor of the heart or other vital organs.

Many rabbis had long insisted that death occurs only when the heart stops beating, regardless of the fact that hearts can be kept beating by artificial means after the brain ceases to function. Now apparently the Chief Rabbinate accepts the medical definition of death, which is death of the brain.

Shlomo Goren, the former Ashkenazic Chief Rabbi, said in an article published in The Jerusalem Post Sunday, that death occurs when the part of the brain responsible for breathing has ceased to function for a minimum of seven minutes.

Goren wrote in connection with Israel's first two liver transplant operations performed at Rambam Hospital in Haifa last month without rabbinical sanction because the transplants were urgently needed. Both patients are in critical condition from post-operative infections.

SHAMIR: GOVERNMENT HAS REASONS FOR SILENCE ON THE VANUNU AFFAIR By David Landau

JERUSALEM, Nov. 4 (JTA) -- Premier Yitzhak Shamir said Tuesday that the government has reasons for remaining silent on the Vanunu affair. It would comment "when it sees fit," he told reporters.

Shamir was referring to Mordechai Vanunu, the missing former technician at the Dimona nuclear facility allegedly imprisoned in Israel. Police Minister Haim Barlev said Monday that Vanunu was not in any prison run by the police or the Prisons Authority.

He did not mention and therefore did not exclude detention facilities maintained by the special security services, reporters noted. The comments by Shamir and Barlev were the first passed by the censors on the Vanunu affair. Until now, the Israeli media was forced to rely on foreign press coverage.

Vanunu, who is a convert to Christianity, was reported missing in London on October 1 and it was charged in some quarters that he was kidnapped by Israeli agents. He broke into the news in September after giving the Sunday Times of London a story that Israel has a substantial arsenal of nuclear weapons.

HAPPY ENDING FOR A PLANE MISTAKE

JERUSALEM, Nov. 4 (JTA) -- A French charter plane carrying tourists to Eilat landed by mistake in Aqaba, Jordan, a few miles away, Monday. But after an hour on the tarmac it was allowed to leave, with the good wishes of Jordanian soldiers and police.

Finance Minister Chaim Corfu thanked Jordan Monday night for its good neighborliness. The error was attributed to the French pilot who was not familiar with the region and thought he was on the Eilat airfield when he was not.

ISRAEL WILL PARTICIPATE IN THE CAIRO INTERNATIONAL FAIR IN MARCH

JERUSALEM, Nov. 4 (JTA) -- Israel will participate in the Cairo International Fair scheduled to open in March, 1987, the Ministry of Commerce and Industry announced Monday. The Fair is the major trade exhibition organized by the Egyptian government. Dozens of countries participate.

The Ministry said it would organize the Israeli pavilion in cooperation with the Export Institute for the display of Israeli industrial products. The decision, which involves the appointment of a Trade Attache at the Israel Embassy in Cairo, was taken in order to foster and improve trade relations between Israel and Egypt, the Ministry's announcement said.

TEL AVIV (JTA) -- Four Israel Defense Force soldiers were wounded by mortar fire in the security zone of south Lebanon Tuesday afternoon. None was seriously hurt, an IDF spokesman said. The soldiers were repairing an army post west of the Christian village of Ashiya when they were fired on. They were the first Israeli casualties in south Lebanon in some months.

FOCUS ON ISSUES
RELIGIOUS PLURALISM IN ISRAEL

By David Landau

JERUSALEM, Nov. 4 (JTA)-- An ugly and mean-spirited incident at a Reform congregation in the Baka suburb of Jerusalem on Simchat Torah eve has sensitized the public to the issue of religious pluralism in Israel as rarely ever before and has given the Reform movement here a sympathetic hearing to press its case for equal treatment.

Most Israelis were shocked when Orthodox zealots in Baka, led by the local chief rabbi, Eliahu Abergil, disrupted the Reform congregation's services at the neighborhood community center and attempted to forcibly wrest Torahs from the congregants while hurling curses at them.

Most Israelis were further repelled by the subsequent public comments of the Sephardic Chief Rabbi, Mordechai Eliahu, and others of the Orthodox religious establishment, justifying the incursion. Abergil was arrested and faced charges of violating the criminal code.

But last week he expressed regret for his actions and gave a written promise never again to interfere with Reform worship. Rabbi Levi Weiman-Kelman of the Reform Kol Haneshama congregation withdrew the complaint and the two rabbis embraced outside the police station.

Certainly no Madison Avenue PR firm could have conjured such favorable publicity for the Reform movement--only 5,000 strong in a country of four million--especially as it is about to dedicate its massive new center in Jerusalem.

Broader Questions Remain Unanswered

While editorial writers and pundits welcomed the amicable resolution of the Baka incident, they point out correctly that the broader questions it raised remain unanswered. Is there in fact freedom of worship for Jews in the Jewish State? In the sense that they are free to pray to God in whatever way they choose, the answer is doubtlessly yes.

But insofar as the question pertains to State recognition of non-Orthodox Judaism, the answer, most certainly, is no.

Marriages, divorces and conversions, the three principal elements of personal status, reside exclusively in the jurisdiction of the Chief Rabbinate which is entirely Orthodox. Some departures are permitted, but they are all in the direction of ultra-Orthodoxy, not toward Reform or Conservative Judaism.

The Reform Movement In Israel

With two kibbutzim in Israel and a third planned, the Reform movement has had an impact on certain areas of Israeli life. By the same token, it has failed so far to attract any mass following and is therefore in no way comparable in terms of popular strength to the Reform movement in the United States.

Nevertheless, Reform leaders here and in America are not discouraged. They are enthusiastically involved in transforming what was once a bastion of anti-Zionism in the U.S. into a thoroughly pro-Zionist movement.

Reform rabbinical students in the U.S. are required to take one year of courses at the Hebrew Union College (HUC) Center in Jerusalem. That is only one reflection of the trend toward

identification with Israel by the Reform movement. The new HUC Center building, a magnificent \$30 million edifice on King David Street in the heart of Jerusalem, is an extension of the desire to make the HUC and Israel inseparably linked.

All of the key lay and clergy leaders of Reform Jewry will be here this week for the dedication ceremonies. But this is not to say that a surge toward Reform Judaism in Israel is imminent.

The reasons for the Reform movement's lack of popular appeal have never been carefully researched or clearly understood. But plainly there is resistance which goes far beyond the influence of the Orthodox establishment. Reform leaders, American and Israeli, will be pondering this in the weeks ahead.

ISRAELI MEDIA RAPPED FOR TRYING TO INTERFERE IN RELIGIOUS LIFE

By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, Nov. 4 (JTA) -- An official of the Education Ministry attacked the media for "trying to interfere in religious life and dictate the nature of co-existence" between religious and secular elements in Israel.

Yaacov Hadani, director of the Ministry's religious education department, warned against "indifference among religious Jews in the wake of leftist dictatorship in the media." He spoke at a national conference of rabbis convened here last week by the Center for Religious Education in Israel.

Expanded Religious Education Urged

Mordechai Eliahu and Avraham Shapiro, the Sephardic and Ashkenzic Chief Rabbis of Israel, respectively, urged expanded religious education in Israel's schools to combat "violence and permissiveness." Shapiro called on rabbis to become more involved in the educational system to make sure that every child receives a religious education.

Hadani said that rabbis must make sure that "everywhere in the country there will be Torah students who obey the mitzvot." Those who do not should be expelled from religious educational institutions, he said.

He also maintained that parents committees have no right to change "religious principles." He was referring to the objections by parents in a Jerusalem elementary school against the practice of separate classes for boys and girls.

A RARE KNESSET PHENOMENON

JERUSALEM, Nov. 4 (JTA) -- A rare phenomenon occurred in the Knesset this week. A member vacated his seat voluntarily after only two years in office.

Mordecai Bar-On, who held one of the three Knesset seats of the Citizens Rights Movement (CRM), said he was leaving office in order to work on his doctoral thesis on the 1956 Sinai campaign. Bar-On is a former Israel Defense Force colonel.

He said that since he did not intend to run for the Knesset in the next elections, it was only fair to hand his seat over to the next in line on the CRM list. His replacement is Dedi Zucker, 38, a former leader of the Peace Now movement.



**EEC SERIOUSLY DIVIDED OVER
BRITAIN'S URGING FOR JOINT
MEASURES AGAINST SYRIA**

By Edwin Eytan

PARIS, Oct. 27 (JTA) -- The European Economic Community (EEC) was seriously divided Monday over its response to Britain's urging to take joint measures against Syria because of its alleged involvement in international terrorism.

The Foreign Ministers of the 12 member-states, unable to reach a decision after a six-hour closed session in Luxembourg, continued to meet late into the night. A spokesman said a joint communique might be issued when the meeting adjourns.

The Foreign Ministers of the 12 member-states, unable to reach a decision after a six-hour closed session in Luxembourg, continued to meet late into the night. A spokesman said a joint communique might be issued when the meeting adjourns. Britain broke diplomatic relations with Syria last Friday following the sentencing of a Jordanian national, Nezar Hindawi, to 45 years in prison for attempting to place a bomb aboard an El Al airliner at London's Heathrow Airport last April 17. Britain charged the Syrian Embassy with collusion in the plot.

British Foreign Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe asked his colleagues at the meeting in Luxembourg to take concrete measures such as cutting off economic aid to Damascus, imposing stricter visa regulations on Syrian nationals, curtailing travel by Syrian diplomats in Western Europe and cancellation of official exchange visits between Syria and the EEC countries.

Stance Of Various Countries

Diplomatic sources in Luxembourg said that Greece, West Germany and France opposed joint anti-Syrian action. According to these sources, the Greek delegation accepted publication of a joint communique condemning terrorism "in all its forms" but refused to have Syria mentioned by name.

The West Germans and French were prepared to support a joint condemnation referring specifically to Syria but refused to "put teeth" into any joint measures, the sources said. Before Monday's meeting Howe urged the EEC states "to support us not with words alone." He called on Britain's partners to cut off economic aid to Syria, curtail trade and condemn Syria's tactics.

Howe produced what he called conclusive evidence of Syrian involvement in the attempt to plant a bomb aboard the Israeli airliner. Diplomatic sources told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that the evidence consisted of a transcript of Hindawi's trial at which several witnesses gave testimony directly implicating the Syrian Ambassador in London, Loutof Allah Haydar, and his staff in the terrorist plot.

Howe also produced additional evidence provided by the British secret service and the CIA, and transcripts of wiretaps at the homes of Syrian officials in London.

The 12 EEC countries denounced Libya last April 21 after the U.S. air raid on Tripoli which was a punitive measure for Libyan-backed terrorist acts in Europe. But EEC sources explained Monday that Syria's case is "very different."

Syria and the EEC have signed an economic cooperation agreement and are currently negotiating a financial agreement for the period 1986-1990. Syria has close, even friendly relations with several of the EEC member states, particularly Greece, Italy, Spain, Portugal and France.

France, West Germany and The Netherlands have granted Syria economic aid. According to the French press, they were about to increase their economic assistance. The three countries believe Syrian President Hafez Assad's regime should receive assistance to prevent Syria from falling completely under Soviet domination.

France, moreover, believes Syria can help obtain the release of seven French hostages held by Shiite Moslem extremists in Lebanon.

According to the French press, France has negotiated an important arms sales deal with Syria which only awaits the signature of Premier Jacques Chirac. The agreement reportedly is for the sale of combat planes and helicopters, electronic devices, missiles and computers. Some reports said the deal was worth billions of dollars.

Nevertheless, several political parties here have urged the government to support Britain's tough stance against Syria. The Socialist opposition has called for a break of diplomatic relations with Syria. Former President Valery Giscard d'Estaing has pressed Chirac "to show his solidarity" with Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's government.

**FLEROV FAMILY TO BE ALLOWED
TO LEAVE THE USSR IMMEDIATELY**

By Susan Birnbaum

NEW YORK, Oct. 27 (JTA) -- The family of an Israeli leukemia victim will be allowed to leave the Soviet Union immediately as a result of the efforts of Sen. Edward Kennedy (D. Mass.) and Israel's Ambassador to the United Nations Binyamin Netanyahu.

The Soviet Embassy in Washington informed Kennedy's office there last Friday that Viktor and Inessa Flerov of Moscow and their two daughters, Dariya, 7, and Mariana, 5, can leave for Israel any time they are ready to do so. Inessa's brother, Michael Shirman, who emigrated from the Soviet Union to Israel in 1980, is in the last stages of leukemia. The only real chance for his survival rests on a possible bone-marrow transplant from Inessa, his only sibling.

Christa Kuljian, a foreign policy aide to Kennedy, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that Yuri Dubinin, the Soviet Ambassador to the United States, had intervened to expedite the Flerovs' departure in response to an October 17 letter from Kennedy in which the Senator prodded the envoy to help the Flerovs leave as soon as possible.

Intervention By Netanyahu

At the same time, Eyal Arad, Israel's United Nations spokesperson, also said that the Flerovs' permission to depart had been hastened through the intervention of Netanyahu through the offices of UN Secretary General Javier Perez de Cuellar.

Netanyahu called on the UN chief after meeting with Shirman on October 17, immediately after Shirman was notified, during a press conference in New York, that the entire Flerov family had received permission to leave the USSR. What was not clear at that time was how soon they could leave and, as Shirman pointed out, time was of the essence.

Arad told the JTA that Perez de Cuellar called Vladimir Petrovsky, Deputy Foreign Minister of the USSR who is in charge of all international organizations

and works with the Soviet UN Mission. According to Arad, Petrovsky told Netanyahu he wasn't aware of the details of the case, and Netanyahu gave him a memorandum with all information on the Flerovs' efforts to leave.

Last Friday -- a week later -- Perez de Cuellar got a phone call from Alexander Belonogov, the Soviet Ambassador to the UN, in which Belonogov told Perez de Cuellar that he had received a message from Moscow that the Flerovs could leave immediately.

Shirman, who returned to Israel last Thursday after visiting the U.S. for a week to campaign for exit visas for the Flerovs, had repeatedly told his sister not to leave without her entire family, saying she might possibly be separated from her husband despite Soviet assurance that he could emigrate after clearing up necessary paperwork.

The paperwork included vouchers that the Flerovs had not rented any equipment or appliances from any government agencies and that they did not owe any money. The latest assurances by Soviet officials that the family could leave together appear to have cleared the last bureaucratic hurdles.

SECOND LIVER TRANSPLANT PATIENT DESCRIBED IN 'VERY SERIOUS' CONDITION

By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, Oct. 27 (JTA) -- Israel's second liver transplant patient was described in "very serious" condition Monday evening following surgery Sunday night and will probably have to undergo additional surgery to save his life, according to Rambam Hospital in Haifa.

He was identified by the hospital Monday as Eliahu Schreier, 59, of Moshav Shores near Jerusalem. He has had a liver ailment for seven years and was transferred to Rambam from Hadassah Hospital after his condition deteriorated. Rambam is presently the only hospital in Israel licensed to perform liver transplants.

The operation was performed by Dr. Yigal Kam who was trained in the procedure in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Kam said complications occurred during surgery and the patient will almost certainly need corrective surgery to halt internal bleeding.

Meanwhile, Kam's first liver transplant patient, Mira Schichmanter, 40, continued to improve Monday, though doctors said she is still not out of danger. Schichmanter, the mother of two, underwent surgery for 20 hours last Wednesday. She remains in an intensive care unit but is now breathing without the aid of a respirator and is able to have short visits by her family.

AUSTRALIA VOTES TO OVERTURN UN ZIONISM-RACISM RESOLUTION

By Sam Lipski

MELBOURNE, Oct. 27 (JTA) -- The Australian Parliament has voted to overturn the 1975 United Nations resolution which equated Zionism with racism. In a resolution which gained support from all parties in the House of Representatives and the Senate, the UN resolution was denounced as an obstacle to peace in the Middle East. Israeli leaders hailed the Parliament's action. (See separate story.)

Prime Minister Bob Hawke said the government supported efforts to overturn Resolution 3379 because it had done "very real damage to the relations between states." Hawke said that successive Australian governments had regarded the anti-Zionist move as unacceptable.

Apart from the United States, Australia is understood to be the only other nation to have formally condemned UN Resolution 3379 in such forthright terms through the full force of its national legislative process.

The action taken in Parliament last Thursday follows a year-long lobbying campaign undertaken by the Zionist Federation of Australia as part of the wider international campaign to have the UN resolution rescinded.

The president of the Zionist Federation, Mark Leibler, hailed the Australian Parliamentary initiative as "a breakthrough of international significance which will, it is hoped, set an example to other democratic parliaments."

Leibler particularly welcomed the role played by Australian Foreign Minister Bill Hayden, who had undertaken the task of developing the language of the Parliamentary resolution and guiding it through both legislatures where it was accepted without dissent.

Text Of The Resolution

The text of the resolution stated:

"This house resolves that United Nations General Assembly Resolution 3379 which equates Zionism with racism: Has been unhelpful in the context of the search for a settlement in the Middle East; Is inconsistent with the Charter of the United Nations; Remains unacceptable as a misrepresentation of Zionism; Has served to escalate religious animosity and incite anti-Semitism. This House recommends that the government of Australia lend support to efforts to overturn Resolution 3379 in the United Nations."

AUSTRALIA'S ACTION HAILED IN ISRAEL

By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, Oct. 27 (JTA) -- The Australian Parliament's vote to overturn the 1975 United Nations General Assembly resolution equating Zionism with racism was hailed by Israeli leaders.

President Chaim Herzog called it "a continued expression of the steadfast friendship between our two countries." Premier Yitzhak Shamir sent cables to Australian Prime Minister Bob Hawke and to the Speaker of Parliament, declaring that "The people and government of Israel are grateful to you and the Australian people for this act which sets a moral example for all free and democratic nations."

Herzog, who will make a state visit to Australia beginning November 4, said he would use that occasion to "personally express to the people of Australia the heartfelt thanks and profound esteem that we in Israel feel towards the people of Australia and their representatives in taking this noble action."

He noted that he was Israel's Ambassador to the UN when the resolution was adopted. He recalled it as "a moment of international shame and degradation not before equalled in the 40 years of the UN's existence. In that vote, two worlds confronted each other: the democratic nations who stood beside Israel against the totalitarian and anti-democratic nations who represent the forces of oppression, anti-Semitism and hypocrisy."

Herzog added, "The decision taken ... (by Australia) to condemn that infamous resolution is a continued expression of the steadfast friendship between our two countries -- a friendship which flows from common sources of morality and the commitment to the freedom and integrity of every individual."

BRITAIN STUDYING LIST OF ALLEGED NAZI WAR CRIMINALS LIVING IN BRITAIN

By Maurice Samuelson

LONDON, Oct. 27 (JTA) -- The British Foreign Office is studying a list of 17 alleged Nazi war criminals residing in Britain handed to it last week by the Los Angeles-based Simon Wiesenthal Center.

One of them is reported to be 71-year-old Antanas Gecas, a retired mining engineer who lives in Edinburgh. Gecas, who settled in Britain in 1947, is quoted in the press as saying he is seeking legal advice because he fears he might be sent to Israel or the Soviet Union and put on trial.

Gecas, who abbreviated his surname from Gecevicus, holds the German Iron Cross and also, he claims, a Polish decoration awarded for fighting against the Germans after switching sides in Italy in 1944.

As a conscripted lieutenant with the German forces, he had witnessed executions of many Jews, Lithuanian partisans and Russian soldiers. But he indignantly denies that he took part in any shootings, which he describes as abhorrent and contrary to his Roman Catholic faith. His unit's job, he says, was simply to protect the Germans while executions took place.

Gecas expressed no surprise that his name was on the list sent to the Foreign Office, claiming "The Russians have been hammering and hammering about me since the end of the war."

The other 16 names on the list are of Lithuanian, Latvian and Estonian collaborators who allegedly took part in acts of genocide during the German occupation.

Rabbi Marvin Hier, director of the Wiesenthal Center, said that Nazi collaborators from countries occupied by the Nazis took advantage of the confusion at the end of the war to blend in with the hundreds of thousands of genuine refugees from Eastern Europe who found themselves in the western half of Germany.

SHAMIR FAVORS STRONG TIES BETWEEN JORDAN AND WEST BANK RESIDENTS

By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, Oct. 27 (JTA) -- Premier Yitzhak Shamir favors strong ties between Jordan and residents of the administered territories and favors continued Jordanian involvement in Arab affairs in the West Bank, according to Yosef Ben-Aharon, the new Director General of the Prime Minister's Office.

Ben-Aharon said on a television interview Sunday that Shamir's government also favors "self-government" for the residents of the territories. He did not elaborate but observed that the government would support all measures taken so far and in the future to improve "the quality of life" in the territories, as long as the residents did not join terrorist groups.

He said Israel was ready to advance the peace process with Jordan in whatever way was convenient to Jordan, either in direct or "discreet" talks.

Meanwhile, Avraham Tamir, who held Ben-Aharon's office when Shimon Peres was Premier and is now Director General of the Foreign Ministry under Peres, announced he will visit Egypt soon to "deepen the ties between the two countries." He said he intends to concentrate on normalization of relations with Egypt. Tamir played a major role in working out the Israeli-Egyptian agreement to resolve their border dispute over Taba through arbitration.

ORTHODOX AND REFORM MOVEMENTS IN A RARE COOPERATIVE EFFORT

By David Friedman

WASHINGTON, Oct. 27 (JTA) -- The Orthodox Agudath Israel of America and the Reform Union of American Hebrew Congregations (UAHC), in a rare cooperative effort, have helped ensure that persons wearing yarmulkes will never be barred from the Senate's visitors' galleries.

The effort came about, according to David Luchins, an aide in the New York office of Sen. Daniel Moynihan (D.NY), after a constituent told Moynihan that a pass to the gallery he received from Moynihan's office barred persons wearing hats.

This is not true in the House where the gallery passes read: "Hats may not be worn by gentlemen except for religious reasons."

Luchins told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that no one wearing a yarmulke has ever been barred from the Senate galleries. This was pointed out also by Moynihan in a letter to Ernest Garcia, the Senate Sergeant-Of-Arms. But Moynihan added, however, "The rules as set forth on the pass could lead a Jewish or Sikh guest to forego visiting our chamber."

Moynihan suggested changing the pass wording to include the House exception to which Garcia agreed. The change was proposed to the Senate Rules Committee where it received the support of the committee's chairman, Sen. Charles Mathias (D. Md.).

Luchins noted that the proposal came to the Senate just as it had rejected a proposal by Sen. Frank Lautenberg (D. NJ) to allow members of the military to wear yarmulkes. But, Luchins said with Agudath Israel and the UAHC working together the Senate was convinced to make the change. Moynihan hailed it as a "small, but significant step," according to Luchins.

ORTHODOX BID TO SEPARATE SEXES ON PUBLIC BUSES RUNS AFOUL OF THE LAW

JERUSALEM, Oct. 27 (JTA) -- Efforts by the ultra-Orthodox community of Bnei Brak to segregate the sexes on public buses ran into a roadblock -- the law.

The Transport Ministry and the Dan bus cooperative said Sunday there was no legal way to implement a ruling by two Bnei Brak rabbis that men and women not be permitted to sit side-by-side in the No. 54-B bus that links Bnei Brak with Tel Aviv.

The rabbis decreed that men sit on the left, women on the right. If there are no aisle seats, women passengers would be required to sit in the rear to spare men the temptation of looking at them, if only at their backs.

ALEKSEI MAGARIK BEATEN IN LABOR CAMP

NEW YORK, Oct. 27 (JTA) -- Jewish Prisoner of Conscience Aleksei Magarik has been brutally beaten at the Ochrezhgemiyeh labor camp where he is serving a three-year sentence on trumped-up charges of "drug possession," according to the Coalition to Free Soviet Jews.

Aleksei's wife, Natalia, was permitted a short meeting with her husband who told her that upon his arrival he was asked to join the internal police. When he refused he was warned by the camp manager that he would "regret his decision." He was then placed with the most dangerous prisoners who had been told that Aleksei is an enemy of the regime. He was subsequently attacked, and sustained multiple bruises on his body. He received no medical attention.

**FIVE ORTHODOX JEWS ARRESTED
IN FRONT OF MOSCOW'S CHORAL
SYNAGOGUE ON SIMCHAT TORAH**

By Susan Birnbaum

NEW YORK, Oct. 27 (JTA) -- Five young Orthodox Jews were arrested in front of Moscow's Choral Synagogue on Simchat Torah Sunday, according to Lynn Singer, director of the Long Island Committee for Soviet Jewry. Singer told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that, according to reliable sources, the five were arrested by "particularly vicious" policemen, who told them that "they wished that they could kill them." It occurred after Elie Wiesel left Moscow.

Wiesel, the 1986 Nobel Peace Prize winner, went to Moscow last week to discuss the plight of Soviet Jewry with top Soviet officials but was reportedly unable to meet with Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev. Speaking at a news conference, Wiesel appealed to the Soviet government to allow dissident physicist Andrei Sakharov, the 1975 Nobel Peace Laureate who was banished to the city of Gorky six years ago, to return to Moscow. Wiesel described Sakharov as "a humanitarian" and said that "to isolate him is unfair and unjust."

Wiesel also attended a Jewish religious ceremony in Moscow and said later he had been moved by the resilience and faith of Soviet Jews. Wiesel, who was in Moscow as a guest of the Soviet War Veterans Committee to discuss with its members how to commemorate victims of the Nazis in World War II, left for Paris Sunday.

Singer said the five, who were arrested immediately after Wiesel's departure, were taken to police headquarters, where they were being held until a trial Monday where she assumed they would be charged with "hooliganism" and incarcerated for a minimum of 15 days. The five were unidentified, but sources told Singer that one of them is missing a hand and that this might help to identify him. Singer told the JTA that the current "mood in Moscow is so bad" among Jews.

The arrests occurred during a visit to the United States by the Soviet chairman of the Council of Religious Affairs, Konstantin Kharchev, who announced last Thursday at a press conference in New York that the Soviet Union is moving in the direction of democratizing government policy toward religion. Kharchev professed to have no knowledge of specific instances where Jews were mistreated or harassed, alleging that "enemies of the Soviet State propagate lies."

**ADL URGES U.S. CHESS TEAM TO
BOYCOTT CHESS OLYMPIAD IN DUBAI**

NEW YORK, Oct. 27 (JTA) -- Nathan Perlmutter, national director of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, has called on the United States Chess Federation (USCF) not to send an American team to participate in the International Chess Olympiad in the United Arab Emirates next month because of that nation's policy of discrimination and exclusion.

Joining Perlmutter at a news conference held at ADL headquarters last Friday were international grandmaster Leonid Shamkovich, U.S. grandmaster Dr. Reuben Fine and Rep. Bill Green (R., NY).

Pointing out that the United Arab Emirates has refused to allow Israel to participate in the Olympiad in Dubai and that their visa policy bars Israeli nationals and "Zionist sympathizers," Perlmutter asserted that "U.S. absence from Dubai with the reason clearly

stated -- that we will have no truck with group prejudice -- would underscore American abhorrence of prejudice and would demonstrate how dearly we want to be judged on individual merit rather than our sympathies or national origins."

Perlmutter noted that chess teams from Norway, Sweden and The Netherlands have refused to participate in Dubai because of the Emirates' exclusionary practices. He said U.S. absence from Dubai would constitute "the most eloquent of statements."

Grandmaster Shamkovich told the news conference that the USCF's decision to go to Dubai was "outrageous." He charged that the USCF had violated "American democratic principles" by agreeing to participate.

Referring to the exclusion of Israel from the championships, Shamkovich said that "American chess players should not be indifferent to such discrimination and humiliation of their colleagues from a country which is a member of FIDE (The International Chess Federation)."

Green, who introduced a resolution in Congress urging the USCF not to go to Dubai and calling on U.S. citizens to boycott the championships, said the exclusion of Israel "is causing hurt and resentment within the international chess community."

**URUGUAY ISSUES SPECIAL
STAMP IN HONOR OF B'NAI B'RITH**

MONTEVIDEO, Oct. 27 (JTA) -- The National Post Office has issued a special stamp marking the 50th anniversary of the founding of B'nai B'rith in Uruguay. The stamp is in three colors with two menorahs in the center. Over 200,000 have been printed and are being sold all over the country.

B'nai B'rith was established here in 1936 and has become one of the most respected organizations in Uruguay with a steadily expanding range of services and activities that have contributed to a more just and prosperous society, according to Dr. Eduardo Kohn, executive vice president of B'nai B'rith District 28 in Uruguay.

Its programs include services to hospitals, schools and homes for the aged and handicapped; cultural institutions including a museum where local artists can exhibit their work; a library serving the entire community, and Panorama, a magazine published monthly which has developed a wide readership among Jews and non-Jews.

B'nai B'rith here has created the prize Fraternidad awarded each year to a Uruguayan artist. It consists of a trip to Europe and Israel.

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ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (JTA) -- Jurgis Juodis, a Lithuanian immigrant charged by the U.S. Department of Justice with complicity in Nazi atrocities committed in Lithuania and Byelorussia during World War II, has died here at age 75, the World Jewish Congress reported. Juodis, whose denaturalization trial was expected to take place next year, died last Thursday of cancer at Palms of Pasadena Hospital.

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JERUSALEM (JTA) -- The Foreign Ministry expressed regret Monday over the decision by Ivory Coast to move its recently re-opened Embassy from Jerusalem to Tel Aviv. Ivory Coast Ambassador Jean-Pierre Boni explained that in politics "one sometimes must move the chess pieces to preserve the vital interests of the country."

**SHAMIR PRAISES BRITAIN FOR BREAKING
DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH SYRIA**

By David Landau (Jerusalem)
and Maurice Samuelson (London)

Oct. 26 (JTA) -- Israeli Premier Yitzhak Shamir had high praise for the British government Sunday for breaking diplomatic relations with Syria. Addressing the weekly Cabinet meeting in Jerusalem, his first as Prime Minister, Shamir called the move "a significant step forward" in the battle of the Western democracies against international terrorism.

Britain acted Friday after the Syrian Ambassador in London, Loutof Allah Haydar, was implicated in an attempt to blow up an El Al airliner last April 17. A 32-year-old Jordanian, Nezar Hindawi, who tried to have a suitcase full of high explosives smuggled aboard the plane at Heathrow Airport, was convicted of attempted murder and sentenced Friday to 45 years in prison.

Testimony at his trial indicated he acted in collusion with the Syrian envoy and the Embassy staff. Haydar was summoned to the Foreign Office immediately after sentence was passed. Foreign Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe told Parliament later that Haydar was ordered to close his Embassy and withdraw its 21 staff members. The British Embassy in Damascus, with a staff of 19, was closed at the same time.

Within hours after the British move, the U.S. and Canada announced they were recalling their Ambassadors to Damascus.

Disappointment With France

Although the Israelis were obviously delighted by these developments, official reaction in Jerusalem was low-key. The explanation given was that Israel did not want to appear to have had a role in the deterioration of relations between the West and Syria. The feeling in Jerusalem is that it is now up to the Western countries to lead the fight against terrorism.

Official sources in Jerusalem expressed disappointment with France which did not follow the British lead and reportedly plans to sell arms to Syria. Israel's Ambassador in Paris, Ovadia Soffer, is expected to ask the French government for "clarifications" of the three billion Franc arms deal reported in the newspaper Liberation.

El Al Security Guard Foiled Terrorist Attempt

The attempt to plant deadly explosives aboard the El Al plane before it took off for Tel Aviv with 375 passengers aboard was foiled by an alert El Al security agent. Testimony at Hindawi's trial exposed the utter ruthlessness of the plot and the Syrian Embassy connection.

Referring to the latter, the London court judge, Sir William Mars-Jones, said, "We will not tolerate acts of terrorism from other countries operating here or from their country." The sentence was one of the toughest handed down by a British court in recent years.

Hindawi was arrested after the El Al security staff found three pounds of plastic explosives in a suitcase which had passed through a metal detector and would have been carried aboard the plane. Hindawi had given the suitcase to his Irish

woman friend, Anne-Marie Murphy, who was unaware of what it contained.

The Jordanian had promised Murphy, who was pregnant with his child at the time, that he would follow her to Israel on a later plane and marry her. The concealed bomb was timed to explode when the plane was over Austria.

Syrian Ambassador Is Implicated

The prosecution claimed that after leaving Murphy at the airport with the suitcase, Hindawi proceeded to the Syrian Embassy where he presented a letter to Ambassador Haydar. After telephoning Damascus, the Ambassador was alleged to have put Hindawi in the care of three diplomats who tried to disguise him and send him to a safe hide-away.

Hindawi told police interrogators after his arrest that he was a member of the Abu Nidal terrorist group and was to be paid \$250,000 to destroy the Israeli aircraft with all aboard. The date, April 17, is the Syrian National Day.

The British jury of seven men and five women reached a unanimous verdict of guilty. Before passing sentence, Mars-Jones told Hindawi: "This was a well-planned, well-organized crime which involved many others besides yourself, some of them people in high places.

"If your attempt had succeeded and that bomb had gone off, some 380 innocent civilians, men, women and children, would have perished, including the woman you professed to love and was carrying your child. A more callous and cruel deception and a more horrendous massacre is difficult to imagine."

Hindawi, who implicated the Syrian Ambassador during questioning by police, changed his story in the course of his trial. He denied the attempted murder charge, claiming that he had tricked Murphy into smuggling drugs into Israel and that Israeli intelligence agents replaced them with explosives.

**IVORY COAST ANNOUNCES THAT IT
WILL MOVE ITS EMBASSY IN ISRAEL
FROM JERUSALEM TO TEL AVIV**

By Edwin Eytan

PARIS, Oct. 26 (JTA) -- Ivory Coast, which resumed diplomatic relations with Israel less than a year ago, announced Sunday that it will move its recently re-opened Embassy from Jerusalem to Tel Aviv.

According to Radio Abidjan, the decision was taken by the country's ruling Democratic Party at a special meeting convened by President Felix Houphouet-Boigny. A government statement said it was in accordance with a United Nations Security Council resolution of 1980 calling on all UN members-states with Embassies in Jerusalem to withdraw them.

Radio Abidjan reported last week that Houphouet-Boigny had decided on the move and would ask his government's approval. Ivory Coast Information Minister Simon Ake was quoted as saying his country opposed Israel's annexation of East Jerusalem. There was no official comment from Jerusalem Sunday.

Diplomatic circles here believe Ivory Coast is responding to a threat by the Arab League member states in Tunis a week ago to sever ties with the West African nation unless its Embassy was removed from Jerusalem. They also threatened economic sanctions. Commerce in Ivory Coast is dominated by Arabs of Syrian and Lebanese origin and 23 percent of the country's population of 10 million is Moslem.

Ivory Coast severed relations with Israel after the 1973 Yom Kippur War. They were restored last December with the understanding that the Embassy would be located in Jerusalem.

SECOND LIVER TRANSPLANT OPERATION IN ISRAEL; FIRST TRANSPLANT PATIENT IS STILL LISTED IN CRITICAL CONDITION

By Gil Sedan and Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, Oct. 26 (JTA) -- Rambam Hospital in Haifa announced Sunday evening that a surgical team was performing a second liver transplant operation in less than a week.

The hospital said the surgical team was headed by Dr. Yigal Kam and that the patient was male, transferred from Hadassah Hospital in Jerusalem. It offered no further details.

Kam performed Israel's first liver transplant five days ago on Mira Schichmanter. Her condition was reported Sunday to be improving but is still listed as critical. Schichmanter, a mother of two, turned 40 on Friday.

She underwent a controversial 20-hour operation last Wednesday and has been confined since then to an intensive care isolation unit linked to a respirator. Although doctors reported no significant progress in the functioning of her new liver, they described her condition as "somewhat improved" on Friday. She is reportedly fully conscious and spoke a few words to her family and physicians. On Thursday she sat in an armchair for 30 minutes.

Kam, who trained in liver transplant surgery at Children's Hospital in Pittsburgh, Pa., said it would be a few more days before he could call the operation a success and three to four weeks before doctors can determine if her body accepted the liver.

Schichmanter's family is reportedly considering adding the name of her donor to her name in gratitude for the donor family's altruistic decision. The donor, a 19-year-old woman soldier from Kibbutz Shaar Ha'amakin, died in a car accident early last week.

Prior to Schichmanter's operation, liver transplants were forbidden in Israel by religious authorities because of a technical argument over the definitions of death. In order to donate a liver, the donor's heart must still be beating, even if the donor is brain dead and artificial means are used to keep the heart beating. In the rabbinical definition of death though, a person is dead only when the heart stops beating.

RABIN: ISRAEL WILL DO ALL IT CAN TO GAIN RELEASE OF DOWNED FLYER

JERUSALEM, Oct. 26 (JTA) -- Defense Minister Yitzhak Rabin said Friday that Israel would do everything possible to gain the release of an Israel Air Force navigator who bailed out of his Phantom jet over south Lebanon on October 16.

The flyer, not publicly identified, is believed to be a prisoner of Amal, the Shiite Moslem

militia in Lebanon. Amal leader Nabih Berri, who is Lebanon's Minister of Justice, said last week that the Israeli was being held by Amal. He stated no conditions for his release.

The pilot of the Phantom also bailed out but was rescued by an Israel Air Force helicopter. Rabin received the helicopter crew at his office Friday. He said the rescue was an "honorable token" of the special quality, both human and professional, of the Air Force.

VANDALS DAMAGE ARAB-OWNED CARS

By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, Oct. 26 (JTA) -- Fifteen Arab-owned cars were damaged here last Thursday night by unidentified persons. In most cases, the vandals slashed the tires. No one claimed responsibility for the act, and police were not immediately certain what motivated the vandalism. However, police thought it possible that a group of Jews who wanted to damage Arab property was behind the act.

Five cars were damaged in the neighborhood of Abu-Tor, residence of one of the terrorists allegedly responsible for the grenade attack in the Old City of Jerusalem on October 15 which took one life and wounded 69 soldiers and civilians. Another 10 cars were vandalized in the Wadi Joz neighborhood at the foot of the Mount of Olives and Mount Scopus.

Two weeks ago, the windshield of a car owned by an Arab was smashed in the Old City and one car was set on fire. Police found anti-Arab slogans smeared on a nearby wall.

ISRAELIS RETURNING TO RAS BURKA

By David Landau

JERUSALEM, Oct. 26 (JTA) -- A year after seven Israelis, including four children, were gunned down by a beserk Egyptian soldier on the beach at Ras Burka in eastern Sinai, Israelis are beginning to flock back to the peninsula to enjoy its pristine white beaches, coral reefs and clear water.

About 2,000 Israeli tourists crossed the border into Sinai since the week-long Succot festival began on October 17. This is only half the number of tourists at the same time last year. But the Israelis report a positive change of attitude on the part of the Egyptian authorities.

The tragedy at Ras Burka put severe strains on Israeli-Egyptian relations. Although the killer was arrested -- he committed suicide in jail-- and the inquiry conducted by Cairo satisfied the Israeli authorities, bitterness persisted because of delays in getting medical help for the shooting victims. Several bled to death before they were allowed to be taken back across the border to hospitals in Israel.

Tourists returning from Sinai now say things have changed. In one case, an Israeli woman tourist fell ill. The Egyptians waived border formalities so that she could be rushed to a hospital. Egyptian tour guides make it a point of showing Israelis the scene of the massacre and express their deep regret for it.

SWEDEN REJECTS POLITICAL ASYLUM BID BY A NAZI WAR CRIMINAL

STOCKHOLM, Oct. 26 (JTA) -- The Swedish government has rejected a request for political asylum made by Karl Linnas, the former chief of

the Nazi concentration camp at Tartu, Estonia, who is facing deportation from the United States, the World Jewish Congress reported here.

Representatives of Swedish Jewry had expressed concern recently over reports in the Stockholm press that the government had received an asylum request from Linnas. The U.S. Department of State ruled last year that Linnas was ineligible for asylum in the United States.

Georg Andersson, Sweden's Minister of Immigration, in disclosing his government's decision last Thursday, stated that materials provided by the U.S. government showed that American courts "have conducted extensive inquiries which proved that Linnas had a leading role in a Nazi concentration camps."

Noting that "war crimes cannot be compared to any other kind of criminal activity," Andersson declared that the Swedish government wanted it understood that "Sweden will not and cannot become a haven for war criminals."

Linnas, 67, is currently in federal custody in New York, pending a U.S. Supreme Court decision on his petition for review of a May 8 decision of the U.S. Second Circuit Court of Appeals approving his deportation to the Soviet Union.

POLICE TO PRESS CHARGES AGAINST ORTHODOX GROUP OF MEN WHO TRIED TO DISRUPT SERVICES AT A REFORM SYNAGOGUE By David Landau and Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, Oct. 26 (JTA) -- Jerusalem police said Sunday they would press charges against Rabbi Eliahu Abergil who led a group of Orthodox men in an attempt to disrupt prayer services at a Reform congregation in the Baka suburb of Jerusalem Friday evening, the eve of Simchat Torah. He is also charged with making threats against the local Reform community.

The Jerusalem Police Chief said Sunday that accounts of violence at the incident were much exaggerated. Minister of Religious Affairs Zevulun Hammer, nevertheless, ordered an inquiry. According to the police, Abergil is suspected of having violated Article 171 of the Criminal Code. If convicted he could face up to three years in prison. Abergil was released on bail Sunday.

The incident has escalated the ongoing controversy in Israel over freedom of worship for all and religious extremism. Rabbi Richard Hirsh, head of the Progressive (Reform) movement in Israel said Sunday that protection of minority rights was the essence of democracy.

But Sephardic Chief Rabbi Mordechai Eliahu said on a radio interview that while he abhorred and condemned violence of any kind, he opposed freedom of worship if that meant equality for all branches of religion.

