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## LAZAR LUBARSKY SENTENCED TO 4 YEARS IN FORCED LABOR CAMP

LONDON, Feb. 4 (JTA)--Lazar Lubarsky, the 46-year-old engineer who was never bothered by Soviet authorities until he applied for an exit visa to Israel, was sentenced Thursday at the end of a two-day secret trial to four years in a forced labor camp on charges of slandering the Soviet Union and giving away official state secrets. The trial was held in Rostov-On-Don.

The judge was identified as Trost, a Jew, according to Jewish sources in the Soviet Union who reported the verdict. The nine-page indictment accused Lubarsky, who had been chief engineer at a high tension network institute in Rostov, of writing slanderous letters to Jews who had appeared on Soviet television to denounce Israel, and of writing other slanderous letters. The defense counsel, surnamed Pamylnina, argued that the letters could not constitute slander. Her efforts were severely handicapped by refusal of the court to let her see Lubarsky's file, the sources reported.

The prosecution charged that Lubarsky had given away state secrets at the institute. Miss Pamylnina said Lubarsky had simply shown a document--not classified as secret--to a fellow worker, had received a mild reprimand and the incident closed. She added he continued working at the same post until April, 1970, when he was dismissed for applying for the exit visa.

On the second day of the trial, 16 of the 16 defense witnesses were allowed to give evidence. Lubarsky's wife was permitted to enter the courtroom on the second day. A group of 32 Jews in Vilna cabled the Rostov District Court chairman that they were holding a 24-hour hunger strike in solidarity with the engineer.

## RABIN OPTIMISTIC ABOUT U.S. POSITION ON MIDEAST SETTLEMENT Says Nixon Has Not Changed His Position Since His Re-Election

JERUSALEM, Feb. 4 (JTA)--Ambassador Yitzhak Rabin left for Washington this morning following a brief leave in Israel during which he reportedly gave Premier Golda Meir an optimistic appraisal of the United States position on a Middle East settlement. In addition to his consultations with Mrs. Meir, Rabin had a lengthy meeting Friday with Foreign Minister Abba Eban and Ambassador-designate Simha Dinitz who will succeed him in Washington in mid-March.

Rabin is said to have told Premier Meir that President Nixon does not expect any new proposals from her when they meet in Washington March 1 and does not expect any major changes in Israel's position. He maintained that contrary to the belief expressed in some quarters, Nixon has not changed his approach to the Middle East problem since his re-election. The U.S. has recently reaffirmed its doctrine agreed on with Israel, that there can be no Israeli withdrawal from the administered territories prior to a peace settlement.

The Americans firmly believe in peace by stages, Rabin reportedly told Mrs. Meir. He said Nixon and his advisors may well offer the

Israeli leader some suggestions but that was not the same as pressure, Rabin emphasized.

## Hussein To Get Little From Nixon

The Israeli envoy did not expect radical changes in Egypt's position. He reportedly expressed the view that President Anwar Sadat would probably await the outcome of Soviet Communist Party Secretary Leonid Brezhnev's visit to Washington later this year before making any moves. He said that King Hussein of Jordan who is scheduled to meet President Nixon in Washington Tuesday may secure more U.S. military and economic assistance for his country but little else.

Rabin told reporters at the airport before his departure today that he expected no dramatic developments to emerge from the Hussein-Nixon meeting. He said the Jordanian ruler had decided to re-join the Eastern Front against Israel in order to appear in Washington as a spokesman for all of the Arab states, not just Jordan.

He said there was little prospect of an advance toward a bilateral settlement between Israel and Jordan at this time because of Hussein's insistence that Jordan control parts of Jerusalem. The Israeli envoy described Hussein's recent proposal for a meeting of the religious leaders of the three major faiths to discuss the problem of Jerusalem as "a clear propaganda trick." He said it might elicit a favorable response in the U.S. but, he added, "every trick does not bear fruit."

## NEW MISSILE BOAT TO BE LAUNCHED

TEL AVIV, Feb. 4 (JTA)--Israel disclosed today that it will soon launch a new missile boat which it claims is far superior to 12 similar craft built for it in France several years ago and faster than any Russian-built vessel of the type known to be in Mediterranean waters. The first in a series of the new boats armed with Israel's "Gabriel" surface-to-surface missile, the "Reshef," will be launched Feb. 19 by Israel Shipyards Ltd. on Haifa Bay, according to today's announcement.

