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## FRANCE'S CHIEF RABBI DENOUNCES EXECUTIONS OF SPANISH ACTIVISTS

PARIS, Oct. 1 (JTA)--The Chief Rabbi of France, Jacob Kaplan, today denounced the executions in Spain as contrary to the moral conscience of humanity. In a public communique, Rabbi Kaplan said he is raising his voice to "condemn the executions and to protest the fact that none of the clemency appeals addressed to Spanish President Francisco Franco were heeded."

The Representative Council of French Jewish Organizations (CRIF) was one of the numerous world-wide bodies which asked Franco not to execute the five Spanish activists who were shot Saturday after having been convicted of killing policemen. Two were members of the Basque Nation and Freedom organization. Originally 11 death sentences had been handed down by the Franco government but six received clemency after an outpouring of worldwide anger.

A number of Jewish personalities in France have also individually branded the executions. Paris University law professor Robert Badinter said "It is a world scandal which must be opposed." Jewish Member of Parliament Claude Gerard Marcus stressed that no legal forms were respected during the trial of the activists.

Last Thursday, two days before the execution, the coordinating committee of Belgian Jewish Organizations sent a letter to the Spanish Ambassador to Brussels, Marquis de Nerva Javier Elorza, expressing its indignation at the 11 death sentences. The letter protested the failure of Spanish authorities to respect the fundamental rules of judiciary process and asked that the Spanish government accord mercy to the 11, in the name of human rights.

## HERZOG REJECTS LIBYA'S PROTEST AGAINST GIVING ISRAEL CREDENTIALS By Yitzhak Rabi

UNITED NATIONS, Oct. 1 (JTA)--Israel rejected a protest by Libya today on Israel's credentials before the General Assembly. Taking the floor after the Assembly approved without a vote the credentials of all the countries participating in the 30th annual session including Israel, Chaim Herzog, Israel's Ambassador to the United Nations, said, "I reject with all the emphasis at my command this unwarranted statement which contributes nothing to the dignity of the world body and strikes against the roots of its very existence."

Libya challenged Israel's credentials on the grounds Israel violates UN resolutions. Herzog said that "I note with satisfaction that world opinion as expressed at the various international meetings in Stockholm, in Western Europe, in Kampala and in Lima, has rejected this move conscious of the danger to the future existence of the United Nations arising therefrom."

Calling for an end to the acrimonious debate and to "tiresome stream of invective" against Israel, Herzog stated "when I contemplate the behavior of some of my Arab colleagues, their mode of expression when addressing us, their paranoid fear of speaking to or meeting with myself or any of my colleagues, their unrealistic

attitude in debate, I wonder if the time has not been reached for them to graduate from the kindergarten-type of policy in which they indulge."

The representatives of Saudi Arabia and Syria used the right of reply to condemn Israel's "policy of aggression against the Arabs." The Syrian representative also called for the ouster of Israel from the UN. Earlier in the week the Assembly's credentials committee formally approved Israel's credentials where Libya voiced the only protest.

## Ouster Move Effort Fizzles

Meanwhile, an expected move by Islamic nations to press for Israel's ouster from the General Assembly failed to materialize at a closed door meeting of the foreign ministers of 40 Moslem Arab and non-Arab states here last night.

The participants instead adopted the position taken by the Organization of African Unity (OAU) in Kampala, Uganda last July and that of the conference of non-aligned states in Lima, Peru in August which called for increased pressure to compel Israel to abide by UN resolutions but fell short of demanding that country's suspension from the world organization.

A participant in the Islamic foreign ministers' meeting reported that the more moderate position was adopted because the Kampala and Lima formulas were found to represent the broadest consensus among the non-aligned and Third World nations whose support would be essential to any Arab move to expel Israel. The Islamic foreign ministers therefore, in effect, rescinded the decision on action against Israel which they had taken at a four-day meeting in Jidda, Saudi Arabia last July.

## COMMERCE DEPARTMENT, FOR FIRST TIME IN 10 YEARS, TO INSIST ON KNOWING WHETHER U.S. FIRM WILL AID BOYCOTT BUT WILL STILL NOT IDENTIFY GUILTY FIRMS By Joseph Polakoff

WASHINGTON, Oct. 1 (JTA)--The Department of Commerce, under pressure from Congress over the Arab boycott of American firms doing business with Israel or under Jewish management, has moved for the first time in 10 years toward insisting on knowing whether an American firm intends to help the boycott, but continued to resist making public the name of any company participating in the boycott.

