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HOLOCAUST VICTIMS REMEMBERED

By Tuvia Mendelson and Yitzhak Shargil

JERUSALEM, April 27 (JTA)--All of Israel observed two minutes of silence this morning in memory of the victims of the Holocaust. Traffic came to a standstill at 8 a.m. as air raid sirens wailed. People in offices and factories stopped work, pedestrians and motorists halted in the streets and all stood in silent remembrance of the six million Jews who perished at Nazi hands. In speeches last night ushering in Holocaust memorial day, Israel's leaders warned that the insidious virus of hatred and destruction was still abroad in the world.

President Ephraim Katzir, addressing a memorial assembly at the Yad Vashem marking the 33rd anniversary of the beginning of the Warsaw Ghetto uprising, declared that while the Nazis did not succeed in their aim to destroy "not only the Jews but the very memory of Judaism, the hatred that burned in the heart of that Satan burns still, and a large part of mankind has not learned the lesson of the Holocaust."

Stating that Jews dare not ignore this fact, Katzir called on all Jews to strengthen the State of Israel, "the bastion of the Jewish people, to prevent another Holocaust." Premier Yitzhak Rabin, speaking at a memorial ceremony at Tel Yitzhak, also warned that racist voices are once again preaching hatred of the Jews.

Conspiracy Of Silence

Religious Affairs Minister Yitzhak Raphael alleged last night that "we now know" that the President of the United States, the Pope and other heads of government were partners in a "plot of silence" over the Holocaust during World War II. Raphael told a memorial meeting that if even a tiny Jewish State had existed at the time, it would have been possible to lessen the tragedy and break the conspiracy of silence.

Tel Aviv and Jerusalem had an atmosphere of mourning last night. Movies, theaters and cafes were closed, restaurants dimmed their lights and only a few neon signs remained on. Flags flew at half-mast all over Israel today. A special memorial service was held at the Tel Aviv cemetery where Holocaust survivors and delegations from Jewish communities destroyed by the Nazis kindled memorial fires. Chief Rabbi Yedidia Fraenkel of Tel Aviv officiated.

During the day, special parades were held at army camps and other military installations where officers addressed the men under their command on the meaning of the Holocaust. Films of the Holocaust era were shown in high schools and elementary schools. Students also participated in special memorial meetings on the school grounds. (Meetings marking the Holocaust were also held in other countries. See P. 4 for related story.)

SIAMESE TWINS DIE

JERUSALEM, April 27 (JTA)--The Siamese twins who were born Saturday night at Hadassah Hospital died this morning. Their condition began to deteriorate drastically yesterday and specialists who examined the twins decided there was

no way they could be separated because both shared a single heart, digestive system and liver. The specialists also stated that because of this neither of the twins could be saved by surgery at the expense of the other's life.

A senior specialist at Hadassah Hospital told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency today that the original diagnosis of the doctors was that the twins would not survive for long. According to the specialist, there is no case in the world of Siamese twins who shared a single heart, digestive system and liver who survived.

The specialist also noted that Siamese twins is not a hereditary phenomenon and that it is most unlikely for the same mother to give birth to more Siamese twins. In fact, he said, doctors at Hadassah Hospital will most probably recommend to the 20-year-old mother that she try having other children since future births would be normal.

REPORT FORD CONTINUES TO OPPOSE TRANSITIONAL AID TO ISRAEL

By Joseph Polakoff

WASHINGTON, April 27 (JTA)--Reports that President Ford appeared agreeable to a compromise on additional military assistance funding for Israel to cover the transitional quarter between fiscal years 1976 and 1977, seemed to have been quashed today. White House sources said that the President has not changed his position against foreign aid funding for Israel for the three-month period July 1-Sept. 30 and, in addition, the Republican Congressional leadership indicated he may even veto the authorization legislation because he feels it is too restrictive on him.

Ford had previously said he would veto an appropriations measure that included funds for Israel and other countries, among them Egypt. But today, Rep. Robert Michel (R.Ill.) told reporters that the President had "grave concerns" about the authorization measure which sets the policy on foreign aid.

Michel was one of the Republican Congressional leaders who met with Ford at the White House this morning. Talking to newsmen there after the meeting, he said that the President had real concern about both the authorization and appropriations measures. According to Michel, Ford felt that the authorization legislation limited the President's authority on matters in which he feels he has the prerogative rather than the Congress.