The 415-ton boat took three years to plan and build and cost \$10 million. According to Israel Livertovsky, director general of the shipyard, that price is less than it would have cost to build the boat abroad and proves that Israel is independent of foreign shipyards with respect to its naval requirements.

Rear Admiral Benjamin Telem, commander of the Israeli Navy, said today that the Reshef is one of the most sophisticated vessels of its type in the world and was larger, faster, more maneuverable and more heavily armed than the gunboats of the Saar class built for Israel in France. Israel ordered 12 Saar-class boats in France before the 1967 Six-Day War. Seven were delivered and five were embargoed. On Christmas Eve, 1968, Israeli crews "liberated" the embargoed craft from Cherbourg and sailed them to Israel.

According to Admiral Telem, the Reshef and her sisters, to be known as the Saar-IV class, are an improvement on the earlier gunboats in that they incorporate the latest techniques and systems of control. He said they were capable of combat against submarines, surface craft and aircraft.

The Reshef will carry seven "Gabriel" missiles, four depth charge launchers and will be armed with two 76 mm. guns as against one in the French-built

boats. The Reshef will carry a crew of 45 officers and men and will be powered by four German-made Maybach diesel engines generating 2670 indicated horsepower for a speed of 32 knots, 36.80 land miles per hour. Admiral Tel'em said the Reshef had a longer cruising range and better sea-keeping qualities than the French made gunboats.

#### NOTHING NEW SEEN IN HUSSEIN'S ECUMENICAL CONCLAVE PROPOSAL

JERUSALEM, Feb. 4 (JTA)--Israeli officials withheld public comment today on King Hussein's proposal to hold a three-faith meeting to resolve the problem of Jerusalem. Privately, Israelis said that the proposal, aired in an article Hussein wrote for The Times of London, represented "no basic change." A Cabinet spokesman said in reply to reporters' questions that the position of the Israel government on Jerusalem is "well known." One source said there was "nothing clear" about Hussein's proposal, implying that the idea would get bogged down over the question of who would represent each faith at the conference.

Hussein left London today for the U.S., where he will meet with President Nixon Tuesday. Israeli officials expressed the view that he is going to Washington "primarily to get financial aid." They said his recent acquiescence to reactivation of the Eastern Front against Israel was intended to end his isolation from fellow Arab leaders. But they said he was not going to the U.S. as spokesman for any Arab states other than Jordan. "This he has already made clear before his visit," one source said.

#### ARAB LEADERS ACCUSED OF LEADING THEIR PEOPLE INTO MIDEAST MORASS

JERUSALEM, Feb. 4 (JTA)--A prominent West Bank Arab has accused the Arab leadership of leading their people into the present Middle East morass. Sheikh Mohammed Ali el-Jaabari, the Hebron Mayor, spoke here at the conclusion of a nation-wide Koran quiz sponsored by the Israel Broadcasting service. He said the Arab leadership brought about a situation with which they are unable to cope.

"The Middle East airlines must be getting tired of flying Arab leaders from one pointless conference to another," Jaabari said. He was apparently referring to last week's meeting of 18 Arab foreign and defense ministers in Cairo which announced the reactivation of the Eastern Front against Israel. The Hebron Mayor also urged King Faisal of Saudi Arabia to permit Israeli Arabs to visit Mecca.

#### HUSSEIN MAY EXERT SOME DIPLOMATIC CLOUT IN HIS MEETING WITH NIXON

WASHINGTON, Feb. 4 (JTA)--King Hussein's meeting this week with President Nixon may augur some changes, albeit minor, in the U.S. attitude toward the Arab world, according to some political analysts here. As they see it, the Jordanian monarch now has enough political and diplomatic clout to accomplish a two-fold objective: to convince the Administration that it ought to pressure Israel into an early settlement with her Arab neighbors and to undermine Israeli Premier Golda Meir's meeting with Nixon next month.

Observers here say that Hussein will bring with him a number of aces in his diplomatic bag; his announcement last week that he will re-activate the Eastern Front provides him with the prestige of speaking for more than just Jor-

dan, that this move, in effect, permits him to be an unofficial spokesman for a good part of the official Arab world; his announcement a week earlier that Jordan is willing to arrive at a peace settlement with Israel if the Moslem holy places in Jerusalem are placed under Jordanian control; and his statement this weekend in London calling for an ecumenical conclave of the three major religions, is viewed as another effort to present Jordan as a reasonable nation willing to recognize realities in the Middle East.