However, Commerce Secretary Rogers C.B. Morton was said to have offered to help offset the Arab boycott during a 75-minute meeting in his office last night with Haim Barlev, Israel's Minister of Commerce and Industry. William Rhatigan, Morton's special assistant and the department's communications director, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that Morton had volunteered to Barlev to call any American firm the Israelis could identify as refusing to deal with Israel because of the Arab boycott to try to persuade the company to do business with Israel. Rhatigan said Morton called the Arab boycott "dirty politics."

When the JTA asked whether any discussion took place between Morton and Barlev on American firms refusing to open their markets to Is-

rael products because of the boycott, Rhatigan said. Barlev did not raise that question.

Under the new policy, starting today, the Commerce Department will require any American exporter who gets a request to help the Arab boycott to make that request known to the department along with his intention about complying with such a request. Previously, provision to the department of information on intent was not mandatory.

#### Morton Had Been Warned

The new policy was disclosed in a letter from Morton to Rep. John Moss (D.Cal.), chairman of the investigations subcommittee of the House Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee probing the Arab boycott and the role in it of major American companies, and to Sen. Adlai Stevenson (D.Ill.), chairman of the Senate subcommittee on International Finance of the Senate Banking and Urban Affairs Committee, concerned with legislation on mandatory reporting by American exporters.

Moss had warned Morton that the Secretary's refusal to show Congress confidential Commerce Department reports on the boycott could lead to Morton's being cited for contempt of Congress.

The Morton letters followed a subcommittee hearing last week during which Rep. James H. Scheuer (D.N.Y.) reminded Morton that participation by American firms in the boycott against Israel "is contrary to American policy as stated by the President, the Secretary of State and the Secretary of Commerce."

Calling the department's decision to determine intention a "significant change in Commerce Department policy," which Morton had previously "resisted," Scheuer added that two questions remained--"will the Secretary reveal to the subcommittee in confidence the names of U.S. firms which are participating in the boycott? And since participating in the Arab boycott is contrary to the spirit of the anti-trust laws, why does not the Commerce Department join our efforts to make boycott participation illegal?"

Morton's letter noted that, under the Export Regulations Act of 1965, an American company is asked but is not required to indicate whether it intends to reply to the boycott request. Morton wrote, "I have concluded that henceforth information as to whether or not an exporter intends to comply with a boycott-related request should be sought on a mandatory basis. Accordingly, the department's export regulations and reporting forms are being so revised effective for all reports submitted on or after Oct. 1, 1975."

#### Morton's Position Reaffirmed

However, Rhatigan reaffirmed that Morton's position in refusing to reveal the names of American firms involved in the boycott "still stands." If the question comes before the courts, he said, it would be up to the court to decide whether Congress is to get the names.

The Moss subcommittee has been probing Commerce Department practices after receiving separate complaints on the issue from the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith and the American Jewish Congress. Both groups have filed separate suits in federal courts to compel the Commerce Department to disclose the names of the American firms providing information on their approaches from Arab boycott officials.

#### 6 HIKERS DROWN IN FLASH FLOOD

By Gil Seidan

JERUSALEM, Oct. 1 (JTA)--Six young hikers drowned yesterday in a flash flood that suddenly overwhelmed them in a deep gorge near the Dead Sea. Four other members of the party managed to scramble to safety and another nine were rescued by army and police units assisted by helicopters. Police commander Avraham Sastiel of the Judea region said the tragedy was "the worst natural catastrophe I remember in the Judean desert."

The victims--four young men and two women--were identified by police as Gavriel Graber and Baruch Gottlieb, of Kibbutz Hafetz Hayim, near Rehovoth; Yosef Malkiel and Avigal Gadaasi, of Jerusalem; Ezra Hayim of Kiryat Gat; and Yael Hayim, of Givat Yearim, near Jerusalem. Most of the other hikers were members of Hafetz Hayim, a kibbutz of the Agudat Israel movement or were staying at the kibbutz.

They had set out on their trek from Mitzpeh Shalem, an observation post west of the Dead Sea, yesterday morning when the forecast was for "wurm to fair" weather. Only a day before, however, a private car and a bus were inundated in the Dead Sea region by flood waters pouring down from the Judean Hills as a result of premature winter rains. All of the occupants of the vehicles were rescued. Tel Aviv was also lashed by heavy rains which began at midday yesterday after a sunny morning.