Hammer, leader of the National Religious Party, stated that he favored complete freedom and protection for private worship but was against "importing problems," meaning apparently the pluralism of Judaism that prevails in the U.S. and other countries. Israel recognizes and supports only the Orthodox branch.

Abergil denied charges that he hurled abuse at the Reform worshippers and that he and his supporters resorted to force to wrest Torah scrolls from them.

Eye-witness accounts of the events at the Kol Haneshama congregation Friday night said

"Abergil and his followers entered the community center gymnasium where services were being held. At first they just watched. Then, two of the younger intruders asked to dance with the Torah scrolls and attempted to grab them. When they failed, Abergil began screaming invectives at the congregation, calling them evil and corrupt. He said they made the synagogue into a house of prostitution.

"At that point, members of the congregation joined hands and began singing, 'May He who makes Peace on High make Peace for us and all of Israel.' Slowly they edged the intruders out of the building."

Rabbi Levi Weiman-Kelman of the Reform congregation told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency he was kicked by one of Abergil's supporters. He said he was calling on all non-Orthodox Israelis to show their solidarity by filling Reform and Conservative congregations this Sabbath.

(In New York, Alexander Schindler, president of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, the Reform movement, said Sunday: "The attempt by ultra-Orthodox extremists to disrupt a joyous celebration of Simchat Torah in a Reform synagogue in Holy City of Jerusalem fills us with profound sadness, demonstrating as it does the fanatic and unremitting effort of certain groups to impose, by force if necessary, their view of how other Jews should worship the Almighty. We are grateful to the Jerusalem police for pressing charges against the perpetrators and to the Minister of Religious Affairs for ordering an investigation into this reprehensible act.")

CLAIMS MADE THAT A MISSING ISRAELI NUCLEAR TECHNICIAN IS BEING HELD IN ISRAEL

By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, Oct. 26 (JTA) -- An Anglican priest from Australia implied at a press conference in East Jerusalem Sunday that Israeli agents may have kidnapped Mordechai Vanunu, a one-time technician at the Dimona nuclear facility who told the press that Israel has a stockpile of nuclear bombs.

The Rev. John McKnight, who said he converted Vanunu to the Christian faith shortly after the Israeli arrived in Australia last May, made no specific charge. He told reporters at the American Colony Hostel that he had completely reliable information that Vanunu had been brought to Israel from London "not of his free will" and is presently in prison somewhere in Israel. Israeli officials would neither confirm nor deny this allegation.

Declines To Identify Source Of Information

McKnight declined to identify the source of his information. He said he had no reply to his request to the Prime Minister's Office that he be allowed to meet with Vanunu where he is allegedly being held in order to offer him personal and legal aid from the Anglican Church in Australia.

McKnight told Israel Radio earlier that he had last spoken to Vanunu in London on September 30, the day before he disappeared. Vanunu gave details to a British newspaper of a purported Israeli nuclear arsenal at Dimona where he had been employed for several years in a technical capacity. He said he acted out of ideological reasons.

SPECIAL INTERVIEW
A NATIONAL CONTROVERSY IN ISRAEL
 By Yitzhak Rabi

NEW YORK, Oct. 26 (JTA) -- In January of this year, an Orthodox 35-year-old woman from Yerucham, a small development town in Israel's Negev desert, was elected to the town's religious council, known in Hebrew as Moatza Datit.

The election of Leah Shakdiel, a school teacher and mother of three, was unprecedented: she was the first woman to be elected to a religious council in the history of Israel. Her election was immediately challenged by the Religious Affairs Ministry, religious politicians and many Orthodox rabbis on the ground that no woman ever served on a religious council in Israel. The council is financed by the government and supervises religious services and programs.

For almost eight months, Shakdiel hoped that the matter would be resolved quietly and not become an issue of national controversy. But last month, she decided to bring her case to the media -- and since then her name and the controversy over her election has become a household issue.

Three years ago, Shakdiel was elected to the Yerucham town council on the Labor Party ticket. She was subsequently nominated by the Labor Party to serve on the religious council. Her plight since becoming a religious council member prompted the Association for Civil Rights in Israel, which receives grants from the New Israel Fund (NIF) in the United States, to provide Shakdiel with legal counsel. Another NIF grantee, the Israel Women's Network, is conducting a public campaign in support of her case.

Shakdiel, who was in New York last week for a lecture tour sponsored by the NIF, talked to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency about her situation.

Willing To Take The Case To The Supreme Court

"Since my election to the religious council, and until recently, I have been corresponding with the Religious Affairs Ministry about it, but nothing has come of it. Therefore, the Association for Civil Rights and I decided to bring the matter to the attention of the public. We will explore all the legal avenues and we are willing to take the case to Israel's Supreme Court."

Shakdiel said her case is now being decided by a special Ministerial Committee. "In Israel, we now have a new Premier and a new Minister of Religious Affairs, and the Interior Minister who have to decide about my case. I am not going to compromise. If they decide to oppose my nomination, we will go to the Supreme Court," she said.

Shakdiel said one of the reasons given by former Minister of Religious Affairs Yosef Burg for opposing women's membership in a religious council was that rabbis, who are members of the council, are forbidden to sit in meetings with women.

Shakdiel scoffed at this explanation. "Look, in the last 100 years there has been a revolution concerning the status of woman in Western society," she told the JTA. "And this revolution includes Judaism. For instance, the fact that women are studying the Torah constitutes a revolution in Judaism. When women started doing

so, it was a much bigger revolution than my election to a religious council." Another case in point, Shakdiel noted, "is a landmark decision in 1919 by the major rabbis at the time that permitted the election of Jewish women to public office. When they undertook this ruling, they knew that they were changing Jewish tradition -- but they understood at the same time that this was the new direction of Judaism. In a way, they were much more ahead of their times by giving Jewish women the religious permission to vote and to be elected to public office long before many European women were given these rights."

Part Of A Broader Fight

Shakdiel said that her right to serve on the religious council of Yerucham is part of her fight for a better Israeli society. "Since I moved to Yerucham in 1978, I have devoted my life to the advancement of Jewish society in Israel in the direction that will bring out the light in Judaism," she said.

"I came to Yerucham because I believe that it represents and reflects the struggle of Israeli society as a whole for integrating people in a kibbutz galuyot (melting pot), for bringing together Jews from different traditions and communities. In a small town like Yerucham, one can feel the struggle for a new society, for democracy, and for the search for a way to combine Jewish tradition and modernity."

Shakdiel said that her case has attracted the support of many women and civil rights groups and also of many religious individuals and some religious groups. She said she has been receiving many letters and telephone calls from religious Jews encouraging her to continue with her struggle. "I also received the support of the religious kibbutz movement," she said.

POLAND'S PRIMATE DENIES PLANS TO BUILD CONVENT AT AUSCHWITZ SITE

MONTREAL, Oct. 26 (JTA) -- Cardinal Joseph Glemp, the Primate of Poland, assured a delegation of the Canadian Jewish Congress that there are no plans at this time to erect a Carmelite convent on the site of the former Auschwitz concentration camp in Poland.

In a meeting here Friday with the delegation, the Cardinal said that he had received letters from the World Jewish Congress and other groups regarding their deep concern over the reported plans to erect the convent. He said that he opposes the plan and that he understands the concern of the Jewish community.

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JERUSALEM (JTA) -- Relations between Israel and the People's Republic of China continue to improve, David Kimche, former Director-General of the Foreign Ministry, told Maariv Friday. He noted that progress can be recorded month by month. "There is much in Israel which interests China," Kimche stated, "and therefore I am convinced that we are headed in the right direction with China: an emphasis on economic ties, without an attempt to make them conditional on any sort of political commitment."

**ISRAEL'S FIRST LIVER TRANSPLANT
PATIENT REPORTED IN CRITICAL BUT
STABLE CONDITION IN RAMBAM HOSPITAL**
By David Landau and Hugh Orgel

JERUSALEM, Oct. 22 (JTA) -- Israel's first liver transplant patient, Mira Schichmanter, 39, was reported in critical but stable condition at Rambam Hospital in Haifa at noon Wednesday after 20 hours in the operating room and 18 hours of surgery.

Dr. Yigal Kam, who performed the operation, said it will not be known for three days whether the transplanted liver will be rejected. If the patient survives after that period she will be declared out of danger.

Liver transplants hitherto were not permitted in Israel because of objections by the religious authorities and patients needing them for survival were forced to go abroad for surgery. Dr. Kam trained in the technique in Children's Hospital in Pittsburgh, Pa., and Rambam Hospital claims to be the first in Israel with full facilities to perform the complex operation.

It received permission in principle several months ago. The specific license to operate on Schichmanter was issued Tuesday by Health Minister Shoshana Arbeli-Amoslina, her first act after taking office in the new Cabinet. She gave approval without consulting the halachic authorities because time was of the essence.

Schichmanter, from Kfar Saba, a mother of two, suffered from a chronic liver ailment for seven years. Her health deteriorated recently and according to hospital sources only a transplant could save her life. The donor was a 19-year-old woman soldier, Rivital Brandt of Kibbutz Shaar Ha'amakin, who was killed in a road accident earlier this week.

Rabbinical Committee To Consider The Issue

The Chief Rabbinate has established a committee of rabbis and medical doctors to consider the issue of liver and heart transplants. The problem lies in the difference between medical and rabbinical definitions of death. According to medical science, death occurs when the brain ceases to function. Religious tradition considers a person to be alive as long as the heart beats. But hearts can be kept beating by artificial means long after the brain dies.

Livers suitable for transplant must be extracted while the donor's heart is still pumping blood. Ashkenazic Chief Rabbi Avraham Shapira said Wednesday that he is praying for Schichmanter's life and health, but that the definition of death has yet to be settled.

**UN ASSEMBLY REJECTS ARAB MOVE
TO DENY ISRAEL ITS CREDENTIALS**
By Yitzhak Rabi

UNITED NATIONS, Oct. 22 (JTA) -- The General Assembly rejected by a large margin an Arab resolution sponsored by Oman calling for the suspension of Israel from the current 41st session of the Assembly.

The vote against the Arab move to deny Israel its credentials to the Assembly was 87-41

with 13 abstentions. Seventeen countries were absent when the voting took place.

Israeli diplomats hailed the outcome of the vote as a "victory" for Israel, noting that the vote last year on a similar Arab-sponsored resolution was 83-41, showing an increase of four in the number of countries which opposed the anti-Israeli move this year.

The four new countries that rejected the Arab attempt Tuesday night were Burundi, Mali, Sierra Leone and Papua-New Guinea. In addition, Bulgaria, which last year voted with the Arabs, was absent Tuesday during the vote, joining two other Communist bloc countries, Poland and Hungary, who absented themselves from the votes last year and again Tuesday night. The Soviet Union and the rest of the Communist countries joined in support of the Arabs and against Israel.

Binyamin Netanyahu, Israel's Ambassador to the United Nations, declared after the vote: "It is an important victory to the cause of moderation. The extremist bloc is dwindling from year to year to find itself isolated, just where they tried to isolate Israel."

The Arabs have been introducing resolutions to suspend Israel from the General Assembly each year since 1982, with no success.

NEW CABINET IS SETTLING IN
By David Landau

JERUSALEM, Oct. 22 (JTA) -- Shimon Peres' tenure as Foreign Minister began this week with an internal row that Peres managed to settle, but not to the complete satisfaction of all concerned. Premier Yitzhak Shamir, on the other hand, ensconced himself in office smoothly, choosing Herut hardliners as his top aides.

Peres' troubles stemmed from his plan to divide the position of Director General of the Foreign Ministry between two men. This was necessary to create a senior post for Peres' close associate, former Cabinet Secretary Yossi Beilin, after his nomination to be Israel's next Ambassador to the U.S. was vetoed by Likud.

The Cabinet approved Peres' plan Monday. But Avraham Tamir, who was slated to be Director General, balked. He refused to share his office with anyone else and threatened to resign. Tamir's chief political patron, Minister-Without-Portfolio Ezer Weizman, was furious.

Tamir had served as Director General of the Prime Minister's Office during the two years that Peres headed the Labor-Likud coalition government. Weizman also served in the Prime Minister's Office as liaison for Arab affairs. He had planned to continue his functions in the Foreign Ministry but Attorney General Yosef Harish advised that this would be constitutionally incorrect.

Peres' Efforts At Conciliation Prevails

Peres' efforts at conciliation prevailed and on Wednesday Tamir agreed, reluctantly, to a proposed compromise. He will serve as Director General with authority over Third World and Middle East affairs. Beilin's ambit will be Europe, the United States and diplomatic appointments.

Nevertheless, Tamir would not conceal his disgruntlement and Weizman, twice frustrated and

still angry, went abroad on vacation. Peres for his part is still pushing Beilin's candidacy for Ambassador to Washington. Under the terms of an accord he signed with Shamir, the matter may be settled within three months. Peres is to submit a list of candidates for the all-important Washington post from which the Prime Minister will select the next Ambassador.

Peres formally handed over the office of Prime Minister to Shamir on Tuesday. The Likud leader named Yossi Ben-Aharon, a militant Herut ideologue, as Director General of his office. He had been Shamir's bureau chief for many years.

The post of Chief of Bureau to the Prime Minister was assigned to Tzachi Hanegbi, son of Tehiya Party MK, Geula Cohen. Shamir retained his two spokesmen, Avi Pazner and Yossi Ahimeir.

Ehud Goll, a career diplomat, was appointed by Peres to be Foreign Ministry spokesman, the position formerly held by Pazner. Uri Savir will serve as media adviser and Chief of Bureau to Peres and Dr. Nimrod Novik continues as his policy adviser.

NEW STUDY OF CHURCHILL SAYS HE FAILED TO HELP EUROPEAN JEWRY IN THEIR HOURS OF GREATEST NEEDS
By Maurice Samuelson

LONDON, Oct. 22 (JTA) -- A highly critical new study of Sir Winston Churchill, Britain's wartime leader, finds him guilty of failing to give direct help to the Jews of Europe in their hours of greatest need.

Contrary to the usual sympathetic Jewish view of Churchill, it also questions the depth of his support for the Jewish cause in Palestine and suggests a strong trace of opportunism in his support for Zionism early in his career.

These are among the key conclusions of Prof. Michael Cohen, a British-born historian who teaches at Bar Ilan University in Israel, and is a familiar figure at several American universities.

His conclusions seem to diverge from those in the monumental portrait painted by Churchill's official historian, Dr. Martin Gilbert, who, like Cohen, is a British-born Jew. Gilbert's multi-volume biography is still not complete, but he has already dealt with most of the periods covered by Cohen.

Book Virtually Ignored By The Press

Although Cohen's book has been in the hands of British newspaper reviewers for several months, they have so far given it virtually no attention. In view of the high acclaim received by his earlier books on the emergence of the modern Middle East, there is a suspicion that this silence is a measure of the impact of his radical reassessment of his subject.

In a chapter entitled "Churchill and the Holocaust," Cohen explores to what extent Churchill was guilty of turning a blind eye to the wartime information about the progress of Hitler's destruction of European Jewry.

Other historians have agreed to single Churchill out as the one man who did understand the enormity of the crimes against the Jews. But Cohen's verdict is that however much Churchill may have been moved by the wartime plight of the Jews, "He was not willing to deal with the problem personally on any regular basis."

Of Churchill's Zionism, Cohen writes that it was not religious or evangelical in origin, as

claimed for other gentile Zionists, but was based on two "good British" motives.

First, he believed the Zionist movement commanded powerful political and economic influence especially in the U.S. Secondly, having originally opposed Britain taking the mandate for Palestine, he later welcomed the influx of Zionist capital and technology into the country mainly as a way of minimizing the cost to the British taxpayer.

Cohen stresses these underlying attitudes to explain why after the 1944 assassination of his close friend, Lord Moyne, by Jewish terrorists, Churchill's sponsorship of the Zionist cause "jolted to an abrupt halt."

It also explained Churchill's "stony silence" on the Palestine drama between the end of the war and the establishment of Israel. When he did speak up, writes Cohen, it was only to chastise the government for not getting out of Palestine sooner.

"Thus, during the two periods of the Jews' greatest need -- during the Holocaust, and the struggle to secure diplomatic recognition for the State of Israel -- they found Churchill wanting," he concludes.

"Churchill and the Jews," by Michael Cohen, is published in Britain by Frank Cass, and in the United States through Biblio-Distribution Center in Totowa, New Jersey.

TUTU TO VISIT ISRAEL

TEL AVIV, Oct. 22 (JTA) -- Archbishop Desmond Tutu, who was the 1984 Nobel Peace Prize winner for his campaign to end apartheid in South Africa, will be visiting Israel shortly, as the guest of Israel's International Center for Peace. The invitation was extended by phone Tuesday by Citizens Rights Movement Knesset member Yossi Sarid.

Sarid said that Tutu replied that he was accepting the invitation because it was extended by an Israeli organization which opposed apartheid and carried out a public campaign against that racist practice.

Tutu, who visited New York in 1984, praised the Jewish people as "a light unto the nations," but at the same time expressed criticism of both Israel and the Arab nations. Addressing some 300 students and guests at the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, the Black South African human rights leader said he was distressed by Israel's "collaboration" with South Africa, which is "carrying out policies that are so reminiscent of Hitler's Aryan madness."

He also said that he was "sad that Israel, with the kind of history and tradition her people have experienced, should make refugees of others. It is totally inconsistent with who she is as a people."

At the same time, Tutu criticized Arab nations for "being totally unrealistic in not recognizing" Israel that he said should "be given every bit of security and she should have her territorial integrity guaranteed."

WIESEL ON HIS WAY TO MOSCOW

LONDON, Oct. 22 (JTA) -- Nobel Peace Prize winner Elic Wiesel left London for Moscow Wednesday on a mission to discuss the plight of Soviet Jews with the top Soviet leadership.

According to BBC, the 58-year-old author and academician who is a survivor of the Auschwitz and Buchenwald death camps, said on his departure that he hoped for a meeting with Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev, though nothing has been arranged yet. He also said he would attend services at the Moscow Synagogue.

Wiesel's first book devoted to Soviet Jewry, "The Jews of Silence," was published 20 years ago. He presently resides in the U.S. where he is chairman of the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Council.

IVORY COAST, UNDER HEAVY ARAB PRESSURES, TO MOVE ITS EMBASSY FROM JERUSALEM TO TEL AVIV

By Edwin Eytan

PARIS, Oct. 22 (JTA) -- Ivory Coast will move its Embassy from Jerusalem to Tel Aviv, Radio Abidjan reported Wednesday, apparently under massive pressure from the Arab League member states which decided at a meeting in Tunis last week to break diplomatic relations with the West African nation.

Ivory Coast, which broke relations with Israel after the 1973 Yom Kippur War, restored them last December and opened its Embassy in Jerusalem to become the third country to have an Embassy in the Israeli capital.

Radio Abidjan announced Wednesday that President Felix Houphouet-Boigny has asked his government to approve the Embassy move and, according to diplomatic sources here, approval will be automatic. French radio reports said Houphouet-Boigny consulted by telephone with King Hassan of Morocco before deciding on the move. They hinted that Hassan, who hosted Israeli Premier Shimon Peres on a visit to Morocco last summer, backed the decision.

Ivory Coast Information Minister Simon Ake was quoted as saying that Ivory Coast opposed what he called Israel's annexation of East Jerusalem. He called on the Arab states "not to do anything rash" and urged them to reconsider their decision to break with his country.

Houphouet-Boigny, 80, has been President of Ivory Coast since the former French colony became independent in 1960. He is considered one of the most influential African leaders and his decision to restore diplomatic ties with Israel was seen as a major breakthrough in Israeli-African relations.

Israel has expanded its cooperation with Ivory Coast since relations were restored and there are presently hundreds of Israeli experts in various fields in that country. Observers here believe Houphouet-Boigny's decision to move his Embassy from Jerusalem was a response not only to Arab pressure but to the fact that 23 percent of his country's population of 10 million is Moslem.

In addition, there are about 100,000 Arabs of Lebanese and Syrian origin in Ivory Coast where they dominate the country's commercial life and wield considerable influence over its economy.

**SPECIAL TO THE JTA
JEWISH IMPACT ON SWISS SOCIETY**

By Tamar Levy

GENEVA, Oct. 22 (JTA) -- There are only 20,000 Jews in Switzerland, a country of over 6.3

million. But they have an impact on Swiss society, particularly attitudes toward Israel. While there are pockets of anti-Semitism on the far right, it is not tolerated by the vast majority of Swiss. An example is the almost universal outrage expressed at a Lausanne high school teacher who claimed publicly that the Holocaust never occurred.

The largest Jewish communities are in Zurich, Basel, Geneva and Lausanne. The latter city has 600 Jewish families, about 2,500 people, and they are especially active and take great pride in their community.

Izak Menase, who came from Istanbul and settled in Lausanne in 1956, was recently elected president of the local Jewish community. He is an energetic man. He initiated the building of a new community center and the renovation of the beautiful synagogue built in 1910.

Two years ago, he organized a tour of Israel for 40 prominent citizens of Lausanne, including bankers, businessmen, journalists and politicians. The expenses, amounting to 200,000 Swiss Francs, were paid by the community. The good will that resulted was soon evident. A Lausanne daily which had been anti-Israel changed its tone. Menase initiated the annual celebration of Israel Independence Day. He is also president of the Swiss Friends of Beersheba University.

Expression Of Anti-Semitism

On the negative side is the open anti-Semitism of Marriette Paschoud, who taught history and French at a Lausanne high school. At a press conference in Paris last August, she expressed doubt that there were gas chambers at Nazi concentration camps.

Paschoud, who is also a military judge in the army reserves, was strongly attacked by the Swiss media, and public opinion polls showed widespread disapproval. While she still teaches French, she no longer teaches history. The parents of her pupils refused to subject their children to "the teaching of history distorted by that woman."

The Swiss Officers Organization publicly dissociated itself from her views, though she retains membership in the organization. A Swiss military officer told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, "Of course what she said should have never been said, but do not forget that privately there are people who think just the way she does."

Paschoud's husband publishes a newsletter called "Pamphlet" which reflects the views of the extreme right.

Doctor Goes On Trial

A trial was held last month of a Swiss builder who threatened his family doctor with the remark that all Jews had to be exterminated. The doctor is not Jewish, but the defendant selected a Jewish lawyer to represent him. It was brought out at the trial that the man had swastikas all over his flat and grew a mustache resembling Hitler's. He is considered to be a mental case.

Lausanne is also the home of the infamous Swiss banker, Francois Gehoud, who served the Third Reich during World War II and paid for the defense of Arab terrorists who attacked an El Al plane in Zurich in 1969. He also aided the Swiss terrorist, Bruno Breuget, who tried to enter Israel with explosives. He is believed to be the man who handles the finances of the Palestine Liberation Organization in Switzerland.

**BEHIND THE HEADLINES
A CONTROVERSIAL CASE**

By Margie Olster

(Part Three Of A Three-Part Series)

NEW YORK, Oct. 22 (JTA) -- The allegations of U.S. officials' involvement in the plan to sell \$2.5 billion worth of American weapons to Iran were met with uniform denials by those officials or their spokespersons.

The allegations, presented in an affidavit by defense attorney Paul Grand in support of a joint motion by attorneys in the case to dismiss the charges, indicate that U.S. officials debated and eventually approved the sale of American weapons by several of the defendants to Cyrus Hashemi, a government informant who presented himself as a weapons buyer for the Iranian government.

The affidavit named Vice President George Bush, Marine Corps commandant Gen. P. X. Kelley and Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger among those officials with whom the defendants had contacts with.

Grand, the attorney for defendant Samuel Evans, also claimed in his affidavit that there was a general policy debate within the Administration over the possibility of approving covert arms sales to Iran.

With the indictment of four Israelis in the case, the Israeli government was faced with questions about reported Israeli sales of American weapons to Iran. The Israeli government denies the reports and has disassociated itself from the defendants in this case, although several defendants claimed the Israeli government was fully aware of their involvement in alleged negotiations to sell weapons to Iran.

Responses To Allegations

Prosecuting Attorney Lorna Schofield had no comments to the JTA on the affidavit except to say she had filed papers in response to the motion to dismiss charges. Those papers are not presently available in the public court record of the case.

American government officials responded to the allegations against them with denials and reiterations of American policy on arms sales to Iran.

State Department spokesman Don Kaufman told the JTA, "The U.S. is neutral in the war. We do not ship arms to either side and do not grant licenses to ship arms from other countries."

Kaufman explained the U.S. ban on weapons sales to Iran, saying, "Iran is intransigent in efforts to bring the war to an end. We are opposed to any arms going to Iran."

Vice President Bush's spokesman Stephen Hart told the JTA, "Allegations that (Bush) had a role in this are ridiculous -- the Vice President had no role in this." Hart said he could not respond to questions about a general policy debate within the Administration over covert arms sales to Iran.

Marine Corps spokesman Maj. Anthony Rothfork said Gen. Kelley is aware of the investigation and the allegations concerning him but does not know anything about the case itself. Rothfork said Kelley does not know the defendants John de la Roque or Bernard Veillot, who stated repeatedly on the tapes that they were in contact with Kelley. Rothfork said Kelley was not involved in any decision on selling American arms

to Iran through the defendants. Kelley himself was not available for comment.

A Pentagon spokesman gave similar responses to questions of involvement of Pentagon officials and said they could not comment on a case still in litigation.

Prior to the overthrow of the Shah of Iran in 1979, America considered Iran a critical ally in the region. The 1979 hostage crisis effectively severed official U.S. relations with the present day regime and cut off all arms sales.

Officially, until today the U.S. government maintains a hard-line stance on Iran; no diplomatic relations, no weapons and that means no licenses for resale of American weapons by other countries.

The Israelis pledged to stop such shipments in 1979 when the U.S. charged they were undermining the government's attempts to block the sale of all American weapons to Iran following the seizure of the hostages at the American embassy in Teheran.

Israeli Consul spokesman in New York Baruch Binah told the JTA that Israel fulfilled certain "contracts" with Iran until 1981 and Iran paid for those goods.

Since 1981, Israel has never acknowledged any sales of American arms to Iran. Israeli leaders Yitzhak Rabin and Shimon Peres on recent visits to the United States were questioned repeatedly by the press on these reports of arms sales and categorically denied government involvement in each instance.

In the most recent press reports last month, the Danish Sailors' Union announced it had evidence of Israeli shipments of thousands of tons of American-made weapons to Iran aboard Danish ships. The Israeli government has denied the newest charges, also.

Shortly after the arrests of the four Israelis in Bermuda, investigators discovered that Gen. Avraham Bar-Am carried a letter authorizing him to seek out buyers for Israeli military exports including weapons and technology.

The letter, however, as Israeli officials hastened to note, did not authorize Bar-Am to negotiate arms deals and specifically not the deal alleged in this case. Binah said Bar Am is "a private person acting on his own" and "had a license to deal in arms, not to break any laws."

Defense lawyers interviewed by the JTA said they expect the questions of American and Israeli official involvement to be central issues in the trial scheduled for late November.

CONGRESSIONAL PANEL SAYS ISRAEL'S ESTIMATE OF LAVI'S COST IS ACCURATE

TEL AVIV, Oct. 22 (JTA) -- A Congressional committee has found "extremely accurate" Israel's estimates of the costs of the Lavi, its second generation jet combat plane, Israel Radio reported from Washington Wednesday.

The Israeli figures differ sharply from estimates by the Pentagon which found that the production costs -- to be borne mainly by the U.S. -- were excessive. A prototype of the new aircraft has been built by Israel Aircraft Industries (IAI) incorporating many components, including the engine, built in the U.S.

The dispute over costs has held up the project. Israeli officials said the Americans based their higher figures on salaries and other expenses prevailing in the U.S. which greatly exceed production and wage levels in Israel.

INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS SETS UP BARRIER TO THE RECOGNITION OF ISRAEL'S MAGEN DAVID ADOM

GENEVA, Oct. 28 (JTA) -- The International Red Cross Movement appears to have erected a permanent barrier against recognition of Israel's Magen David Adom (Red Shield of David) as a humanitarian agency by its decision Monday to change its official title to the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement. Israel and Jewish organizations have objected vigorously.

The Red Crescent is the Red Cross equivalent in Moslem countries, just as the Magen David Adom is in Israel. The decision to incorporate the Red Crescent was endorsed without a vote by delegates from more than 120 governments and 137 national societies attending the International Conference of the Red Cross here, a quadrennial event.

Pinhas Eliav, the Israel government delegate, said restriction of recognition to Christian and Moslem emblems means that Israel is excluded from the various international societies which coordinate aid for victims of natural disasters and armed conflict all over the world. He maintained that the Magen David Adom, which sent observers to the conference, fulfills all criteria for full membership, except for its emblem.

Israel has been seeking full membership, to no avail, since the Red Cross Movement was reorganized in 1948-49, in the aftermath of World War II. Eliav, lodging a strong dissent from the conference consensus, noted that the six-pointed Star of David was symbolic of Jewish history, creativity and Jewish suffering, as well as being a religious symbol, as are the cross and crescent.

A Violation Of Humanitarian Principles

"To our regret, we encountered a lack of readiness and misunderstanding and even the same political hostility which was and still is manifested against the emancipation of the Jewish people as a nation," Eliav said. Non-recognition of the Israeli symbol violates the principles of the international humanitarian movement, he said.

He warned that "The revised statutes will further aggravate the situation by crystallizing even more the imposition of two religious and civilizational emblems on our global humanitarian movement."

Another strong dissent was voiced by Daniel Lack, representative of the World Jewish Congress, which has observer status at the conference. "The use of the emblems associated in the eyes of many with the two great religions of Christianity and Islam enshrines the religious polarization that propels the emblem crisis into unprecedented proportions of gravity," he said.

"The joint and exclusive use of the Red Cross and Red Crescent in the very title of the movement ... renders permanent an anomaly which contradicts the letter and the spirit of the Red Cross philosophy by the reciprocal and mutual reinforcement of these two signs as the symbol of religious polarization and exclusivism," Lack said.

The conference, which closes Saturday, also changed its title to "The International Conference of the Red Cross and Red Crescent."

MITTERRAND SAYS FRANCE WILL NOT SELL ARMS TO SYRIA AND CALLS ON EEC TO INVESTIGATE SYRIA'S ROLE IN WEST EUROPEAN TERRORIST ACTIVITIES

By Edwin Eytan

PARIS, Oct. 28 (JTA) -- President Francois Mitterrand said Tuesday that France will not sell arms to Syria and called on the 12 member-state European Economic Community (EEC) to investigate Syria's possible participation in terrorist activities in Western Europe.

Speaking at a nationally televised press conference, he said that if the charges against Syria are established, "there should be no compromise whatsoever with states that export terrorism abroad."

Mitterrand said that if Syria's involvement was proved, "Europe should close ranks against crime and adopt special measures."

Britain's Foreign Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe had called for a ban on arms sales, the cancellation of economic aid and the recall of all European Ambassadors from Damascus.

The Foreign Ministers of the EEC member-states, who met Monday in Luxembourg, failed to agree on joint action against Syria or even on the publication of a joint communique condemning Syria's alleged involvement in the attempt to blow up an El Al jet at London's Heathrow Airport last April.

Eleven of the Ministers issued a statement expressing outrage but failed to mention Syria by name. Greece refused to approve even this watered-down communique. All joint EEC statements must be decided unanimously.

Study Of Evidence Is Urged

Mitterrand called on the governments of the 12 nations to study the evidence submitted by Britain before their Ministers meet again November 10. "It seems that we need to further pursue the examination (of the available evidence) before this meeting," Mitterrand said.

The center-right government of Jacques Chirac has repeatedly denied that it is on the point of signing an arms agreement with Syria. Mitterrand, a Socialist, also stressed that "there are no plans to sell arms to Syria."

PARTICIPATION OF WOMEN IN RELIGIOUS AFFAIRS IN ISRAEL IS GAINING GROUND

By David Landau

JERUSALEM, Oct. 28 (JTA) -- The participation of women in religious affairs is gaining ground in Israel despite entrenched opposition within the Orthodox establishment. The Knesset's Interior Committee voted Monday to support the appointment of women to local religious councils.

The Labor Party announced Monday that two women will be included in its delegation to the 96-member electoral college that will choose the next Ashkenazic Chief Rabbi of Tel Aviv, replacing Rabbi Yedidya Frenkl who died last month. Shinui, Mapam and the Liberal Party factions have also agreed to appoint women electors.

The women chosen by the Labor Party faction are Haviva Avi-Guy, a member of the Tel

Aviv City Council and legal advisor to the Na'amat Womens Movement, and Lily Ben-Menahem.

Although Herut and the religious party factions will be represented exclusively by men, women will be in a majority on the 32-member section of the electoral college nominated by the City Council. The remaining two-thirds are nominated by local synagogues and the religious council.

The Labor Party said candidates for the office of Tel Aviv Chief Rabbi will be questioned about their attitudes on the status of women in Judaism. One of the candidates is expected to be Rabbi Yisrael Lau, the incumbent Chief Rabbi of Netanya.

An Orthodox member of the Interior Committee, Mayor Ovadia Eli of Afula, voted with the majority for the election of women to religious councils. He noted that the councils are State bodies, not halachic institutions. Their function is to provide religious services for all sectors of the population. Eli said he saw no reason to exclude women from the councils.

But it is still an uphill fight for Leah Shakdiel, the first woman in Israel's history to be elected to a religious council, in Yerucham, a small development town in the Negev. She was elected last January as the Labor Party candidate but was immediately challenged by the Religious Affairs Ministry, Orthodox rabbis and religious politicians.

They continue to block her, and Shakdiel, a 35-year-old teacher and mother of three, who is herself Orthodox, said last week that she will take her case to the Supreme Court.

A less controversial appointment was made in Safad, where Menucha Pantz, a grandmother in her fifties, was named gabbai (warden) of an Orthodox synagogue--on the recommendation of her rabbi.

EGYPT CONGRATULATES SHAMIR ON ASSUMING THE PREMIERSHIP

By David Landau

JERUSALEM, Oct. 28 (JTA) -- Egypt has congratulated Premier Yitzhak Shamir on the assumption of his new office. A letter Monday from Egyptian Vice Premier and Foreign Minister Esmet Abdel Meguid wished the Israeli leader good health and success and expressed hope that the "progress made so far between Egypt and Israel will be a solid basis for a comprehensive peace to encompass all the partners in the area."

The message arrived a week after similar good wishes were extended by Cairo to outgoing Premier Shimon Peres who took office as Vice Premier and Foreign Minister after the rotation of power in Israel's unity coalition government. Observers here said the time lag reflected Egypt's doubts about Shamir, given Likud's hardline policies on the Palestinian issue.

But Shamir himself, it was reported from reliable sources, expects a marked improvement in bilateral relations between Israel and Egypt once arbitration of their Taba border dispute gets underway in Geneva in December.

The Premier had what he considered a productive meeting with Meguid at the United Nations in New York last month, when he was Israel's Foreign Minister. According to these sources, he expects normalization to improve significantly once the arbitration process begins.

REFORM LEADERS IN ISRAEL TO FIGHT HARDER FOR OFFICIAL RECOGNITION AND EQUAL RIGHTS FOR NON-ORTHODOX JUDAISM

By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, Oct. 28 (JTA) -- Leaders of the Reform movement said Tuesday that the attempted disruption of a Reform congregation's Simchat Torah services by Orthodox zealots here last Friday night has spurred them to fight harder than ever for official recognition and equal rights for non-Orthodox Judaism in Israel.

They also said they would press charges against Orthodox rabbi Eliahu Abergil and 20 of his followers who allegedly interrupted the services in the community center in the Baka suburb of Jerusalem and forcibly tried to wrest Torahs away from the congregants while hurling curses at them. Abergil was arrested on suspicion of violating the Criminal Code. He was released on bail Sunday.

The Reform spokesmen said at a press conference here Tuesday that they would use the incident to support their demands for equality with Orthodox Judaism in Israel. Specifically, they want the right of Reform and Conservative rabbis to officiate at religious ceremonies, and funding for non-Orthodox synagogues and institutions.

The Reform movement will hold a rally in Jerusalem next Saturday night in support of freedom of religion. Reform leaders said they expected many Orthodox Jews to lend their support.

The Reform movement also intends to lodge a complaint with the police against Sephardic Chief Rabbi Mordechai Eliahu for slandering the Reform congregation in Baka. Eliahu said in a radio interview after the Simchat Torah disturbance that men and women were dancing naked with Torah scrolls at the Reform service.

ISRAELI BASKETBALL TEAM TO APPEAL BAN OF AMERICAN STAR RICHARDSON

NEW YORK, Oct. 28. (JTA) -- The manager of a top Israeli professional basketball team has said he will appeal the International Basketball Association (IBA) ban of former American star Micheal Ray Richardson.

The Munich-based IBA was reported Monday to have informed the Israeli Basketball Association that Richardson was ineligible to play in Israel. An Israeli basketball official said no reason was given and that the decision was final.

However, Avraham Hemmo, manager of the Hapoel Ramat Gan team that had signed Richardson, reported that an IBA official told him that Richardson's two-year ban from the U.S. National Basketball Association was a major factor in the IBA ban.

Richardson, 30, and a former New Jersey Nets star, was barred from the NBA in the midst of last season after testing positively for cocaine three times. He said he had hoped to begin his return to the NBA by playing well in Israel. He reportedly had signed a one-year contract with the Israeli team worth \$60,000, after earning \$750,000 per year with the Nets. He was to have his debut in Israel Monday night.

The signing caused a storm in Israeli basketball circles. The Jerusalem Post quoted Moshe Weinkranz, coach of the rival Hapoel Tel Aviv, as claiming he refused on ethical grounds to sign Richardson for \$40,000. The head of the Knesset

Sport Committee, Pinhas Goldstein (Likud), said allowing Israel to field banned athletes is unethical and unsportsmanlike. On the other hand, some sportswriters have contended that Richardson should get his comeback chance in Israel. Hemmo said weekly medical exams had shown Richardson has been drug-free for three months.

ABRAM SAYS HE IS CONFIDENT REAGAN MADE PROGRESS ON SOVIET JEWRY ISSUE AT HIS MEETING WITH GORBACHEV
By David Friedman

WASHINGTON, Oct. 28 (JTA) -- Morris Abram, chairman of the National Conference on Soviet Jewry (NCSJ), expressed confidence Monday that President Reagan made progress on the human rights issue, including Soviet Jewry, at his meetings with Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev in Reykjavik, Iceland.

"For the first time the Soviets recognized that these are issues that are on the table and appropriate for international and bilateral discussion," he told reporters after a 30-minute meeting with Secretary of State George Shultz at the State Department.

Abram, who is also chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, was accompanied at the meeting by Shoshana Cardin, president, Council of Jewish Federations; Ruth Popkin, president, Hadassah; Jerry Goodman, executive director, NCSJ; and Malcolm Hoenlein, executive director, Presidents Conference. They were given a detailed briefing on the human rights aspects of the meeting in Iceland. "We are satisfied that the President of the United States and the Secretary made a herculean effort on behalf of human rights in general and on behalf of Jewish rights in particular," Abram said. He said he was certain Shultz would continue this when he goes to Vienna on November 4 to participate in the conference to review the Helsinki accords.

Abram noted that at Reykjavik the Soviets agreed to discuss human rights which up to then they had maintained was an internal matter despite the three international agreements on human rights the Soviet Union had signed.

"Once jurisdiction is acknowledged of the right to discuss the matter at international fora then I think there is a chance of progress," Abram said. Abram, who is a lawyer, stressed that this is true even though no agreement was signed in Iceland. "You don't have to sign an agreement to have jurisdiction," he said.

He noted that both Gorbachev and Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze took material from Reagan and Shultz supplied by the NCSJ and there was evidence "they read it" since their aides referred to it in later discussions.

Meanwhile, the State Department announced Tuesday that when Shultz addresses the follow-up meeting to review the Helsinki accords, "the U.S. will press for significantly improved compliance by the Soviet Union and the countries of Eastern Europe ... particularly those concerning human rights, human contacts and humanitarian cooperation," State Department spokesman Charles Redman said.

He said that Shultz expects to meet with Shevardnadze, although the meeting has not been officially scheduled. Redman said Shultz has scheduled meetings with the NATO Foreign Ministers and with the Austrian Foreign Minister. But when asked whether Shultz would meet with Aus-

trian President Kurt Waldheim, Redman said he has nothing beyond the announced schedule.

FIVE ORTHODOX JEWS ARRESTED IN MOSCOW ARE RELEASED AFTER BEING DEFENDED BY A JEWISH LAWYER
By Susan Birnbaum

NEW YORK, Oct. 28 (JTA) -- Five young Orthodox Jews arrested in front of Moscow's main synagogue on Simchat Torah were released Monday after being defended by a Jewish lawyer who lives in Paris and New York, according to press reports from Moscow. The lawyer, Samuel Pisar, who was in Moscow with a delegation of the American Jewish Congress, has had frequent dealings with the Soviet Union.

The five -- identified as Sasha Lieberov, Sasha Zhukov, Vladimir Geyzel, Sasha Ilin and Konstan Alexeiev -- were detained for disturbing the peace and each fined 50 Rubles, the equivalent of about \$75. They had been arrested immediately after the departure of writer Elie Wiesel, who was in Moscow to arrange for Soviet participation in a conference on non-Jewish victims of the Holocaust, to be held in Washington in February. While there, the Nobel Peace Prize recipient for 1986 also met with Soviet Jewish refuseniks. Wiesel had sought without success to meet with Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev and dissident physicist Andrei Sakharov.