This weekend Hussein also stated in an interview with The Times of London that Security Council Resolution 242, "stripped of its secondary provisions,.... recognizes two fundamental principles as a basis for a just solution." One principle cited by Hussein is that it calls "for Arab acceptance of a political fact of life which we have refused to admit, and fought to prevent, for a quarter of a century--the fact of Israel. The resolution bids us to reverse this stand and accept not only the presence of Israel but an Israel enclosed behind secure and recognized borders. To this, Jordan and Egypt have agreed."

#### Urges U.S. To Enforce Res. 242

Hussein in the same interview noted that "the time lag in converting a resolution into a working formula for peace" has led to hijacking and kidnapping on the part of the Arabs which he termed "senseless acts of a frustrated, defeated people," and "annexing and desecrating the old Arab city of Jerusalem, coupled with wiping out villages and deporting the people of Gaza" on the part of Israel which he termed "the calculated acts of an arrogant victor."

The Hashemite ruler added: "In Arab eyes, one force still to be put behind the 1967 resolution (242), publicly and more strongly, is the influence of the United States on both Arab and Israeli. The Arab needs to know that American friendship toward Israel is limited to its preservation, not to expansion.... The Arab needs to know which borders the United States is prepared to guarantee. So does Israel."

In the view of some political analysts in the nation's capital, Hussein's apparent reasonableness and even-handedness in dealing with both the Arabs and Israel will provide the Administration with enough diplomatic food for thought to make Mrs. Meir's approach to Nixon seem like "a hard line and an intransigent attitude."

#### SYMPOSIUM HELD IN MEMORY OF SLAIN WEIZMANN INSTITUTE PROFESSOR

NEW YORK, Feb. 4 (JTA)--A symposium in memory of Professor Aharon Katzir-Katchalsky, Weizmann Institute scientist killed in the Lod Airport massacre on May 30, 1972, was held yesterday at the Polytechnic Institute of Brooklyn. Nobel Laureates Professor Melvin Calvin of the University of California, Berkeley, and Professor Gerald M. Edelman of The Rockefeller University were among the participants. The symposium was under the auspices of the Polytechnic Institute of Brooklyn and the American Committee for the Weizmann Institute of Science.

Prof. Katzir-Katchalsky, 58 years old; killed as he was returning from a scientific conference in Europe, was an internationally recognized specialist in the field of thermodynamics of irreversible processes and especially the application to biological membranes. At the time of his death he was deeply involved in brain research. He was the founder and head of the Polymer Research Department of the Weizmann Institute of Science in Rehovot, Israel.

An Aharon Katzir-Katchalsky Center of Physical Biology is now in the process of being established on the campus of the Weizmann Institute of Science as a permanent memorial to him. An International Com-

mittee of distinguished scholars headed by Nobel Laureate Dr. Manfred Eigan of the Max Planck Institute at Göttingen, Germany, is acting as advisors to the Weizmann Institute in developing plans for the Center.

The Center will be devoted to the advancement of research in the areas of biological macromolecules, membrane structure and function, and theoretical biology--fields in which Dr. Katzir-Katchalsky gained international recognition. The activities of the Center will be supported by the Weizmann Institute of Science, as well as by private donations. Numerous universities, scientific organizations and individual scientists have volunteered their support.

#### SABOTAGE ATTEMPTS LINKED TO TERRORIST CELL IN NABLUS

JERUSALEM, Feb. 4 (JTA)--Two attempts at sabotage in Nablus this week had been linked by Israeli authorities to local residents who may have been organized into a terrorist cell last summer when the West Bank was open to visitors from Jordan. Several arrests were made last night after Army sappers safely detonated an explosive charge found in the town square. Another device exploded Friday evening near the Nablus labor exchange but caused no casualties or damage.

Six more arrests were announced by Israeli authorities over the weekend in connection with Syrian espionage attempts in Israel and the administered territories. Police disclosed today that an Arab from Kabatiyeh village near Nablus was arrested on a Jordan River bridge several days ago after a routine search disclosed that he was carrying detonators concealed in his shoes.

The suspect reportedly confessed under questioning that he had been recruited by Syrian agents while visiting Jordan recently and was sent to Syria for training in the use of explosives and in organizing sabotage groups.