Because of the flash floods and early onset of the rainy season, the young hikers were warned not to enter the steep gorges that snake through the uninhabited region of hills and sand dunes near the Dead Sea. But the group leaders apparently saw no danger and the 19 hikers made their way into the Wadi Dargot, south of Mitzpeh Shalem.

They were walking eastward toward the main road on the Dead Sea shore when flood waters suddenly poured into the dry riverbed. Four members of the party were able to climb out of the gorge and nine others clung to ledges until rescued. The body of a drowned girl was found shortly afterwards. The other five bodies were not located until last night.

#### JEWISH AGENCY BOARD OF GOVERNORS TO STUDY REORGANIZATION RECOMMENDATIONS

JERUSALEM, Oct. 1 (JTA)--A series of recommendations for the reorganization of the Jewish Agency was presented today to the Agency's Executive which convened in Jerusalem. The recommendations were part of an interim report prepared by a special research team on more efficiency in the Jewish Agency's operations. The report is scheduled to be submitted tomorrow to the Board of Governors meeting.

Leon Dufzin, acting chairman of the Jewish Agency, said in a radio interview that the recommendations would be implemented within a period of two to three years. "We are still operating now as we have been operating for years," he said. "The world is changing, and one should introduce the necessary changes for the eighties," Dufzin would not elaborate on the contents of the report before it was presented to the Board of Governors. "There is room for many changes," he said, summarizing the lessons that may already be drawn by the report. The Executive did not discuss electing a new Jewish Agency chairman.

## **LAUTENBERG TELLS ISRAELIS 'THE AMERICAN JEW WANTS TO DO HIS SHARE'**

By David Landau

BEN GURION AIRPORT, Oct. 1 (JTA)--Only days after the latest wave of austerity measures imposed by the government, a 300-member group of top American Jewish leaders will arrive here to study Israel's economic problems with a view to encouraging greater U.S. Jewish efforts to support the Jewish State.

The annual United Jewish Appeal Study Mission will begin Oct. 6 and continue for a week of in-depth studies--including field trips throughout the country, from the Golan to new Jewish Agency settlement projects in the Galilee, to the new lines of defense in Sinai. Frank R. Lautenberg, UJA general chairman and Irving Bernstein, UJA executive vice-chairman, arrived here yesterday to lay the groundwork for the study mission and hold talks with top Israeli leaders. Lautenberg said on arrival that Jewish support for Israel in the U.S. was "as solid as ever."

He and Bernstein will also take part in this week's Jewish Agency Board of Governors meetings. Privately, they will join in consultations with top Israeli political figures on the future chairmanship of the Jewish Agency, vacant since Pinhas Sapir's death.

Premier Yitzhak Rabin told Labor Party leaders last week he wished to consult with diaspora leaders before Labor finally comes out in support of Halifa Mayor Yosef Almog's candidacy. The other contender for the post is Agency treasurer and acting chairman Leon Dulzin. On Monday Rabin discussed the issue with Max Fisher, also here for the Board of Governors meeting. Fisher is the chairman of the Board. Neither would comment after the meeting. Fisher later met with Dulzin who termed his (Fisher's) position "fair and objective." The Jewish Agency Board of Governors is due to discuss the subject of a new Agency chairman at its meeting tomorrow.

The study mission will be UJA's second kickoff for its 1976 campaign which is targeted to top \$600 million. The campaign opened last month with the "Prime Minister's Mission" of top contributors and fund-raisers. That mission's members pledged personally more than \$14 million, which Lautenberg yesterday termed "a hopeful beginning." Lautenberg said he had a simple message of solidarity for Israelis: "The American Jew wants to do his share."

## **SCHLESINGER: PERSHING SALE TO ISRAEL WOULD THREATEN MIDEAST STABILITY**

PARIS, Oct. 1 (JTA)--Defense Secretary James Schlesinger said here today that the sale of Pershing missiles to Israel under current conditions would threaten the stability of the Middle East. Schlesinger said that such a sale would moreover affect American positions in Europe where 250 Pershings equip American forces.

The Defense Secretary said that he had discussed this issue with NATO supreme commander Gen. Alexander Haig who supports his views. Schlesinger added that the British leaders with whom he conferred during his recent trip to London also felt that the dispatch of Pershing missiles to Israel would have negative results.