The Simchat Torah celebrations in Moscow draw a large crowd every year of Jews who do not otherwise attend synagogue, and it is the main Jewish event in the Soviet Union. On this occasion, Jews gather in front of the Choral Synagogue and sing and dance in the holiday's tradition. The five who were arrested were involved in a "tussle," according to the press. Pisar reportedly said two police cars drove slowly down the street to disperse noisy celebrants.

Pisar told the press that he was called upon in his hotel Monday morning by a group of Jews who asked him to go to the Kalinin Borough courthouse, where, the five were to appear. Pisar said that a crowd of about 100 relatives and friends of the defendants had gathered in front of the building. He told the press, that he wrote a note to court officials saying he was a lawyer familiar with Soviet law and offered his assistance.

Pisar said he was then invited to the judge's chambers, where, he told the press, he explained that he had been present at the synagogue during the festivities and that the celebrations were expected on this particular holiday. Pisar said he was then permitted to attend the police proceedings on the case. Under Soviet law, police may administer minor penalties. Pisar described the Soviet magistrate as being polite as she questioned the five men and assessed the fines.

The arrests occurred as Konstantin Kharchev, chairman of the Soviet Council of Religious Affairs, was visiting Simchat Torah celebrations in New York as the guest of the Appeal of Conscience Foundation. In a press conference last week, Kharchev denied harassment of persons engaging in religious activities.

Of the confluence of events, Morris Abram, chairman of the National Conference on Soviet Jewry, told JTA: "It belies all of the statements made by Mr. Kharchev that are designed to throw sand in our eyes and obscure the true facts. Mr. Kharchev's mission is one of disinformation; the arrests are a Soviet reality."

**BEHIND THE HEADLINES
ISRAELI RESCUE TEAM IN EL SALVADOR**

By Yitzhak Rabi

NEW YORK, Oct. 28 (JTA) -- A two-member Israeli rescue team that went to El Salvador to help the victims of the devastating earthquake there October 10 said they "encountered scenes of terrible destruction and human agony. Many efforts were made to save trapped children, men and women under the rubble caused by the earthquake -- but many people are still trapped and in urgent need of help, if they are still alive."

This situation was described by Col. (Res.) Gavriel Rappaport, a former head of the Israel Defense Force rescue unit, and Moshe Rubin, an agronomist who established the Israel Agency to Save Human Lives, in an interview with the Jewish Telegraphic Agency upon their arrival here from El Salvador a few days ago.

The two men stayed in San Salvador, the capital of El Salvador and the city hit hardest by the quake, for three days evaluating the rescue efforts of teams from various countries and those from El Salvador and advising the authorities on how to streamline the efforts to save more lives. More than 1,000 people were reported killed in the earthquake.

Rappaport said he gained a vast knowledge of how to help disaster victims during his army service that included rescue efforts of Israeli soldiers trapped in a building in Tyre, Lebanon, after a gas container exploded and destroyed the building. More than 70 soldiers and 30 Arab terrorists who were being held in a detention area in the building were killed and scores of Israelis were burned in that 1983 disaster. Rappaport also participated in rescue efforts following the 1985 earthquake in Mexico and last month's earthquake in Greece.

Efforts Did Not Go Unnoticed

The two Israeli volunteers arrived in El Salvador with a half ton of medical supplies for the earthquake victims sent by the Israeli government.

"Upon our arrival we received a letter from the Salvadorian authorities and a pass permit to the devastated areas. The rescue efforts there were going slowly. In many cases there was lack of proper equipment, such as heavy bulldozers and cranes to clear the rubble and free the trapped victims," Rubin said.

The effort of the Israeli team, however small in size, did not go unnoticed. The picture of the two appeared in the El Salvador daily *El Diario De Hoy* with a short story on their efforts to help.

"We believe that such efforts by Israelis can help Israel's image around the world. Israel is pictured as a militaristic state. We want to show the true face of the people of Israel who care about human life and are ready to extend humanitarian help wherever and whenever need," said Rubin, who is a member of Kibbutz Hulata, north of the Sea of Galilee. Rappaport, a member of Kibbutz Beit Alfa in the Jezreel Valley, nodded in agreement.

The two said they were late in reaching El Salvador because it took time to raise money for the trip. They said the Israel Agency to Save Human Lives, which sponsored their trip, is newly formed and has almost no financial resources at present. "Originally we had a team of four--with a doctor and an expert on rescue dogs--

but for financial reasons we had to do with only a two-member rescue team," they said.

BACKGROUND REPORT**JEWISH CONGRESSIONAL CANDIDATES HAVE
A GOOD CHANCE OF WINNING IN NOVEMBER**
By David Friedman

WASHINGTON, Oct. 28 (JTA) -- Jews, who have been increasing their numbers in Congress with every election, stand a good chance of continuing this trend in the November elections.

This is especially true in the Senate, where there are now eight Jews, evenly divided between Democrats and Republicans. Five Jews are seeking Senate seats, including two incumbents, Sens. Warren Rudman (R. NH) and Arlen Specter (R. Pa.).

One of the three others is Missouri Lieutenant Governor Harriet Woods, a Democrat, who hopes to become the first Jewish woman elected to the Senate. Woods lost in an earlier attempt four years ago against Sen. John Danforth (R. Mo.). This time she is running against former Republican Governor Christopher Bond for the seat being vacated by Sen. Thomas Eagleton (D. Mo.).

The other two Jewish Senatorial candidates are Rep. Ken Kramer (R. Colo.), who opposes Rep. Timothy Wirth (D. Colo.), for the seat being vacated by Sen. Gary Hart (D. Colo.); and Mark Green, who was a surprise victor in the New York Democratic primary and is trying to unseat Sen. Alfonse D'Amato (R. NY).

In the House, 28 of the 30 Jewish members --24 Democrats and four Republicans -- are seeking re-election. The other two are Kramer and Rep. Bobbi Fiedler (R. CA), who was defeated in the California Republican primary for the Senate.

Among those seeking election to the House is Bella Abzug, who in 1970 was the first Jewish woman elected to Congress. She gave up that seat in 1976 for an unsuccessful bid for the Senate. Abzug, a Democrat, formerly represented a Manhattan district now held by Rep. Theodore Weiss (D. NY). She is now running in Westchester against one-term Rep. Joseph DiGuardi.

Other Jewish candidates include, Benjamin Cardin in Maryland, James Cohen in Connecticut, and Rosemary Pooler in upstate New York, all Democrats; and Marc Holtzman, a Republican, running in Pennsylvania.

There are two Jews also running for Governor, both Democrats. They are Madeleine Kunin, seeking her second term in Vermont, and Neil Goldschmidt, former mayor of Portland and Secretary of Transportation in the Carter Administration, running in Oregon.

ADL WINS PAYMENT FROM LaROUCHE

NEW YORK, Oct. 28 (JTA) -- The Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith has received a check for \$1,178.86 from Lyndon LaRouche -- a court-ordered payment to cover out-of-pocket expenses incurred by ADL during the political extremist's failed libel suit against the agency, the ADL announced Monday. The order to pay came from the Virginia District Court, which rejected LaRouche's claim that he was defamed when described as an "anti-Semite" and a "small-time Hitler" by an ADL official on the NBC-TV program "First Camera" in March 1984.

CANADA TO CONSIDER ASKING THE UN TO WITHHOLD WALDHEIM'S PENSION

By Michael Solomon

MONTREAL, Nov. 2 (JTA) -- Canada will consider asking the United Nations to withhold the pension of former Secretary General Kurt Waldheim, now the President of Austria, External Affairs Minister Joe Clark told the House of Commons Saturday.

Clark spoke in response to Liberal MP Sheila Finestone who called for an independent inquiry into Waldheim's Nazi past, specifically recent allegations that he participated in atrocities. Finestone said Canada should press the UN to withhold Waldheim's retirement pension which amounts to \$81,500 (Canadian) a year, until an inquiry establishes his guilt or innocence.

Clark said he would consider the request, adding that Canada has made an effort to determine whether an independent tribunal should be established to delve into Waldheim's past.

"We checked with all the available files that exist in the UN and elsewhere and we are consulting with other countries to see if there is action that would be appropriate for Canada to take or for others to initiate," Clark said.

He also said that Canada is examining new allegations that Waldheim participated in a brutal Nazi "pacification operation" that cost the lives of thousands in Yugoslavia during World War II. The allegations were published in The Washington Post last week. Waldheim denied them, although an aide to the Austrian President admitted at a press conference that Waldheim was in the area where the "pacification operation" took place.

ISRAEL HAS NO OFFICIAL COMMENT ON LATEST REPORTS LINKING WALDHEIM TO NAZI ATROCITIES IN YUGOSLAVIA

By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, Nov. 2 (JTA) -- Israel has refrained from any official comment on reports published last week that Austrian President Kurt Waldheim participated in Nazi atrocities against Yugoslavian civilians during World War II.

A Foreign Ministry spokesman said Friday that the report, published the previous day in The Washington Post, would have to be studied in detail before a response is made. According to the report, Waldheim, a Wehrmacht intelligence officer in the Balkans at the time, was directly involved in the massacre of civilians in what the Nazis called a "pacification" operation.

Israel has still not decided whether to send an Ambassador to Vienna to replace its former envoy, Michael Elizur, who has retired. Austria announced last week that it was recalling its Ambassador, Otto Pleinert, from Israel for consultations.

Foreign Ministry sources, meanwhile, confirmed a report Friday that the wife of the Israeli Charge d'Affaires in Vienna attended a reception given by Waldheim's wife. The sources said it was a matter of "simple courtesy."

SYNAGOGUE IN RUMANIA BURNED DOWN

JERUSALEM, Nov. 2 (JTA) -- A synagogue in the Rumanian town of Bohush in Moldavia was burned to the ground after its janitor was stabbed by unknown assailants last Thursday. Rumanian Chief Rabbi Moses Rosen reported the incident in a Kol Israel Radio interview Sunday.

He said the arson occurred a day after a visit to the provincial synagogue by the Hasidic Rebbe of Bohush who lives in Israel, accompanied by several of his followers. The janitor suffered knife wounds on his face and arms.

Rosen said there have been scattered anti-Semitic incidents in Rumania in recent years and anti-Semitic lyrics to a popular song were published recently in a major newspaper. But no synagogue was ever burned down before, Rosen said.

SHULTZ TO EMPHASIZE USSR HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS WHEN HE GOES TO VIENNA FOR THE HELSINKI ACCORDS REVIEW MEETING

By David Friedman

WASHINGTON, Nov. 2 (JTA) -- Secretary of State George Shultz said Friday that he will "emphasize" the Soviet Union's violations of human rights when he goes to Vienna Tuesday for the 35-nation conference to review the implementation of the 1975 Helsinki Accords.

"Arms control agreements with a regime that violates human rights cannot be truly successful in guaranteeing international security," he said in a speech to the Los Angeles World Affairs Council. The text of the speech, which concentrated on the human rights issue, was made available at the State Department.

"Governments which abuse the rights of their own people cannot be expected to act in a more civilized manner abroad," Shultz said. "For this reason we emphasize human rights issues in all our official dealings with the Soviet Union."

Shultz said the United States will raise the Soviet Jewry and other human rights issues at Vienna "not to score propaganda points," but to give an actual picture of the situation in the USSR. "For Soviet Jewry the situation is bleak and deteriorating," the Secretary noted. "Jewish emigration in 1986 has fallen to the lowest level in 20 years, down 98 percent from the all-time high of 1979."

While the Soviets claim that those Jews who want to emigrate have left, "we know the names of 11,201 who have applied for and been denied permission to emigrate," Shultz said. "We can also confirm that at least 380,000 additional Soviet Jews would like to leave the Soviet Union."

A 'Perfectly Legitimate' Issue

Shultz said this was a "perfectly legitimate" issue to raise with the Soviets. "The Soviet Union has signed politically binding international instruments which require respect for basic human rights, including the right to leave one's country," he said. "Commitments assumed under these documents are as binding as any other international

commitment." Shultz noted that "Soviet leaders have shown increasing awareness of the public relations price they pay as a result of their conduct in the field of human rights" through "some high profile actions."

While "these gestures are welcome," Shultz said, "they are no substitute for genuine and sustained progress in the human rights areas." Shultz stressed that all the democratic countries must continue to exert pressure on the Soviet Union. "The Soviet authorities will have no incentive to change if they believe we do not care," he said.

He particularly noted that before President Reagan met Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev in Reykjavik, Iceland, there was "one of the most intensive series of domestic human rights consultations in American history. Non-governmental organizations and members of Congress directly participated in the formulation of our negotiating position."

This meant when Reagan raised the issue with Gorbachev, "he was speaking not only for himself and his Administration, but for an America united in its concern on this issue," Shultz said. "Perhaps for this reason, we succeeded in obtaining grudging Soviet acknowledgement of the rightful place of human rights issues on the agenda of official Soviet-American discussions."

Rejects Limited Contacts View

Shultz said he rejected the view of some that contacts with the Soviets should be limited. Instead he urged more contacts between the governments as well as between the American and Soviet peoples.

"If we in the West are ever going to develop constructive relations with the Soviet Union, they will not come by shunning contact," he said.

"On the contrary, we must take advantage of the new style of Soviet diplomacy to expose Mr. Gorbachev, his associates and the Soviet people to the depth of our revulsion at Soviet human rights abuses. We must make use of every channel we can, of every forum that presents itself, to get the Soviet leadership to acknowledge the reality that less repression at home is the key to greater acceptance abroad," Shultz stressed.

ISRAEL'S TWO LIVER TRANSPLANT PATIENTS SHOW 'SOME SLIGHT STABILITY' By David Landau

JERUSALEM, Nov. 2 (JTA) -- "Some slight stability" was reported Sunday in the conditions of Israel's first two liver transplant patients fighting for their lives at Rambam Hospital in Haifa. Both suffered setbacks last week and had to undergo additional surgery to stop internal hemorrhaging.

Mira Schichmanter, a 40-year-old mother of two from Kfar Saba, underwent the first liver transplant operation on October 22 and appeared to be making satisfactory progress until she required emergency surgery Tuesday night. Hospital sources said Sunday that she is "holding her own."

Eliahu Schreier, 59, from Moshav Shores near Jerusalem, was operated on twice in less than 24 hours last week. His pulse and blood pressure were reported stable Sunday.

Meanwhile, the religious controversy over liver transplants took a new turn Sunday when former Ashkenazic Chief Rabbi Shlomo Goren maintained they are not only permissible under

religious law but constituted a mitzvah. Goren, in an article published in The Jerusalem Post, took issue with the incumbent Chief Rabbis, Mordechai Eliahu (Sephardic) and Avraham Shapira (Ashkenazic) who oppose organ transplants on halachic grounds.

According to Goren, the key condition is the definition of brain death as applied to the organ donor. If the entire brain, including the part that controls breathing, has ceased to function for a minimum of 7-8 minutes, the donor is dead halachically and the donor's organs may be used to save another's life, Goren said.

He disclosed that a Health Ministry official consulted with him several hours before Schichmanter's transplant operation and he explained his halachic approach. The two Chief Rabbis insist that death occurs only when the heart stops beating.

RABIN; AMAL WILL BE HELD RESPONSIBLE FOR SAFETY OF DOWNED IDF AIRMAN

JERUSALEM, Nov. 2 (JTA) -- Defense Minister Yitzhak Rabin said Sunday that the Amal militia in Lebanon and its leader, Nabih Berri, would be held responsible for the safety and well-being of an Israel Air Force navigator who bailed out of his Phantom jet during a bombing mission over south Lebanon last month.

Berri, who is Minister of Justice in the Beirut government and heads the mainstream Shiite group, confirmed two weeks ago that the flyer was alive and being held by Amal. He mentioned no conditions for his release.

NEW REGULATIONS ON ARMS DEALERS

TEL AVIV, Nov. 2 (JTA) -- Defense Minister Yitzhak Rabin has introduced amendments to existing regulations governing reserve officers who become arms dealers after retiring from active service. The changes are a direct result of recent cases in which high-ranking former Israel Defense Force officers were allegedly involved in the illegal sale of American weaponry stockpiled in Israel to third parties.

While it is still permissible for reservists to go into the arms business or to export their military know-how, they will hereafter need to obtain two permits, the same as required by civilians.

A Defense Ministry spokesman said a reservist will have to obtain a permit from the Ministry before engaging in negotiations for arms sales and a license before implementing any agreement reached with an overseas purchaser.

JERUSALEM (JTA) -- The Hebrew University, reportedly more than \$50 million in debt, failed to open for the new academic year Sunday because it is unable to increase the rents charged students living in the dormitories. Housing Minister David Levy opposed the move which would affect about a third of the 17,000 enrolled students. The rent increase would bring the university an additional \$1 million.

TEL AVIV (JTA) -- The 69th anniversary of the Balfour Declaration was marked by demonstrations throughout the West Bank and Gaza Strip Sunday.

RICHARD YAFFE DEAD AT 83

By Murray Zuckoff

NEW YORK, Nov. 2 (JTA) -- Richard Yaffe, a leading Jewish journalist and Socialist Zionist who used his skills not only to record the events of the present but also the hopes of the future for the Jewish people and for Israel, died last Thursday night. He was 83 years old. His entire adult life was marked by what he called the chance for the good fight. He was a journalist in the cause of humanity.

Yaffe did not stand aloof from the issues and events of his time. As a writer, lecturer, editor, political activist and a founder of Americans for Progressive Israel which reflected the views of Mapam, he was involved in countless causes and campaigns for human rights and dignity everywhere. He was a journalist in the cause of humanity who sought not only to interpret events but to change the world to one in which peace and freedom reigns.

As a foreign correspondent for CBS after the war, he recorded the history of a war-torn Europe arising like a phoenix out of the ashes, the immigration of European Jews to Palestine, and the establishment of the State of Israel.

Yaffe was one of the first journalists--possibly even the first one -- to provide serious and substantial coverage of the struggle of Soviet Jews to immigrate to Israel or to live as Jews in the USSR. As early as 1950, after returning from his stint as a CBS correspondent in Eastern Europe, he wrote a five-part series on the situation of East European Jewry for the National Jewish monthly.

Assignment In Eastern Europe

During his assignment in Eastern Europe he sent cables and broadcast directly from the war-devastated areas. In Poland, he visited the site of the Warsaw Ghetto. In Czechoslovakia, he visited the Theresienstadt concentration camp.

In Hungary, he covered the purge trial of Laszlo Reik, the Communist Party leader. In Yugoslavia, he met with the country's only surviving rabbi, who had been a partisan with Tito's guerrillas. In Aden, after visiting Israel, he covered "Operation Magic Carpet," the airlift which brought the Yemenite Jews to Israel.

Upon his return to America, Yaffe continued his involvement in the campaigns and struggles for civil rights and civil liberties. He warned against the rise of hidden and open anti-Semitism and also warned that under certain conditions, America would not be immune to fascism, albeit in a guise different from that which emerged in Europe. He pointed out time and again that Israel's security was bound up with a free and democratic America.

In an article in the February 27, 1950 issue of Congress Weekly (now Congress Monthly), Yaffe wrote: "I came out of Europe and Israel convinced of this: That the fight within the United States for equal rights and equal opportunities for all minorities, resistance to witch-hunts and illegal searches and seizures was the only fight that really mattered. If this should be lost, the others would be lost with it.

"I don't think it is an accident that the United Jewish Appeal ties Israel's needs to those of America's Jews, through the agencies which fight the good fight at home. They can't be separated. One fails without the other."

His good fights -- which included unremitting opposition to McCarthyism and for justice for Julius and Ethel Rosenberg -- led to his being victimized by the McCarthyite witch-hunt. He found himself blacklisted in many sections of the media which capitulated to the hysteria of those times. But his unflagging devotion to democratic principles and his perception that McCarthyism would be eventually defeated by those principles prevented Yaffe from succumbing to despair and gloom.

Yaffe was essentially an optimist about the innate drive of people to do good. He had learned this from his early days as a journalist covering strikes around the country and being moved by the cooperation and solidarity of strikers and their families, and from his days of working with Heywood Broun helping to organize the American Newspaper Guild.

Yaffe wrote with verve and with passion and with humanity whether it was about the efforts of post-war Europe to reconstruct itself from the rubble of Nazism, about the growth and development of Israel, or about his family at a Passover seder in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, where he grew up not too far from Reading, Pennsylvania, where he was born.

As a Socialist Zionist he was an uncompromising supporter and defender of Israel against its enemies. But equally, at the same time, he was a trenchant critic of its shortcomings. Yaffe was always dismayed that the growing government and trade union bureaucracy and the growing disparity between wealth and poverty and clashes between the Ashkenazim and Sephardim were sowing the seeds of discord and class war in Israel. He was deeply troubled by the growing indifference on the part of some Israelis to the needs of the Arab population in Israel.

Yaffe was pained that the vision and intentions of the founders of the Jewish State and the aspirations of the early chalutzim (pioneers) were being derailed, and that the peace which Israel yearned for continued to be elusive because of the unremitting and irrational hatred of the Jewish State by its Arab neighbors.

Helped Young Jewish Journalists

But Yaffe was not only a journalist who could be caring as well as highly polemical in his articles; he was a warm, concerned, sensitive and compassionate human being who spent much of his time helping would-be young Jewish journalists become genuine Jewish journalists.

Even as he wrote and lectured, he was above all a teacher. To those whom he taught, he was never less than a colleague and always more than a friend. He was the quintessence of a patient father image to younger writers. Yaffe could smile and all around him found themselves smiling along. He could crack jokes and deliver puns with great rapidity and infuse those around him with ebullience. He had a keen and probing mind. He was a journalist of integrity. But above all, Yaffe was, in the classic meaning of the word, a "mentsch."

Yaffe received his Bachelor's Degree from Boston University and Master's Degree from Harvard. He began his journalism career in 1926 on the Atlantic City Times and it continued for the next 60 years through the Philadelphia Inquirer, New York Post, New York Journal-American, PM and CBS.

He was the United Nations correspondent for the Israeli daily Al Hamishmar, associate editor of the New York Jewish Week, and editor-in-chief of Israel Horizons which reflects the views of Mapam. He was the American bureau chief of the London Jewish Chronicle and contributed articles to the New York German-Jewish weekly Aufbau, National Jewish Monthly and the Congress Weekly.

Yaffe was the author of three books: "Yugoslavia's Way," "Nathan Rappaport - Sculptures and Monuments," and "A Short History of the American Jews." During his long career, he was active and held posts in numerous organizations, including the Jewish National Fund, World Zionist Organization-American Section, American Zionist Federation, Foreign Press Association, Overseas Press Club, and the United Nations Press Association.

Recipient Of Smolar Award

Yaffe was one of the very few who worked at Jewish journalism before the term "Jewish journalism" came into being. His pioneering helped establish its legitimacy and led to the strong American Jewish press in America today.

Last month, Yaffe was named the recipient of the Council of Jewish Federations' Boris Smolar Awards' first "Special Citation for Lifetime Achievement in Jewish Journalism." He received the news with great joy. But death prevented Yaffe from actually receiving the award. His funeral was Sunday, less than two weeks before it was to have been presented to him at the CJF General Assembly in Chicago.

ARTHUR COHEN DEAD AT 58

NEW YORK, Nov. 2 (JTA) -- The noted Jewish author and publisher Arthur Cohen died Friday morning of cancer in New York at age 58. Cohen authored numerous works on the history of Jewish thought, including "Martin Buber," "The Tremendum: A Theological Interpretation of the Holocaust," and "Herbert Bayer: The Complete Work."

Cohen also wrote five novels, including "An Admirable Woman," based on the life and work of his close friend Hannah Arendt which won him the National Jewish Book Award. Other novels include "A Hero in His Time," and "In the Days of Simon Stern."

During his last years, Cohen completed two books expected to be published within the year: "Artists and Enemies: Three Novellas," and "A Handbook of Jewish Religious Thought," edited with another noted scholar of Jewish thought, Paul Mendes-Flohr.

After completing his graduate studies in comparative religion and philosophy, Cohen attended the Jewish Theological Seminary of America for three years to study medieval Jewish philosophy. It was during those years that Cohen founded the Noonday Press with friend Cecil Hemley. He went on to become editor-in-chief of Holt, Rinehart and Winston.

Cohen worked as a visiting lecturer at Brown University and at the Jewish Institute of Religion. He also chaired the Board of the YIVO Institute for Jewish Research.

Cohen contributed many articles to journals and magazines over the years. His treatise, "Why I Choose To Be a Jew," published in Harper's in 1959 has been widely read by students of Jewish thought. In the article, Cohen stressed the need

for connecting Jewish identity with the Jewish religion to ensure survival of both.

AMERICAN RED CROSS CONCERNED ABOUT ISRAEL'S EXCLUSION FROM WORLD RED CROSS MOVEMENT

GENEVA, Nov. 2 (JTA) -- The American Red Cross declared here that it shares fully the concerns expressed by Israel and by Jewish organizations over the "discriminatory" exclusion of Israel's Magen David Adom (Red Shield of David) from the society of humanitarian agencies, evidenced most recently by the International Red Cross Movement's decision to change its title to the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement.

The change was announced last Monday at the quadrennial International Red Cross Conference and was promptly protested by the Israeli delegation and by the World Jewish Congress which had observer status at the week-long conference. The Red Crescent is the Red Cross equivalent in Moslem countries, just as the Magen David Adom is in Israel.

A statement by the U.S. delegate said, "The American Red Cross has noted with interest the interventions by the government of Israel and by the observers from the World Jewish Congress, and supports their concerns. We urge again, as we have many times, that each society develops a bilateral relationship with Magen David Adom."

The American delegate stated further, "It is our conviction that the continued exclusion of an otherwise eligible national society from membership in the Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement on the basis that its constituents cannot identify with the universally accepted emblem, deprives our movement of its cherished principle of universality."

The American Red Cross called for a special committee to resolve the problem. "We recognize that a solution to the protective symbol question that is acceptable to all parties in the international treaties is the only ultimate answer and we call for the resumption of a working group on the emblem," the American statement said.

RALLY FOR RELIGIOUS PLURALISM

JERUSALEM, Nov. 2 (JTA) -- Religious pluralism in Israel was the theme of a demonstration attended by about 1,000 persons here Saturday night to protest the attempt by Orthodox zealots to disrupt Simchat Torah services at a Reform congregation in the Baka suburb of Jerusalem a week ago. The demonstration was organized by the Progressive (Reform) movement which received a telegram of support from the secretary of Kibbutz Hadati, the Orthodox kibbutz movement, opposing attempts to dictate religious modes.

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TEL AVIV (JTA) -- The Rev. John McKnight, an Anglican clergymen from Australia, left Israel last week admitting failure in his efforts to see Mordechai Vanunu, a former technician at the Dimona nuclear facility, whom McKnight alleges was brought to Israel from London "against his will" and is being held in prison. McKnight, who converted Vanunu to Christianity, complained that his mission was blocked by "a wall of silence" erected by Israeli officials. Vanunu told a British newspaper that Israel has a nuclear arsenal. He disappeared in London on October 1.

TERRORIST GANG CAPTURED

By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, Oct. 23 (JTA) -- Security sources announced Thursday the capture of the terrorist gang responsible for the Egged bus bombing in Jerusalem on December 6, 1983 which killed six people and injured 50. The arrests were made in East Jerusalem, Bethlehem and Ramallah in what the sources said was their "most successful week" for rounding up dangerous terrorists.

The announcement followed the arrests last Thursday and Friday of the terrorists responsible for the October 15 grenade attack on Israeli soldiers and their families in the Old City which took one life and wounded 69 soldiers and civilians.

The rented flat in Azariya village near Jerusalem, used by the terrorists as a hideout, has been sealed off and arms and ammunition found there were seized.

The latest successes have gone a long way to retrieve the reputation of the security forces which suffered in the Shin Bet affair. That was the cover-up by ranking security service officers of the deaths of two Arab bus hijackers at the hands of security agents in 1984. The head of Shin Bet, Avraham Shalom, and several of his top aides were forced to resign.

The round-up of terrorists has also revived memories of the Egged bus tragedy. Six kilos of explosives destroyed the crowded vehicle on Herzl Boulevard, one of Jerusalem's main traffic arteries. It was one of the worst terrorist bombings ever in Jerusalem. Families of the victims are demanding the death penalty for the captured terrorists.

HEAD OF SOVIET RELIGIOUS COUNCIL SAYS THE USSR WOULD CONSIDER SENDING RABBINICAL CANDIDATES TO THE U.S.

By Susan Birnbaum

NEW YORK, Oct. 23 (JTA) -- The Soviet Union might consider sending rabbinical candidates to the United States for training and ordination in response to a shortage of rabbis in the USSR, Konstantin Kharchev, chairman of the Council of Religious Affairs in the USSR, told a press conference here Thursday. But such an arrangement, he said, would depend on the "climate between the two countries. As you know, relations between our countries right now are quite bad."

Kharchev, whose position in the USSR is equivalent to that of Minister of Religion, is visiting the United States at the invitation of the Appeal of Conscience Foundation, an ecumenical coalition of Jewish and Christian religious and lay leaders, whose president is Rabbi Arthur Shneier of the Park East Synagogue in Manhattan. This is the first time in the history of the Soviet Union that an individual holding such a high religious ministerial position is visiting the U.S. Kharchev's 12-day tour includes Washington, D.C. and Atlanta.

Addressing the press conference at the Overseas Press Club, Kharchev said the USSR is moving in the direction of democratizing govern-

ment policy toward religion. He said cheerfully that he himself is "a non-believer, a Communist" but that nevertheless "I treat believers with respect."

Evasions And Denunciations

But the Soviet official became evasive or denunciatory when he was pressed for specific answers by the reporters about the treatment of Jews in the USSR. He denied any allegations of mistreatment of Jews or Jewish places of worship, and hewed to the official Soviet line regarding the proscription of religious study and possession of religious books. He professed to have no knowledge of specific cases of Jews who were being mistreated or harassed.

Kharchev claimed that Soviet law forbids religious study prior to adulthood, the possession of more than one religious book "brought over international borders," and forbids Soviet prisoners to have religious books in their possession "because they broke the law."

In answer to a question by the Jewish Telegraphic Agency about religious study and a reportedly destroyed mikveh in the Marina Roscha Synagogue in Moscow, Kharchev appeared to become angered, demanding to know what the news sources were, and denouncing persons in the West who, he claimed, spread lies given them by Soviet citizens.

Kharchev did not answer the JTA's question of why Jewish children cannot study Judaism or Talmud, as they are mandated to from the time they can read according to the Jewish religion. Nor did he answer the charge that Jewish study groups are harassed.

Kharchev said he knew nothing until today of the case of Piotr (Pinchas) Polanski, a Moscow refusenik who was formally warned to stop his activities, which allegedly consisted of organizing an unregistered religious community at the Marina Roscha Synagogue, active participation in Talmud study at the end of morning services, and the wearing of yarmulkes by his guests.

Jonathan Wolf, a New York teacher of Jewish studies who just returned from the Soviet Union, confronted point-by-point Kharchev's denials and evasions. Wolf told Kharchev that Soviet Jews "live in fear and harassment. The freedom you talk about does not exist."

Wolf persistently asked why he had been denied entry into a church by a policeman, why Leningrad Hebrew teacher Miriam Furman told him she was unable to get dictionaries, and why a group of students spending the Sabbath with Leonid (Elimelech) Rakhlin and his wife Golda outside Leningrad in January had been beaten up, two of them seriously. Wolf asked if the "process of democratization" will affect this, as well as members of study groups who are harassed.

"I met people," answered Kharchev, "who paid \$500 for those who could bring such fairytales from the Soviet Union." In this and other instances, he said, "enemies of the Soviet State propagate lies."

Artful Dodges

When asked why the mikveh (ritual bath) at the Marina Roscha Synagogue had been destroyed

last week, during the night, by throwing in stones, Kharchev said alternately that the mikveh was constructed against the "building code" and that it wasn't true that the mikveh had been destroyed. He claimed that someone visiting could verify this.

He also said that Polanski should have spoken to the proper authorities first about his study group, although he initially claimed to not know anything about the issue.

Kharchev, speaking about the Marina Roscha Synagogue, said, "You have the wrong information. If I am right, you are wrong. I never heard about it. We have no plans to close any synagogue in the USSR."

Rabbi Schneier, asked after the conference the purpose of bringing Kharchev here, said, "What you heard today will be raised in public and that will result in action."

LIVER TRANSPLANT PATIENT APPEARS TO BE RECOVERING By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, Oct. 23 (JTA) -- Mira Schichmanter, Israel's first liver transplant patient, appears to be recovering after 18 hours of surgery Tuesday.

Rambam Hospital in Haifa reported Thursday that the 39-year-old mother of two got out of bed and sat in a bedside chair for several minutes. But she remains under sedation and is unable to talk to doctors or family members because she is still breathing through oxygen tubes and a mask. But she is able to smile with her eyes, nurses said.

Dr. Yigal Kam, the American-trained surgeon who performed the complex operation, expressed satisfaction with his patient's condition so far. He described it Thursday as stable. On Wednesday he said she was in critical but stable condition. He said that if three days pass without rejection of the transplanted liver Schichmanter would be declared out of danger.

POLICY OF APPOINTING ARAB MAYORS IN MAJOR WEST BANK TOWNS IS COMPLETED

JERUSALEM, Oct. 23 (JTA) -- Israel's new policy of appointing Arab mayors in major West Bank towns was completed Wednesday when the civil administration for the territory installed Taher Hijazi as Mayor of Anabta in the northern Samaria district.

He replaces former Mayor Wahid Hamdallah who was removed by the Israeli authorities four years ago for failure to cooperate. The Anabta municipality was shut down at the time. Its revival under Hijazi was accompanied by a check for \$90,000 deposited with the civil administration to cover unpaid taxes.

In addition to Anabta, Arab mayors now preside in Hebron, Ramallah and El Bireh where they replaced Israeli military officers who had been running the towns. All of the appointments were made with the approval of the Jordanian government.

LEFTIST SOLON IS URUGUAY CRITICIZES JEWS FOR PERSISTING IN EFFORTS TO PROSECUTE NAZI WAR CRIMINALS

NEW YORK, Oct. 23 (JTA) -- A gratuitous comment by a leftist, pro-PLO Senator in Uruguay who criticized Jews for persisting in efforts to

prosecute Nazi criminals has evoked an angry response from the representative body of Uruguayan Jewry.

According to Rabbi Morton Rosenthal, director of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith's Latin American Affairs Department, the Comite Central Israelita denounced efforts to "delegitimize the significance of the Holocaust ... as anti-Semitism disguised as humanism." Rosenthal said the Comite added that "we will not forget that which should not be forgotten, we will not pardon that which should not be pardoned."

The Senator, Francisco Rodriguez Cammuso, a member of the leftist Broad Front coalition who was elected with the support of the Uruguayan Communist Party, criticized Jews for still pursuing Nazi war criminals "50 years" after the Holocaust.

His comments came during a Uruguayan Senate debate over a proposed law to provide the legal framework for prosecution of those in charge who allegedly were involved in torture and disappearance of uruguayans during the period of military rule in that country.

Rosenthal said the Senator's statement came at a time when there has been a sharp increase of Nazi graffiti throughout Montevideo, the nation's capital.

NURSES STAGE JOB ACTION

TEL AVIV, Oct. 23 (JTA) --Hospital nurses, locked in wage negotiations with the government, walked off their wards Thursday afternoon charging that their demands for higher pay and improved working conditions "fall on deaf ears."

It was the sixth job action by the nurses in recent weeks and is due to last from 2:30 p.m. local time Thursday to 7 a.m. Friday. The nurses said they would strike again from 2:30 p.m. to 11 p.m. Friday and Saturday.

Haim Habinfeld, in charge of wage policy at the Finance Ministry, accused the nurses of refusal to consider offers made them. The nurses Minister, Shoshana Arbeli-Almoslino, a week or so of grace since she took over her post only on Monday. The nurses maintained that she was Deputy Health Minister "long enough to know the ropes."

As in the previous walkouts, the nurses remained on duty for emergencies and continued to staff post-natal and dialysis facilities. They also provided special staff for Israel's first liver transplant patient, Mira Schichmanter, who is recovering from surgery at Rambam Hospital in Haifa.

CURBING TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS IN ISRAEL

NEW YORK, Oct. 23 (JTA) -- A new system of computerized infra-red traffic monitors developed at the Jerusalem College of Technology (JCT) is expected to drastically improve Israel's horrendous record of highway accident fatalities, which is one of the highest per capita in the world, the Friends of the JCT reported here Thursday.

The device, known as "black boxes," is presently being tested in Israel and shows great promise of rapidly curbing dangerous driving habits, according to a report to the Cabinet in Jerusalem by the Israel Center for Driving Research and Injury Prevention. It consists of an electro-optic traffic monitor with a built-in video

camera designed by a JCT team headed by Joseph Bodenheimer and Gerry Ben-David.

The devices are mounted between pairs of 20-foot-high pylons on each side of the highway. The monitors provide computerized photographic print-outs of every vehicle using the highways. The print-out records the speed of the vehicle and the distance between it and the vehicle immediately ahead.

The data enable police to record speeding and tail-gating violations, two of the principal causes of highway accidents. According to the police, the system is more accurate and flexible than radar monitoring.

Horrendous Record Of Accidents

Since the State of Israel was founded in 1948, some 14,500 persons have been killed in road accidents and 185,000 injured. This is significantly higher per kilometer travelled than in most developed countries.

Traffic deaths in Israel in fact are the principal cause of death among young people and the main cause of brain damage, paralysis and other permanent disabilities. More Israelis have been killed or injured on highways than in all of the country's wars since 1948.

Drunk driving is not the major problem in Israel. The Center for Driving Research attributes the high accident rate to dangerous but preventable driving habits, the worst being excessive speed, reckless passing and tail-gating.

According to Ben-David, "We don't have to spend millions of dollars and wait years before we see change in driving habits. The best way to prevent accidents and to save lives is to make the drivers afraid to drive unsafely."

Apparently, Israelis at the wheel fear traffic summonses more than the consequences of reckless driving. An international conference on driver safety will be held at the JCT in Jerusalem in January 1987.

ISRAEL-U.S. NON-MILITARY TRADE BALANCED IN ISRAEL'S FAVOR LAST YEAR

JERUSALEM, Oct. 23 (JTA) -- Trade between Israel and the U.S. was balanced in Israel's favor last year, for the first time since the two countries have been trading, according to the latest edition of the Statistics Year Book published Thursday. The figures cover only civilian trade.

Excluding military imports from the U.S., which amounted to \$1.8 billion in 1985, Israel exported \$460 million more to the U.S. than it imported. That was a sharp reversal from the two previous years. The trade gap in 1984 was \$111 million in America's favor and in 1983 it was \$386 million.

According to the Year Book, Israel's exports to the U.S. increased by 30 percent last year while non-military imports dropped five percent. The positive trade balance continued for the first nine months of 1986.

ANOTHER FLAP IN THE CABINET

By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, Oct. 23 (JTA) -- Minister-Without-Portfolio Moshe Arens emerged as a possible center of conflict between Labor and

Likud Wednesday when he began to deal with Soviet Jewry affairs despite explicit and vehement objections by the Labor Party.

Premier Yitzhak Shamir's intention to assign that issue to Arens was opposed by outgoing Premier Shimon Peres, and no agreement was reached on the matter when Peres formally turned over his office to Shamir on Tuesday. Labor maintains that matters related to Soviet Jews are the province of the Ministry of Absorption and the Foreign Ministry, both of which are now held by Labor.

Nevertheless, Arens conferred on the subject Wednesday with World Jewish Congress president Edgar Bronfman and Yosef Mendeleovich, chairman of the Information Center on Soviet Jewry. A spokesman for Arens said he was acting on the instructions of Shamir to "lead" and manage handling of the subject.

But a spokesman for Shamir said the Prime Minister has not yet delegated responsibility for Soviet Jewry to Arens, though he intends to. Until now they have only discussed the matter, the spokesman said.

Laborite Moshe Shahal, who is Minister of Energy and Infrastructure, warned that in the absence of any agreement, action taken on the Soviet Jewry issue by Arens would have neither moral nor legal validity. He said Vice Premier and Foreign Minister Peres will raise the matter immediately with Shamir.

Arens, a Herut hardliner, also began on Wednesday to deal with Arab affairs, a responsibility held by Minister-Without-Portfolio Ezer Weizman in the Peres administration.

TWO WEST BANK ARABS GET LIFE SENTENCES

TEL AVIV, Oct. 23 (JTA) -- Two West Bank Arabs were sentenced to life imprisonment by a military court Thursday for the strangulation murder of an Israeli soldier, 19-year-old David Manos, in November 1984.

Mahmoud Karoush and Tewfik Ibrahim Abdullah, both from Deir Balach village in the West Bank, were arrested in March 1985 following a police investigation that began when the missing soldier's body was found. According to the prosecution, they killed Manos after giving him a lift in their car near Ben Gurion Airport.

Relatives of the murdered soldier created a scene in court when the sentence was pronounced. They screamed invectives at the convicted men and struck one in the head with a large rock. Manos' family was angered apparently because one member of the three-judge panel who asked for the death penalty was overruled by his colleagues.

ATHENS (JTA) -- Elazar Granot, Secretary General of Israel's Mapam Party, will visit Greece November 9-11 at the invitation of Foreign Minister Karolos Papoulias, it was announced here Wednesday. The visit will be in the context of improved relations between Greece and Israel, the announcement said. Granot will discuss Middle East matters with Papoulias and will meet other Greek leaders.