Police announced Friday the arrests of five more members of a Syrian-directed Druze spy ring uncovered last week. The arrests were made at Eilat where the suspects were working as laborers and apparently gathering information on Israeli naval and military deployment at Eilat and the Gulf of Aqaba. Israeli authorities said it appeared that the Syrian spy ring was cooperating with Egyptian intelligence in that area.

#### Operated In Key Positions

The Druze ring was based at Majdal Shams village on the Golan Heights near the Syrian border and was headed by Abu Jamal Shaqub, 51, a wealthy Druze who employed his sons and other relatives in espionage activities. Shaqub and 14 members of his clan were arrested last week. An investigation, still underway, disclosed that the ring leader deployed his subordinates in key positions around the country.

They worked as porters, construction workers and mechanics as covers for intelligence gathering operations and even managed to obtain civilian jobs in strategic areas, police said. Several arms and explosives caches used by the ring have been discovered.

Shaqub was reportedly known as a Syrian agent before the Six-Day War during which he fled to Syria. He was permitted to return to the Golan Heights in 1969 under the family reunion program on his promise of good behavior. But he used his farming activities as a cover for espionage, Israeli authorities said.

Two suspects were arrested in Hebron yesterday after an Israeli bus driver told police that

he was menaced by a group of local Arab drivers and had to use his pistol to scare them off. Assaf Dinowitz, a 25-year-old Egged bus driver, said he was attacked at Tarikumiya village near Hebron when he came there Friday to pick up Arab laborers for jobs in Israel. He said his life was threatened if he continued to transport Arab workers to Israel.

#### BEN AHARON STIRS CONTROVERSY WITH VIEWS ON ADMINISTERED AREAS

TEL AVIV, Feb. 4 (JTA)--A statement by Histadrut Secretary General Yitzhak Ben Aharon, widely interpreted as advocating unilateral Israeli withdrawal from certain of the administered territories prior to a formal peace settlement, has come under bitter attack from fellow Labor Party leaders and others. Ben Aharon, a leading Israeli dove, said last night that his remarks at a meeting of the Labor Party secretariate here Thursday night were misunderstood and misinterpreted.

A stenographic transcript of his remarks showed that Ben Aharon did not advocate a policy which is diametrically opposed to the current Israeli government line but warned that some day Israel might find that policy wanting.

At Thursday night's discussion, the Histadrut head specifically criticized the large-scale employment in Israel of Arab labor from the Gaza Strip. He was quoted as saying that "We cannot build Zionism with Arab labor" and that current policies were undermining "our moral basis by being rulers over other people." He was immediately challenged by several of his colleagues at the meeting.

Defense Minister Moshe Dayan defended Israeli policies in the Gaza Strip which, he contended, rescued it from dire poverty and chaos. He said the employment of Arabs in Israel and the territories helped greatly to raise their living standards. Dayan declared that if the Gaza Strip were to be abandoned its residents would be left "to the mercies of the wicked gangs of murderers" and that the Egyptian Army would return and incite the gangs to start attacking villages in the Strip.

#### 'No Retreat Without Peace' Is Holy Writ

Ben Aharon said last night that he did not make "a proposal of withdrawal prior to peace" but "a suggestion that Israel, which depends on its strength, can unilaterally decide her borders if it became clear that there was no one with whom to talk and make peace." He said he was offering no alternative to the present government policy of no withdrawal prior to peace. However, Ben Aharon remarked, the slogan "no retreat without peace" has taken on the character of holy writ.

At Thursday night's meeting Israel Gallili, a Minister-Without-Portfolio who is a member of the Labor Party's inner circle, assailed Ben Aharon's views as an incentive to an aggressor to restart a war. Some Labor Party circles expressed fear that Ben Aharon's statement would undermine Premier Golda Meir at her meeting with President Nixon in Washington March 1.

Israeli police are investigating a threatening letter received by Rabbi Meir Kahane, Jewish Defense League leader, which was signed by the "Arab Defense League" warning the JDL head that it would retaliate "by fire and blood" if the JDL continues its program to get Arabs to emigrate from Israel. A similar letter was received by Emanuel Najl Hourli, an Israeli Arab allegedly collaborating with Rabbi Kahane. Both letters were written in red ink and threatened to murder the recipients "within one month." They were turned over to the police.