Addressing a press conference after a meeting with French President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing, Schlesinger said that America has

stopped producing the Pershing and any subtraction from U.S. stocks would affect America's position in Europe.

## **BROWN WARNS THAT MILITARY FACTORS FAVORING ISRAEL DIMINISH WITH TIME**

WASHINGTON, Oct. 1 (JTA)--U.S. Air Force Gen. George S. Brown, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, has told a military-oriented audience in Huntsville, Alabama, that the "United States is committed to the survival of the State of Israel but military factors favoring Israel diminish with time."

Without elaborating on that point, Brown observed that "although significant progress toward peace has been made between Egypt and Israel, the security situation in the Mideast generally is of the gravest concern." He also told the Tennessee Valley chapter of the Association of the U.S. Army that "the major unresolved issues between the Arabs and Israelis could yet explode into a fifth war unless further progress is made on the diplomatic front."

"War must be avoided--for many reasons. Oil is just one," he said. He did not discuss other reasons. "All parties must recognize that a solution in Mideast problems must be found in forms other than military," he said.

## **A STRONG ISRAEL IS A PRIORITY, DINITZ**

NEW YORK, Oct. 1 (JTA)--Israeli Ambassador Simcha Dinitz last night stressed the importance of maintaining a strong Israel as a priority since the recent Israel-Egypt agreement. "We will have to be strong to fulfill the agreement, and we will have to be even stronger to defend ourselves if it is not fulfilled," he warned. He added that Israel's success would depend on its internal tenacity, coupled with the support it receives from its friends in the Jewish community during the months to come.

Dinitz's remarks were made at the Golden Jubilee Tribute Dinner of the American Friends of the Hebrew University honoring Isaac Bashevis Singer who received the S.Y. Agnon Gold Medal. Avraham Harman, president of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, presented the award to Singer at the Rye Town Hilton Inn in Port Chester, N.Y.

Prior to the dinner, Singer autographed copies of his latest book of short stories, "Passions," which is to be published in November. In response to the award presentation, Singer delivered a talk entitled "Who is a Jewish Writer?"

Dinitz remarked that since the ratio of strength between the Arabs and Israel is 3-1, and will remain such, the development of "human quality" will ultimately determine Israel's survival. In this connection he said the work of the Hebrew University is vital to the future of the country.

Dr. Max M. Kampelman, president of the American Friends, spoke of the Hebrew University's 50 years of development and progress despite the interruption of many wars both before and since the creation of the State of Israel.

Speaking for the Hebrew University, Harman, a former Israel Ambassador to the U.S., said, "We are quite determined that in resisting aggression or the threat of aggression, we in Israel will not fall victim to those who wish us to become a people whose sole purpose is simply to exist."

JERUSALEM (JTA)--The cost of an overseas telephone call or cable increased 16.6% Wednesday due to the devaluation of the Pound. Overseas mail costs will be increased similarly.

**BEHIND THE HEADLINES****ARAB BUILDING BOOM AROUND JERUSALEM**  
By Gil Sedán

JERUSALEM, Oct. 1 (JTA)--When Israelis boast of the unprecedented growth in the Jewish population in Jerusalem, they ignore a significant demographic factor--that the Jerusalem Arab population increased at a higher proportion and at a faster rate. Of the 344,000 people living in Jerusalem at the end of 1974, 92,000 were Gentiles. Since 1967, the number of Jews in Jerusalem has risen from 199,000 to 252,000--an increase of 27 percent at a yearly rate of 3.5 percent.

But during the same period, the Gentile--mainly Arab--population of the city rose from 68,000 to 92,000--an increase of 35 percent at a yearly rate of 4.5 percent. Although the Israeli government is constantly building new Jewish suburbs, with the aim of keeping a ratio of three Jews to every Arab in Greater Jerusalem, this balance now seems to be threatened.

The Arab population of Jerusalem is growing continuously; partly natural growth and partly a result of internal "immigration" from the West Bank--mainly from the surroundings of the large Arab city of Hebron, 30 miles south of Jerusalem. This sort of immigration is illegal, because it means that residents of the occupied territories are moving into Israel proper. (East Jerusalem and the neighboring villages were officially annexed to Israel after the Six-Day War.)