PERSONAL GLIMPSES OF BEN GURION

By Andrew Muchin

NEW YORK, Oct. 23 (JTA) -- No fleet of tall ships, no enthusiastic crowd of millions flocked here to the Jewish Museum October 16 to kick-off the nation-wide celebration of the centennial of David Ben Gurion's birth.

It's probably not that America's five million Jews think less of Israel's founding Premier than of the Statue of Liberty. It's that -- despite the liberal use of the word "hero" -- the hoopla has been contained.

Even the organization that is coordinating the celebration, the David Ben Gurion Centennial Committee of the United States, began the American celebration not with a litany of speeches, but with a look at Ben Gurion the person.

The glimpses were featured in samples of hours of unused shots from a 1956 interview with Ben Gurion by CBS newsman Edward R. Murrow -- now part of the collection of the Jewish Museum's National Jewish Archive of Broadcasting.

Regularly dragging on his trademark cigarette, Murrow inquired about personal and political issues. He asked Ben Gurion if ever during his 50 years in Palestine and Israel he considered giving up. "No," he responded, chuckling at the thought. In fact, he continued to challenge himself.

Recollections By Murrow

At age 69, Ben Gurion seemed to be getting accustomed to his modest wooden house at Sde Boker, built in 1954 on land he desperately wanted Israel to utilize. He chose the site after happening upon it while travelling through the Negev.

Having studied Buddhism in Asia, the Premier admired that region's moral teachers and predicted a changing world. "I believe now the world is made one with modern communication..." he told Murrow.

Would he conduct talks with Arab leaders? "If they want to talk peace," he declared, noting that the Arabs would eventually see that Israel could help them improve their sanitation, education and development. He accompanied his staccato syllables by pounding the arm of his wooden chair.

Murrow asked Ben Gurion's wife, Paula, why she didn't have servants in her Negev home. Admitting she had occasional housekeeping help, but only that, she harkened back to her socialist roots and replied, "I never believed in exploiting people."

Murrow biographer A.M. Sperber told one more anecdote to the audience of more than 200. As Murrow prepared to leave Sde Boker, he realized he hadn't thanked Ben Gurion. Murrow knocked on Ben Gurion's door, but received no answer. Hearing water running, he peaked inside to find Israel's Prime Minister wearing an apron and washing coffee cups. Murrow fought an impulse to film the scene, concluding that nobody would believe it hadn't been staged.

Grandson Talks About Ben Gurion

The outtakes of Ben Gurion -- never before seen in public -- were "very exciting" for his grandson, Alon Ben Gurion, 34 and a manager of the Tel Aviv Hilton. "I was turning inside," he told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency at the kick-off.

Seeing Ben Gurion walking with the taller Murrow reminded Alon of his grandfather's "march," a rapid strut with his hands in his pockets utilized to keep up with his much taller body guards. Indeed, most of Alon's memories of his grandfather -- whom he simply called Ben Gurion -- were warmly personal and apolitical. "He was my grandfather. He brought us presents," Alon explained.

Not that Alon hasn't come to consider his grandfather a giant among leaders. He said Israeli leaders, including Shimon Peres, have told him reverent stories. "You see that he was an outstanding statesman," he said.

Alon talked of Ben Gurion's seemingly photographic memory, his passion for learning and love for his wife. He also recalled the night Paula died, when Ben Gurion took his children to Sde Boker to search for a burial plot.

The Premier chose a barren slope. Alon's father said the site would have to be filled with sand. Ben Gurion said to fill it, and several bulldozers worked throughout the night. "That's the guy, he really pushed," said Alon.

Neither was he afraid, the grandson continued. He would have preferred not to have body guards and at least once refused to go to his Jerusalem bomb shelter because he was too busy.

Alon last saw his grandfather two months before he died, however, Ben Gurion was asleep. Three days later, Alon was seriously wounded in the Yom Kippur War. During his hospitalization, Ben Gurion also was hospitalized, and neither could be moved. Alon watched his grandfather's state funeral on television.

Funded by Hilton International, Alon has begun a 35-day, 25-city celebratory speaking tour of the U.S. "If I was my grandfather," he said, "I could give you the number of miles."

WEST GERMAN CLERIC SPARKS PURCHASE OF ISRAEL BONDS IN MASS. SYNAGOGUE

BOSTON, Oct. 23 (JTA) -- The congregation of Temple Mishkan Tfila, in Newton, doubled its pledges for Israel Bonds on Kol Nidre night, the customary time for synagogues to raise money for Israel, and according to Rabbi Richard Yellin, the man responsible for the enthusiastic response is a West German Protestant clergyman, Pastor Albrecht Lohrbacher.

Lohrbacher, in fact, made the first pledge for Israel Bonds this year to the Temple, Yellin informed his congregants in his Kol Nidre sermon. "He cares for Israel more than Jews who take their past for granted," Yellin said.

He recalled that he met Lohrbacher, who is Superintendent of Christian Religious Education in Baden Baden, in 1982 when the pastor visited Boston, and they renewed their friendship when Yellin visited Germany last summer.

Yellin said Lohrbacher told him he decided to repent for Germany's Nazi past. "I'm 43 and even though my generation is not guilty, I know there can be no reconciliation with the Nazi past. Christianity means remembering and facing up to what was done in the name of the Christian German tradition," Yellin quoted the pastor as saying.

The rabbi noted that Lohrbacher led his own annual pilgrimage to Israel this year, a year when few American Jews visited the Jewish state.

**BOMB EXPLODES AT ANTWERP SYNAGOGUE**

PARIS, Nov. 11 (JTA) -- A powerful bomb exploded outside the main synagogue in Antwerp late Monday night causing extensive damage but no casualties. The building was unoccupied at the time.

A police spokesman said the explosive was placed outside the main entrance. No messages were found and as of late afternoon Tuesday no group claimed responsibility. Two caretakers who live behind the synagogue said they heard no suspicious noises during the night.

The bomb destroyed the synagogue gate and shattered its windows and those of neighboring buildings. Antwerp has a large Jewish community. Six years ago, terrorists attacked a group of Jewish children waiting to board a bus for a summer camp. One child was killed and a dozen were seriously injured.

SANCTIONS AGAINST SYRIA APPROVED BY 11 OF THE 12 EEC MEMBER-STATES

By Edwin Eytan

PARIS, Nov. 11 (JTA) -- Eleven of the 12 European Economic Community (EEC) member-states agreed Monday to sanctions against Syria on the basis of Britain's charge that the Damascus government was involved with terrorist acts.

Only Greece refused to condemn Syria or vote for the four-point sanctions program at the EEC's Ministers Conference in London, hosted by British Foreign Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe. The sanctions themselves are considerably less than Britain demanded at an earlier EEC Ministers conference in Luxembourg last month.

They call for a total ban on arms sales to Syria; suspension of high-level exchange visits between Syria and EEC countries; police surveillance of Syrian diplomatic missions; and security controls on the Syrian Arab Airlines.

Britain broke diplomatic relations with Syria on October 24, after charging that the Syrian Ambassador in London and his staff acted in collusion with Nezar Hindawi, the Jordanian national convicted of attempting to smuggle explosives aboard an El Al airliner at Heathrow Airport last April 17.

At the Luxembourg meeting, Howe had urged his EEC partners to follow Britain's lead, or at very least recall their Ambassadors from Damascus. In London Monday, he agreed to accept watered-down sanctions in order, reportedly, to overcome the objections of Spain, Italy, France and West Germany.

The EEC Council of Ministers will set up an ad hoc working committee to implement the sanctions. But they are not considered likely to do Syria much harm. The ban on Western arms sales, the strongest measure, will be more than offset by the Soviet Union, which has long been Syria's major supplier of weapons and military equipment.

France stopped arms shipments to Syria last March and Britain has sold only \$20 million worth of equipment to Syria over a three-year period, mainly communications equipment which Syria can easily obtain elsewhere.

Prime Minister Jacques Chirac of France and Chancellor Helmut Kohl of West Germany agreed Sunday to back Britain while preserving relations with Syria. France went along despite an announcement by a pro-Syrian group in Beirut that it would release three French hostages within 24 hours. Two of the hostages were released Tuesday. Extremist Shiite groups in Lebanon with close links to Syria and Iran still hold eight French nationals hostage.

Monday's decision to impose sanctions on Syria took the form of "the President's statement" because Greece's refusal breached the unanimity required of all EEC joint decisions. Howe is the current President of the Council of Ministers.

FORMER DIMONA NUCLEAR FACILITY TECHNICIAN TO BE CHARGED WITH EITHER TREASON OR ESPIONAGE
By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, Nov. 11 (JTA) -- Mordechai Vanunu, the former technician at the Dimona nuclear facility, will be charged with either treason or espionage for allegedly revealing secret information about Israel's nuclear weapons capabilities, it was learned here Monday.

If convicted of espionage, the 31-year-old Israeli who recently converted to the Christian faith would face life imprisonment. Capital punishment applies for treason.

The government announced Sunday that Vanunu is being held in Israel "under lawful detention" and is represented by counsel. The statement, released after the weekly Cabinet meeting, was the first official acknowledgement that Vanunu, who was reported missing in London October 1, is in Israel.

He was remanded in custody for 15 days by order of a senior police officer, an indication of the gravity of the charges which will be brought against him. In cases other than espionage or treason, a suspect cannot be detained unless brought before a judge within 48 hours of arrest.

Kidnapping Charges Denied

The government statement said that Vanunu was checked by a medical doctor shortly after he was brought to Israel. It emphatically denied charges that he was kidnapped in London by Israeli agents and brought here against his will. But there was no indication of how or when he arrived in Israel.

Britain has formally asked Israel to clarify this. The British Ambassador, William Squires, contacted the Foreign Ministry's Political Director General, Yossi Beilin, Tuesday to request further information. Squires was acting on instructions from the Foreign Office in London.

Israeli officials are uncertain whether the British are genuinely seeking additional information or whether the inquiry is to help the government of Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher fend off demands for "clarification" from opposition members of Parliament and the media. The Thatcher government has already denied media reports that the Prime Minister was secretly advised by Shimon Peres last month that Israeli agents would abduct Vanunu on British soil and

that she did not raise objections. This allegedly occurred while Peres was still Israeli Premier, before the rotation of power.

Initial reaction in Jerusalem to the British inquiry is that there is no need for explanations beyond Sunday's announcement that Vanunu was in custody.

After the government's admission that Vanunu is in custody, Amnon Zichroni, a lawyer well known in leftist circles, revealed that he had been appointed to represent the suspect, at his own request. Zichroni told reporters Monday that he asked Premier Yitzhak Shamir several days ago to announce publicly that Vanunu was being held in Israel.

Basis For Decision To Go Public

But according to media reports, the decision to go public was made in consultation between Shamir, Vice Premier and Foreign Minister Peres and Defense Minister Yitzhak Rabin. This followed a request by Attorney General Yosef Harish.

Zichroni reportedly hastened the decision by threatening to ask the Supreme Court to order the government to make a statement about Vanunu. Had such an appeal been made, the government would have no choice but to make public that Vanunu is in Israel.

Zichroni told reporters that Vanunu complained he was the target of public lynching by the media in Israel. He is alleged to have been the source of a story in the Sunday Times of London in October that Israel has been manufacturing nuclear weapons for 20 years and has enough in stock now to rank as the world's sixth nuclear power.

UN ASSEMBLY CONDEMNS ISRAEL FOR ITS ALLEGED COOPERATION WITH SOUTH AFRICA By Yitzhak Rabi

UNITED NATIONS, Nov. 11 (JTA)-- The General Assembly condemned by a large margin Israel's "increasing collaboration with the racist regime of South Africa," and demanded that Israel terminate "all forms of collaboration" with the Pretoria government.

The vote Monday night was 102-29 with 26 abstentions. The anti-Israeli vote, singling Israel out for alleged military and economic cooperation with the apartheid government of South Africa, was one of eight resolutions condemning all aspects of South Africa's apartheid policies. Israel is singled out for condemnation on this issue by the General Assembly every year as a result of Arab pressure despite the fact that Arab and other countries are engaged in trade and have other ties with South Africa.

According to information distributed by the Israel Mission here, South Africa imported \$10 billion worth of oil from the Arab countries, from 1980 to 1984, in violation of the 1979 UN oil embargo on South Africa.

The anti-Israeli resolution adopted Monday night by the Assembly charged that Israel's ties with South Africa constitute "a serious threat to the international action for the eradication of apartheid," and a "threat to international peace and security."

The resolution underscored the alleged "military and nuclear" cooperation between Israel and South Africa, and requested an immediate end of ties between the two countries.

The United States, Canada and Australia, as well as most of the West European countries,

joined Israel in voting against the resolution. Israeli diplomats noted that last year only 19 countries joined Israel against a similar resolution, while this year 28 countries supported Israel.

Resolution Condemned By Israeli Official

The anti-Israeli vote was sharply condemned by Ambassador Meir Joffe of the Israel Mission, who blamed the Arabs and their supporters for "hypocrisy." He said that while the Arabs themselves trade with South Africa, they push for the condemnation of Israel. "This is part of their political war against the Jewish State," he declared.

Binyamin Netanyahu, Israel's Ambassador to the UN, charged, at the opening debate on apartheid last week, that the General Assembly is guilty of "omission and distortion of the facts" both of Israel's alleged cooperation with Pretoria and the extent of the Arab oil trade with South Africa.

Netanyahu disclosed that Israel recently sent an official letter to the UN Special Committee Against Apartheid, reiterating its opposition to apartheid and declaring its willingness to participate in international efforts to end the practice of apartheid in South Africa.

The anti-Israel vote Monday night coincided with the 11th anniversary of the General Assembly resolution equating Zionism with racism. One of the arguments the Arabs used, when they pushed for the adoption of the Zionism-equals-racism resolution, was that Israel was a major supporter of South Africa's apartheid government.

CATHOLIC BISHOP URGES UN TO REVERSE ITS 'DEPLORABLE' RESOLUTION EQUATING ZIONISM WITH RACISM By David Friedman

WASHINGTON, Nov. 11 (JTA) -- Bishop James Malone, president of the U.S. Catholic Conference, has urged the United Nations General Assembly to reverse its "deplorable" resolution equating Zionism with racism.

This was the first time a U.S. Catholic Conference president had commented on the resolution since it was labelled as "unjust" by Joseph Cardinal Bernardin shortly after the General Assembly adopted the resolution on November 10, 1975.

Malone's statement was issued from the conference office here prior to the opening Monday of the annual meeting of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops, which he also heads. He said he agrees with Bernardin's statement in 1975 that the resolution "retards the necessary struggle against racism in the world and opens the door to harassment, discrimination and denial of basic human rights to members of the Jewish community throughout the world."

However, Malone added that he also reaffirms "the principles of peace in the Middle East as put forth by the National Conference of Catholic Bishops in 1973 and again in 1978."

He outlined these as a "comprehensive peaceful solution" with recognition by all of Israel's right to exist; "recognition of the rights of Palestinian Arabs to participation" in negotiations for the future; "recognition of the 'unique religious significance of Jerusalem' through an internal guarantee of access to holy places and preservation of its 'religiously diverse citizenry'; and affirmation of UN Resolution 242 as a basis for a just settlement."

"The years since the deplorable UN vote on Zionism as racism and since the issuance of our own statements have served to increase the urgency of condemning the former and working toward realizing the principles enunciated in the latter," Malone said.

A Project Is Created

Meanwhile, the American Section of the International Association of Jewish Lawyers and Jurists has created the Project to Combat Anti-Semitism and Anti-Zionism (Project CASAJ) to actively oppose all manifestations of the "Zionism is racism" resolution. The project is aimed at educating both Jews and non-Jews on the issue.

At a forum at George Washington University Sunday, organized by the American Section and the George Washington University Hillel Foundation, Jeane Kirkpatrick, former United States Ambassador to the United Nations, said that resolutions should be introduced annually in the Security Council and General Assembly to repeal the anti-Zionist resolution.

Also participating in the forum were: Alan Keyes, Assistant Secretary of State for International Organizational Affairs; Allan Gerson, a Deputy Assistant Attorney General; Tova Herzl, a Congressional liaison officer for the Israel Embassy; and Yoram Dinstein, a law professor at Tel Aviv University, who is currently a visiting professor at the New York University School of Law. President Reagan sent a message to the forum in which he said he was proud that he and his two predecessors, Presidents Ford and Carter, had opposed the UN resolution.

He said it was a nonpartisan issue. Americans "have been united and will remain united in our commitment to Israel, in our conviction that Israel has a right to exist and a right to exist in peace," Reagan declared.

'A Kind Of War By Other Means'

Kirkpatrick said that since the failure of the Arabs to defeat Israel in 1967 and 1973, there has been an effort to "undermine Israel by political means inside the United Nations." She called this a "kind of war by other means."

Keyes said the effort to deligitimize Israel was not aimed just against Israel or Jews but all those who support the Jewish State, particularly the U.S. He said beyond this it was aimed at those like Israel who believe in democratic principles.

But Keyes warned that the "Zionism is racism" resolution also was aimed at causing domestic dissention within the U.S., particularly at creating a split between American Jews and American Blacks.

Clash Over Appearance By Toure

An example of this was at the University of Maryland, outside Washington, last Thursday night, when Jewish and Black students clashed over the appearance by Kwame Toure, formerly Stokely Carmichael.

The Jewish students objected to the Black Student Union inviting Toure since in a talk at the university last spring, he said the "only good Zionist is a dead Zionist." During his speech Thursday night, Toure was heckled by Jewish students, and he called them "Zionist pigs" and said "Zionism is Satan in disguise."

BURG SAYS UNITY GOVERNMENT WILL SURVIVE FINAL TWO YEARS OF ITS TENURE By Margie Olster

NEW YORK, Nov. 11 (JTA) -- Yosef Burg, the former Israeli Minister of Religious Affairs who retired last month after serving in virtually every government since the State was founded, believes the present Labor-Likud unity coalition will survive the final two years of its tenure, despite ideological differences between the partners.

"I don't see any serious political problems which will break up the unity government," Burg said at a press conference here Monday. But the 77-year-old Burg, who can be described as leader emeritus of the National Religious Party, did not come to New York to make political prognostications.

He is here to rally support for the religious Zionist movement in the upcoming elections to the next World Zionist Congress. According to Burg, religious Zionists are under siege by the Reform movement, which is "trying to muscle in on the Zionist movement" through its constituent bodies such as the Jewish Agency and the World Zionist Congress.

Concern About The Reform Movement

Burg expressed fear that the Reform movement, which is vigorously seeking equal status in Israel, may align itself with the Labor camp to try to oust the religious factions from Zionist organizations.

He warned of dangers, such as a recent resolution adopted by the Zionist Actions Committee, the supreme body of the movement between Congresses, which would bar funding for non-Zionist or anti-Zionist yeshivas in Israel.

Burg urged the religious Zionist movement to organize itself for the Congress elections to counter encroachments by Reform elements. He said the religious camp in Israel is under-represented in the Zionist movement and is apathetic about its role in the movement.

He called on Reform Jews to come to Israel on aliyah before trying to gain influence in Zionist bodies in proportion to their strength in the United States. The Zionist Congress is not for everyone, just for Zionists, Burg maintained.

Issue Of Religious Freedom In Israel

Burg was questioned about freedom of religion and worship in Israel. "There is freedom of worship in Israel, every human being can worship God in the way he sees fit," the Orthodox leader said.

With respect to the recent confrontation in the Baka suburb of Jerusalem when ultra-Orthodox Jews attempted by force to interrupt Simchat Torah services at a Reform congregation, Burg said the incident was "unhappy." He called it a "clash between personalities" who have since made peace with each other.

The Reform congregation dropped criminal charges against the local Orthodox chief rabbi, Elisha Abergil, who gave a written promise never again to interfere with Reform services.

According to Burg, "The bone of contention is not in the form of worshipping, but the absolute necessity of having the (religious) law of Israel as one and only one in order to preserve the character of Israel."

**BEHIND THE HEADLINES
POSSIBLE WEAPONS SCANDALS PUT
ISRAELI LEADERS UNDER THE GUN**
By David Landau

JERUSALEM, Nov. 11 (JTA) -- Israel's unexpected announcement Sunday that it is indeed holding atom-suspect Mordechai Vanunu in custody and that he is to face trial may have come just in time to prevent a dangerous deterioration in relations between London and Jerusalem.

There can be little doubt that the timing of the Cabinet Secretary's statement -- Israel's first official word on this six-week-old saga -- was linked to the growing wave of media speculation in Britain that Vanunu, the former Dimona nuclear reactor technician, was kidnapped from British soil by Israeli agents.

Worse still, the British press last weekend was suggesting that Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher had actually been apprised ahead of time, by then-Premier Shimon Peres, of Israel's intention to abduct Vanunu.

Vanunu, an extreme left-winger who left Israel for Australia last year, sold what purported to be detailed plans of a nuclear-bomb-manufacturing facility at Dimona to the Sunday Times of London. He presumably will be charged with treason in what is likely to be a closed-door trial.

Abduction From Britain Denied

The Israeli statement Sunday took pains to insist that Vanunu had not been snatched from British soil -- and therefore no conversation about such an abduction had taken place between Thatcher and Peres.

According to reports from London at the beginning of this week, the government there is making a determined effort to make do with this terse Israeli position -- and to have the British media make do with it, too.

Plainly, had Israel continued to stay silent, the credibility of one of its major friends on the world stage, Thatcher, would have been seriously jeopardized as the story continued to burgeon on Fleet Street. The British Premier could have been damagingly embarrassed.

In addition, Israel's top policymakers and their legal advisers may have been prompted to act now and release a public statement for fear of being forced to by the High Court of Justice.

But beyond these tactical and legal considerations, Premier Yitzhak Shamir, Foreign Minister Peres and Defense Minister Yitzhak Rabin may well have been moved by a more fundamental examination of Israel's condition at this most extremely delicate juncture in its various foreign relationships -- and especially relationships connected with covert activities.

They may have decided to clean up, as best they could, the messy aftermath of the Vanunu affair before bracing themselves to face possibly heavy fallout from the arms-to-Iran affair.

Ominous Build Up Of Criticism

The Israeli policymakers are keenly aware this week of the still ominous build-up of questioning and criticism within the American political community over insistent reports that the U.S. and Iran are engaged in longtime negotiations and tradeoffs involving arms for hostages -- and that Israel is playing the role of secret middleman, and supplier of the arms to the Khomeini regime.

At the moment, criticism and opposition from at home and abroad are focused at the Reagan

Administration. Critics charge that dealing with Iran over hostages' lives undermines the very essence of America's purported policies on terrorism.

But Israel, which according to some U.S. media reports initiated the negotiation, is bound to take a great deal of flak itself if this affair continues to gather momentum.

Politicians and pundits are bound to point out that Israel is always stridently advocating an arms boycott of any state abetting terror -- and yet here is evidence that the same Israel is actively participating in an ongoing arms-supply relationship with the quintessential terrorist state...

Indeed, Israel has called forcefully on France to abandon plans to sell arms to Syria, because of Syria's close involvement in terrorism as unmasked in the Hindawi trial in London. European Community Foreign Ministers were due to discuss their relationships with Syria at a meeting in London Monday -- and Israel's position is one they would naturally hear out, if not necessarily adopt.

But that position must inevitably be weakened by the steady stream of reports that Israel is itself, on behalf the U.S., selling weapons to Iran.

Other Damaging Episodes

Compounding Israel's discomfort is a string of other damaging intelligence-related episodes:

* The Pollard affair, involving U.S. Naval analyst Jonathan Jay Pollard, who allegedly passed on American secret assessments to the Israelis, hit the headlines just one year ago -- and the scars it left are still unhealed.

* The Shin Bet affair, involving the cover-up of an illegal killing of two Palestinian terrorists, is not yet concluded. Police investigators are wrestling with the conflicting accounts of Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir and then-Shin Bet head Avraham Shalom regarding who authorized the killings and the cover-up

* The security aspects of the Vanunu affair must surely disturb the Israeli intelligence community and its political masters. According to foreign reports, one senior Shin Bet official already has been fired in the wake of what appears to have been a major security lapse.

JERUSALEM (JTA) -- The Foreign Ministry expressed surprise Tuesday at reports that Jews in Budapest were summoned by the local police for questioning about their contacts with Israelis and Jews from Western countries. The Ministry noted that Israel's relations with Hungary are "among the best in Eastern Europe" but declined to comment further because the reports were unconfirmed. They came from Israelis returning from visits to Hungary, who said police attention was focussed on home study groups organized by Jews in Budapest and on contacts the Jewish community had with Jews from abroad, especially Israel.

TEL AVIV (JTA) -- Israel's population at the end of last month totalled 4.31 million, of which 3.55 million were Jews, according to the annual report of the Central Bureau of Statistics.

**TERRORIST TARGETS IN SOUTH LEBANON
HIT BY ISRAELI HELICOPTER GUNSHIPS**

TEL AVIV, Nov. 17 (JTA) -- Israeli helicopter gunships protected by jet fighters attacked terrorist targets near Sidon in south Lebanon Monday and returned safely to their bases. A military spokesman said the attack was a follow-up of Sunday's air raid on the same area. The target was reportedly a naval base where terrorists trained and embarked on sea-borne missions against Israel.

Reports from Sidon Monday said two aircraft and an unspecified number of helicopters attacked a stone two-story building in the Ein Hilwe refugee camp on the outskirts of Sidon. There were no immediate reports of casualties but ambulances were rushed to the scene.

Other reports said helicopters attacked Palestine Liberation Organization bases in the Mir Mia and Ein Hilwe camps. They encountered anti-aircraft fire but sustained no hits, according to the reports.

**UNEASY CALM IN JERUSALEM FOLLOWING
ANTI-ARAB VIOLENCE BY JEWS ANGERED
OVER KILLING OF A YESHIVA STUDENT**
By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, Nov. 17 (JTA) -- A large police presence enforced an uneasy calm in Jerusalem Monday after 24 hours of anti-Arab violence by Jews enraged over the fatal stabbing of a yeshiva student in the Moslem quarter of the Old City Saturday. Three youths from Jenin, linked to a terrorist organization, were taken into custody almost immediately after the crime.

They were remanded for 15 days by a Jerusalem magistrate Monday. The judge banned release of any further information about the suspects who the Police Ministry said Sunday were members of George Habash's Damascus-based Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine.

Although they are from a West Bank town 17 miles from Jerusalem, local Arabs were the targets of attacks by Jews during and after the pre-dawn funeral Sunday of the stabbing victim, Eliahu Ambi, 22. Arabs were stoned and beaten in the Old City and other parts of East Jerusalem and in the Sanhedria and Shmuel Hanavi quarters of West Jerusalem. Ambi lived in Shmuel Hanavi.

At least 10 Jews were arrested for attacking Arabs. Three fire bombs were hurled at Arab-occupied houses in the Old City. The windshields of Arab-owned cars were smashed and tires were slashed.

As police squads patrolled the narrow alleys of the Old City Monday, some residents of the Jewish quarter threatened more violence. They said the murder "could not go unanswered." Police warned that any further disorders would be dealt with firmly.

**OLGA GOLDFARB IS IN NEW YORK
VISITING HER AILING FATHER**

By Susan Birnbaum

NEW YORK, Nov. 17 (JTA) -- Olga Goldfarb, daughter of the Soviet emigre David Goldfarb, arrived in New York Sunday for a one-week visit

with her father, who is recuperating here from lung cancer surgery. She was granted a one-week temporary visa by Soviet emigration authorities last week, a move considered unusual for a refusenik whose application to permanently emigrate from the Soviet Union was concurrently pending.

David Goldfarb's seven-year ordeal as a refusenik was abruptly terminated October 16 when industrialist Armand Hammer flew him and his wife Cecilia to the United States aboard his private jet. The 67-year-old retired geneticist was a patient in a Moscow hospital, suffering from complications of diabetes and heart disease.

Upon his arrival in New York, he was immediately admitted to Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center where tests October 29 revealed lung cancer. On November 2, David Goldfarb sent a letter to Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev asking that his daughter, who remained behind in Moscow, be allowed to emigrate to join him in New York with her husband, Yuri Lev, and two daughters, Katya, 10, and Nadia, 4.

In his letter, David Goldfarb said of his daughter's family that "They have been trying to obtain exit visas together with me, and there is no reason on earth why they shouldn't be permitted to follow me now The chances that my daughter will make it without high-level intervention are small unless your overall emigration policy changes." Goldfarb also praised Gorbachev's "recent reforms in other fields," which "make me believe that change is possible."

'A Miracle In Moscow'

Goldfarb was scheduled for surgery November 5, and Columbia-Presbyterian was asked to provide that information to the Soviets. Olga then applied for permission for a temporary tourist visa to visit her father in the hospital, and was told on November 11 to report to the OVIR emigration office two days later to pick up her passport, which contained a visa good for one week's stay. The 34-year-old pediatrician was given permission only for herself and was refused permission to bring along her older daughter, as she had requested.

Olga told reporters at a news conference at Kennedy Airport that the granting of the emergency visa "happened so quickly. I didn't think I would get it, but I did. The Soviet Union is unpredictable." She also said her parents' release "is considered a miracle in Moscow," and that she believes her visa is part of that miracle.

**At The CJF General Assembly
PERES APPEALS FOR 'CIVILIZED WAY'
TO DEAL WITH RELIGIOUS DIFFERENCES
AMONG U.S. JEWS AND IN ISRAEL**
By Murray Zuckoff

CHICAGO, Nov. 17 (JTA)-- An appeal to the Jewish people to avoid a split within its ranks over religious and secular issues was issued here by Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres. He urged that "a civilized way be found to deal with religious differences" that have become exacerbated in Israel and the United States.

Addressing more than 3,000 Jewish leaders from North America and abroad at the 55th

General Assembly of the Council of Jewish Federations here, Peres said that Jewish life is marked by variations, with different strains and different beliefs between and among the religious and secular elements in Israel and the U.S. The variations, he said, do not worry him. But, he added, "I am worried about our unity. Let's be careful not to split. We are too small a people to become two or three people instead of one."

Peres declared: "I call upon everybody, let's argue without hate; let's decide our positions and listen to one another, among your synagogues and between the religious and secular."

The Foreign Minister's remarks were in keeping with the General Assembly theme of Klal Yisrael, the pursuit of unity in the midst of diversity and the coexistence of diversity for the sake of unity. His remarks were also made against a backdrop of discord and disharmony between the Orthodox on the one side and the Reform and Conservative movements on the other over numerous issues of halacha (Jewish law), and the restriction imposed on the Conservative and Reform movements in Israel by the Orthodox establishment.

Peres, whose remarks on the imperative need for Jewish unity were greeted by prolonged applause, said, "I think it is for you and for us to mobilize goodwill, to call upon the heads of each strain to see the need for Klal Yisrael, not just the conviction of each synagogue, important as it may be, and to find the necessary wisdom and patience and talent to have our arguments in a way that won't split us to pieces."

U.S. And Israel Cooperating 'Like Never Before'

Speaking of another kind of unity, Peres focused on the relations between the United States and Israel. He said the two countries are in "an era of cooperation like never before and with nobody else. We are not afraid of the greatness of the United States and the United States is not worried about the smallness of Israel." He did not specify the areas of cooperation nor did he allude to reports about Israel's cooperation with the U.S. in sending arms to Iran.

He said Israel was very proud of the fact that the U.S. recently recognized Israel "by a very special name, and I shall pronounce it very clearly-- a non-NATO ally." But Peres explained that Israel is essentially different than America's European allies in a number of ways.

"We do not ask the American army to protect our land or our skies," he asserted. "We shall do that ourselves. We are allies because we are not reluctant, we are not shy or apologetic in our relations with the U.S. American equipment, up to a point. Israeli risk, when necessary. Definitely, a non-Nato situation."

Urges World Cooperation To Fight Terrorism

Another kind of unity stressed by Peres was international cooperation to fight terrorism on a global scale. "The real danger which innocent people and nations of goodwill are facing is not so much full-fledged wars run by armies but the terrible criminal violence of terror," he said. "I think in many ways Israel was forced to be the first to confront it and the U.S. the second."

Terrorism, Peres said, must be curbed if the peace process in the Middle East is to continue. He said that Israel and the U.S. can help bring peace to the Mideast for all the people. "Our enemies are not Arabs, Moslems or Christians.

Our enemies are hostility, belligerency and war," Peres declared.

He said that "an international involvement is also necessary in order to stop terrorism. The cost of terror from the point of view of its victims is high. But terror also affects the Arab world itself. Leaders are frightened to death because of the continuous threat to their lives, from the level of mayors to the heads of state. They cannot make the right choice. They cannot select the necessary policies in order to save themselves from the terrible expense of military preparedness and the ongoing danger of a new war. Unless terrorism is fought, peace will not happen at all."

Peres urged the nations of Europe, especially West Germany as well as Japan, whose gross national products have increased steeply over the past few years and whose economies are well organized and viable, to help the Arabs economically.

"The economic situation of some of the Arab countries became so dramatic that their own governments, their own systems are in real danger, and unless real help is offered the danger will be augmented and the road to peace will be impeded," he declared.

But, Peres emphasized, while international cooperation is necessary to combat terrorism and to help stabilize the economies of Arab countries, the international community cannot impose solutions on the Arabs and Israel. "No imposed solution will be a success. The road to peace is through free negotiations between Israel and her Arab neighbors," he said.

Israel Is Intent On Pursuing Peace

Israel is intent on pursuing peace, Peres said, and has proved this in relation to Egypt and its ongoing efforts with Jordan. "Israel is strong enough to defend itself and is strong enough to go and negotiate peace with our neighbors," he stated. "We have won all the wars that have been forced upon us. We have decided this time to win a peace."

The world, Peres observed, "is convinced that Israel is sincere in trying to halt the dispute between the Arabs and ourselves, peacefully, diplomatically." One of the consequences of this, he noted, is that it "helps create a climate of support for the peace process in the United States among the people and in Congress."

Israel, Peres continued, has moved in the direction of bringing peace to the Mideast without the help of the United Nations. The war with Lebanon has come to an end, the dispute with Egypt over Taba has been settled, Arab mayors have been given increasing authority to run their own municipalities in the West Bank, and a Jordanian bank has been allowed to open in the West Bank. "Terror has subsided in the West Bank," Peres observed. "There is 50 percent less terror this year than the preceding year."

Meanwhile Israel internally still faces some problems. Peres said there is "no sense in covering up the divisiveness in Israel between Sephardim and Ashkenazim, between religious and secular groups and between religious groups themselves as well and between the secular groups as well, and the Arabs in Israel who do not get a feeling of equality." But, he added, "I have a feeling that the ethnic divisiveness is diminishing. A great thing has happened. Both the Ashkenazim and Sephardim have begun to feel Jewish. They have a

greater feeling of equality. We are correcting some mistakes regarding the Arab minority. We are implementing the things we demanded when we were minorities."

Peres also listed some other achievements in Israel, including a balanced budget, a halt to inflation, increased foreign trade and a decreased trade deficit, the absorption of 16,000 Ethiopian Jews who came to Israel under Operation Moses, and the ongoing rehabilitation of impoverished neighborhoods under Project Renewal. The next task for Israel internally is to settle the Negev, "the last frontier of Israel," as Peres put it, and to make the desert bloom in line with the vision of David Ben Gurion, Israel's first Prime Minister. The centennial of his birth is being celebrated this year.

5,000 At Rally For Soviet Jews

Earlier in the day Thursday, Peres addressed some 5,000 people at a noontime rally for Soviet Jewry. The Foreign Ministry told the participants who braved freezing weather, that the fight for Soviet Jews is "not a fight with Russia, not out of hatred. We are a peaceful people. The struggle is for the right to be a people with our own tradition who want to be able to pray to the Lord, educate our children in our culture and live a Jewish life." He called the effort "the moral struggle of our time," a struggle "that we shall win."

Chicago Mayor Harold Washington echoed that view in his remarks at the rally. He said "this is a moral struggle in which there are no neutrals. We choose to stand for the right of Soviet Jews to practice their own religion without fear of repression or reprisal and for those who choose to leave to be allowed to do so."

Eloquent appeals on behalf of Soviet Jewry were also made by Raymond Epstein, chairman and former president of the CJF; Morris Abram, president of the National Conference on Soviet Jewry; Alexander Kushnir, a refusenik recently allowed to emigrate after a 10-year battle; and Pamela Cohen, president of the Union of Councils for Soviet Jewry.

SHAMIR MUM ON ISRAEL'S REPORTED ARMS SALE TO IRAN

By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, Nov. 17 (JTA) -- Premier Yitzhak Shamir declined to comment Monday on reports that Israel sold arms to Iran. At the same time, he told the Knesset's Foreign Affairs and Security Committee that the matter of former nuclear technician Mordechai Vanunu's disappearance from London October 1 has been cleared up with Britain and the misunderstanding has been laid to rest. His statement was substantiated by Foreign Minister Shimon Peres.

Shamir told the committee it was the government's prerogative to be silent on the alleged Iranian arms shipments which was not an issue for public debate.

President Reagan acknowledged last week that the U.S. had sent very small quantities of arms to Iran in an effort to improve relations with that country. Reagan made no reference to shipments of arms from Israel which, according to media reports, were undertaken at U.S. request and replenished by the U.S.

With respect to Vanunu, who is being held in custody in Israel for giving a British newspaper information about Israel's alleged nuclear weapons

capabilities, Shamir said it was clear he wasn't kidnapped from London.

Peres said in media interviews Monday that the misunderstanding with Britain over Vanunu was cleared up following a telephone conversation he had with Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher who was visiting Reagan at Camp David over the weekend.

Peres also dismissed Sunday's speech by Syrian President Hafez Assad threatening Israel and the U.S. The threats reflect his weakness, Peres said. "Syria is a terrorist state. She will be recognized as such and she will pay the price."

BOYCOTT CONFAB POSTPONED

GENEVA, Nov. 17 (JTA) -- A symposium on the uses of boycotts in international conflicts was to have been held here November 17-18 under the auspices of European-Arab chambers of commerce but it was postponed Friday until next spring. Organizers gave no reasons.

The planned symposium drew protests from Israel's Ambassador to the United Nations in Geneva, Pinchas Eliav, and the Ambassador to Switzerland, David Rivlin, the latter who waged a diplomatic campaign against it. The envoys maintained that the symposium, to which jurists from European countries were invited, was an "academic mask" to justify the Arab League boycott of Israel.

CHARGES DROPPED AGAINST PROTESTORS

NEW YORK, Nov. 17 (JTA) -- Charges have been dropped by New York City Criminal Court Justice Roger Hayes against all 55 rabbis and laypersons who were arrested October 12 at the Soviet UN Mission here. Their demonstration coincided with the Reagan-Gorbachev Iceland summit meeting and Yom Kippur eve.

The protesters, who had been charged with disorderly conduct, were organized by the Student Struggle for Soviet Jewry and the Long Island Committee for Soviet Jewry as part of "Operation Redemption," a series of peaceful arrests at Soviet offices in the New York area in which 415 persons have been arrested since January 1985, including 173 rabbis and 12 legislators.

BIAS AGAINST ISRAEL AND JEWS FOUND AMONG WEST GERMAN TEENAGERS

BONN, Nov. 17 (JTA) -- A survey of 10,000 West German teen-agers showed strong prejudices against Jews and Israel, stemming apparently from ignorance. According to Prof. Rainer Roth of Frankfurt University who conducted the research, their level of knowledge about Jews and Israel is "horrible."

The survey was taken among students aged 13-16 in the areas of Stuttgart and Esslingen. It found that 7.4 percent believe reports that 5-6 million Jews died in the Holocaust are "highly exaggerated."

Another 14.9 percent think it is not fair to remind Germans of Auschwitz because of the many outstanding scientific achievements of the German people. The statement that "Since other people were involved in mass annihilation, it is high time for us to stop talking about the killing of the Jews" was endorsed by 32.9 percent of the respondents. Roth termed some of the responses "dangerous."

JURIST BELIEVES ARBITRARY ACTS BY USSR AUTHORITIES CAN BE CHALLENGED SUCCESSFULLY IN SOVIET COURTS

By Edwin Eytan

PARIS, Nov. 17 (JTA) -- Samuel Pizar, an international lawyer from the U.S. who recently pleaded successfully in Soviet courts on behalf of five Jews arrested during a Simchat Torah celebration in Moscow, believes that arbitrary acts by the Soviet authorities can now be challenged effectively in Soviet courts.

Foreign lawyers, refuseniks and other Jews can make use of the provisions of Soviet law, Pizar told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency. "What is needed is a certain amount of discretion, a low profile and a thorough knowledge of Soviet legal and criminal procedure," he said.

"Cases should be fought on an individual basis. I don't think that all can be won, but given the right men and a certain amount of determination some could be successful. By using this method, the refuseniks could start a new chapter in their relations with the Soviet Administration," Pizar told the JTA.

The 58-year-old Polish-born Holocaust survivor and Harvard-educated jurist believes the less authoritarian policies instituted by Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev makes it possible for others to achieve the same breakthrough he did.

On Simchat Torah, October 25, the Moscow synagogue was packed and thousands of Jews thronged the adjacent streets. The crowd was larger than usual because Elie Wiesel, the 1986 Nobel Peace Prize winner, had come to celebrate the day with Soviet Jews.

Intervention Leads To Release

Shortly after 10 p.m., while the crowds were still singing traditional Hebrew songs and dancing in the streets, two police cars drove up and the police ordered the celebrants to disperse. Most did. But several resisted. Five were arrested and booked on charges of "hooliganism" and disturbing the peace, both relatively serious charges in the USSR.