**Difficult To Cope With**

However, the authorities find this phenomenon difficult to cope with. It is an age-old process, going back further than the Six-Day War. Moreover, the authorities only recently became aware of its scope. True, there are statistical data on the Arab population of Jerusalem. But only air photos taken recently by the city authorities revealed that the little villages around the city have become an ever-thickening Arab wall between Jewish West Jerusalem and the Judean desert.

The Arabs, unaccustomed to large apartment complexes--shikunim, so common in Israel--live in spread-out villages, with one family per house. The houses are usually one story high, and never higher than two stories. Some 1000 new houses have been built in the villages around Jerusalem, almost all of them without a legal permit.

The city, deeply preoccupied with a plague of illegal construction by Jewish contractors, could hardly find the time and, more important, the manpower, to deal with this problem in the Arab sector. The city planning authorities continuously explain to Arab leaders the importance of obtaining legal permits for construction, but under existing laws this procedure is tiresome and long, widely condemned as inadequate, but still not replaced by a better law. As long as the Jewish contractors flagrantly disobey the law, the Arabs say they can hardly be expected to do otherwise.

Of the 24,000 new Arab residents of Greater Jerusalem since 1967, 11,500 live in these outlying, illegal village homes. Deputy Mayor Meron Benvenisti, noted for his dovish politics, told the JTA he was in no way perturbed by the increase in Jerusalem's Arab population. In fact, he contended, the number of homes built does not meet requirements, and many newcomers are forced to live in slum conditions within the crowded

**Old City.****Some Residents Alarmed**

The nature of the Arab expansion does, however, alarm some residents of the newly built Jewish quarters on the outskirts of the city. These quarters had been intentionally built in the northern, eastern and southern extremities of the Jerusalem Jewish belt around the Old City. As the Arab villages expanded, they stretched out towards the new Jewish quarter, drawing an Arab chain around the Jewish housing projects.

In some cases only a narrow street separates between the edge of the Jewish neighborhood and that of the Arab village. Arab and Jewish children play together, Arab women work as maids at their Jewish neighbors' homes (this does not happen vice-versa) and then they shop together at the local supermarket.

Paul Lederman, an immigrant from Denver, Colorado, who now lives in the neighborhood of Talpiot-East, plays pool at an Arab pool hall in Arab-A-Sawghre across the street. He made friends with his maid's family in the village, and as a former teacher visited the local Arab school. "My children have not quite adjusted, and they don't have Arab friends," Lederman said; clearly enjoying the surroundings so different from Denver. "But that will come too."

Others in Talpiot-East are not so enthusiastic about the proximity of their Arab neighbors, but most Jews slowly find out what Lederman learned fast--that healthy relationships can exist between the two peoples. Fewer realize that such relations must exist, because the expansion of Arab suburbs of Jerusalem is something Israel will have to learn to live with--unless it wants to administratively limit this population and act counter to the repeated Israeli argument that Arabs and Jews can live in harmony in Jerusalem.

**HERZOG RAPS YUGOSLAVIAN ENVOY'S SPEECH**

UNITED NATIONS, Oct. 1 (JTA)--Israel's Ambassador to the United Nations, Chaim Herzog, yesterday denounced the speech by the Yugoslavian Foreign Minister Milos Mincic made to the General Assembly as the most hostile anti-Israel address yet made in the UN by any Third World nation. "World Jewry has to pay attention to this hostile attitude of the Yugoslavian government," Herzog told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency.

In his speech, delivered Sept. 24, Mincic urged sanctions against Israel for allegedly defying UN resolutions. He said the situation in the Mideast constituted the most immediate danger to world peace and claimed that Israel's policy of "aggression, occupation and denial of the national rights of the people of Palestine" is responsible. Mincic said that if Israel "persists in its present behavior, then nothing else remains but to undertake resolute steps, including such measures as provided in Chapter 7 of the Charter." Chapter 7 calls for sanctions against nations that defy UN resolutions.

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NEW YORK (JTA)--Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger is receiving high marks from the American public for his efforts toward peace in the Middle East, according to the results of a Louis Harris poll. His job rating jumped to 63-31% favorable in the wake of the new Israeli-Egyptian accord. Specifically, on the key issue of "working to achieve a lasting peace in the Middle East," Kissinger's standing rose from 48% positive last May to 61% this month, based on a national cross-section of 1497 adults.