The next day, a small delegation of Jews who had been at the Simchat Torah celebration, called on Pizar at his hotel and asked him to represent the five arrested men who were their relatives or friends. On Monday, October 27, Pizar appeared before the district judge in charge of the case.

He enjoyed certain advantages in that he speaks Russian fluently, is an expert on Soviet law and has close links to Armand Hammer, the American industrialist known for his traditional ties with the Soviet leadership. Only a few months earlier, Pizar had attended a Soviet-American business conference where he met Gorbachev.

Being admitted to the judge's chambers was a feat in itself for a foreigner. Pizar said that by using a combination of legal arguments and moral persuasion, he managed to convince the judge that the crime for which the five Jews were arrested was a mere peccadillo which normally would be dismissed in any democratic court. The judge ruled that the five would have to stand trial in a police court where the sentences they risked would be relatively light.

Pizar fought that ruling as well and after meeting with the police court magistrate, managed to obtain relatively light fines for the accused who were then released.

WRITER YURI SUHL DEAD AT 78

NEW YORK, Nov. 17 (JTA) -- Yuri Suhl, a novelist, poet and biographer who was active in the civil rights and peace movements and the preservation of Yiddish culture, died in Oak Bluffs, Mass., on November 8 at the age of 78. He had lived in New York City and Martha's Vineyard.

Suhl authored four books of Yiddish verse. He was best known for his English works, which included "They Fought Back," a history of Jewish resistance in Nazi-occupied Europe during World War II, published in 1967.

He was the author of 10 books for children, one of which, "Simon Bloom Gives a Wedding," received the Lewis Carroll Shelf Award in 1972. He also wrote a biography of Ernestine Rose, the Jewish woman pioneer in the suffragette movement, and two autobiographical novels, "One Foot in America" and "Cowboy on a Wooden Horse."

Suhl became controversial for his efforts to prevent the execution of Julius and Ethel Rosenberg, convicted for giving atomic secrets to Soviet spies. He became a trustee of the Rosenberg Children's Trust Fund. Suhl was also an outspoken critic of the persecution of Jews in Poland and the Soviet Union. He identified himself politically as a Socialist.

12-YEAR REFUSENIK DEAD AT 68

NEW YORK, Nov. 17 (JTA) -- Haim Elbert, a 68-year-old Red Army veteran who with his family had been denied exit visas since they first applied in 1976, died in Kiev November 8, the National Conference on Soviet Jewry reported here.

His death came two days after he learned that the latest visa application for himself, his wife, their sons and their families had been rejected, the NCSJ reported. Elbert suffered heart attacks and a stroke in recent years.

According to the NCSJ, his son, Lev Elbert, a former Prisoner of Conscience, was summoned to OVIR, the visa office, last week expecting the application to be granted. Instead, he was told it was denied on grounds that he had failed to disclose "a former marriage" in a previous application. The charge was false, the NCSJ said.

Haim Elbert was a graduate of the Stalingrad Military Academy and served as a company commander in the Caucasus during World War II. He was captured in 1942 and escaped from a German prisoner of war camp after two unsuccessful attempts. He survived in the POW camp by concealing his identity as a Jew.

DEMJANJUK TRIAL SET FOR JANUARY 19

TEL AVIV, Nov. 17 (JTA) -- The trial of John Demjanjuk, alleged to have been the notorious Treblinka death camp guard known as "Ivan the Terrible," will open in Jerusalem on January 19. The date was set Monday at a meeting between the panel of judges who will hear the case, the prosecution and the defense.

A request for a three-month postponement, by Demjanjuk's American attorney, Mark O'Connor, was rejected by Justice Don Levin, President of the court. An Israel lawyer will be appointed to assist O'Connor.

Ukrainian-born Demjanjuk, 66, is the first suspected Nazi war criminal extradited to Israel for trial. The former resident of Cleveland, Ohio, was brought to Israel earlier this year.

JURIST EVOKES A STORM OF ANGER BY SAYING THAT DEMJANJUK SHOULD NOT BE BROUGHT TO TRIAL

By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, Nov. 19 (JTA) -- Former Supreme Court Justice Haim Cohen's remark that if he were Attorney General he would recommend that suspected Nazi war criminal John Demjanjuk should not be brought to trial, raised a storm of protest in Israel Wednesday, especially from concentration camp survivors and children of Nazi victims.

Cohen, who is retired from the bench and a former Attorney General, also said on a television interview Tuesday night that if he were still a practicing lawyer, he would be prepared to assist in Demjanjuk's defense.

Cohen said that while he upholds in principle the right and duty to bring Nazi war criminals to trial for their acts, he believes that after more than 40 years it is difficult to provide accurate eye-witness identification of a suspect.

Demjanjuk's defense is expected to hinge on mistaken identity. The 66-year-old Ukrainian-born former resident of Cleveland, Ohio, insists he is not the notorious Treblinka death camp guard known by the inmates as "Ivan the Terrible" because of his unmitigated brutality.

Cohen said that when he was a prosecutor more than 30 years ago he was convinced that a gap of even 10 years between crime and trial could result in unreliable identification. Cohen, who is noted for his outspoken defense of unpopular causes, observed also that there is a danger that convictions in Nazi war crime cases in Israel might be based on popular emotion without sufficient legal substantiation.

Not Revenge But Justice

That aroused the wrath of Mapam MK Chaika Grossman. She said on a radio interview Wednesday that Cohen's remark about emotionalism cast doubt on Israel's capacity to bring any former Nazi to justice. "If we cannot do it, who else can?" she asked. "It's not a matter of revenge but of justice and justice is not based on emotionalism."

The Association of Children of Nazi Victims charged that Cohen's remarks lent legitimacy to those who want to forgive the Nazis for their crimes. Association president Edna Steinberg suggested that they would only encourage neo-Nazis throughout the world.

Meanwhile, Tel Aviv attorney Gershon Orion made clear that he agreed to assist in Demjanjuk's defense only at the request of the Israel Bar Association to assist the defendant's American lawyer, Mark O'Connor, with respect to Israel's legal system. Orion stressed that even so, he would join the defense only on the basis of a court order.

He explained that he needed a court order to deflect possible accusations by his family and friends and others that he was helping a Nazi.

Trial Set For Demjanjuk

Demjanjuk, the first Nazi war criminal suspect ever extradited to Israel, will go on trial

in Jerusalem on January 19. About 67 survivors of Nazi death camps are expected to testify. The case will be heard by a panel of three judges-- Supreme Court Justice Dov Levin and District Court judges Dalia Lerner and Zvi Tal.

The hearings will be conducted in Hebrew with simultaneous English translation. The site of the trial has not been announced. A section of the Binyanei Hauma concert hall is considered a possibility because the trial is expected to attract great public attention.

PERES; ISRAEL DOES NOT INTEND TO UPGRADE ITS REPRESENTATION IN AUSTRIA

By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, Nov. 19 (JTA) -- Foreign Minister Shimon Peres said Wednesday that Israel does not plan to upgrade its diplomatic representation in Austria. This apparently means that Israel will not name a replacement for Michael Elizur, the former Ambassador in Vienna, who retired several months ago.

The Vienna Embassy is presently headed by a Charge d'Affaires. A new Ambassador would have to present his credentials to President Kurt Waldheim whose Nazi past was exposed during the Austrian election campaign last summer.

Peres, replying to questions in the Knesset, said Israel's position toward Austria would depend in the long run on world reaction to Waldheim. He noted that U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz has refrained from meeting with Waldheim. But Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze has called on him.

According to Peres, Israel's diplomatic stance will not have any affect on Vienna's continued role as a transit point for Jews leaving the Soviet Union for Israel.

A TROUBLESOME TRIP FOR HERZOG

By David Landau

JERUSALEM, Nov. 19 (JTA)-- President Chaim Herzog's official tour to Australia, New Zealand and Southeast Asia, now nearing its end, has been fraught with embarrassments which some Knesset members are attributing to poor planning and inadequate briefings of the President by his aides and government officials.

But observers here stress it is premature to say whether or not Herzog's primary purpose, to enhance Israel's political image and expand its export markets in a prospering region of the world was achieved.

Moreover, it seems likely that the noisy anti-Israel demonstrations that greeted Herzog when he arrived in Singapore Tuesday to begin a scheduled three-day visit does not reflect important sentiment in that booming island nation but was orchestrated by Singapore's powerful Moslem neighbors, Malaysia and Indonesia.

Herzog was warmly greeted by Singapore's veteran Prime Minister, Lee Kuan Yew, who faced down heavy Moslem and Arab pressure to cancel the visit. Israel has a long-standing relationship with Singapore which includes civilian and military aid and trade ties. Lee made a point of extolling that relationship, though he also urged

Herzog that Israel must vacate the Arab territories it occupied in 1967.

Nevertheless, Israelis were disturbed by reports Wednesday that Herzog was politely asked to shorten his visit to Singapore--the last stop in his tour--so as to leave before Pope John Paul II arrives on his official visit.

An Unfortunate Coincidence

Herzog's visit to Australia unfortunately coincided with intense interest there in the affair of Mordechai Vanunu, the former technician at the Dimona nuclear facility who disappeared in London October 1 and has turned up in jail in Israel. He faces charges of either espionage or treason for giving a British newspaper information about Israel's alleged nuclear weapons capabilities.

Vanunu lived in Australia for a time and it was there that he converted to the Christian faith. Rev. John McKnight, the Anglican vicar who converted him, went to Israel last month in an unsuccessful attempt to discover Vanunu's whereabouts. He charged that Vanunu was kidnapped from British soil by Israeli agents and brought to Israel against his will.

Israel vociferously denied this, though it hasn't said how or when Vanunu came to Israel. Herzog's embarrassment was compounded because the Jerusalem government failed to inform him when it decided, after weeks of silence, to acknowledge publicly that Vanunu was in Israel.

As a result, Herzog was innocently denying knowledge of his whereabouts after the Cabinet in Jerusalem confirmed he was being held "under lawful detention."

In New Zealand, his next stop, the President found the focus of media attention not on his visit or on bilateral relations with Israel but on the issue of nuclear weapons in light of Vanunu's revelations. There is a fierce national debate going on in New Zealand about nuclear defense.

Those matters lent credence to Likud Liberal Pinhas Goldstein's charge in the Knesset Wednesday that the Herzog tour was "replete with glitches and snafus" and "not well planned." Goldstein, who called the events in Singapore "the last straw," introduced a motion for Knesset debate on Herzog's trip.

Some Undisputable Successes

There were of course some indisputable successes for the Israeli chief of state, such as his tour of the South Pacific island nations. The King of Tonga and other local leaders displayed genuine warmth toward Herzog and Israel and expressed interest in improving relations with the Jewish State.

In large measure, their attitude stems from the favorable impressions made by the small number of Israeli experts, mainly agronomists, who have served in the region. The local population is interested in more aid and know-how from the Israelis.

One expected high point of the tour, a visit to the Philippines, was cancelled at the last minute because of the troubled political climate in that nation. Herzog, after a telephone conversation with Premier Yitzhak Shamir, decided to avoid Manila.

When informed by the Israeli Ambassador of the cancellation, Philippines President Corazon Aquino reportedly "shed a tear," as if Herzog's decision somehow symbolized her own precarious position.

But there were suggestions in the Israeli media that her disappointment may have been tinged with relief because she, too, has been under pressure from the Moslem states not to welcome the Israeli President. The Philippines itself has a large and powerful Moslem minority which has been in on-and-off rebellion against the Manila regime.

On the other hand, Herzog was warmly received in Hong Kong where he made a hastily arranged visit as guest of the local Jewish community to fill the time before his scheduled arrival in Singapore. Israel recently re-opened its Consulate in the British Crown colony which had been closed for several years for budgetary reasons.

Israel hopes his visit will result in important commercial relations with Hong Kong which is also a political conduit to the People's Republic of China.

ISRAELI OFFICIAL BELIEVES THAT MOST PALESTINIANS ON THE WEST BANK ARE MOVING AWAY FROM THE PLO By David Friedman

WASHINGTON, Nov. 19 (JTA) -- Gen. Ephraim Sneh, the civilian administrator of the West Bank, believes that most of the 800,000 Palestinians in Judaea and Samaria are moving away from the Palestine Liberation Organization to a more "realistic" position.

"I believe the majority of Palestinians understand that Israel is a fact" and "they have to live peacefully beside Israel," Sneh said in an interview with the Jewish Telegraphic Agency Monday. "They understand the slogans of the PLO to destroy the Jewish State are irrelevant and far from reality."

Sneh admits that the "sympathy of the Palestinians is still with the PLO." But he said there is a growing "disillusionment" with PLO terrorist activities which they see offer no hope for a solution of the Palestinian problem. "Most of the Palestinian residents of the West Bank reject terrorism," he maintained.

He said there are less riots, demonstrations and strikes on the West Bank and terrorist incidents have decreased. Sneh conceded that the Palestinian youth are more likely to be radical and militant as elsewhere in the world. "It changes with age," he added.

Sneh is in the United States as part of a program of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith to enhance the dialogue between Israelis and Americans. A physician, most of his career has been with the Israel Defense Force's medical corps. He headed the medical team participating in the Israeli rescue mission at Entebbe, Uganda.

Sneh has headed the civil administration of the West Bank since July, 1985. He is in charge of government activity in the area except for security which is under the military administration. The civilian administration was created in 1981, but like the military administration, is under the Ministry of Defense. It does not have authority for the Jewish settlements on the West Bank which are under Israeli law.

A Non-Interference Policy

While he is in effect in charge of the civilian government of the West Bank, Sneh stressed that it is Israel's policy "not to interfere with the day-to-day lives of the West Bankers." He noted

that in the civil administration 13,000 of its employees are local Arabs and only 300 are Israelis. In addition, he said Israel wants to improve the quality of life for the Palestinians. One example he gave was in the economic field, where Sneh said Israel has encouraged investment from inside and outside the West Bank "very liberal policies" and butting "bureaucratic obstacles."

Sneh also said that in four major West Bank towns -- Nablus, Ramallah, Beit Jallah and Hebron -- existing hospitals are being expanded into regional medical centers with modern facilities.

He said the number of hospital beds on the West Bank are being increased by 50 percent within the next two years. In addition, primary care clinics are being established in the rural areas. The health standards on the West Bank are better than most Arab countries and almost as good as Israel, he noted.

All this should answer charges that Israel wants to drive the Arabs out of the West Bank. "If we have a policy which improves the quality of life of Palestinians on the West Bank it doesn't mean our goal is to drive them out," he said.

Not A Substitute For Peace Settlement

Sneh said that the Israeli policy on the West Bank is "not a substitute" for an eventual peace settlement. Instead it is to "change the atmosphere on the West Bank" to lead to negotiations between Israel and the Palestinians.

He said the Israeli policy of allowing the Palestinians control of their daily lives was not autonomy. He said this could only come about through negotiations, not unilaterally. Nor was Israel sharing rule on the West Bank with Jordan, Sneh stressed. "We are the government of the West Bank," Sneh said.

Most West Bank Palestinians are Jordanian citizens and Jordan has recently begun an economic development program on the West Bank, he noted. Sneh said that most of the Palestinians eventually want to see a Jordanian-Palestinian state.

He noted that on his current trip to the U.S., the question he is most asked about is his opinion on arms shipments to Iran. "I am very glad this is not in my jurisdiction," he quipped. "I have enough problems of my own."

A DISTURBING ISSUE FOR ITALIAN JEWRY: TEACHING CATHOLICISM IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS By Lisa Palmieri-Billig

ROME, Nov. 19 (JTA) -- The Quadrennial Congress of the Union of Italian Jewish Communities (UIJC) is focussing on what is perhaps the most disturbing issue for Italian Jewry since the last Congress four years ago -- the teaching of the Catholic religion in the Italian school system.

Classes on Catholicism at all grade levels were introduced as a result of the 1985 accord between the Education Ministry and the Catholic Episcopal Conference. While they are voluntary, there is no feasible alternative for the very small minority of Jewish and other children who do not want to participate.

The problem is high on the agenda of the three-day conference attended by delegates from the Jewish communities of Rome, Milan, Turin, Florence, Naples, Venice and many smaller cities all over Italy. Youngsters from the Italian Jewish

Youth Federation handed out pamphlets at the entrance to the Palazzo Barberini, where the conference is taking place, calling for repeal of the 1985 accords.

Numerous Case Histories Compiled

The UIJC has compiled numerous case histories testifying to the ill-effects of the new law on non-Catholic children, particularly in nursery and kindergarten. It is especially alienating for Jewish children who cannot, at their age, understand why they must be separated from their friends while Catholic ideology is taught, the UIJC points out.

Vittorio Ottolenghi, one of the four Jewish representatives on the eight-member "Mixed Commission" (government and UIJC) which is charged with revising and updating the 1930 treaty between the UIJC and the Italian state, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that there is hope the present law may be suspended immediately and revised within 2-3 years, at least as it applies to nursery and kindergarten.

Italian Jews have been joined in protest by the Waldensian Protestants. Concerned Moslem parents in Italy also reportedly intend to make themselves heard through the channels of Arab Embassies in Rome.

The Congress is the gathering where every four years Italian Jews elect their official representatives, plan their future and try to gain perspective on their past.

Dignitaries Address Opening Session

The opening ceremonies Monday were honored by the presence of President Francesco Cossiga, the first Italian chief of state ever to attend such an event. It was addressed by Foreign Minister Giulio Andreotti who spoke for the human rights of Soviet Jews, and by the 1986 Nobel Laureate in Medicine, Dr. Rita Levi-Montalcini, who traced the intellectual and moral contributions of Italian Jewry through the centuries, symbolized by the history of her own family.

At the last Congress, in 1982, the UIJC was in a budgetary crisis which threatened such communal services as the Jewish schools in Rome where nearly half of the country's 40,000 Jews live. The community was then also divided over Israel's invasion of Lebanon.

But a better atmosphere prevailed at Monday's opening. The financial situation has improved and Israel is once again the focus of Italian Jewish unity. A matter up for discussion is a revision of the statutes of the self-governing UIJC which, since the last Congress, has been transformed from a public institution with obligatory registration and Jewish community taxation for all Jews, into a private, voluntary association.

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JERUSALEM (JTA) -- An Israel Navy patrol intercepted a band of heavily armed terrorists in two rubber dhingies off the coast of Lebanon, a military spokesman announced Wednesday. He said the incident occurred three days ago when the boats were spotted off Sidon, on course south to Israel. He said the terrorists were members of an El Fatah faction and carried a large arsenal of weapons, including explosives, mortars and rocket-propelled grenades.

'BEATE KLARSFELD STORY': STRONG PERFORMANCE BY FAWCETT, BUT HOLOCAUST'S TERROR LACKING

By Herbert Luft

HOLLYWOOD, Nov. 19 (JTA) -- The courageous anti-Nazi activity of Beate Klarsfeld will be brought before the American public in dramatic, episodic fashion on Sunday, November 23.

"Nazi Hunter: The Beate Klarsfeld Story," which will air from 9-11 p.m. EST on ABC-TV, is a better than average look at the issues of the Holocaust and the pursuit of the Nazi criminals who seek to escape justice.

Farrah Fawcett, perhaps best known for her roles as glamorous women, is marvelous as a thoroughly believable Beate, a German-born Protestant who became committed to bringing Nazi criminals to justice. She displays broad sensitivity, and ages convincingly.

But her co-stars are weak. Academy Award winner Geraldine Page overacts as Itta Halaunbrenner, who with Klarsfeld chained herself to a bench in protest in Bolivia. As Serge, Tom Conti is too smiley, especially in meeting Beate in Paris. But the casting of Hungarians as Germans, French as French and South Americans as Bolivians adds realism.

The movie begins with the innocent 17-year-old Beate waving to her parents as she boards a train in Berlin for Paris in 1960. There she meets and falls in love with Serge Klarsfeld, a law student who makes her aware of the Holocaust. The couple of course eventually become partners in life and in hunting Nazis.

A Sketchy Portrayal

Beate's sudden conversion to hatred of Nazis, including the indifference shown by her family -- is sketchily portrayed. More effectively staged is Beate's first appearance on the world scene, when she focuses attention on Nazi leaders.

The movie shows her shouting, "Nazi, resign," at German Chancellor Kurt Kiesinger from the gallery of the German legislature. She later slaps him.

Also well played is the attempt to kidnap a mass killer in Cologne, after which the Klarsfelds turn their attention to Klaus Barbie, who today awaits his trial for war crimes in Lyon, France.

The movie's first half features rapid, staccato images, but then the portrayal of the search for Barbie slows to a tedious and obscure halt at times. Producer William Kayden said it was difficult to condense 20 years of the Klarsfelds' efforts into a continuous, comprehensive account. Also missing is Beate exposing Kurt Waldheim's Nazi past at a street meeting in Vienna.

Lacks Terror-Filled Impact

While essentially accurate, "The Beate Klarsfeld Story" lacks the terror-filled impact a Holocaust film ought to have, and that many French, Russian and Dutch films do show. This partly is due to the constant hugging and kissing by Beate and Serge, which may provide necessary relief for the public, but it is a disturbing juxtaposition with newsreel shots from the extermination camps.

The drama was photographed on location in Paris and southern France, with Nice doubling for La Paz, Bolivia, where Barbie was hiding. The UN building in Paris was to be used as the setting of the German legislature, but 10 days before the scene was scheduled, the German Ambassador

protested, contending that the scene would unflatteringly portray a German official. The scene was filmed in a theatre.

"The Beate Klarsfeld Story" was born in February 1983, when producer Kayden saw Beate Klarsfeld interviewed about her campaign to extradite Barbie.

He set off on his own search. "It took me a full year to find Serge and Beate Klarsfeld," he recalled. "We finally met in New York in 1984 and I acquired the rights to the life story." The Klarsfelds served as consultants.

He found a director, Michael Lindsay-Hogg, who brought great commitment to the project. "(E)ven in the face of wars, aviation, television and space travel," the director said, "the 20th century will be marked throughout history by the Holocaust.

"The quest of Serge Klarsfeld and Beate, whose parents through indifference shared the guilt, aims to right as much of the wrong during the Holocaust as is possible, by exposing and bring to justice Nazi war criminals."

Lindsay-Hogg sees the couple as "basically ordinary ... except that they are fueled by their commitment and that they act in an extraordinary way."

EXTRADITION BATTLE SHAPING UP

By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, Nov. 19 (JTA) -- Attorney General Yosef Harish is fighting proposed legislation to avoid the extradition of William Nakash, a Jew wanted for robbery and murder in France. Nakash is supported by a coalition of rightwing and religious elements who say they fear he will be a target of revenge on ethnic grounds if he is imprisoned in France. The murder victim was an Arab.

Nakash allegedly killed him in the course of a robbery in the French town of Besancon in 1983. France has asked for extradition. But Justice Minister Avraham Sharir has proposed a special law that would give him the authority to impose a prison sentence on Nakash in Israel equivalent to whatever sentence is pronounced in France.

The case is being argued before the Ministerial Legislation Committee where Harish maintained that the Justice Minister's proposal runs counter to Israel's legal system as well as its international legal commitments. He also denounced Nakash as "trash" who "came to Israel in order to destroy it."

The Attorney General's harsh words were in response to a remark by Interior Minister Yitzhak Peretz of the Shash Party that the "Jewish aspects" of the case should be considered. Nakash's attorney, Ronald Rot, filed a complaint against Harish with the Justice Minister. "The Attorney General has no moral or functional right to call my client trash," Rot said.

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JERUSALEM (JTA) -- Two men accused of murdering Israeli bus driver Solomon Hatuka six months ago pleaded guilty in a Ramallah military court. Hatuka died several days after he was wounded by shots fired at his bus near Deir Abu-Mashal village in the West Bank.

**JERUSALEM POLICE CALLED TO QUELL
ORTHODOX VIOLENCE FOLLOWING MURDER
SATURDAY OF YESHIVA STUDENT****By David Landau and Hugh Orgel**

JERUSALEM, Nov. 16 (JTA) -- Police moved into the Old City in force Sunday to quell mounting violence by Jews enraged over the stabbing murder of a 22-year-old yeshiva student in the Moslem quarter Saturday afternoon.

The victim, Eliahu Ambi, attended the Yeshiva Shuvu Banim, a school for penitents run by the Breslav Hasidim. He was set upon by three assailants on Hagai Street near the yeshiva and fatally stabbed in a struggle during which he injured one of his attackers. Police said Sunday that all three were in custody and had confessed to the crime.

Ambi was buried in the Mount of Olives cemetery in a pre-dawn funeral Sunday. Mourners in the procession smashed the windshields of Arab-owned cars and slashed tires. One Arab was hurt and the police made several arrests.

Violence erupted anew later in the day when fire bombs were thrown by Jews from the second floor of the Shuvu Banim Yeshiva at a nearby Arab house. One set fire to the roof and the other failed to explode. The Jerusalem fire brigade put out the blaze. A third fire bomb was tossed Sunday evening, but caused no damage.

Jews were also reported to be stoning Arab passers-by in the Old City and in the Shmuel Hanavi quarter of West Jerusalem where Ambi lived. A tourist bus was stoned outside the Old City walls, apparently by Arabs. No one was hurt.

Police arrested several demonstrators who tried to block the main road in Ramat Eshkol, a suburb of Jerusalem. They came under a hail of stones and shouts of "Death to the Arabs." A number of people, including reporters, were injured.

According to acting Police Minister Yigael Hurwitz, the three assailants were acting on behalf of George Habash's Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, a Damascus-based terrorist group. Hurwitz, who is filling in for Police Minister Haim Barlev, told the Cabinet Sunday that evidence points to the PFLP despite a claim by El Fatah's "Force 17" that it was responsible for the murder.

Meanwhile, Israeli soldiers fatally shot an Arab youth Friday inside an army camp near Nablus. Military sources said the youth and his brother were loitering outside the camp, apparently planning to steal ammunition. They were taken inside for questioning. One broke away and was shot after failing to heed orders to halt. The sources said the soldiers acted correctly firing into the air before firing at the fleeing youth.

**QUESTIONED ON COMMITMENT AGAINST
TERRORISM, REAGAN ANNOUNCES
ECONOMIC SANCTIONS AGAINST SYRIA****By David Friedman**

WASHINGTON, Nov. 16 (JTA) -- The Reagan Administration ended a week in which its commitment to its official anti-terrorism policy was

questioned by announcing economic sanctions against Syria.

The announcement by the White House on Friday came after President Reagan's nationally-televised speech Thursday night on the Administration's secret 18-month dealings with Iran, which like Syria is on the State Department's list of states that sponsor terrorism.

Reagan said one of the four aims of the talks with Iranian officials was to end Iran's sponsorship of terrorism and subversion of other countries.

"Since U.S. government contact began with Iran, there's been no evidence of Iranian government complicity in acts of terrorism against the United States," the President said. "Hostages have come home -- and we welcome the efforts that the government of Iran has taken in the past and is currently undertaking."

White House spokesman Larry Speakes said the sanctions were being taken because "the conviction of Nezar Hindawi in a British court directly implicated the Syrian government in the attempted bombing of the El Al plane. More than 230 Americans and almost 200 passengers of other nationalities were on-board the flight and would have died had the terrorist operation been successful."

State Department spokesman Charles Redman noted that Syria has been on the Department's terrorism list since 1979, but until the El Al attempt it had "plausible denials" for most terrorist acts linked to Damascus.

The sanctions announced by Speakes followed the U.S. recall of its Ambassador from Damascus and Britain's break in relations with Syria as well as some sanctions by the European Economic Community on Monday.

The U.S. sanctions include: expanding the current restrictions on exports to Syria to include national security items such as computers, technical data, airplanes and parts for planes; a ban on selling of tickets in the U.S. for the Syrian national airline; and the reduction in the already small number of staff at the U.S. Embassy in Damascus and the Syrian Embassy in Washington.

In addition, the Administration is asking U.S. oil companies to discontinue operating in Syria. There also will be no high-level visits between the U.S. and Syria.

Redman said the U.S. does not expect the steps taken by the U.S. to have an immediate effect, but was sending a "signal" to Syria.

"These measures are intended to convince the Syrian government that state support of terrorism will not be tolerated by the civilized world," Speakes said. "We will continue to closely monitor the situation and take additional steps as necessary."

Redman said that steps for Syria to take are closing the Abu Nidal group's office in Damascus and shutting down the terrorist groups operating from Syrian-controlled territory in Lebanon.

Both Speakes and Redman stressed that Syria cannot be accepted as a "responsible power" and play the key role it has in the Middle East as long as it continues to sponsor terrorism.

On Sunday, Syrian President Hafez Al-Assad accused the U.S. and Great Britain of supporting

terrorist activities and called for the formation of an international committee to determine the definition of terrorism.

Reagan, in his speech Thursday night, said the U.S. undertook the "secret diplomatic initiative" with Iran not only to convince it to end state-sponsored terrorism, but to renew its relations with Iran to try to end the Iran-Iraq war and to bring about the safe return of American hostages held in Lebanon.

He denied that the U.S. sent arms to Iran to get the release of hostages. He said he authorized "small amounts of defensive weapons and spare parts" as "a signal that the United States was prepared to replace the animosity between us with a new relationship." He said the several deliveries could all fit in a single cargo plane.

Reagan said it was made clear to the Iranians that they must oppose terrorism. "The most significant step which Iran would take, we indicated, would be to use its influence on Lebanon to secure the release of all hostages held there," the President said.

Reagan did not mention any Israeli role in the dealings with Iran. A senior Administration official, briefing foreign reporters Friday, said there was "no Israeli role." But he said there were many intermediaries during the 18 months both from within the Middle East and without.

However, there have been reports that David Kimche was one of the intermediaries when he was Director General of the Israel Foreign Ministry. It also has been reported that the arms to Iran were supplied by Israel, which was then restocked by the U.S.

ISRAELI JETS BOMB TERRORIST BASES IN SOUTHERN LEBANON, RETURN SAFELY

TEL AVIV, Nov. 16 (JTA) -- Israel Air Force planes bombed terrorist bases on the Lebanese coast south of Sidon Sunday and returned safely to their bases, a military spokesman announced.

He described the targets as naval bases where terrorists trained and left on sea-borne missions against Israel. The pilots reported accurate hits, the spokesman said.

Reports from Sidon said the raid was carried out by three aircraft and that a heavy pall of smoke was seen rising near the Ein Hilwe refugee camp outside of Sidon.

Sunday's attack was the first air raid on south Lebanon targets since last month when two flyers bailed out of their Phantom jet. One was rescued by an Israel Defense Force helicopter. The other is a prisoner of the Shiite Moslem militia, Amal.

UN CHIEF WARNS OF VOLATILE MIDEAST By Yitzhak Rabi

UNITED NATIONS, Nov. 16 (JTA) -- UN Secretary General Javier Perez de Cuellar warned here that without a breakthrough for peace in the Middle East -- "including the Palestine Liberation Organization" -- war can engulf the region once again.

"The situation in the region continues to be highly volatile," de Cuellar said in his annual report to the General Assembly, issued Thursday, on the situation in the Mideast. "There is a grave danger that if the present deadlock in the peace process is allowed to persist, major hostilities will break out again in the area as has happened

several times in the past," the Secretary General stated.

De Cuellar recalled that the Yom Kippur War between Egypt and Israel in 1973 almost led to direct confrontation between the United States and the Soviet Union. He warned that a new war in the Mideast, "with the development of ever more sophisticated and destructive weapons," may be more difficult to control and may indeed bring a nuclear confrontation between the superpowers.

"A just and lasting peace (in the Mideast) can best be achieved through a comprehensive settlement covering all aspects of the conflict and involving all the parties concerned, including the Palestine Liberation Organization," de Cuellar said.

A comprehensive Mideast settlement, he continued, must be based on "withdrawal of Israeli forces from Arab territories occupied since June 1967; acknowledgement and respect for the sovereignty, territorial integrity and political independence of all the states in the region and their right to live in peace within secure and recognized boundaries; and finally a satisfactory solution of the Palestinian problem based on the recognition of the legitimate rights of the Palestinian people, including self-determination."

The Secretary General was critical of Israel's settlements in the West Bank. "I am particularly concerned about the consequences that would flow from the establishment by Israel of additional settlements in the occupied territories," de Cuellar said, adding: "This is a matter of deep concern and, more than any other single factor, contributes to doubts in the minds of many about Israel's readiness to negotiate a peace settlement that would require its withdrawal from the territories."

But the Secretary General also was critical of violent incidents in the region as a major obstacle to peace. "Peace efforts would be enhanced if there was a lessening of violent incidents, which all too frequently involve innocent lives and of which there have been some particularly terrible examples" in the last year, he stated.

REFUSENIK KOGAN ARRIVES IN ISRAEL

TEL AVIV, Nov. 16 (JTA) -- Yitzhak Kogan, a former electronics engineer who became an Orthodox Jew during his 12-year quest for permission to emigrate from the Soviet Union, arrived in Israel with his family Sunday.

Kogan, who won the name of "Tzadik (holy man) of Leningrad," was greeted at Ben Gurion Airport by an ecstatic crowd of Habad Hasidim. He stepped from the plane garbed in a black kaftan and wearing a long beard.

HEBREW U. OPENS EIGHT DAYS LATE

JERUSALEM, Nov. 16 (JTA) -- The Hebrew University began its 1986-87 academic year on November 10, eight days late because of financial difficulties and a related dispute with the Housing Ministry. Facing a court order, the university opened its dormitories. It had earlier kept them closed because the Housing Ministry refused to allow the university to raise dormitory fees. About 5,000 of the 17,000 enrolled students live in the dorms. The university sought to raise the fees because of a financial shortfall due to reduced government funding over the past several years. The freeze of fees at the current level will increase the deficit by \$1 million.

**AT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:
BUSH AVOWS U.S.-ISRAELI INTERDEPENDENCE,
SAYS U.S. WILL KEEP PRESSING HUMAN RIGHTS**
By Murray Zuckoff

CHICAGO, Nov. 16 (JTA) -- Vice President George Bush declared here Saturday night that the U.S. and Israel "are united in a long alliance dedicated to insuring not a beginning but a continuation, not the creation of the State but its survival." The "sheer bottom line consideration," he said, is that the U.S. needs Israel and Israel needs the U.S. "This mutual dependence is good, not bad," Bush stated.

Addressing the closing plenary session of the 55th General Assembly of the Council of Jewish Federations, Bush told 3,000 Jewish communal leaders from North America and abroad that this reaffirmation of the mutual bond needs to be repeated "as long as Israel is surrounded by those who could do her in."

Israel's friends "have a moral responsibility to declare to the world unambiguously and unequivocally: Israel is our friend and ally," Bush said.

The Vice President was frequently interrupted by applause as he talked about U.S.-Israel relations, the need "to be tough in the continued war on terrorism" and the ongoing effort of the U.S. to press the Soviet Union about the rights of Soviet Jews. He emphasized that American support for Israel is unswerving.

As an example, he noted the unremitting hostility against Israel in the UN by those he termed "racists and bullies." "You would think that being the target of such obvious hostility, Israel would have been ejected from the UN by now," Bush said. "But of course, she hasn't, and the reason reminds us of how important it is for friends to make their friendship -- and their intentions -- clear."

Still In The UN, He Means

"Israel is still in the U.S.," he said in a slip of the tongue, which was greeted by laughter, including his own. "I mean the UN," he said, "because America has made it clear -- this Administration has made it repeatedly, abundantly clear -- that if Israel is thrown out of the UN, America leaves too. If they're out, we're out; if they get the boot, our boots are made for walk-in'."

But expressing frankness and candor, he said that "over the past quarter century or so, America's passion to defend Israel has sometimes seemed to manifest itself in a kind of coldness or rejection of all things Arab. And they have sensed this, and this has not been helpful, and it has not been kind."

Bush affirmed that the U.S. is no enemy to the moderate states. "We are a friend of Egypt, where President (Hosni) Mubarak and his people, with great courage and sense, made it clear that they need to preserve the peace with Israel. King Hussein of Jordan continues his tough and lonely search for a way to start negotiations -- and this is helpful, and deserving of our praise. And the courage Shimon Peres showed when he met with King Hassan of Morocco -- is another cause for hope."

In discussing terrorism, Bush said that one element in the fight against "this viciousness and bloodlust" is to step up intelligence and analysis. He said that America's intelligence system "is the

best ever. In the past year alone, we were able to stop 90 planned attacks against U.S. citizens before they happened. But we can do better."

He did not give specific information about the planned attacks, and, unlike Israeli Foreign Minister ... Peres, who addressed the G.A. Thursday night, did not call for international cooperation in confronting terrorism on a global scale.

On Church And State

On another issue, the separation of church and state, which Bush referred to as "a source of anxiety" to the Jewish community and to others, he said: "I would fiercely oppose the obvious or subtle establishment of any state religion. I would oppose any merging of church and state. I embrace, respect and support the wall that separates them, and I would never tear it down nor allow it to erode."

But, he added, "the separation of church and state does not, and cannot, be allowed to apply a hostility of the state toward religion The church and the state are neighbors." Bush said that Americans must remember not to judge each other "or to speak disparagingly of each other's belief. In a pluralistic democracy, you've got to remember to give each other a little spiritual breathing room. Religion isn't a problem in America, but intolerance sometimes is. And this is something we all have to watch out for."

On the issue of human rights, Bush assured the assembled Jewish leaders "that the U.S. has been bringing up the problem of Soviet Jewry with the Soviets in Geneva" during the ongoing talks. He also stressed that President Reagan "pressed the Soviets on this cause" when he met with Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev in Iceland last month.

And, Bush added, "We will continue to press. The human rights issue is now a permanent part of the U.S.-Soviet agenda. They don't like that a lot, but that's the way it's going to be until they do what's right."

Shcharansky Urges Vigilance

The most dramatic portion of the closing G.A. session was the appearance of Natan Shcharansky on satellite television from Jerusalem. This first satellite telecast from Israel was brought through the auspices and services of the World Zionist Organization Education Department.

Shcharansky, smiling and at ease, issued an impassioned plea for continuing efforts to pressure the Soviet Union to allow Jews to immigrate to Israel. He warned the audience not to be beguiled by the release of a few prominent refuseniks as signifying a more liberal emigration policy. It was tokenism, he explained.

He pointed out that Gorbachev was engaging in clever public relations in dealing with the West and this, therefore, made Gorbachev even more dangerous than his predecessors. Shcharansky said the change in the outward appearance of responsiveness by the USSR to human rights pressure by the U.S. was due to the Soviet Union's need for more trade and credits from the U.S.

"Realistically, the situation of Soviet Jews is worse than ever," he said. "The number of Jews allowed to emigrate today is the lowest in 20 years. The number of Prisoners of Zion in the camps and the refuseniks in the cities is bigger than before. There are 400,000 Jews waiting to come to Israel. That's why we must not be deceived by the new image Gorbachev is presenting to the West."

The former refusenik also urged that more American Jews visit the Soviet Union to establish contacts with Jews there to obtain information about the situation and let them know that they are not alone in their efforts to achieve freedom.

In an unscheduled dramatic addendum to the session, Bush asked to be allowed to address Shcharansky directly over the satellite television. The Vice President recalled his friendship with Shcharansky and his wife Avital and his visits to Israel and declared that the U.S. will not cease in its efforts to speak out on behalf of Soviet Jewry both privately and publicly.

"There is room for quiet negotiations and quiet diplomacy," Bush said. "But we will speak out publicly against the oppression of Soviet Jews. So have no fear that we are going to resort to solely quiet diplomacy. I wanted to reassure you because of your eloquent plea with everyone you come in contact with that we will do both."

CANADIAN OFFICIAL EXAMINING REQUEST TO CHARGE REVISIONIST AUTHOR ROSS

By Ron Csillag

(Editor's note: Ron Csillag is on the staff of The Canadian Jewish News.)

MONCTON, New Brunswick, Nov. 16 (JTA)-- The case of Malcolm Ross, the author of booklets alleging a worldwide Jewish conspiracy and denying that the Holocaust happened, may be reactivated because of a fresh complaint.

Dr. Julius Israeli, the original plaintiff in the case, has lodged a new complaint with New Brunswick Attorney-General David Clark, asking that Ross be charged with promoting hatred against Jews.

Israeli, an Orthodox Jew living in Newcastle, about 100 miles from here, argues Ross should be charged with disseminating hate propaganda, because of several articles Ross published in local newspapers in New Brunswick recently.

In articles published in the Northumberland News and The Miramichi Leader last month, Ross writes why he published his allegedly anti-Semitic books, where the public can buy them, and how he came upon his beliefs.

Israeli believes that it is enough to reactivate hate charges against Ross.

Earlier this fall, Clark decided not to charge Ross with promoting hatred against Jews after a year-long investigation by the Moncton police force and the Attorney General's office.

Clark explained that two of Ross's books did not fall within the definition of hate literature and that a third probably did, but was no longer available to the public, having been out of print for five years.

Reconsidered Decision

An embarrassed Clark quickly decided to reconsider that decision after several journalists in New Brunswick were able to get copies of the book, "Web of Deceit," from local libraries. Only a few days later, however, Clark announced his original decision not to charge Ross would stand.

Clark said in a telephone interview that the Public Prosecutor's office is examining Israeli's new complaint.

In the articles in question, Ross, the Maritime Provinces director of the Christian Defense League, writes that his "whole purpose in writing and publishing is to exalt Jesus Christ and to inform Christians about the great Satanic move-

ment which is trying to destroy our Christian faith and civilization.

"I believe that by throwing off this hold of Jewish domination, we will usher in a period of economic, political and spiritual freedom."

ISRAELI BROADCAST OF NUCLEAR SUSPECT'S DIARY SPURS DISPUTE OVER PRIVACY RIGHTS By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, Nov. 16 (JTA) -- The broadcast of excerpts from a diary kept by Mordechai Vanunu has touched off an angry controversy between civil libertarians and Israel Television over the right to privacy.

Vanunu is the former nuclear technician who is in custody for giving a British newspaper information about Israel's alleged nuclear weapons capability. His lawyer, Amnon Zichroni, said Sunday that he might press charges against the Israel Broadcast Authority.

A television reporter said he found the diary in a suitcase in a building where Vanunu once lived. It covers the years from 1982-85 and reveals the writer's attitudes toward women, family, philosophy, religion and finances.

The excerpts read on television Friday night described growing sympathy with the Arab cause. They depicted a troubled man who had difficulty communicating with others, who had a "strong urge to prove himself" and who feared he was being "followed."

Called Invasion Of Privacy

The Civil Rights Association criticized the publicization of the diary as a "gross invasion of privacy." According to the Association, "A man's diary is one of his most intimate writings and cannot be publicized without his consent." The Broadcast Authority was accused of violating a 1981 law for protection of privacy.

But the Authority maintained that Vanunu stands accused of serious offenses against the State and has lost his right to privacy. Uri Porat, Director General of the Broadcast Authority, said pains were taken not to publicize anything about Vanunu that is not already known and to resist "the temptation to score a great many journalistic scoops which were contained in the diary."

The reporter who obtained it claimed a relative of Vanunu authorized its publication.

Zichroni, meanwhile, is on his way to London to prepare for the case. Vanunu was last seen in London on September 30. The government acknowledged only last week that he was "under lawful detention" in Israel and denied he had been kidnapped by Israeli agents. When and how he was brought to Israel remains unexplained.

OCTOBER INFLATION 2.4 PERCENT

TEL AVIV, Nov. 16 (JTA) -- October's inflation rate was 2.4 percent, the Central Bureau of Statistics reported Friday. That was the lowest October rate in 13 years, noted Finance Minister Moshe Nissim, who cautioned that it was no indication of an upward trend. He said October traditionally is an "expensive" month because of seasonal increases in the prices of produce, clothing and footwear.

Histadrut labor federation Secretary General Yisrael Kessar noted that the October increase was lower than had been feared, but still was relatively high. For the first 10 months of 1986, prices rose by 14.6 percent.

**THE AFTERMATH OF A STABBING**

By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, Nov. 18 (JTA) -- An atmosphere of tension and hatred pervaded the Old City Tuesday after a third night of anti-Arab violence and vandalism by Jews reacting to the fatal stabbing of yeshiva student Eliahu Ambi in the Moslem quarter Saturday.

The violence spread to the run-down Shmuel Hanavi suburb of West Jerusalem where the victim had lived. Shots were fired in the air and passing vehicles were stoned. Seven people were arrested.

The usually bustling streets of the Old City were unnaturally quiet Tuesday. Local Arabs staged a strike to protest the attacks on Arab property by religious Jews. It was only partially effective. But many Arab shops were locked behind iron gates. Arab schools dismissed their classes early and the cheering youngsters rushing home seemed to be the only ones oblivious of the grim mood in their neighborhood.

There was fear in the air, too. Arab homes on Khaladiye Street, near the scene of the killing, were attacked by Jews during the night. One shop was set on fire. One resident, who said he was an American citizen but refused to identify himself further, told reporters he saw several yeshiva students throw a kerosine-soaked rag at his home but it failed to ignite.

On street corners, Arab shopkeepers and religious Jews eyed each other with palpable hatred and it was apparent that only the heavy police presence prevented further violence.

Shamir Condemns The Violence

Premier Yitzhak Shamir condemned the violent demonstrations that followed Amdí's funeral Sunday. "The rioting harms security and our national interests," Shamir said on a Monday radio interview. But Likud hardliner Ariel Sharon, the Minister of Commerce and Industry, called for harsher measures against terrorists in another radio interview. He was echoed by Interior Minister Yitzhak Peretz of the religious Shash Party.

About 300 Orthodox Jews live in the Old City's Moslem quarter, despite an official policy to keep Jews, Moslems, Christians and Armenians separated in their own neighborhoods. One Jewish resident denounced his Arab neighbors. "They are all collaborators," he said. "They all saw the murder but wouldn't help."

A friend of Amdí, keeping a vigil at a small torchlight placed on the sidewalk where he was killed, read psalms. Other yeshiva students passed out copies of a poem by a Jewish woman in the quarter. "If Jewish blood spills and no one protests, our children will cry," one verse said.

"Only if all the Arabs leave will there be an end to terrorism," said Yori Harel, a long-time resident of the Moslem quarter. His friend, Mordechai Vardi, added, "Only by increasing our presence here can we cope with their murders."

But an Arab, pointing at a group of yeshiva students gathered menacingly near his souvenir shop, said, "Talk about terrorism?" This is terrorism."

PRETRIAL MOTIONS PRESENTED IN THE CASE OF 17 DEFENDANTS CHARGED WITH CONSPIRACY TO SELL U.S. ARMS TO IRAN

By Margie Olster

NEW YORK, Nov. 18 (JTA) -- The disclosures of the Reagan Administration recently that it approved covert shipments of American weapons to Iran "have no bearing whatsoever" on the prosecution of 17 defendants, including four Israelis, charged with conspiracy to sell American weapons to Iran, an Assistant U.S. Attorney told a court here Monday.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Lorna Schofield made the statement in her opening remarks at a pre-trial motion hearing in Manhattan's U.S. District Court. The defendants in the case face charges of conspiracy to resell \$2.5 billion of American arms to Iran and of falsifying the documents needed to gain U.S. approval for the sales.

Schofield told Federal Judge Leonard Sand that she had discussed the case with Justice Department officials and people in the National Security Council who informed her that this case is not related to any of the covert arms shipments approved or orchestrated by the Reagan Administration.

Defense attorneys challenged the prosecution's statement, noting a remarkable convergence of the accounts of defendants in the case and the events confirmed by the Reagan Administration and other sources in the past weeks.

Cites A 'Startling Overlap'

Attorney Paul Grand, representing the alleged middleman in the conspiracy, Sam Evans, told the court there was a "startling overlap, coincidence and identity," between what the defendants had said on tape and what was actually happening in government.

On the tapes recorded secretly from December 1985 to April 1986 with the help of an Iranian informant, Cyrus Hashemi, who posed as an Iranian arms buyer, the defendants said they believed the policy toward selling weapons to Iran was under evaluation within the government.

The defendants said they believed the Administration would approve the arms shipments. In a later tape, the defendants said the arms deal had been approved and that Vice President George Bush favored it, Secretary of State George Shultz was against but nevertheless it would go forward. These positions on the Iran policy within the Administration have also been confirmed, Grand said.

The defendants also said arms sales would be allowed only for the purpose of furthering contacts with Iran.

Sand did not rule on the attorneys' motions which would require the U.S. Attorney's office to produce evidence of what the Administration's policy on shipping arms to Iran has been in fact for the past two years and not what the Administration purported it to be.

Sand told the defense attorneys that he was not certain that such material would be relevant to or would help the defendants' case. He did not

rule on the motion Tuesday but is expected to do so within the month.

William Kunstler, attorney for defendant Nicos Minardos, asked the court to produce the autopsy and toxicology reports on the government's key witness, Cyrus Hashemi, who died in London apparently of leukemia in July. The U.S. Attorney's office has said that its investigation indicated that Hashemi died of "apparently natural" causes. Kunstler indicated that it is possible that Hashemi was killed.

He noted that Hashemi's death could only help the prosecution and hurt the defense because the defense would not have the opportunity to cross-examine the key witness.

Kunstler also made a motion to exhume Hashemi's body to investigate the possibility of a murder. It was denied.

Hashemi, an Iranian expatriate, has emerged as one of the intriguing puzzle pieces in the case. Last week, press reports indicated that former U.S. Attorney General Elliot Richardson had arranged a contact between American officials and Hashemi last year in efforts to free American hostages in Lebanon.

According to defense attorneys in the case, Hashemi played a similar role in 1980 when the Carter Administration contacted him to expedite the release of the American hostages in the U.S. Embassy in Teheran. Hashemi was indicted in 1984 for selling American weapons to Iran, after an FBI surveillance of his room in 1980-81 revealed his activities.

Attorneys have said Hashemi made a deal with the U.S. Attorney's office to act as an informant in this case in exchange for leniency on the 1984 charges.

Refers To An Unconfirmed Rumor

Kunstler referred to an unconfirmed rumor during the hearing. He suggested that a defendant named in the indictment, John de la Roque, who is still a fugitive, is really Lt. Col. Oliver North of the Marine Corps, a highly placed official of the National Security Council. North is reportedly one of the chief architects of the Iranian-U.S. arms exchange and often disguises himself and uses false names to conceal his identity.

On the tapes, the defendants discuss de la Roque's role in the negotiations. He is said to be, on the tapes, a former member of the Delta Force who is very friendly with Marine Corps Commandant Gen. P.X. Kelley and with other top Administration officials. On one of the tapes, Evans told Hashemi that de la Roque met with Bush's aides in West Germany to discuss the covert shipment of arms to Iran.

The defense attorneys also made motions to subpoena North, National Security Advisor John Poindexter, Bush and other government officials. Sand did not rule on this motion.

TERRORIST INVOLVED IN STABBING OF YESHIVA STUDENT WAS ONE OF THOUSANDS RELEASED IN 1985 PRISONER EXCHANGE

By David Landau

JERUSALEM, Nov. 18 (JTA) -- The leader of three terrorists arrested for fatally stabbing yeshiva student Eliahu Ambi in the Old City Saturday was one of more than a thousand security prisoners released from Israeli jails in a 1985 exchange for three soldiers held by terrorists in Lebanon, Haaretz reported Tuesday. He recently completed another prison term.

He has not been identified by name but his terrorist connection is with the Syrian-backed Abu Musa gang of El Fatah dissidents opposed to Palestine Liberation Organization chairman Yasir Arafat, according to reports. The pro-Arafat "Force 17" of El Fatah claimed responsibility for the stabbing but Israeli authorities say the killers were operating for George Habash's Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, based in Damascus.

The terrorist suspect was sentenced to 11 months for membership in a terrorist organization after being freed in the prisoner exchange, and only just released. According to reports, he was mocked by fellow prisoners for the relatively inconsequential offense for which he was sentenced the second time and was determined to prove himself by stabbing a Jew.

DROP LAVI AND BOLSTER NAVY, U.S. OFFICIAL TELLS ISRAEL

By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, Nov. 18 (JTA) -- U.S. Deputy Undersecretary of Defense Dov Zakheim believes Israel should abandon plans to build its second-generation jet fighter plane, the Lavi. Instead, he said Israel should use the funds, mainly U.S. military assistance grants, to beef up its navy with more missile boats and submarines.

Zakheim, the Pentagon's chief costs expert, met with ranking Defense Ministry officials and Israel Defense Force senior officers here last week. His message disappointed his Israeli hosts, though his opposition to the Lavi has long been known.

The Israelis maintain that the production figures on the Lavi projected by Zakheim and other Pentagon officials are unrealistically high and that the Israeli cost-per-unit figures are more realistic.

The American suggestion that Israel build more missile boats and submarines also poses financial and technical problems. Israel has never built submarines, and U.S. naval shipyards build only nuclear subs. They have not built conventional undersea craft for decades.

The Americans have suggested two West German shipyards and Zakheim proposed that Israel pay for the vessels in goods or services rather than cash. But the Israelis say the costs are too high for a barter deal.

On the other hand, the U.S. is interested in building missile boats for Israel, although Haifa Shipyards has considerable experience with that type of craft and is badly in need of orders.

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JERUSALEM (JTA) -- Israeli travel agents are offering a civil marriage package trip to Cyprus in cooperation with the Cypriot authorities for couples who cannot marry in Israel because of religious restrictions. The package includes travel expenses, marriage fees and a week's room and board for \$887, Haaretz reported Tuesday. The travel agent deals with the paper work. According to Cypriot authorities, about 300 civil marriages are performed in the town of Papos alone each year.

**FOCUS ON ISSUES
AND THEN THERE ARE NONE**
By Murray Zuckoff

CHICAGO, Nov. 18 (JTA)-- The Jewish people faces a calamitous situation brought on not by its traditional enemies but by a segment within Jewry itself which divides the world first into "them" and "us" and invariably rejects "them" and ends with "us" alone.

This "dichotomous thinking", as Rabbi Harold Schulweis termed it, is dangerous because "it will rip us apart until there is only the solipstic cult of one."

The consequence of "the acrimony, the biting rhetoric, the incivility that threatens the delegitimation of persons, the disenfranchisement of movements" was sounded by Schulweis, the spiritual leader of Valley Beth Shalom in Los Angeles, at the 55th General Assembly of the Council of Jewish Federations.

Addressing a plenary session of the GA, which was attended by more than 3,000 Jewish communal leaders from North America and abroad, Schulweis, who was the scholar-in-residence at the GA which ended Sunday, pinpointed the source of the "dichotomous thinking" as the "anger in us: a cumulative anger which has broken loose of its traditional constraints, a long-festering rage against Jewish impotence which has reached its breaking point; a resentment not against specific targets but generalized against a whole range of things. The anger, long repressed, strikes out against any accessible target, including ourselves."

'Massive Psychic Trauma'

Focusing on this anger, Schulweis observed that it has been engendered by a world which has brutally terrorized and relentlessly assaulted Jews to a point where it has produced a "massive psychic trauma." The twin elements in the traumatic process are the Holocaust and the betrayal and abandonment of the Jews by the world at large in the time of their greatest need.

"Now, forty years after the volcanic earthquake that shook the foundation of Jewish trust, the tremblors continue to explode," Schulweis said.

"But now they reveal more than Nazi-fascist atrocity. In recent years, documents record the betrayal of allies, the callousness, the abandonment of the Jews by prelates, princes, presidents; by putative allies in Foreign Offices, Parliaments, Congress -- even by the 'great Jewish hope' of those years, the apotheosis of non-Jewish friendship, Franklin Delano Roosevelt."

Western Civilization As The Culprit

Jewish anger, Schulweis continued, "spreads out not only against Nazism or fascism. Post-Holocaust anger is against the whole of Western civilization--liberalism, rationalism, universalism, pluralism, humanism, democracy, the gods that failed at Auschwitz."

Gentile history has bequeathed to the Jewish people "blood libel," "ghetto" "pogrom," "deicide" and "genocide," he observed. And the Jewish response by some Jews to Western civilization, Schulweis said, is: "We have nothing to learn from you and your ethos. How dare you lecture to us about morality, freedom of conscience, the treatment of minorities, the mandate of pluralism-- after Dachau, after Treblinka, after the White Paper, after the Bermuda Conference, after the Struma and the St. Louis? After Buch-

enwald and Birkenau, Western civilization has forfeited all claims to moral credibility. We are exempt from your hypocritical double standards for us."

'Denominational Apartheid'

More and more Jews view Westernization as betrayal and those who accept its values as collaborators in the destruction of Judaic tradition, Schulweis said. This leads to exclusivism of "them" versus "us" and is eventually internalized as "some of us." But which "some" now begins to fester as suspicion of fellow Jews who do not adhere to the cultist "us."

Schulweis pointed out that this erosive and corrosive process leads Hebrew schools, yeshivot, day schools, summer camps, youth programs, nurseries and toddler programs to be denominationally segregated. The denominations do not fraternize, he noted.

"They do not sing, or dance or play and certainly do not pray together," he said. The denominations claim common festivals and fasts but do not celebrate them in common. The end result, Schulweis declared, is "denominational apartheid."

Jewish anger has its place if it is a catharsis to unite, he said. But excessive and obsessive anger threatens to tear the Jewish people apart. Finding the proper target for anger mobilizes psychic and physical energies to combat the forces which menace and threaten the survival of the Jewish people. But generalized anger, indiscriminate anger is impotence turned inward against "some of us." It leads to the abandonment of the world and to self-proclaimed cultist purity, Schulweis declared.

This, however, he said, is a sterile form of existence. "How we define ourselves and others, whom we include and exclude, with whom we choose to relate and whom we choose to ignore, determines our agenda and our future," he said. "The post-Holocaust question before us is not who is a Jew or who is a rabbi or who is my neighbor or who is my brother or sister, but what shall be the character of Judaism."

To live in the world "is to live in a multi-ethnic, multi-cultural, multi-religious universe. To live with Egyptians and Syrians, with Blacks and Chicanos. The world is our place, even as God is the place of the world," Schulweis said. To be engaged in the world "means to related to non-Jews -- Christians, Moslems, gentiles, nations, churches --and with a vision and wisdom to turn a new leaf in Jewish history."

Changes In Attitudes

There are changes in attitudes, statements and conciliar declarations of the churches and "We must take advantage of these changes," he stated. "Something new is happening among leading theologians... We and our children must read and hear new voices in old institutions."

Schulweis referred to the churches' position on the conversion of the Jews, the understanding of the spiritual and emotional meaning of Israel, the internal questioning of Christian prejudices, the change of teaching texts in Christian schools, the respect and relevance of Jewish tradition and contemporaneity.

"I am more interested in the changing attitudes and teachings of the churches' contemporary leaders than in their ancestors' failings; more in the churches' descendants than in the churches' ancestors...I am more interested in

gaining new friends than in fixating on old enemies," he said.

Schulweis said that for too long a time Jews have spoken about "the conspiracy of evil." It is now time to begin speaking about "the conspiracy of good."

In an impassioned plea to the assembled Jewish leaders at the General Assembly, Schulweis called attention to "a muted part of contemporary Jewish history," to the "tragic neglect of uncounted, unknown, unsung, unbefriended gentiles who risked their lives and the lives of their families to shelter, feed and protect our hounded people during the Nazi era."

Schulweis referred to "zechor," the Jewish imperative to remember. This imperative, he pointed out, refers not only to the evil but also to the good. It is not fair that the goodness of the gentiles who helped be forgotten, he said.

"We properly hunt down the predatory criminals and their collaborators and bring them to the bar of justice. We need --our people needs-- a Simon Wiesenthal to search out the rescuers, record their lives in our history, help them and raise them to high honor."

He pointed out that few young Jews know about the Christian families who hid Anne Frank; the heroism of Mother Maria of Paris, Father Bernard Lichtenberg, and the villagers of Le Chambon who were responsible for the rescue of thousands of Jews in Nazi-occupied France; the leaders of the Bulgarian Orthodox Church who refused to deport Jews to the Nazis; the Portuguese Consul Aristides de Sousa Mendes who saved thousands of Jews from death and deportation; the Italian army's rescue of thousands of Croatian and Yugoslav Jews; and the sewer workers of Lvov who protected 17 Jews for 14 months living in the sewers of Lvov, infested with vermin, rats and cold.

Why, Schulweis declared, "should Jewish children know only the killer of the dream and not the heart and hand of gentile rescuers?" Knowing this, he concluded, would permit mercy to control anger and offer a more hopeful vision and heritage to the next generation.

KATYUSHA ROCKETS FIRED AT ISRAEL

TEL AVIV, Nov. 18 (JTA) -- A number of Katyusha rockets were fired at Israel from south Lebanon Tuesday. One exploded in Galilee causing slight damage but no casualties. The others fell in the security zone north of the border. They were the first Katyushas fired into Israel in two months.

Premier Yitzhak Shamir said Tuesday that there is no danger of war in the near future and he doesn't think Syria wants a confrontation with Israel. He said on a radio interview that Israel is not worried about threats and bellicose statements emanating from Damascus and would not be drawn into a clash. If Syria attacked Israel, it would pay a heavy price, Shamir said.

LENINGRAD ACTIVIST ARRESTED

NEW YORK, Nov. 18 (JTA) -- Leningrad activist Albert (Chaim) Burstein was arrested Monday as he spoke by phone from a local post office to Long Island Committee for Soviet Jewry director Lynn Singer. He was sentenced to 15 days in jail for "resisting arrest," the Student Struggle for Soviet Jewry reported.

According to the SSSJ, Burstein, 21, is one of Leningrad's most daring refuseniks and has been a target of beatings, threats and harassment by the KGB. On November 5 he was forcibly prevented from flying to Vilnius in Lithuania to join activists there commemorating the Holocaust. The next day KGB agents beat him again and threatened to kill him, the SSSJ reported.

JEWISH OFFICIAL CONDEMNS PROPOSAL IN ISRAEL TO STAMP IDENTIFICATION CARDS OF CONVERTS TO JUDAISM

NEW YORK, Nov. 18 (JTA) -- A proposal in Israel to stamp the identification cards of converts to Judaism to indicate they were not of Jewish birth was condemned here Monday by Ernest Michel, executive vice president of the UJA Federation in New York.

The proposal, by the Interior Ministry in Jerusalem earlier this year, raised a storm of protest in Israel and abroad. It was not implemented.

Michel, addressing the annual luncheon of American Women for Bar Ilan University to honor veteran New York UJA leader Myrtle Hirsch, said: "This is no policy for Israel to adopt. I deplore it as I'm sure every one of you does."

Michel recalled growing up in Nazi Germany and being forced to carry an identity card "in which the Nazis identified me as a Jew and gave me -- and every other Jewish male -- the middle name of Israel. Every Jewish woman and girl was given the middle name of Sarah for her identity card, which was also stamped with the epithet, 'Jude'."

But, Michel added, "I think it would be wrong of us to exaggerate the failings of Israeli society. Israel was created out of hundreds of different civilizations. It would be folly to expect that, after a brief 38 years, Israel should turn out to be an ideal society. Yet it is a nation that every one of us can take pride in and rejoice in as we share in its achievements."

Hirsch, chairman of Project Renewal for the UJA-Federation women's campaign since 1980, was honored as "a dedicated Zionist, outstanding humanitarian and devoted communal leader in the United States and Israel."

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WASHINGTON (JTA) -- The Supreme Court agreed last week to hear the appeal of Lithuanian-born Juozas Kungys, a war crimes suspect, against a Federal appellate decision to strip him of his U.S. citizenship. Kungys, 70, a resident of Clifton, N.J., is accused of lying about his Nazi past when he immigrated to the U.S. in 1948 and obtained citizenship in 1954. He is alleged to have participated in the massacre of more than 2,000 Jews in Lithuania in 1941.

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TEL AVIV (JTA) -- Defense Minister Yitzhak Rabin began a week-long visit to Scandinavia Sunday for talks with government leaders and meetings with the local Jewish communities. He will be visiting Denmark, Sweden and Finland.

LABOR AND LIKUD MINISTERS SQUARE OFF ON COURSE OF SHIN BET SCANDAL

By David Landau

JERUSALEM, June 29 (JTA) -- Labor and Likud were squaring off against each other in the Cabinet and the Knesset Sunday as a new crisis that could split the unity government arose over demands for an inquiry into what has become known as the Shin Bet scandal.

The situation worsened dramatically at the weekly Cabinet meeting where Laborite Mordechai Gur, the Health Minister and a former Chief of Staff, called on Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir to resign because of his alleged involvement in the affair.

Likud ministers stood solidly behind Shamir who is unalterably opposed to any investigation of Shin Bet, Israel's internal security and counter-espionage services.

Accused Of Massive Cover-Up

Avraham Shalom, head of Shin Bet, tendered his resignation last Wednesday. He and three senior aides were immediately granted pardons by President Chaim Herzog for any illegal acts or failures to act. None had been tried or convicted of any illegalities.

Shalom stood accused of a massive cover-up of the unexplained deaths of two captured Arab bus hijackers while in custody of security agents in April, 1984, when Shamir was Premier in the Likud-led government. The head of Shin Bet is responsible solely to the Premier and it is Shamir's role that is being questioned by some Labor ministers.

In addition to Gur, Energy Minister Moshe Shal, Absorption Minister Yaacov Tsur and Economic Planning Minister Gad Yaacobi, all Laborites, have indicated publicly that the unity government would fall if there is no investigation. Communications Minister Amnon Rubinstein of the Labor-allied Shinui Party hinted at possible resignations from the Cabinet if demands for an inquiry are not met.

Meeting At Peres' Home

That was reliably understood to be the position of a majority of the Labor members of the Cabinet who met at Premier Shimon Peres' home Saturday night. The Labor Party Knesset faction convened at Peres' office Sunday evening to consider a resolution requiring the Knesset and all ministers to back an inquiry.

The Knesset plenary will meet Monday afternoon for a full scale debate on the matter. The Likud Knesset faction has scheduled a meeting for Monday morning. The acting chairman of the faction, Haim Kaufman, accused "anti-rotation" circles in Labor of using the Shin Bet affair to bring down the government in order to prevent Shamir from assuming the office of Prime Minister next October 14, only 15 weeks away.

Peres has indicated he supports an investigation of Shin Bet in principle but was careful not to force the issue at Sunday's Cabinet meeting. Some observers said he is anxious for a compromise that would save the government.

Peres, they say, sincerely wants to hand over his office to Shamir under the Labor-Likud rotation of power agreement. He feels that only by adhering to the agreement can he resolve his main image problem -- lack of credibility, the observers said.

Rabin, Others Prefer No Inquiry

Not all Labor ministers are enthusiastic about an inquiry into Shin Bet. Defense Minister Yitzhak Rabin expressed serious reservations at the Cabinet meeting. Police Minister Haim Barlev and Agriculture Minister Aryeh Nehamkin also have doubts. But they are considered not likely to buck party discipline if there are firm decisions in Labor Party forums in favor of an inquiry.

But Likud, opposed to any probe of Shin Bet, seems to command a majority in the Cabinet. It is supported by the religious ministers and by Yigael Hurwitz, a Minister-Without-Portfolio who heads the tiny Ometz faction.

Meanwhile, the Supreme Court will begin hearing arguments this week to overturn the Presidential pardons of Shalom and his aides. It will also resume hearings Monday on the appeal of Rafi Malka, a former Shin Bet operative fired by Shalom, who is demanding that he be reinstated. Malka was one of three disaffected Shin Bet agents who accused Shalom of covering up the unauthorized killings of the captured bus hijackers.

Monday's Knesset debate is expected to bring the affair to a head. Peres, it is believed, will make clear in his opening statement how far he is prepared to go to satisfy his party colleagues' demands for an inquiry.

U.S. RELIGIOUS LEADERS ISSUE JOINT APPEAL TO END 'MINDLESS' SECULAR-RELIGIOUS STRIFE IN JEWISH STATE

NEW YORK, June 29 (JTA) -- Sharply denouncing the violence that has erupted between extreme religious and secular groups in Israel, leaders of the major religious bodies of American Jewry called on Israelis and Jews everywhere to condemn all fanaticism in the Jewish State, whether secular or religious, and to seek an immediate end to "these mindless resorts to violence and hatred."

Speaking at a news conference last Friday at American Jewish Committee headquarters here, top officials of the Orthodox, Conservative, Reform, and Reconstructionist arms of American Judaism expressed their horror "that Jews could engage in acts historically associated with anti-Semites," and urged support for "major efforts to promote moderation, tolerance and mutual respect."

"In such a heterogeneous and pluralistic society," the officials said in a joint statement, "it is difficult to demand that everyone love his neighbor as himself. But as Hillel so wisely formulated it, the minimal guideline for coexistence and survival is that 'what is hateful to you, do not do unto your neighbor'."

No Justification For Violence

Making plain that their denunciations were aimed equally at all parties to the violence, the statement continued: "We deplore provocative actions that have violated religious sensibilities regarding 'modesty in dress' in places of worship and in traditionally Orthodox neighborhoods. But insensitivity on the part of secular-

ists to religious observances cannot be a justification for religious zealots, or any other persons, taking the law into their own hands and carrying out acts of intimidation and of destruction of public or private property.

"Jewish ethics and democratic ideals do not sanction the resort to extralegal violence as instruments for enforcing public piety By the same token, it is nothing short of bigotry and hooliganism to carry out acts of reprisals against synagogues or institutions of Torah study Tearing up holy prayer books and sacred Bibles, desecrating tefillin and the Arks of the Law, and defacing synagogue buildings with swastikas are unbearable to Jews of conscience and memory throughout the world."

"We urge all Jews," the group concluded, "to join in supporting Israeli Prime Minister Shimon Peres and Deputy Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir in their appeals for a cessation of physical violence and the undertaking of major efforts to promote moderation, tolerance and mutual respect. The precious democracy that Israel has forged must not be allowed to become hostage to irrationality and uncontrolled passions"

"At this critical hour in Israel and in the diaspora it is urgent that the entire Jewish people return to the sacred principles of mutual love and respect, the keystone of Jewish survival."

SYRIA ACCUSED IN EL AL ATTACK

TEL AVIV, June 29 (JTA) -- Defense Minister Yitzhak Rabin accused Syria Sunday of complicity in the bomb attack on the El Al check-in counter at Madrid's Barajas International Airport where eight people were injured last Friday. The bomb, concealed in luggage, exploded before it was loaded aboard an El Al flight to Tel Aviv.

Rabin said the man who brought the explosive-laden suitcase to Spain and handed it over to an accomplice at the airport, travelled to Spain on a Syrian passport. "I presume the Syrians knew to whom they were issuing the passport," Rabin said.

Meanwhile, Maj. Gen. Avraham Ben-Shushan, commander of the Israel Navy, warned at a press conference Sunday that Syria and other Arab states have increased their military arsenals and threaten Israel on the sea as well as on land.

Ben Shushan, speaking on the eve of Navy Day which will be celebrated Monday, said the Arab states are equipping their navies with a wide range of attack weapons acquired from both the Eastern and Western power blocs. Israel finds itself in danger of attack by sea, he added.

STRIKING NURSES REJECT COMPROMISE PROPOSAL; VOTE TO CONTINUE WALKOUT
By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, June 29 (JTA) -- Eleven thousand striking hospital nurses voted Sunday evening to continue their week-long walkout after rejecting a compromise proposal by the government.

The strikers insisted that the government and Histadrut begin immediately to negotiate all of their demands which now include wage hikes, before they return to their jobs. The government had agreed earlier to consider demands for additional staff to ease the nurses' workload.

Last week, the strikers won recognition of their independent union as a separate bargaining agent. They went on strike June 23 over that issue, saying at the time that wages were not a considera-

tion. But apparently it became one after the Health Ministry issued emergency regulations last Thursday, ordering the nurses back to work on penalty of two years imprisonment or a \$1,600 fine.

The order was defied and nurses who had been manning skeleton staffs at hospitals joined the walkout. The jail threat could not be implemented because there is no space to incarcerate 11,000 female and male nurses.

The Finance Ministry and Histadrut agreed Sunday that separate wage demands could not be considered from any single sector of the economy because they would destroy the basis for new national labor contracts with new wage scales.

In hospitals, meanwhile, half the patients have been sent home and the others doubled up in a few wards where only a single nurse was on duty, or in some cases, none. Doctors, trying to stand in for the absent nurses, have warned repeatedly that the health of many patients is in jeopardy.

ISRAEL REFUSES DEAL WITH TERRORISTS
By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, June 29 (JTA) -- Israel has refused to make a deal with a terrorist organization in Lebanon for the return of the body of an Israeli soldier missing in action in Lebanon since 1982. Israel has also made it clear that it holds Syria responsible for the fate of all Israeli soldiers missing since a battle at Sultan Ya'akub four years ago.

Maj. Gen. Matan Vilnai, head of the Israel Defense Force manpower division, said in an interview, "We see the Syrians as responsible for everything that happened in the region of Sultan Ya'akub. The combat there was with the Syrian army, the area is an area under Syrian control and has been under Syrian control since the war. The terrorist organizations in that region are all organizations which owe their existence to the Syrians," Vilnai said.

He disclosed that the Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine, a terrorist group headed by Naif Hawatmeh, offered to return the body of a missing Israeli soldier, Samir Assad, in exchange for 50 terrorists imprisoned in Israel. The offer was turned down, Vilnai said, "because the day it is clear to the terrorists that they can get back live terrorists even in exchange for our bodies, they won't have any interest in holding our soldiers alive."

WARNING FROM NEW BANK OF ISRAEL GOV.

JERUSALEM, June 29 (JTA) -- Michael Bruno, the newly appointed Governor of the Bank of Israel, warned the government last week not to raise wages if it wants to preserve economic stability.

Bruno, a leading economist credited with devising the government's present economic austerity program, spoke at the annual meeting here of the Jewish Agency Assembly. He said wage hikes would result in further devaluation of the Shekel that would in turn renew the inflationary spiral.

He also recommended that the government trim the budget further. "This time a substantive cut would not mean imposing new taxes," he said.

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JERUSALEM (JTA) -- An ancient Biblical text was uncovered in an archaeological dig in Jerusalem, it was announced here. The text includes the priestly benediction in full. The text was found in two copies, engraved on petit silver plates, near the Jerusalem Station, by a team of archaeologists, headed by Gaby Barkai of Tel Aviv University.

REPORTED PLAN BY ULTRA-ORTHODOX TO PROTEST FILM SHOWINGS IS ASSAILED

By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, June 29 (JTA) -- The Petach Tikva municipality denounced on Sunday what it charged were "underground and underhand" attempts to force an Orthodox way of life on secular Jews.

The city officials were responding to reports that ultra-Orthodox Jews have found a way to demonstrate against Friday evening film showings without securing a police permit. They plan by sheer numbers to prevent movie-goers from entering the Heichal cinema, according to media reports.

The reports said that Petach Tikva's Chief Rabbi, Baruch Shimon Solomon, and his followers conducted secret negotiations to rent a building adjoining the movie house which they plan to use as a make-shift synagogue.

The intention is to draw thousands of observant Jews from other synagogues into the 100 square meter ground floor hall which is presently occupied by a cafe, video-game arcade and pool parlor.

The hall cannot accommodate large numbers. The overflow will have to pray on the street and according to the rabbi, movie ticket-holders will not dare to force their way through the crowd of worshippers, the media reports said.

The Petach Tikva police said Sunday it would be irresponsible for the Orthodox to open a synagogue next to the movie house which would only increase tensions between the religious and secular residents of the city. There is no shortage of synagogues in Petach Tikva, Police Inspector General David Kraus observed.

STATE DEPT. OFFICIAL ARRIVES IN MIDEAST IN LATEST ATTEMPT TO BREAK THE DEADLOCK ON THE TABA DISPUTE

By Judith Kohn

WASHINGTON, June 29 (JTA) -- State Department legal advisor Abraham Sofaer arrived in Cairo Sunday for what the State Department is describing as another attempt to mediate the Israel-Egypt dispute over the small strip of territory called Taba. Sofaer is expected in Israel later in the week.

The trip which is Sofaer's second to the region in a month, has resolution of the Taba dispute as its only objective, State Department spokesman Charles Redman told reporters Friday. He had been asked whether Sofaer would also be taking up the Jonathan Pollard espionage affair with Israeli authorities.

"The purpose of this trip would be Taba. Whether or not other people might choose to raise aspects of other issues which are within his competence, that would be their prerogative and he would certainly be prepared, I would think, to discuss that," Redman said.

Issue Of Questioning Israelis

There have been rumors over the past several weeks that U.S. authorities are seeking either to extradite Israelis involved or said to be involved in the spy case, or to make them available for questioning in Israel. But Redman indicated there was no intention to put forward such a request as part of Sofaer's visit.

Sofaer went to Israel and Egypt late last month in an unsuccessful effort to mediate an agreement on resolving the problem of Taba, which both coun-

tries claim and which remained effectively under Israel's control following its withdrawal from the Sinai in April 1982.

The State Department would not comment on the status of the Taba negotiations, and whether there was any indication that the upcoming trip might help break the current deadlock.

FORMER GAZA MAYOR REPORTEDLY HOLDING SECRET TALKS TO IMPLEMENT AUTONOMY PLAN FOR GAZA

By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, June 29 (JTA) -- The former Mayor of Gaza, Rashad A Shawa, continues holding secret negotiations with Egypt's President Hosni Mubarak, as well as with Israeli and American officials, to implement autonomy in Gaza first, the East Jerusalem weekly Al-Biader A-Siasi reported last week, in a story approved by Shawa.

Shawa began the negotiations last April, apparently with the approval of the Palestine Liberation Organization, which is trying to shift its base of support from Amman to Cairo. The idea was to introduce the self rule in Gaza, under Egyptian supervision, as a first stage toward a final settlement in the strip.

Mubarak reportedly favored the idea, but conditioned it to Jordanian and PLO approval. The Jordanians, disenchanted with the PLO, have reportedly cooled down their relations with Shawa since then. In the past, Shawa was their unofficial consul in Gaza.

Shawa's Plan

Shawa's plan is based on the situation which prevailed in the Gaza Strip until 1967. Gaza was then run by a limited self rule, under the Egyptian government.

Shawa also reportedly suggested that Egypt pave a road from the Rafah border point with Israel, along the border to Nueiba on the Red Sea coast, to create an extension to the Nueiba-Aqaba ferry line, and thus create a link between Gaza and Jordan, which would not pass through Israel.

Shawa believes that implementing his plan is especially vital now, in the face of the large development projects carried out by the Israelis in the Gaza region.

Shawa told the Jerusalem Post Friday that Israel was prepared to withdraw from the Gaza Strip in return for an arrangement that would preserve Israeli control of security and foreign affairs in the area. Shawa met recently at least once with Premier Shimon Peres on the issue.

EL AL SEEKS DISMISSAL OF FIVE EMPLOYEES

TEL AVIV, June 29 (JTA) -- El Al is determined to dismiss five ground employes it holds responsible for a recent, three-hour work stoppage at Ben Gurion Airport which delayed flights to the United States and Europe.

About 700 passengers were affected, and Amram Blum, the government-appointed receiver who has run the airline for the past three years, argued in Jerusalem District Court that management had the right to dismiss employes who create a disruption.

The court agreed but postponed decision for several days to allow both sides to reach an amicable settlement. The Histadrut delegate told the court that the five workers should not be punished because the trade union federation authorized a meeting of 250 airport employes during work hours. The meeting was billed as an "educational and information" session to discuss the delay in payment of promised efficiency bonuses.

Behind the Headlines:
JEWISH INVOLVEMENT IN GAMBLING
 By Marlene Goldman

NEW YORK, June 29 (JTA) -- About 25 percent of some 3 to 4 million compulsive gamblers in the United States are Jewish, an overrepresentation for a relatively small community, said Robert Custer, chief of the treatment services division of the Mental Health and Behavioral Sciences Service at the Veterans Administration Central Office in Washington.

"Many Jews fit the profile of the compulsive gambler," said Custer, who is also a medical advisor to the National Council on Compulsive Gambling. "They're ambitious, competitive, of superior intelligence, hard driving, energetic and action oriented."

Of the 900 compulsive gamblers Custer has treated, the average have completed 2 years of education beyond high school, and are most often attorneys, accountants, bankers and stock brokers, popular occupations among the Jewish community.

Custer, a diplomat of the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology in Psychiatry, discussed the characteristics and possible treatment associated with compulsive, or the clinical term, pathological gambling, at the three day national conference on Addictions in the Jewish Community, sponsored by the Council of Jewish Federations and the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies of New York.

Gambler's World Described

The compulsive gambler often describes the effects of gambling as similar to a combination of stimulant-innervant-analgesic. While gambling, the person may create a fantasy world where he feels influential and respected.

The four most common types of gambling are horse racing, sports betting, casino games and stock options or futures. Women who constitute 20 percent of the gamblers, are frequently attracted to games involving less money. They often participate in church or synagogue bingo matches, Las Vegas night activities at local organizations, and the lottery.

"No huge amounts of money are involved but it is absorbing of their time and energy," said Dr. Sheila Blume, medical director for the Alcoholism and compulsive gambling programs at South Oaks Hospital on Long Island, in an interview with the Jewish Telegraphic Agency.

Many of Blume's patients have also been Jewish. "We get the impression that it's a considerable problem in the Jewish community," she said.

Link Between Jewish Gambling, History

There is a link between the current Jewish gambling problem and Jewish history and tradition, according to Louis Linn, M.D., clinical professor Emeritus of Psychiatry at Mount Sinai School of Medicine and a consultant in psychiatry to Mount Sinai Medical Center.

In the study "Jews and Pathological Gambling," published in the book "Addictions in the Jewish Community," Linn attempts to illustrate how the Jewish religion and history have combined to possibly make Jews more susceptible to compulsive gambling.

"If one considers the Jewish historical experience, replete with danger, uncertainty, ambiguity, repeated uprootings and exile ... and the need to start over again ... in foreign lands and among unfriendly strangers, one begins to understand why the capacity to erotize anxiety has had survival value for the Jews," Linn said.

The gambles of day-to-day life and the need for recreation and excitement in the ghettos has, according to Linn, caused Jews to be prone to compulsive gambling. Playing with the Chanukah dreidel, betting games using nuts on Rosh Hashanah, and those who celebrate Purim, the Feast of Lots, by gambling have all exposed the Jews to the thrill of taking risks.

There is also a tendency to "Jewish optimism," according to Linn, which stems from the feeling of being the "chosen people." This correlates with the inclination of the compulsive gambler to be superstitious, a kink of personal religion which makes him believe he is lucky.

Characteristics of compulsive gamblers in general, the median age of whom is now 32, is "beginner's luck." In the early phase, the gambler wins big, and according to Custer, toward the end of the winning streak, the gains often approach the person's annual salary. "This acts as a reinforcer," said Custer. "The gambler says 'Where has this been all my life?'"

Other Aspects Of Life Affected

But then the losing starts and the compulsive gambler begins neglecting every other aspect of his life including school or work, family, and religion. "Gambling consumes with a passion," Custer said.

There is a period of heavy borrowing and an increase in the amount gambled. "The crisis point is the request for a bailout," when money is given from parents, spouse or in-laws, said Blume. "This is the perfect time to get people treatment but the point is usually missed," she continued.

Custer agreed that the bailout helps deny the problem and as gambling increases during this period, the responsibility for behavior decreases. Depressions and suicide attempts increase at this time, although the number of successful suicide incidents is not known. "We need ministers, priests and rabbis to know this exists," said Custer, "and we need to identify the problem and know the treatment resources."

The majority of the compulsive gamblers are handled by Gamblers Anonymous which insists on a cessation of gambling and full repayment of loans. GA is a voluntary fellowship of compulsive gamblers gathered to help themselves and each other. Membership is free for GA and many can recover fully with GA alone.

According to Custer, "Where we're really lacking is good solid research." There is no national program to combat compulsive gambling, but the federal government and seven or eight states do provide funds for treatment and study of the problem.

There is research at the National Institute of Mental Health to study the brain chemistry of compulsive gamblers and see if there is a deficiency in certain enzymes or biological substances. "We think this is a factor," said Custer.

Recovery for compulsive gamblers is facilitated by their personality strengths. "Gambler's are wonderful people," Blume said. "They're bright, hard working and they care. Once they realize their problem, they put tremendous energy into recovery."

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JERUSALEM (JTA) -- Former Soviet Jewish Prisoner of Conscience Natan (Anatoly) Shcharansky was presented with the Joseph Prize for Human Rights of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith. The prize, a medallion and financial stipend, had been awarded to him in absentia in 1977. It was also awarded to the famous Soviet dissident scientist Andrei Sakharov. The presentation to Shcharansky was made at the closing session of the ADL's National Commission meeting here.

**ACHILLE LAURO TRIAL ATTORNEYS
SAY PLO SHOULD PAY DAMAGES FOR
HIJACKING AND KLINGHOFFER MURDER**
By Edwin Eytan

GENOA, July 1 (JTA) -- Attorneys for the Klinghoffer family, and for the owners of the cruise ship Achille Lauro, demanded in criminal court here Tuesday that the Palestine Liberation Organization be made to pay damages for the hijacking of the vessel last October and the murder of 69-year-old-Leon Klinghoffer "because he was Jewish."

Oreste Terracini, representing Klinghoffer's youngest daughter, addressed the court which is trying 15 persons accused of the hijack and murder, 10 of whom are still at large. Fourteen of the defendants are Arabs and one is Greek. "The man who shot Klinghoffer in his wheelchair was heartless but those who armed his hand were just as merciless," Terracini declared referring to the PLO.

He dismissed the defendants' claim that they were soldiers fighting for the liberation of Palestine. "No cause can justify such actions, Klinghoffer was killed because he was Jewish. If he had not been Jewish, some other passenger would have been murdered," Terracini said. He added, "For some people the victim, Leon Klinghoffer, was an enemy but for many others he is a symbol of courage and sacrifice."

Hijackers Were Members Of Splinter Group

Lawyers representing civil plaintiffs supported Terracini's demand that the PLO be held financially responsible. The actual damages will be fixed later by a civil court. The findings by the criminal court however will affect the assessment.

Edoardo Ascari, an attorney for the Lauro Line of Genoa which owns the Achille Lauro, insisted that the PLO is responsible although the accused hijackers were identified as members of the Palestine Liberation Front, a splinter group. Ascari rejected their claim that they are "friends of Italy." He recalled last year's terrorist attack at the Rome airport and the fact that the PLO provided arms and explosives to the Red Brigades. "What kind of friends are these?" Ascari asked.

The trial will resume Wednesday morning when additional civil damage pleas will be introduced. The prosecution will then address the court, summing up the evidence.

**DETAILED INFORMATION SOUGHT BY
BUNDESTAG ON REPARATION PAYMENTS**
By David Kantor

BONN, July 1 (JTA) -- The Bundestag has asked the Bonn government for detailed information about groups or individuals that have received reparations for their losses and suffering under the Nazi regime, exactly how much was paid and whether any group of persecutees has been excluded in advance from receiving reparations.

West Germany has paid more than 100 billion Marks in reparations to Israel and several European countries for material losses, to Jewish and other groups and to large numbers of individuals, mainly Jews, since the end of World War II.

The Bundestag inquiry, in the name of the ruling Christian Democratic Union-Free Democratic Party coalition and the opposition Social Democratic and Green parties, is in response to growing public criticism that little or no compensation has been given Jewish and non-Jewish slave laborers, Gypsies and homosexuals, all victims of persecution by the Third Reich.

According to leading Bundestag members, one objective is to initiate new legislation to pay reparations to slave laborers. This would make thousands of Jews, among others, eligible.

The Bundestag factions have asked the government for data on reparations paid by other than federal institutions, such as state governments and special funds. They also want information about laws and other regulations which served as the basis for making reparations monies available. This could lead to tightening current procedures for applying for reparations and at the same time enlarge the number of groups eligible for them.

DEADLOCK IN NURSES STRIKE OVER WAGES
By Hugh Orgel

JERUSALEM, July 1 (JTA) -- Striking hospital nurses and the government remained deadlocked Tuesday on the issue of negotiations for higher wages. The government refuses to consider the subject, insisting that any talks aimed at ending the strike must be conducted within existing national wage guidelines.

Leaders of the 11,000 striking nurses, now in the second week of their walkout, are demanding negotiations without preconditions. As the impasse continued, conditions worsened in hospitals all over the country where only the most critically ill and emergency cases are receiving nursing care.

The government accused the strikers Tuesday of overstating their need for more pay. Finance Minister Moshe Nissim made public the pay slips of selected nurses to prove, in Nissim's words, that "nurses earn not much less than ministers."

The Ministry singled out one strike leader, Bella Suffrin, who it said earned 1,000 Shekels after taxes in May, which in Israel is a good wage. Suffrin assailed the Ministry for "fighting dirty." She said she was campaigning for the profession, not for herself.

**VIOLENCE IN ISRAEL COULD AFFECT
SUPPORT FOR ISRAEL, BIALKIN SAYS**
By David Friedman

WASHINGTON, July 1 (JTA) -- Kenneth Bialkin, chairman of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, warned Tuesday that the violence by extremist religious and secular groups in Israel could weaken support for the Jewish State.

"Many of us support Israel because it is a place of tolerance" and a democracy, that like the United States, accepts diversity, he said in response to questions from reporters at the National Press Club.

But Bialkin, who ended a two-year term as chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations Monday, stressed that the extremist presence in Israeli society should not be exaggerated. He noted that his last act as Presidents Conference chairman was to issue a statement praising Israeli Premier Shimon Peres for his efforts to end the strife.

Bialkin said the majority of Israelis has expressed their "sense of revulsion" over the small number of ultra-Orthodox Jews who engage in violence and the "idiot secular radicals who deface synagogues."

Israel has not received "enough credit in the world for maintaining its stability, for maintaining its democracy ... for maintaining its freedom of speech and for the diversity of community that it has," Bialkin said.

"These violent episodes and these radical movements are not unusual," he added. "They exist in this country to a limited extent. We have our radical right. They exist throughout the Middle East..."

But Bialkin stressed, "theocratic extremism which seeks to impose a way of life on others is not acceptable whether it is here or anywhere else." He said those who violate the rule of law should be punished.

Issues Facing Jewish Community

In his remarks to reporters, Bialkin dealt with a full gamut of issues facing the Jewish community. He said there was a misconception in the State Department that by providing arms to countries like Saudi Arabia it would make them "more tolerant" and more willing to make peace with Israel.

He said the U.S. should use its leverage to convince the Saudis and Jordan that the willingness to live in peace with Israel and accept its legitimacy as a state should be the "beginning of political dialogue and not the end of it" as it is now.

Bialkin also called for the U.S. to use its leverage of \$3 billion a year in aid to Egypt to convince Cairo to do more to "uphold their side of the bargain" in the Egyptian-Israeli peace agreement.

On the issue of Soviet Jewry, Bialkin warned that unless the Soviet Union changes its policy on Jewish emigration "we will be advocating massive demonstrations" against Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev if there is a summit meeting with President Reagan.

He noted while there have been "highly publicized individual cases" to give the impression that Soviet policy is loosening, actually Jewish emigration is "at an all time low." He said the arrest of Hebrew teachers and refuseniks is continuing. "For every person released from prison there has been at least one more person jailed," he noted.

FIVE INJURED IN BUS BLAST

TEL AVIV, July 1 (JTA) -- Five bus commuters were slightly injured when an explosive charge went off in a bus travelling from Petah Tikva to Tel Aviv Monday morning. The injured persons were all released after being given first aid treatment in a nearby hospital.

The No. 51 bus was packed, with passengers standing in the aisle when the charge exploded in the rear of the vehicle as it passed a busy intersection at the corner of the Petah Tikvah and Haifa Roads and Shaul Hamelech Avenue.

ISRAEL IS REPORTEDLY BARRED FROM INTERNATIONAL SPORT EVENT IN MOSCOW
By Margie Olster

NEW YORK, July 1 (JTA) -- Israel, South Korea and South Africa have been barred from participating in the opening ceremonies and sports competition of the Goodwill Games beginning in Moscow on Saturday, according to an official for the Turner Broadcasting System.

The official, Jim Trahey, a TBS vice president for sales and one of the principal spokesmen for the Goodwill Games, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency Tuesday that the Soviet government, which is co-sponsoring the Games with TBS, insisted on the exclusion of the three countries.

Monday, another TBS spokesman in Atlanta, Alex Swan, told the JTA that both Israel and South Korea would be participating in the world basketball championships in Spain which coincide with the Goodwill Games in Moscow.

Other Countries Invited To Opening Ceremonies

Turner bought the television rights to the basketball championships and has incorporated it into the Goodwill Games broadcast, Trahey said.

Although the basketball competition in Spain is the "official" basketball event for the Goodwill Games, South Korea and Israel have not been invited to the opening ceremonies in Moscow.

All other countries represented in the 18 sports events have received invitations to those opening ceremonies, Trahey said. The basketball championships were not planned as part of the Goodwill Games and the invitation to Israel to participate did not come from the Goodwill Games' sponsors.

Swan told the JTA Monday that the reason Israel will not be participating in any of the 17 other sporting events is because Israel did not qualify for invitations. Only the top 10 athletes in any given sport received invitations from the Goodwill Games and Israel only falls into the top 10 in men's basketball, Swan said.

Soviets Say All Countries Are Invited

A spokeswoman at the Soviet Mission to the United Nations here told the JTA Monday, "All countries are invited to participate -- there are no restrictions." She said the games were designed primarily as a competition between the U.S. and the Soviet Union but other nations that wanted to participate were accepted. A spokesman at the Soviet Embassy in Washington, however, could not confirm this information.

Rabbi Abraham Cooper of the Los Angeles based Simon Wiesenthal Center said Tuesday that the Center is continuing an investigation into the barring of Israel from the games. "Turner Broadcasting may have crossed the lines of international sports by issuing a de facto endorsement of Soviet foreign policy objectives," Cooper said.

The Goodwill Games will be the first major multi-sport competition between the top American and Soviet-bloc athletes since the 1976 Montreal Olympics. Both the Soviet Union and America have each boycotted one Olympic Game since then for political reasons. The Goodwill Games will last 16 days.

SHAMIR SAYS HE WILL ACCEPT ANY GOVT. DECISION ON SHIN BET PROBE
By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, July 1 (JTA) -- Deputy Premier Yitzhak Shamir appeared to lend substance Tuesday to speculation that a compromise will be worked out in the unity coalition government over an investigation into the Shin Bet affair. He said, however, that he has no knowledge of any compromise.

Speaking to reporters during a tour of Galilee, Shamir seemed to have moderated his hitherto unequivocal opposition to a probe of Avraham Shalom, the former head of Shin Bet, Israel's internal security service. He said he would accept "any government decision," adding, however, that "In my opinion we have no need

for any examination." Premier Shimon Peres also commented extempore to reporters Tuesday. He said the problem is how to end a crisis that has both judicial and political ramifications. "Ministers are not judges, so when we have an issue of judicial character, it should be resolved judicially," he said.

Shin Bet Chief Reported Directly To Shamir

The Cabinet has yet to take a position for or against an inquiry and if there is to be one, whether it will be conducted by a full dress commission appointed for the task or a single investigator. The probe would be to determine if there is truth to allegations that Shalom engaged in an elaborate cover-up in the unexplained deaths of two Arab bus hijackers while in custody of security agents in April, 1984.

The political ramifications stem from the fact that the head of Shin Bet is responsible only to the Prime Minister and Shamir held that office at the time of the incident. Shalom applied for and received a pardon from President Chaim Herzog last Wednesday for any illegalities he may have committed. He stated in his request that all of his actions in the case were taken "with authority and permission."

But members of the Labor Party's Knesset faction said Tuesday that either Shamir or Shalom must be lying. "Shalom said he acted with the concurrence of the political echelon while Shamir said he was innocent. They can't both be telling the truth," MK Aharon Harel observed. Abba Eban, who chairs the Knesset's Foreign Affairs and Security Committee, said an inquiry was not only desirable but inevitable.

The Labor faction voted overwhelmingly Tuesday in favor of a commission of inquiry. They rejected a compromise proposal for a single investigator.

'I Will Go Along With Every Decision'

Shamir, for his part, said "If there is any need, according to the counsel of the Attorney General, for some sort of inquiry, he will make his proposals and the Cabinet will act. I will go along with every decision. If there is a commission of inquiry, I will say what I have to say and everybody will be surprised, most of all our press and media will regret what they say now."

Police Minister Haim Barlev of Labor warned Tuesday that an inquiry commission would do grave and possibly irreparable damage to the Shin Bet and the national interest. He was not opposed to a single investigator whose task would be limited to the political echelons. Such an investigator could establish the responsibility of Shamir "if Shamir was indeed culpable," he said.

High Court Hearing Continues

Meanwhile, the Supreme Court continued its hearings on petitions by a large segment of the legal profession to overturn Herzog's pardon of Shalom and three of his senior aides.

Twelve professors of law argued in one petition that the pardon was granted in an attempt to end the scandal surrounding Shin Bet. But it threatened the rule of law in Israel, they maintained. They also charged that the President entered the political arena by his act and there is serious doubt that the pardons are legal.

SEPHARDIC CHIEF RABBI ASSAILS MEDIA

JERUSALEM, July 1 (JTA) -- Sephardic Chief Rabbi Mordechai Eliahu has charged that journalists were responsible for the recent violence between

secular and ultra-Orthodox Jews and denounced the anti-racism law pending in the Knesset. "If journalists take lessons on the rules of slander there will be many blank spots in the newspapers," Eliahu said in an interview published in the periodical of the Habad hasidic movement. Once they learn the lessons, there will be an end to the situation in which every week "someone else's blood is being spilled, and the next week there is a small apology," he said.

He expressed shock over the recent arson against a Tel Aviv synagogue, maintaining "it is possible that a PLO man committed that act" because it is hard to believe it was done by a Jew. The arson, and the desecration of sacred books at two yeshivas are believed to have been the work of anti-religious extremists retaliating for a wave of vandalism and arson against bus shelters by ultra-Orthodox Jews who objected to advertising posters.

Eliahu also attacked "all of those of the education committees" who object to introducing religious studies in public schools. He told them to "repent publicly and announce that you are ready to introduce Judaism from now on to all educational institutions."

RABBI HEADS DELEGATION IN MEETING WITH CHINESE F.M. IN BEIJING

NEW YORK, July 1 (JTA) -- An American inter-faith delegation of Catholic, Jewish and Protestant religious leaders conferred with Foreign Minister Wu Xueqian of the Peoples Republic of China at the Foreign Ministry in Beijing Tuesday, it was reported here. The delegation is headed by Rabbi Arthur Schneier, president of the Appeal of Conscience Foundation, which sponsored the visit to China.

Schneier, who is rabbi of the Park East Synagogue in Manhattan, reported that the discussion covered the Middle East, Israel and East-West relations among other topics. In addition to Schneier, the delegation consisted of Vincent Thomas O'Keefe, Society of Jesus, who is a past President of Fordham University, and the Rev. David James Randolph, senior minister of Christ Church Methodist in Manhattan.

The American clergymen are lecturing in China on current religious trends in the U.S., the role of religious communities in advancing world peace and understanding, and the history, policies and priorities of the Catholic, Jewish and Protestant communities in the U.S.

The report from Beijing said the delegation was given considerable attention in the Chinese media. The People's Daily published an article and the national television network broadcast the delegates being greeted by the Foreign Minister.

EUROPE ACCUSED OF 'LACK OF GUTS'

TEL AVIV, July 1 (JTA) -- President Chaim Herzog has accused Europe of "lack of guts, lack of decision and lack of leadership" in the fight against international terrorism. His remarks were made in an Israel Radio interview when asked to comment on last week's attempted bombing of an El Al plane at Madrid airport.

Herzog said that a start had been made at international cooperation against terrorism, but that much more should be done. "It's a very simple case of lack of guts, lack of decision and lack of leadership in many of the (European) countries," said the Israeli president.

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REMINDER: There will be no Daily News Bulletin dated July 4, Independence Day, a postal holiday.

KEEGSTRA DEFEATED IN BID TO GAIN LEADERSHIP OF EXTREMIST PARTY

By Ben Kayfetz

TORONTO, July 1 (JTA) -- Jim Keegstra, the former high school teacher from Eckville, Alberta, who was convicted last year under Canada's anti-hate laws, responded with charges of "racist" to his defeat in the contest for leadership of the far rightwing Social Credit Party, at its national convention here last week.

Keegstra was ousted from the Alberta school system in 1984 after parents complained that he used his classroom to preach anti-Semitism, telling his students that Jews are "the root of all evil." He was subsequently defeated for re-election as Mayor of Eckville, a farm hamlet of about 900 with no Jews.

His latest defeat was at the hands of the Rev. Harvey Lainson, a 50-year-old evangelical minister from Listowel, Ontario. Lainson received 67 votes at the convention to 38 for Keegstra. A third candidate, James Green of Bentley, Alberta, withdrew from the race after asking his supporters to give their votes to Keegstra.

New Leader Called A Racist

Keegstra was also backed by Donald Andrews and Robert Smith, both convicted of hate-mongering, and Ernst Zundel, an anti-Semitic pamphleteer who is presently appealing his conviction under the anti-hate laws for disseminating propaganda that the Holocaust was a Jewish hoax.

Keegstra portrayed himself as the victim of a smear campaign who was convicted under "Satanic hate laws conceived in Hell" and enforced by "enemies of Christ and servants of Satan." He claimed he was in "complete correspondence with the mind of God" and called Lainson a "racist."

Party Had Fallen On Hard Times

The Social Credit Party, which originated before World War II, was originally a populist movement with overtones of anti-Semitism, subsequently disavowed by a later generation of its leadership.

It was a powerful political force in Alberta for many years and had strong pockets of support in Quebec province. But it has since fallen on hard times. It is not represented in any provincial legislatures or in the federal Parliament. In the 1984 elections, the party polled 0.13 percent of the total vote.

Its new leader, Lainson, originally from the Maritime Provinces, calls himself a moderate. His platform includes opposition to abortion, restoration of the death penalty, the right of civilians to bear arms and a six percent ceiling on interest.

MIDWEST EXTREMISTS DEALT SETBACK

NEW YORK, July 1 (JTA) -- Midwest extremists seeking to exploit the farm crisis have been dealt new setbacks, according to the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith.

The ADL cited the "strong repudiation" of two rightwing gubernatorial candidates in the Republican primary in Nebraska -- who received less than 9,000 of 190,000 votes -- and the conviction by a Colorado jury of the publisher of a now defunct anti-Semitic farm newspaper for crimes connected with the publication.

The ADL said the candidates, Everett Sileven and Paul Rosberg, had employed farm belt related issues in their campaigns. Sileven after announcing

his candidacy, spoke at a rally in Nebraska sponsored by an anti-Semitic paramilitary organization and Rosberg had offered his campaign contributors an anti-Semitic book, according to the ADL.

The editor, Roderick "Rick" Elliott, was convicted last month on 14 counts of theft and one of conspiracy in connection with more than \$200,000 in unpaid loans made primarily to his anti-Jewish "Primrose and Cattleman's Gazette" and to the National Agricultural Press Association, an extremist group Elliott says he formed to combat farm foreclosures. Barbara Cooper-Smith, associate director of ADL's Denver office, testified as a witness in the case.

Extremists' Campaign Falters

Previous ADL analyses of the efforts of extremists in the farm belt, including an ADL-commissioned Louis Harris poll conducted in Iowa and Nebraska earlier this year, revealed that their campaigns to scapegoat Jews for the farm crisis have not been successful.

During the Nebraska election campaign, Sileven, who is pastor of the Faith Baptist Church in Louisville, Nebraska appeared on the same platform with Larry Humphries, founder of the anti-Semitic paramilitary organization known as the Heritage Library.

During the campaign, the ADL noted, Sileven shared an office with Rudy "Butch" Stanko Jr., a Nebraska meat packer who in 1985 placed ads in Nebraska and Wyoming claiming that a Zionist-Jewish "conspiracy" controls the economy and media of the United States.

The ADL said that Rosberg, a farmer from Wausau, Nebraska recommended in his campaign booklet that voters read "The Spotlight," the publication of the far right, anti-Semitic Liberty Lobby. He also offered in return for a campaign contribution a number of books, including "Billions for the Bankers, Debts for the People," written by the late Sheldon Emery, a notorious anti-Semite.

JCRC LAUNCHES PROBE INTO ACTIVITIES OF SO-CALLED HEBREW-CHRISTIAN GROUPS

NEW YORK, July 1 (JTA) -- An in-depth investigation to determine the facts about the full scope of so-called Hebrew-Christian activities in the United States and Israel is being started by the New York Jewish Community Relations Council's Task Force on Missionaries and Cults.

Julius Berman, Task Force chairman, in announcing the probe, said the purpose of the investigation is to alert both the Christian and Jewish communities concerning the deceptive tactics used by the Hebrew-Christian and "messianic" groups seeking converts among Jews.

Berman said there is already a great deal of evidence that thousands of uninformed Jews are joining such groups. Berman said "it is the task force's belief that these groups are misrepresenting and distorting both Judaism and Christianity, espousing that one can remain a Jew and at the same time believe in Jesus."

Berman said the investigation "is not in any way designed to deny personal rights, freedom of religion, or even to deny the right to proselytize." He explained that the investigation will be an effort to demonstrate by objective proof the rampant use of deceptive tactics that these groups employ in proselytizing activities.

Berman emphasized that "their aims and intentions must be clearly stated and, until they act forthrightly, we will respond in a strong, yet positive and scrupulously fair, fashion." He said the task force will make a three-pronged inquiry into the Hebrew-Christian movement.

**MAGEN DAVID ADOM CALLS STRIKE;
ISRAEL'S HEALTH CARE SITUATION
WORSENS AS NURSES CONTINUE WALK-OUT**
By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, June 30 (JTA) -- The health care situation in Israel, made precarious by the week-long strike of 11,000 hospital nurses, worsened dramatically Monday when employees of the Magen David Adom called a strike of their own.

The Magen David Adom, Israel's equivalent of the Red Cross, maintains a fleet of ambulances and provides first aid in emergencies. Its workers walked off their jobs charging management with failure to meet promised wage increases and improved working conditions.

Only one ambulance per station continued to operate and most para-medical facilities were shut down except for the few mobile intensive care units staffed by doctors. Magen David Adom workers who remained on duty went on a hunger strike in support of their demands. They are weakening and soon will not be able to perform even limited tasks, they said.

Magen David Adom Head Resigns

The Director General of Magen David Adom, whose ambulances and equipment are provided mainly by donations in the U.S. and other countries, announced his resignation Monday night. He said he was quitting because the Finance Ministry forbade him to grant pay increases to his staff.

The hospital nurses strike committee announced at the same time that it was withdrawing the few nurses it had allowed to remain on duty. Wards normally staffed by 7-10 nurses, have been operating with a single nurse for the past week. But as of Monday night there will be none. Exceptions were made for emergency rooms, premature birth wards, intensive care units and dialysis centers.

The 11,000 women and male nurses went on strike June 23 to demand recognition of their union as sole bargaining agent. They claimed the general nurses union cannot speak for them because of the special conditions under which they work.

Govt. Refuses Pay Hikes

The strikers won recognition of their union last week. But they refuse to return to work until the government agrees to negotiate demands for increased nursing staffs at hospitals and wage hikes. The government has refused to consider pay increases.

Meanwhile, doctors who have been standing in for the absent nurses warned they cannot long continue to perform double duties and said they feared patients may die for lack of proper care. About half of the hospital patients were sent home shortly after the strike began.

**WEST GERMANS SENTENCED FOR
DISRUPTING ACHILLE LAURO TRIAL**

By Edwin Eytan

GENOA, June 30 (JTA) -- Four pro-Palestinian West Germans were given three month suspended sentences for having disrupted the opening session of

the Achille Lauro trial last week. The four shouted pro-Palestinian slogans as the trial of the hijackers started in the Genoa criminal court.

Petra Haack, 32, of Kiel, Gabrielle Scharenberg, 25, and Dirk Zieseniss, 24, both of Hanover, and Wolfgang Struwe of Bielefeld, were found guilty of "disruption of justice" Monday.

Judge Lino Monteverde, who heads the court dealing with the Achille Lauro hijacking, acquitted the four West Germans of more serious charges of advocating "terrorist methods," for which the state prosecutor had asked they be given four year prison sentences to be followed by their expulsion from Italy.

Monteverde said in his verdict that this accusation had not been proven. The trial will resume Tuesday when state prosecutors will sum up the evidence against the defendants.

Fifteen persons are accused of the hijack. Ten are being tried in absentia. One of the defendants, Magie Al Mulqui, 23, is accused of murdering New York businessman Leon Klinghoffer with two bursts from an AK-47 assault rifle on October 8 and then ordering two crew members to throw his body into the sea.

**PERES INDICATES HE IS PREPARED FOR
LIMITED PROBE OF SHIN BET SCANDAL**

By David Landau

JERUSALEM, June 30 (JTA) -- Premier Shimon Peres told a packed Knesset Monday evening that he is prepared to face "a judicial inquiry or any other (kind of) inquiry" into political responsibility with respect to the scandal surrounding Shin Bet and its former chief, Avraham Shalom.

The Premier made clear that he wanted a probe limited to the political levels, not the operational levels of Shin Bet, Israel's internal security and counter-espionage services.

Peres's statement opened a full scale debate in the Knesset on whether an investigation should be launched into allegations that Shalom engineered an elaborate cover-up in the case of the unexplained deaths of two captured Arab bus hijackers in custody of security agents in April, 1984.

Mounting Demands For Probe

Peres is faced with mounting demands for an official investigation by many Labor Party ministers and their political allies in the unity coalition government, and a majority of Labor's Knesset faction.

This is fiercely opposed by the Likud ministers who have accused Labor of trying to precipitate a coalition crisis to bring down the government before Likud leader Yitzhak Shamir assumes office as Prime Minister next October, under terms of the coalition's rotation of power agreement.

There are five no-confidence motions pending against the government over the affair from opposition factions. They are expected to be easily defeated. But the issue of an investigation may hinge on a decision of the Supreme Court.

A panel of three justices is presently hearing a series of appeals to overturn the pardon granted by President

Chaim Herzog last Wednesday to Shalom and three of his top aides in Shin Bet for any offenses they may have committed in connection with the deaths of the prisoners in custody.

Peres, Shalom, Justice Minister Yitzhak Modai, Police Minister Haim Barlev and Attorney General Yosef Harish are all named as respondents. Harish is arguing their case.

The three justices -- Supreme Court President Meir Shamgar, Miriam Ben-Porat and Aharon Barak ruled Monday that Herzog's name be removed from the list of respondents on grounds that he acted within his constitutional authority when he granted the pardons. But this does not mean the pardons cannot be challenged.

The appeals were filed by the Citizens Rights Movement (CRM), a political party in the Knesset, and by several groups of private attorneys. By late Monday evening the court was still in session hearing substantive arguments for and against the pardons.

Seek To Establish Political Responsibility

The court was told that when Shin Bet chief Shalom applied for a Presidential pardon last week, he stated all his actions in the case at hand had been undertaken "with authority and permission."

One of the main objectives of those seeking an investigation is to establish political responsibility for the illegal killing of prisoners. The head of Shin Bet is responsible solely to the Prime Minister and Shamir was Prime Minister at the time of the incident. Peres took office several months later. Both men were alleged to have known of the purported cover-up by Shalom.

Peres told the Knesset, "I do not accuse any person in the political echelon," an apparent reference to Shamir. "But (the affair) must be investigated so as to leave no doubt," he added. "I don't want to go around trailing a tail of questionmarks. I have always been consistent to principles. I have never sought an inquiry of the operational level, but have defended that level and I have not opposed an inquiry of the political echelon."

No Decision Yet From Cabinet

He said he could not report to the house any definitive position of the government because the Cabinet has not yet taken a position. He said the demand for a commission of inquiry was submitted by "a group of ministers" and there would be debate and a decision on it.

The Likud Knesset faction held caucus before the plenary debate began. Speaker after speaker flayed Peres and the Labor Party for "whipping up" the Shin Bet affair as a way to thwart the rotation of power.

Shamir himself levelled the same charge. He told reporters Monday that it was "as clear as daylight" that the attacks by Labor on the Presidential pardon were aimed at bringing down the government.

Political observers said Monday night that despite the bristling hostility between the two major coalition partners, behind-the-scenes efforts were being made to find an acceptable way out of the controversy over a probe of the Shin Bet affair.

NEO-NAZI LEADER SENTENCED IN W. GERMANY
By David Kantor

BONN, June 30 (JTA) -- West German neo-Nazi leader Karl-Heinz Hoffmann was sentenced

Monday in Nuremberg to nine and a half years imprisonment for various offenses concerning his political activities. But Hoffmann was cleared of the prosecutor's main charge that he allegedly masterminded the 1980 murder of the Jewish publisher Shlomo Levin and his female companion, Frida Poeschke.

Hoffman's girlfriend, Franziska Birkmann, drew a seven year prison sentence for her participation in the neo-Nazi leader's unlawful activities.

Members Trained By PLO

The most serious charge for which Hoffmann was found guilty was causing bodily harm to members of his neo-Nazi para-military group. This took place while members of the group were undergoing military training in a Palestine Liberation Organization camp in Lebanon.

According to police, a member of the group, Ude Berndt, actually killed Shlomo Levin and his girlfriend at their Erlangen home near Nuremberg in December 1980. Berndt had died in Lebanon after being involved in continuing arguments among members of the Hoffmann group.

The court judges decided it was impossible to determine Hoffmann's role in the murder due to the disappearance of Berndt and the lack of solid evidence from other sources. Berndt had used sun glasses belonging to Birkmann when he knocked on Levin's door in preparation for the murder.

Levin Said He Worked For Dayan

Levin was a controversial figure in the West German Jewish community and may have been chosen as a candidate to the murder by the neo-Nazis and their PLO allies because of his unusual public exposure. Levin would tell people that he once worked as a top aide to Israeli leader Moshe Dayan.

Minor offenses for which Hoffman was sentenced were illegal possession of arms, displaying Nazi symbols and circulating anti-Semitic propaganda.

It is understood that both the prosecution and the Defense would appeal the verdict. The trial took place in the same court in which the Nazi leadership of Germany had been sentenced after World War II before an international tribunal.

JEWISH FUND FOR JUSTICE ANNOUNCES DISTRIBUTION OF SEVEN NEW GRANTS

By Margie Olster

NEW YORK, June 30 (JTA) -- The Jewish Fund for Justice has announced seven new grants for projects across the country aimed at attacking the circumstances that create poverty in America.

An ongoing agricultural aid project for the Navajo Indians in Arizona's Painted Desert that the Fund has supported for the past two years is an example of the type of community self-help groups the organization targets for grants.

A youth action project in New York's East Harlem neighborhood, a project in Iowa to aid small farmers in coping with the economic farm crisis and a Florida-based farmworker's association striving to bridge ethnic barriers among migrant workers all received \$5,000 from the fund.

Seeks To Eradicate Causes Of Poverty

The grant making foundation, created in 1983, represents a Jewish philanthropic network to eradicate the causes of poverty. The grants go to people of all races and religions striving to lift themselves out of a cycle of poverty.

In the past, the Fund has donated funds to Mexican Americans in Colorado, poverty-stricken communities in Tennessee and Mississippi, the elderly in Montana and poor farmers in Minnesota as well as Jewish causes.

All seven of the grants most recently announced will go to "the efforts of community members to improve their own circumstances."

Navajo Project Gets \$5,000

The Seventh Generation which sponsors the Navajo/Israeli Intensive Crop Production Project received a \$5,000 grant for the second year in a row from the Fund. The project supports the Navajo's efforts to improve agriculture on Arizona's Painted Desert.

The Navajos, under the guidance of an Israeli agricultural specialist, have worked to increase crop yields and adapt Israeli drip irrigation systems.

The Youth Action Program in New York's East Harlem also received \$5,000 for its efforts to organize neighborhood youth into improving their surroundings. The youth participate in clean-up, crime watch and other short-term programs.

Prairiefire in Des Moines, Iowa assists small farmers in organizing and dealing with the agricultural crisis in that region. The Fund gave \$5,000 to Prairiefire.

Other Grants

The Florida Farmworkers Association of Apopka works to break down ethnic and racial divisions prevalent among migrant workers in that area. The fund grant will go to improving the migrant workers' living conditions.

The Greater Bridgeport Interfaith Action of Connecticut is an interfaith effort to combat poverty and improve living conditions for the poor in that city. The Fund gave \$3,000 to this group.

The Center for Community Self Help in Durham, N.C. received a \$500 grant for its program to develop worker cooperatives and create jobs. The Fund grant was part of a grant from the Ecumenical Review Board, an umbrella organization of interfaith religious philanthropies.

ISRAEL VOICES CONCERN OVER COMMENTS IN EGYPTIAN MEDIA

By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, June 30 (JTA) -- Israel has delivered a message to the United States and France voicing concern over repeated anti-Semitic and anti-Israeli expressions in the Egyptian media, according to a report Sunday in Haaretz.

The message was delivered both by the Israeli Embassy in Washington to the State Department, and by Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir personally to the French administration during his recent visit to France.

"The expressions of animosity toward Israel in the Egyptian press has reached unprecedented peaks," Haaretz quoted unidentified political sources in Jerusalem as saying.

Various Egyptian Reports Cited

An advisor to the Egyptian Information Minister told Sawt Al-Arab radio station that Egypt regards the Shin Bet affair in Israel as "an expression of the aggressive and terrorist nature of Israel, which characterizes that country from its very beginning."

The pro-establishment weekly Al-Mussawar wrote the following with regard to the scandal involving Jonathan Pollard's spying activities: "Israel will not hesitate to betray her ally and sell the CIA to the highest bidder."

The weekly continued: "The Arab countries, and particularly Egypt, should learn a lesson that Israel does not distinguish between enemy and friend in its ... stealing of secrets."

Al-Ahram wrote that the election of Kurt Waldheim as President of Austria on June 8 would open the way for the release of the West from the "complex of crimes which world Zionism and Israel has planted in it, and which was used for political, economic and psychological blackmail."

Anti-Zionist Articles Published

Ahbar Al-Yawn printed an article recently which said Zionism had the intention of taking over the world while Al-Gumhuriya wrote that Zionist leaders in Palestine collaborated with the Nazis.

Shamir instructed Moshe Sasson, Israel's Ambassador in Cairo, to express Israel's outrage over this trend in the Egyptian press. Shamir said that this trend conflicts with the efforts to educate the Egyptian public, and particularly the youth, to peace.

RABIN: ISRAEL MUST GO TO WAR AGAINST COUNTRIES THAT AID TERRORISM

TEL AVIV, June 30 (JTA) -- "Israel must be willing to go to war against countries which aid terrorism -- there is no other way to eradicate it," Defense Minister Yitzhak Rabin said here Sunday night. He spoke at a symposium on the war against terrorism at Tel Aviv University's Jaffee Center for Strategic Studies.

The symposium marked the 10th anniversary of Israel's rescue of hijacked airliner hostages at Entebbe airport in Uganda. According to Rabin, had a bomb intended for an El Al airliner not detonated prematurely at Madrid's Barajas International Airport last Thursday but exploded in the air, Israel would have had to consider going to war against Syria.

"If, God forbid a hundred times over, an El Al airliner is blown up and we discover fingerprints leading to another country, Israel will face a moral dilemma of the highest order -- do we go to war? We have to be prepared for these kinds of questions," Rabin said. He has charged that the person who brought the bomb to Madrid airport travelled to Spain on a Syrian passport, indicating that the Syrian authorities knew who he was and possibly knew his mission.

Rabin charged further that weapons used in last year's terrorist attack at Leonardo Da Vinci Airport in Rome had been sent in the diplomatic pouches of an Arab country. He acknowledged that there is better cooperation with other countries toward preventing terrorist acts. But "We are at the beginning of the beginning regarding cooperation in the international sphere against terrorism," he said.

Rabin applauded the American air strike against Libya two months ago but noted the unwillingness of other NATO countries to assist the U.S. He said it was too early to judge the results of the American action. "The American attack was a precedent, but I don't know if there will be any follow-up," he said. Other speakers at the symposium included Maj. Gen. Ehud Barak, former head of military intelligence, and the director of the Jaffee Center, Maj. Gen. (res.) Aharon Yariv.

**ISRAELI 'TALL SHIP' TO PARTICIPATE
IN STATUE OF LIBERTY CELEBRATION**
By Yitzhak Rabi

NEW YORK, June 30 (JTA) -- The flag of Israel will fly among scores of other national flags in the Parade of Sail up the Hudson River on July 4 in celebration of the Statue of Liberty's 100th Birthday.

The blue and white flag will fly high on the mast of the brigantine *Galaxy*, which is based in Eilat and is owned by Brian Street, an Israeli citizen who made aliya from South Africa.

"This ship is absolutely a beauty," exclaimed Judith Schiller, as she boarded the *Galaxy* Sunday with about 60 other guests for a preview cruise around the Statue of Liberty.

Joins International Flotilla

The ship, which will represent Israel in Operation Sail Thursday and Friday, will be part of more than 220 ships from all over the world. She was built 35 years ago in London and is 125 feet long, displaces 94 tons and has a 150 horse power auxiliary engine.

The *Galaxy* has a crew of five. The Captain of the ship is Uri Paran, a 30-year-old Israeli from the village of Shevai Zion on the shores of the Mediterranean near Nahariya in the north of Israel.

As the *Galaxy* was approaching the Statue of Liberty, under sunny blue skies and a pleasant breeze, the guests on the ship, who included Florida's Governor Robert Graham, were sipping Israeli wine and praising the ship's smooth sailing.

The cruise was sponsored by the Jewish Community Relations Council of New York, which will sponsor several other cruises for invited guests on the *Galaxy* this week.

**RCA ASSAILED BY REFORM LEADER ON
WITHDRAWAL FROM JWB CHAPLAINCY PANEL**

CINCINNATI, June 30 (JTA) -- Dr. Alfred Gottschalk, president of the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, the Reform institution, charged here that the Orthodox Rabbinical Council of America had opposed endorsement by the JWB Chaplaincy Commission of a rabbi to be a Jewish chaplain in the armed forces because the rabbi is a woman.

The Rabbinical Council, at its 50th anniversary convention in Baltimore said it was withdrawing from the Chaplaincy Commission, charging that the Central Conference of American Rabbis (CCAR), the association of Reform rabbis, had committed "a unilateral breach of procedures." However, Chaplaincy Commission officials said that the Commission was continuing to function.

The Chaplaincy Commission, representing the Orthodox, Conservative and Reform rabbis, is responsible for endorsement of rabbis to serve as military chaplains. The CCAR endorsed Rabbi Julie Schwartz, 26, of Cincinnati, who will be the first woman to serve as an active duty Jewish chaplain to Jews in the armed forces.

Woman Rabbi Adds 'New Twist'

Gottschalk declared in his statement that the fact that a woman rabbi "chose to be commissioned as a chaplain in the military is to her and to the Reform movement's credit." He said that the Chaplaincy Commission "has in the past approved the Jewish Chaplaincy lists of all Jewish denominations."

Gottschalk added that the Chaplaincy Commission "provided the anomalous situation where the Reform members of the Commission approved of Orthodox chaplains and the Orthodox approved of the Reform chaplains. In principle, mutual respect and equality existed in the past. The new twist is that a Reform chaplain happens to be a woman."

"I find it deeply regrettable that the Orthodox Rabbinical Council of America has taken a stand which further polarizes the Jewish community, in this instance not on the basis of new ideology but solely on the basis that Rabbi Julie Schwartz is a female," the Reform leader said.

**DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE OFFICIAL
WARNS AGAINST IGNORING EXTREMISM**

NEW YORK, June 30 (JTA) -- Democratic National Committee chairman Paul Kirk warned here that "political extremism of any form must never be ignored or taken for granted" as he addressed a meeting of Jewish leaders about what he described as the deceptive political extremism of Lyndon LaRouche.

At the meeting, sponsored by the Jewish Community Relations Council of New York last Tuesday, Kirk asserted that "LaRouchites are participating in American politics under clouds of fraud and false pretense."

He challenged "LaRouchites'" practices in raising funds, in recruiting candidates, in qualifying for a place on ballots, in calling themselves a U.S. Labor Party, in gaining political access at home and abroad, and in calling themselves National Democrats.

Assails Illinois Primary Outcome

Kirk referred to the recent Illinois primary results in which two LaRouche candidates, Mark Fairchild and Janice Hart, won races for Lieutenant Governor and Secretary of State, respectively, allowing them to run as candidates on the Democratic ticket with gubernatorial nominee Adlai Stevenson.

"No one can undo history, but the Democratic Party must not permit that kind of history to repeat itself," said Kirk.

The Democratic National Committee chairman charged that LaRouche supporters "specialize in hatermongering and hysteria through bilking the innocent and elderly and blaming the world's problems on LaRouche's conspiratorial villains."

Counter Strategy Is Working

Since the Illinois primary, the Democratic Party has stepped-up efforts to inform the public before each election about LaRouche candidates. "We have monitored filings in every state in which LaRouche candidates have sought the Democratic nominations. We have fielded candidates even in districts where Democrats have done poorly -- not to debate them and give them political legitimacy but to tell the voters of their political lunacy," Kirk stated.

The counter strategy of the Democratic Party to fend off the "LaRouchites" has been successful since the Illinois primary, according to Kirk. "LaRouche candidates have not won a single contested nomination for federal, state, or local office and have been defeated in 85 out of 85 election contests," he said.

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There will be no Daily News Bulletin dated July 4, Independence Day, a postal holiday.

JURY IN ACHILLE LAURO TRIAL WILL BEGIN DELIBERATIONS ON MONDAY
By Edwin Eytan

GENOA, July 6 (JTA) -- The jury in the Achille Lauro trial will begin deliberations Monday on the fate of 15 defendants, 10 of them still at large, accused of hijacking the Italian cruise ship last October and the murder of a passenger, Leon Klinghoffer, an American Jew.

The prosecution, summing up its case before the weekend, demanded life sentences for seven of the accused. They include Mohammed Abul Abbas, a Palestinian terrorist tried in absentia as the alleged mastermind of the hijack, and Youseff Magied Mulqui, who allegedly fired the shots that killed Klinghoffer in his wheelchair and then ordered crew members to throw his body overboard. Life imprisonment is the maximum penalty under Italian law.

State Attorney Luigi Carli told the jury, "This is not a trial against the PLO, the PLF or the Palestinian struggle ... We are dealing with the taking of hostages, one of whom was killed." The PLF or Palestine Liberation Front is the terrorist group headed by Abbas. The latter is also a member of the Palestine Liberation Organization.

Lawyer Says There Is No Evidence Against Abbas

Abbas narrowly escaped imprisonment after U.S. Air Force planes forced an Egyptian plane carrying him from the hijack scene to land in Sicily last October 12, four days after Klinghoffer was murdered. Italian authorities released him, explaining later that they had insufficient evidence to hold him at the time.

Defense attorney Luigi Bacherini argued that Abbas "could not have masterminded the plot and that no evidence to prove this was presented in court." He said the real objective of the hijackers was not to seize the Italian cruise ship but to take Israeli hostages at the port of Ashdod and hold them for release of 51 terrorists imprisoned in Israel.

Ashdod was the next port of call after Alexandria where the hijack took place. According to the defense, the accused were forced to take over the ship after crew members discovered weapons in their possession.

Bacherini described Abbas as "a prominent member of the PLO executive" who "would not have wanted to damage relations with the European country friendliest to the Palestinian cause (Italy). It just does not stand to reason," he said.

PLO USES EUROPEAN AIRPORTS TO SMUGGLE ARMS, NETANYAHU CHARGES

JERUSALEM, July 6 (JTA) -- Binyamin Netanyahu, Israel's Ambassador to the United Nations, claimed that the Palestine Liberation Organization uses duty-free shops and stands at several European airports to pass along weapons, explosives, money and documents to terrorists for attacks on civil aviation.

Netanyahu made the charge in an interview published in Maariv. He said terrorists made use of the

PLO facilities to smuggle explosives into or out of the countries without having to pass through security checks. He did not name the airports or the countries.

According to Netanyahu, terrorist attacks on airlines have decreased sharply since the U.S. air strike against Libya last May 14. He said there has been a parallel improvement in airline security and that U.S. airlines were approaching Israel for help to improve security measures.

Netanyahu said the Western nations are beginning to understand that civil airlines are a link between all countries "and when the terrorist virus infiltrates one of them, it endangers all the airlines." (By Gil Sedan)

SHAMIR BREAKS SILENCE IN SHIN BET AFFAIR

By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, July 6 (JTA) -- Deputy Premier Yitzhak Shamir broke his official silence on the Shin Bet affair to take the offensive against intimations that the events surrounding the capture and subsequent unexplained deaths of two Arab bus hijackers while in the custody of security agents in April, 1984 occurred with his direct knowledge and approval.

Shamir, who was Prime Minister at the time of the occurrences and therefore the authority to which Shin Bet was solely responsible, disavowed any knowledge of irregularities until eight months ago. In an extensive interview published in Yediot Achronot, Shamir who is Foreign Minister and leader of Likud, maintained that in the highest echelons of government "nobody knew."

His statements flatly contradicted the statement by former Shin Bet chief Avraham Shalom that he had acted with "authority and permission" in every aspect of the case. Shalom offered that defense in applying for a Presidential pardon when he resigned as head of Israel's internal security services two weeks ago, after being accused by former Shin Bet operatives of ordering the hijackers to be killed and engaging in an elaborate cover-up, including perjury at two subsequent quasi-judicial inquiries.

Shamir Has Been Implicated In Scandal

The a priori pardons granted by President Chaim Herzog to Shalom and three of his aides have been challenged before the Supreme Court. The court ordered the government last Wednesday to show cause within two weeks why a full scale investigation of the affair should not be undertaken.

Shamir has vigorously opposed any form of investigation on grounds that a probe of Shin Bet activities would seriously compromise State security. But the Foreign Minister has himself been implicated indirectly in the charges brought against Shalom because he headed the Likud-led government in April, 1984.

He told Yediot Achronot that he first learned of alleged irregularities in the handling of the bus hijackers last October 29 from Reuven Hazak, former deputy chief of Shin Bet. Hazak was one of three senior operatives dismissed by Shalom who filed complaints against him with former Attorney General Yitzhak Zamir. Asked how he as Prime Minister could not have known about such serious charges, Shamir replied, "I wasn't

the only one who didn't know. Nobody knew." The interviewer also confronted Shamir with a statement attributed to Premier Shimon Peres that "The head of the Shin Bet told me that he had general backing for all the events which had taken place during the raid on the bus. Regarding later events, which were the subject of the complaint to the Attorney General, the head of Shin Bet had informal backing."

When the interviewer observed that "This was not denied either by Peres or by the head of the Shin Bet" and asked Shamir for his reaction, the Foreign Minister replied, "I find it unacceptable that anyone said such things. It is simply impossible."

The bus was hijacked by four Arab terrorists and was intercepted by Israel Defense Force units in the Gaza Strip. Two of the terrorists were killed when the bus was stormed. The two captured alive were turned over to security agents for interrogation. They were killed before they could be transferred to jail.

Reportedly Did Not Approve Killings Or Cover Up

According to Yediot Achronot, sources close to Shamir said he had not ordered the two killed and attributed their deaths to "a local initiative by security men who were on the spot." Shamir did not approve of the killing, he did not support it retroactively and did not approve of any cover-up, the sources were quoted as saying.

Shalom has come under attack from Likud circles in recent days. They say that a person who misled two inquiries into the affair would not hesitate to level false charges against Shamir. According to those circles, Shalom's statement that he had acted with full authority is untrue.

While Likud is opposed to an investigation of Shin Bet, Shamir said last week that he would accept whatever the Cabinet decided. According to some reports, Attorney General Yosef Harish is expected to recommend the appointment of a single investigator to determine procedures and coordination in the future between Shin Bet and the political echelons. Most Labor ministers and the Labor Party's Knesset faction have demanded a full scale judicial commission of inquiry into the charges against Shalom.

Shamir has reportedly told his aides he believes the Attorney General's recommendations would coincide with his own view that what is needed now is the establishment of new rules to guide Shin Bet in the future. But Labor ministers maintain it would be unacceptable for the Attorney General to use his office to cover up the affair and extricate Shamir.

ACCUSED MURDERER OF ISRAELI GOES ON TRIAL ON LESSER CHARGES

PARIS, July 6 (JTA) -- The man accused of having masterminded the murder of an Israeli diplomat and an American military attache was tried last week on lesser charges of arms smuggling and using fake passports.

The prosecution asked for a four year prison term for Georges Ibrahim Abdullah, a 35-year-old Christian Lebanese believed to be one of the main leaders of a Lebanese Marxist terrorist organization.

The verdict will be announced July 10 and should Abdullah be sentenced to the requested four years, he might be set free at once and expelled from France as his pre-trial detention would cover his term.

Court sources in Lyon say that his expulsion would save the French government from having to try him for complicity in the murders of Israeli diplomat Yaakov Bar Simantov, who was murdered in April, 1982 outside his home in Paris, and that of the American Deputy Military Attache Lt. Col. Ray Charles Jr. on January 18, 1982.

Abdullah has been formally charged with complicity in these killings by a Paris investigative judge, but no date has been set for the trial.

Since Abdullah's arrest in 1984 some of his organization's terrorist activities in France have stopped and a French diplomat held as a hostage by his gang, the Lebanese Revolutionary Armed Factions, set free.

'Abdullah Is A Fighter, Not A Criminal'

Abdullah's lawyer, Jacques Verges, who is also counsel for Klaus Barbie, the Nazi war criminal, told the Lyon criminal court last Thursday "Abdullah is a fighter not a criminal." He also hinted at the possibility that "arrangements can be found."

Observers guessed he meant that Abdullah's release and expulsion from France might speed up the release of two French hostages, Marcel Fontaine and Marcel Carton, two diplomats who have been held for over two years.

NEW TECHNIQUE SEEKS TO DETECT RADIOACTIVITY IN RAIN WATER

By David Landau

JERUSALEM, July 6 (JTA) -- A sensitive new technique for detecting radioactivity in rain water has been developed by Hebrew University and Weizmann Institute scientists. Tests using the technique show that radioactive iodine in rainfall rose 30 times more in West Germany following the Chernobyl nuclear disaster than it did in Israel.

The new technique, developed by Dr. Michael Paul of the University's Racah Institute of Physics and his colleagues at the University and at the Weizmann Institute, is able to detect radioactivity in rainwater at concentrations one million times less than could be previously measured.

Paul, working at the 14 UD pelletron particle accelerator at the Weizmann Institute in Rehovot, has developed a method of measuring the tiny concentrations of radioactive materials created naturally in the atmosphere by cosmic radiation, for which no other method of measurement exists.

Following the Chernobyl reactor disaster, which released a quantity of radioactive isotopes into the atmosphere, Paul was able to measure the increase in concentration of a long-lived radioactive isotope of iodine (with a half-life of 16 million years) present in rain water samples from Israel and West Germany.

A control sample of rainwater collected in Israel in 1984 was used to measure the natural quantity of radioactive iodine. The results showed the effect Chernobyl had on rain water, and particularly on the German sample which contained 30 times more radioactive iodine than the Israel rain water from the same period.

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JERUSALEM (JTA) -- At the end of last year there were about 776,000 vehicles on the roads in Israel. But Israel's motorization level was still low, with some 150 private cars per thousand residents as against 300-400 in other developed countries, according to figures released by the Central Bureau of Statistics.

FIRE DAMAGES ISRAELI CONTAINERSHIP
By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, July 6 (JTA) -- The Israeli containership Sigal was reported under tow to an Italian port over the weekend after an engine room fire spread and threatened to destroy the vessel. All 23 crew members and nine members of their families -- four women and five children -- were reported safe aboard rescue ships.

A spokesman for the Zim Lines of Haifa, owners of the Sigal, said Thursday that the ship was heavily damaged but the 560 containers she carried were not damaged by the fire. According to the spokesman, the blaze started in the engine room shortly after 6 a.m. Thursday and spread rapidly to the crew quarters and bridge which appear to have been destroyed. The Sigal was about 70 miles south of Sicily at the time.

Eighteen persons, including the women and children, were transferred to a Dutch vessel. The Captain and 12 crew members remained aboard for a time trying to fight the blaze. The wireless operator managed to send out a distress call before the wireless cabin was gutted by flames.

A special marine firefighting team summoned from Rotterdam, reached the Sigal Thursday evening and reportedly succeeded in bringing the fire under control. Italian air force helicopters hovered over the scene until ocean-going tugs arrived to take the burning vessel in tow.

**PRAISE FRENCH DECISION TO REVOKE
CONTROVERSIAL DOCTORATE ON HOLOCAUST**

LOS ANGELES, July 6 (JTA) -- The Simon Wiesenthal Center hailed the French government's decision last Thursday to revoke a controversial doctorate granted to Henri Roques last year by the University of Nantes.

The 371-page dissertation questioned the existence of gas chambers at Nazi concentration camps and argued that there is no conclusive evidence to prove that the Nazis had ever gassed their victims during the Holocaust.

"The Wiesenthal Center applauds the decision of French Education Minister Alain Devanguet to throw out this bogus doctorate," the Center said in a statement. "Further, we are pleased that French authorities have also ordered the suspension of Prof. Jean Claude Riviere, who headed the examining board which granted Roques the doctorate and who clearly failed to fulfill his basic responsibilities as custodian of a university's commitment to the pursuit of truth."

Last month, a delegation from the Wiesenthal Center protested the Roques Ph.D. thesis during meetings in Paris with French Prime Minister Jacques Chirac's advisor on human rights and diplomatic affairs, Jean Pierre Lafon, and other French officials.

APPEAL ISSUED FOR RELEASE OF BRAILOVSKY

MIAMI BEACH, July 6 (JTA) -- Some 150 delegates attending the recently concluded Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition Conference here issued an appeal to the Soviet leadership on behalf of Soviet Jewish refusenik Viktor Brailovsky.

Brailovsky, accomplished in the field of pattern recognition, has been denied access to normal channels of scientific communication ever since he applied to emigrate from the Soviet Union in 1972.

He was subsequently dismissed from his position at the Institute of Electronic Control Machines. He helped organize an informal forum for scientific exchange, popularly known as the Moscow Sunday Seminar in an effort to offset his isolation from the official scientific community.

Urge Soviets To Facilitate Brailovsky's Emigration

After repeated harassment by the Soviet police, he was arrested in 1980 and sentenced to internal exile for alleged "defamation of the Soviet state." He returned to Moscow in 1984, resuming his quest to emigrate. He has since been denied permission to emigrate.

Citing their "commitment as scientists to free scientific exchange," the signatories at the conference registered their regret that Brailovsky "is not able to join with us, colleagues in his field of expertise." They urged the Soviets "to do all in (their) power to facilitate his emigration."

Prof. Herbert Freeman of Rutgers University in New Jersey spearheaded the effort on behalf of Brailovsky. Freeman, who befriended Brailovsky while visiting Moscow in 1975, reported the conference action to the Committee of Concerned Scientists, a New York-based group of 5,000 American scientists dedicated to the protection and advancement of the human rights and scientific freedom of colleagues worldwide.

**AJC OFFICIAL TELLS OF 'NEW
PARTNERSHIP' BETWEEN BLACKS, JEWS**

BALTIMORE, July 6 (JTA) -- A "new and mature partnership between Blacks and Jews is being forged at the local level, far from the harsh and often divisive glare of national media attention," Rabbi James Rudin of the American Jewish Committee told the annual convention of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People meeting here last week.

Rudin, the AJC's interreligious affairs director, said: "While the old coalition of the 1960s is over, Blacks and Jews in many American cities are today creating a new reality. Together they are actively engaged in many crucial issues, including human rights, quality education, economic opportunity, full and fair employment, and the countering of South African apartheid, political extremism, racism and anti-Semitism."

The AJC leader, a founder of the national interreligious task force on Black-Jewish relations, cited the Black-Jewish coalitions in Atlanta and Washington as examples of the "new reality." In both cities, Rudin said, the AJC and NAACP play key roles in "these constructive model programs."

Rudin also praised the NAACP for its efforts in combatting all forms of racial and religious bigotry. "Whatever the issues ... the extremism of Louis Farrakhan, the insensitivity of the Presidential visit to Bitburg, support for Soviet Jewry, solidarity with the State of Israel ... the NAACP is always there extending its hand in friendship to the Jewish community," said Rudin.

He added: "For too long extremists in both our communities have resorted to destructive rhetorical attacks and negative stereotypes, but Blacks and Jews deserve better. While as equal partners, we may disagree on some issues, we still remain prisoners of hope, and we still remain each other's best allies in the continuing effort to achieve a free, open, and just American society."

CANADA ACCUSED OF EARLY KNOWLEDGE OF WALDHEIM'S WAR-TIME ACTIVITIES

By Ron Csillag

MONTREAL, July 6 (JTA) -- An international human rights activist has charged that Canada knew of war crimes allegations against Austrian President-elect Kurt Waldheim but still accredited him as Austrian Ambassador to Canada in the late 1950s.

Irwin Cotler, a law professor at McGill University and legal counsel to several refuseniks, dropped a bombshell in Montreal recently by stating the Canadian government signed a 1948 United Nations document giving Waldheim the highest classification as a suspected Nazi war criminal, then accredited him 10 years later as an Austrian envoy to Canada and soon after, as Ambassador.

Cotler, a former president of the Canadian Jewish Congress, released documents he said showed Canada was aware of the UN War Crimes Commission's findings against Waldheim and that there was sufficient evidence to try him for murder and "killing of hostages."

Canada Had At Least Three Documents

Cotler said Canada "was in receipt of at least three documents stating either Waldheim was a war criminal or there is prima facie evidence he was a war criminal. The Canadian government was therefore approving the credentials of Waldheim when it knew and had information in its possession that he was a war criminal," Cotler said.

Cotler said Canada may have known as early as 1947 that Yugoslavia had formally accused Waldheim of being a war criminal. "On the basis of this evaluation material submitted by Yugoslav authorities, the UN commission gave Waldheim its most serious suspect rating, the 'A' classification," Cotler told reporters. "Canada joined in a decision holding that there was sufficient evidence to prosecute Waldheim as a war criminal in 1948."

Waldheim was an Austrian envoy to Canada from 1956 to 1958 and was Austria's first Ambassador to Canada from 1958 to 1960. The UN dossier Cotler referred to, dated Feb. 19, 1948, says that between April, 1944 and May, 1945, Waldheim was responsible for putting hostages to death.

Canadian Action Is 'Inconceivable'

Documents approving of killings and deportations in the Balkans and bearing Waldheim's signature and his initials support allegations of war crimes, Cotler said. He said reference to Waldheim's war record was also made in the Central Registry of War Criminals and Security Suspects transmitted to Canada in 1948.

Cotler said he finds it "inconceivable" that Canada would accredit a foreign diplomat a person it agreed should be put on trial for war crimes.

Denya Tessier, an External Affairs Department spokesman, confirmed that Canada had signed the UN commission's findings in 1948. Tessier said the Department would not issue a comment but that it is investigating the matter.

AJC SUSPENDS AUSTRIAN TOURS

NEW YORK, July 6 (JTA) -- The American Jewish Congress has announced that it is suspending all tours to Austria, saying the election of Kurt Waldheim as President "has made it impossible to feel comfortable in that country."

"We have taken this action ... because it reflects our dismay that a majority of Austrians should have made the dismal choice of electing Waldheim despite the revelations of his Nazi war-time record and his unrepentant efforts both to suppress the truth and to justify his action," the AJC said.

The announcement was made by Geoffrey Weill, director of the AJC international travel program, the largest Jewish group travel enterprise. Weill said: "The unprecedented implications of Waldheim's election by a majority of Austrian voters makes it entirely inappropriate for us to continue to include Austria in our travel itineraries." This year, Austria was scheduled as a major stop on 14 AJC tours.

CALL FOR JEWISH LAW TO BE PART OF THE BINDING LAW OF THE STATE

By David Landau

JERUSALEM, July 6 (JTA) -- Jewish law should become part of the binding law of the State in order to bridge the gap between religious and secular Israelis. This is the view of State Comptroller Yitzhak Tunik, expressed in his speech at the opening of a Justice Ministry seminar on Jewish law recently.

The seminar, entitled "Coercion and Oppression," and attended by many judges and lawyers, was organized by Deputy Attorney-General Nahum Rakover. The keynote lectures were given by Supreme Court Justice Dov Levin, and leading lawyer Yitzhak Meron.

The State Comptroller maintained that the chasm that divides the religious and the secular today grew from the failure of the State of Israel to adopt Jewish law as the law of the land from the start.

'A Being From Another Planet'

The religious problem at the time of the establishment of the state was not nearly as serious as it is now, Tunik recalled, because both religious and secular Jews were nurtured by the same heritage. Even secular Jews, Tunik continued, "regarded the ancient Jewish heritage as the moral force behind the settlement of the land of Israel." Today the secular Jew looks on the religious Jew as if he is a "being from another planet."

"We related to Jewish law merely as a legal system, and neglected to emphasize the fact that Jewish law is a cultural heritage," Tunik charged. "We did not understand that we were abandoning 'the spring of life'."

The State Comptroller, himself a former leading lawyer, said he believed the solution lay in educating both sides of the religious conflict, and in recognizing that Jewish law is a "tremendous cultural asset" which is relevant today.

Tunik urged the courts to base their judgements on Jewish sources -- the Mishna, the Talmud, and the Rabbinical responsa from the Middle Ages until today. He foresaw no difficulty in mastering these sources since Israeli lawyers had no trouble in learning Anglo-Saxon law which itself was based to some extent on Jewish law.

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JERUSALEM (JTA) -- U.S. Vice President George Bush sent a message to Premier Shimon Peres marking the 10th anniversary of the Entebbe rescue operation last week, saying the operation "was a blow to terrorism and a victory to civilized nations throughout the world."



3 U.S. FIRMS MUM ON ALLEGED PLOT TO GIVE ISRAEL BOMB TECHNOLOGY
By Kevin Freeman

NEW YORK, July 9 (JTA) -- A wall of silence descended upon the three private American companies alleged to have conspired with Israel in an attempt to illegally obtain for the Jewish State the technology for cluster bombs, a weapon the United States banned from export to Israel in 1982.

Representatives of the three companies contacted by the Jewish Telegraphic Agency said they have "no comment" on the allegations involving Israel. Persons answering the telephones at the companies -- two in Iowa and the other in Erie, Pennsylvania -- refused to discuss the allegations or to provide any detailed information about the companies' operations.

The Justice Department and the U.S. Customs services are investigating the three companies for allegedly acting in collusion with representatives of the State-owned Israel Military Industries to evade the Arms Export Control Act. The law limits defense items that can be exported from the U.S. without an export license.

Israel Denies Allegations

In Israel, meanwhile, Defense Ministry officials said there was no basis for the allegations against the Jewish State. "The entire development of cluster bombs in Israel is original and independent and therefore there is no foundation to the allegations against Israel," a Ministry spokesman said. He added that all technological know-how reaching Israel from the U.S. arrived in Israel legally.

In Washington, the Israel Embassy issued an angry rebuttal to the charges. An Embassy spokesperson referred to a statement issued in Israel by the Defense Ministry. (See separate stories.)

U.S. Envoy Meets With Peres

Thomas Pickering, the United States Ambassador in Israel, Tuesday night handed Premier Shimon Peres the text of the charges under investigation and questions being asked by the American law enforcement agencies.

It has been charged that Israel sought to purchase technology to build cluster bombs from the American contractors and urged them to describe the equipment sold to make it appear that it is not being used for military purposes.

The U.S. halted sale of cluster bombs to Israel in 1982 after reports that Israel used the deadly anti-personnel weapon when it invaded Lebanon.

Pickering reportedly promised Peres that the investigation of the charges would be "discreet and quiet." But sources here noted Wednesday that information was being leaked to the American media, apparently by officials of the Justice Department or the Customs Service.

Israel's Ambassador in Washington, Meir Rosenne, was called to the State Department Tuesday by Richard Murphy, Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs, who informed the envoy of the ongoing investigation, it was reported in Jerusalem.

According to U.S. Customs officials, federal agents have conducted searches in Iowa at the Vector Corp. in Marion and Bexco International in Cedar Rapids. Another search was planned at Assembly Machines Inc. in Erie, Pa. The federal agents seized records at Bexco, a firm with only two employees which acts as a manufacturer's representative for Vector, according to the reports.

One report from Washington Wednesday said several officials of Israel Military Industries and of a number of other American companies have been subpoenaed in the ongoing investigation.

The reports of Israeli efforts to obtain cluster bomb technology follows on the heels of the continuing U.S. probe into the spy scandal involving U.S. Naval analyst Jonathan Pollard, who has admitted to supplying Israel with sensitive intelligence data.

STATEMENT BY ISRAEL'S DEFENSE MINISTRY

TEL AVIV, July 9 (JTA) -- The Defense Ministry Wednesday issued a strenuous denial of U.S. reports that Israel had stolen sophisticated technical data for the production of cluster bombs. The Defense Ministry spokesman issued the following statement:

"Yesterday, the U.S. media published information again tying the name of the State of Israel with unlawful export of means for the production of sophisticated weapons. The Ministry of Defense this morning has carried out a check following those claims.

"The results of the check have made it clear that those claims published by the U.S. media were unfounded.

"The Ministry of Defense determines that the raising of the subject arouses serious astonishment and may unjustly prejudice Israel's reputation and cloud the good relations prevailing between the U.S. and Israel.

"The Ministry of Defense takes a grave view of the fact that this matter has been published before the facts have been clarified. This affair relates to equipment for the production of grenades for gun projectiles independently developed by the military industries in Israel.

"The Ministry of Defense wishes to emphasize that the whole development was totally independent and that the grenades are original Israeli ones and that their production was already started some time ago. The military industries have asked for the production process to acquire industrial equipment of various kinds in the U.S.

"The Ministry of Defense declares that in order to acquire the said equipment the military mission in New York has, according to procedures, applied for export licenses from the U.S. Administration's State Department.

"The Ministry determines that all the applications have been lawfully made and that no item, large or small, relating to this subject is exported from the U.S. to Israel without a lawful permit.

"The Ministry of Defense also resolutely determines that there was no case here of unlawful technological export. As already stated, the entire development and the related know-how are original Israeli ones."

ISRAEL EMBASSY ANGERED BY CHARGES

By David Friedman

WASHINGTON, July 9 (JTA) -- The Israel Embassy here reacted with anger Wednesday to what it said

were "unfounded" charges that Israel illegally sought to import technology from the United States in order to make cluster bombs. Yosef Gal, the Embassy spokesman, read a statement in which he said the Israeli Ministry of Defense had investigated the charges and "categorically" denies Israel had done anything illegal.

"The Ministry of Defense asserts that the raising of this subject arouses much amazement and may unjustly cause damage to Israel's reputation and spoil the good relations prevailing between the United States and Israel," Gal said. "Israel regards with gravity the fact that this matter has been published before the facts have been clarified," he added.

David Hoover, a spokesman for the U.S. Customs Service, confirmed Wednesday that search warrants have been issued for two Iowa companies, Vector Corp., of Marion, and Bexco International of Cedar Rapids, and Assembly Machines, Inc., of Erie, Pa.

He said subpoenas have been issued for employees of the companies as well as members of the Israeli Defense Ministry's Procurement Mission in New York. He would give no further details on the investigation which was first revealed by CBS News Tuesday night. The State Department would not comment on the case Wednesday.

Gal said that Israel's cluster bombs and the bomblets they contain have been developed and manufactured by Israel's military industries. He said the Procurement Mission was asked to acquire various industrial equipment from the U.S. needed for production of the weapon.

Gal stressed that the Mission, acting "according to procedure, applied for export licenses from the U.S. Department of State. All applications have been lawfully made and no item, small or big, related to this subject is exported from the United States to Israel without a lawful permit."

WALDHEIM WOULD 'WELCOME' COMMITTEE TO INVESTIGATE HIS PAST

VIENNA, July 9 (JTA) -- Kurt Waldheim said at his first press conference following his inauguration as President of Austria Tuesday that he would "welcome" the suggestion by Nazi-hunter Simon Wiesenthal to have an international committee investigate his past.

Waldheim, who has been linked to atrocities against civilians and the deportation of Greek Jews when he was a Wehrmacht intelligence officer in the Balkans during World War II, had only one condition. He said he would agree to an investigation if the international body includes military experts familiar with the hierarchy of the German army and the way it operated during the war.

His defense against charges of war crimes based on a growing body of documentary evidence brought to light over the last four months, is that he was a small cog in the German military machine simply passing on intelligence to his superiors.

The new Austrian President told the press conference that he has no immediate plans to travel abroad but that his first trip probably will be to the U.S. Asked about recommendations by U.S. Justice Department officials that he be placed in the "watch list" of aliens exclud-

able from entry into the U.S., Waldheim said he was "confident in the judgement" of Attorney General Edwin Meese.

He maintained that "no proof whatsoever has been presented about the various allegations made against me and I trust the Attorney General to check the facts." He said he was grateful to President Reagan for his recent statement that no proof of the allegations has been forthcoming.

Asked if he plans to establish contact with Austria's Jewish community, Waldheim said "I already have such contacts but I hope to further intensify them." He also predicted that Israel's Ambassador to Austria, Michael Elitzur, who was called home when Waldheim was elected on June 8, "will eventually return to Vienna."

OPTIMISM OVER RESOLVING TABA DISPUTE

By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, July 9 (JTA) -- David Kimche, Director General of the Foreign Ministry, said Tuesday that he was more optimistic than at any time in the past over the prospects of resolving Israel's border dispute with Egypt over Taba.

Kimche spoke to reporters following talks with an American delegation, headed by State Department legal advisor Abraham Sofaer, who has been trying to mediate between Israel and Egypt. It was the first time in the past 18 months of negotiations between the two countries that the senior Foreign Ministry official sounded so hopeful.

The American delegation continued its talks in Cairo Wednesday where it conveyed Israel's latest compromise proposals to the Egyptian authorities. Sofaer is expected back in Israel this week or early next week with the Egyptian response.

Israel and Egypt have agreed to submit the Taba dispute to international arbitration. They have yet to agree on the terms of reference of the arbitration panel and its composition.

Premier Shimon Peres told the Knesset's Foreign Affairs and Security Committee earlier in the week that the Sofaer mission had some chance of success. He predicted that "A new chapter in relations between Israel and Egypt will open after the compromise has been signed." He said he has received messages to that effect from Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak.

ARABIC PAPER FACES CLOSURE

JERUSALEM, July 9 (JTA) -- The editor of the East Jerusalem Arabic newspaper Al-Mithak has appealed to the Jerusalem branch of the Israel Journalists Association for help to block the shut-down of the daily on grounds that it is a front for a terrorist organization.

Mahmoud Khatib, who edits Al-Mithak was notified by Jerusalem District Commissioner Rafael Levy this week that the Interior Ministry is considering closing the newspaper because it was "guided" by the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, a terrorist group headed by George Habash and based in Lebanon. Similar notification was sent to an associated publication, the Arabic weekly Al-Ahd.

The editors of both were summoned to the commissioner's office next week to argue why the closures should not be ordered. Khatib launched a public campaign to avert closure and met with Journalist Association's Executive Board. It was the first time an Arab editor sought help from Israeli colleagues. Khatib told them that his paper has never had connections with any terrorist organization.

SPECIAL TO THE JTA
SOUTH AFRICAN ZULU CHIEF
IS ARDENT SUPPORTER OF ISRAEL

By Charley Levine

ULUNDI, Kwazulu, South Africa, July 9 (JTA)—The man who could well emerge as South Africa's first Black President is an outspoken supporter of Israel.

"Israel is indeed a land of miracles," enthusiastically declared Chief Mongosuthu Gatsha Buthelezi, who claims the support of South Africa's largest ethnic group, the six million Zulus, whose ancestors fought the British in the 19th century. "It is miraculous to see what Israel has achieved in 38 years in the face of great adversities and hostilities."

Regarded by more radical Blacks as an apologist for apartheid by liberal whites as an authentic voice for compromise, and by the South African government itself as a responsible, but annoyingly independent champion of Black power and pride, Buthelezi has led the proud Zulus for 30 years. He is chief minister of his tribe's important Buthelezi clan, and head of Inkatha, a militant cultural-political organization that boasts a paid-up membership of a million.

Inkatha activists wear military-style uniforms, attend demonstrations armed with spears, clubs and shields, and have engaged in several, well publicized bloody clashes with followers of the outlawed African National Congress (ANC), an organization committed to the violent overthrow of white rule in South Africa.

Attitude Of The ANC

In sharp contrast to Buthelezi's Inkatha movement, the ANC, which admits to Soviet backing, has adopted a generally anti-Western and specifically anti-Israeli line. South African officials attribute the ANC's position on Israel to support that the underground group has reportedly received from the Palestine Liberation Organization and Libya.

According to both South African and Israeli experts on international terrorism, the PLO and the Libyans have provided the ANC and the smaller, perhaps even more radical, Pan African Congress with arms, money and military training and logistical support for over five years.

"I would say that Libya's Colonel Qaddafi is today part of the ANC," Buthelezi said during the course of a lengthy interview conducted at his ministerial headquarters in Ulundi, capital of Kwazulu. "The ANC describes itself as anti-Zionist, not anti-Semitic, like many African groups. But anti-Zionism and anti-Semitism are one and the same thing, I have always found.

"Anti-Zionism, equating Zionism with racism -- all this is really a cover for anti-Semitism. It's an abhorrent, abominable thing."

Views Israel As A Model

An articulate, urbane leader, who advocates power sharing for South African Blacks, instead of revolution, and remains committed to non-violent change -- for practical as well as moral reasons -- Buthelezi makes no secret of his admiration for Israel and his view of the country as a model for other developing nations.

"I am deeply inspired by what I saw in Israel," he said, referring to his visit there last year. "I returned home with increased hope and a realization

that people facing adversity can become ingenious beyond all prediction. In addition, visiting Israel for me, my wife and those who accompanied us was a very special spiritual experience for us as Christians."

He said that he was moved in particular by his visit to Yad Vashem, the Holocaust memorial in Jerusalem, adding that as a result of the visit and his reading of the history of the Holocaust he is especially sensitive to the newly-risen strength of the neo-Nazi AWB, an Afrikaner extremist group that sports brown-shirted uniforms and waves swastika-like banners.

"They really cause my flesh to crawl because I say, 'God help us if we're going to have a repeat performance of that kind of racism which cost the world so many lives'," Buthelezi said.

Buthelezi is quick to take issue with Anglican Bishop Desmond Tutu, who recently likened apartheid to the Nazis' genocidal program. "One can hardly say apartheid is the same as Nazism," the Zulu chief said. "I mean, apartheid is based on a racist premise and bad enough, but it's hardly murderous."

He pointed out that while the Nazis sought to exterminate the Jews, South African policy seems bent on preserving its Black majority, but as second class, or subservient, citizens.

South Africa And Biblical Egypt

"I believe as you do in the God of Abraham," Buthelezi declared, "and I believe that we are all creatures of His creation. The Jewish people may not be in a position to know the extent to which the Black people identify their situation in South Africa with that of the Israelites in biblical Egypt, the land of bondage. We often hear Blacks ask, 'When are we going to get out of Egypt?'"

Buthelezi's friendship for Israel is music to the ears of many South African Jewish leaders, who have grown increasingly concerned over the prospects of an ultimate ANC victory and the establishment of a pro-Soviet regime. Zionist Federation chairman Moeckel Friedman has said that the Zulu leader "illustrates statesmanship, peaceful change, conciliation, the rejection of violence and discrimination."

"Buthelezi is a moderate with millions of followers, and as such, he holds one of the keys to a longterm political solution of South Africa's problems," says the president of both the South African Board of Jewish Deputies and South African B'nai B'rith, Dr. I. Abramowitz. "His problem is that he's seen as sending signals out to whites that he is prepared for gradual change. That is not acceptable to many Blacks in the climate we face today."

Positive Impression Of South African Jews

Buthelezi's pro-Israeli stance seems rooted in his positive impression of South African Jews. He explained that as a young man, he admired the Jews at Adams College who belonged to the progressive Institute of Race Relations. He was a guest in the home of veteran civil rights crusader and opposition parliamentarian Helen Suzman, and later frequented the home of Arnold Zulman, in nearby Durban.

"Zulman remains one of my closest friends even now," Buthelezi said. "His house was like my home because I could not stay in a hotel, and he opened the doors of his house to me. I remember that he received a telephone threat from some whites at that time, more than 10 years ago, threatening him because he was my friend."

The Zulu leader recalled attending "shul in Durban many times. When I stayed with the Zulmans I went to shul, and also attended the Bar Mitzvas of their children." When Buthelezi's mother died last year, Zulman took part in her funeral. Buthelezi said it touched him deeply.

Today, Buthelezi's closest Jewish confidant is Rowley Arenstein, 68, who holds the distinction of having been the first radical attorney banned by the Nationalist-led government after it came to power nearly four decades ago.

No longer a practicing lawyer, Arenstein is a frequent visitor to Buthelezi's Ulundi headquarters. "No white person in Durban is as concerned with our cause generally as well as in practice as he is," Buthelezi said.

WALDHEIM GETS 'JUST DESSERTS'

By Margie Olster

NEW YORK, July 9 (JTA) -- The menu fit the day. While the main course -- Kurt Waldheim's inauguration as Austria's new president--was served in Vienna, Jewish student protestors outside the Austrian Consulate in New York served up "just desserts:" strawberry short-memory cake, fudged dates, I Scream and Clean-up Operations Sponge Cake to commemorate the day.

Elsewhere in New York Tuesday, Brooklyn District Attorney Elizabeth Holtzman continued her campaign urging the U.S. government to bar Waldheim from entering the U.S. during a protest at the Isaiah Wall opposite the United Nations.

About a dozen students from the Jewish Students Network shirked the near-100 degree afternoon heat in midtown Manhattan and gathered around a table with lavish desserts facing the Austrian Consulate.

Among the literature spread across the protestors' table were menus entitled "Following Orders and Selections." The desserts baked by the student protestors included Talk-late-tip cookies, Morality Upside Down Cake, Impeach Pie A La Mode with Wald-Naz, Seven Liar Cake and Blackout Cake.

Alan Orlich, one of the protest organizers, said the demonstrators wanted "to show how they've (Austrians) perverted culture. We want people to understand that they've made a mockery of a great culture," Orlich said.

After the protestors delivered a "menu" to the Austrian Consulate, a curious clerk came out to survey the sweet table. The clerk, who said he knew Waldheim personally, said Austrian Jews are in a "sandwich." He conceded that "there is anti-Semitism" in Austria but added that two Jews worked in the consulate here.

The man, who asked not to be identified and stressed that he was offering his personal opinions only, said Waldheim's best political strategy was to make people feel "if he is guilty, we are guilty." He cited a speech in which Waldheim told an Austrian audience "When I am a Nazi, you are a Nazi."

Protest Rally At The UN

Meanwhile, Holtzman told a crowd of about 200 people, including Holocaust survivors and their children, that "Waldheim's election and inauguration are an affront to those who sacrificed to defeat Hitler and his Nazi cohorts and those who were the victims of their murderous rage as well as those everywhere who are committed to justice and decency."

She was referring to a growing body of documentary evidence recently brought to light that Waldheim was involved in atrocities against civilians and the deportation of Greek Jews when he served as a Wehrmacht intelligence officer in the Balkans during World War II.

"Although the Austrian people have gathered today to honor the former Nazi, Waldheim, the rest of the world must condemn him," Holtzman said.

She explained that "the President of the United States must bar Waldheim from entering this country" because "both U.S. law and international conventions and treaties allow this. Morality mandates this. Our country should not welcome any person, whatever his or her office, who assisted in Nazi atrocities," Holtzman said.

Members of various Jewish and religious groups participating in the rally included the American Jewish Congress, the International Network of Children of Jewish Holocaust Survivors, Holocaust Survivors U.S.A., The Generation After, the Simon Wiesenthal Center, the New Jewish Agenda, American Gathering and Federation of Jewish Holocaust Survivors and East Brooklyn Churches.

SHCHARANSKY CRITICAL OF ISRAEL'S POLICY REGARDING SOVIET JEWRY

JERUSALEM, July 9 (JTA) -- Natan Shcharansky charged Tuesday that the Israeli government is avoiding a comprehensive public campaign on behalf of Jews in the Soviet Union.

His statement before a Knesset subcommittee on Soviet Jewry was Shcharansky's first criticism of Israel policy since his arrival here last February 11 after nearly nine years in Soviet prisons and labor camps.

The internationally famous aliya activist and dissident told the Knesset panel that Israel should exert heavier pressure on the U.S. to act for Soviet Jews "so that at the next summit, the American press will write more about the anti-Soviet demonstrations and less on the dress of Mrs. Gorbachev."

His caustic comment was a reference to the excessive media attention given the costumes of the wife of Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev when she accompanies her husband on visits to the West.

NURSES CONTINUE THEIR STRIKE

TEL AVIV, July 9 (JTA) -- Representatives of 11,000 striking hospital nurses walked out of a meeting at Histadrut headquarters here Wednesday evening shortly after a compromise seemed to have been reached to end the strike which began June 23. Nevertheless, hope was expressed that the end of the strike may be imminent.

It hinges on whether the strike committee accepts the negotiations formula proposed by Histadrut Secretary General Israel Kessar. The nurses representatives who left the talks said they would have to report to their strike committee.

A sticking point is what the nurses termed the government's unwillingness to consider payment for their "annual summer vacation" taken during the past two weeks. That terminology was adopted to get around the hospitals' refusal to pay the nurses for the days they were away from their jobs.

The strike was called originally to obtain recognition of the hospital nurses' union as their sole bargaining agent. When that point was won, however, the strikers demanded that the government agree to negotiate wage increases, larger nursing staffs and better working conditions.