Objectional Provisions Cited

Among the provisions of the authorization legislation to which Ford objects, it is understood, are a Congressional veto on military sales either by the U.S. government or American companies that exceed \$25 million; Congressional veto of transfers of American weapons by a foreign power to a third country; and the anti-discrimination provisions that would cut off U.S. aid to any country that discriminates against Americans on the basis of race, religion, sex or national origin. The latter provision was understood to be aimed primarily at the Arab countries.

According to Michel, the overall judgement of the Republican Congressional leadership is that

the President has good grounds to veto the authorization measure. The Congressman said that the removal of the limitations on Ford's prerogatives ought to be taken as a preface to any appropriations bill on foreign aid. When asked if that was the President's feeling, Michel replied that it was the general consensus of the Republican leadership. He added that the President did not affirmatively commit himself one way or the other, except that he had grave concerns.

When Ford, apparently, suggested to the Republican leadership that the extension of powers to Congress could be corrected in the House-Senate conference on the legislation, the advice of the leadership was, according to Michel, that it would be better to veto the bill and allow the whole foreign aid process to be worked out in the full committees of both houses.

Senate, House Votes Due

Capital sources that had molded the foreign aid authorization bill which provided for increased Congressional authority over military programming, felt they had the agreement of Administration authorities for the provisions to which the Republican leadership apparently now objects. The Senate and House are to vote tomorrow on the authorization measure which has cleared the Senate-House conference committee, and includes provisions to which some Republicans are now objecting.

Since fiscal 1976 ends in two months, a veto by the President would probably cause a situation where no bill for fiscal 1976 may be prepared before the year is over. What would happen in such circumstances to the commitments made to foreign countries on the basis of anticipated assistance--Israel, for example, expecting \$2.2 billion for fiscal 1976 and additional funding for the transitional quarter--is problematical.

White House sources told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency today that Ford's feelings on the transitional quarter remain the same and that he has not changed his position against the funding. This appeared to clash with the impression conveyed by Sen. Clifford Case (R,NJ) who had met privately with the President at the White House Saturday.

According to Case, the ranking Republican member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, Ford was amenable to a compromise on transitional quarter fundings under which Israel would receive \$375 million to meet its defense needs but all other countries would receive no extra assistance. The compromise was said to have been contained in a study made for Case by his staff. The \$375 million would have been in the form of U.S. loan guarantees and would not come directly from the Treasury, thus conforming to Ford's view that his budget cannot be increased.

UNESCO FACING FINANCIAL CRUNCH

By Edwin Eytan

PARIS, April 27 (JTA)--UNESCO is practically broke and may have to cut down on its activities before next year, according to UNESCO sources here who said that this "financial crisis" is a consequence of America's refusal to pay its contributions as a protest against the organization's anti-Israeli stand.

The sources said the U.S. owes nearly \$2 million on its 1973-74 contribution and has not paid its share of \$19.7 million for 1975 nor has Congress been asked to appropriate an equivalent sum

for 1976. Altogether, these sources say the U.S. will owe UNESCO over \$41 million by the end of the year, or a quarter of the organization's budget.

Congress voted in November 1974 to stop participating in UNESCO's budget following the organization's general conference adoption of a number of anti-Israeli resolutions. UNESCO officials believed at that time that the Arab states as well as the Soviet Union would make available the missing funds. These officials now say these funds have not been provided and that UNESCO's financial situation is "highly critical."

Hope To Find Solution

The organization's director general and other top officials have tried to negotiate both with the Arabs and the United States for a modus vivendi: a more "moderate" approach to Israel and an American promise to resume its payments. UNESCO officials say that "both sides have proven themselves adamant: the Arabs have refused to budge from their anti-Israeli stand and the Americans have demanded that UNESCO drop its politicization."

The officials hope, however, that some solution will be found before the next meeting of the Executive Council due to take place next fall in Nairobi.

Should a compromise not be found, UNESCO will have to cut back on its projects and dismiss part of its staff. On the other hand, the Arabs and the Soviet Union will probably demand the implementation of UNESCO's charter depriving members who do not meet their financial obligations of the right to vote, Israel, which has scrupulously paid its UNESCO dues, will thus risk finding itself practically alone within the organization.

DUTCH ROYAL COUPLE TO VISIT ISRAEL

AMSTERDAM, April 27 (JTA)--The Dutch Cabinet has approved the forthcoming visit to Israel by Crown Princess Beatrix and her husband Prince Claus, Premier Johan den Uyl announced here today. The couple, due to leave on May 2, will attend the inauguration of a floor bearing the Princess' name at Tel Aviv Medical School. The Princess and Prince will be accompanied by a personal friend, Israeli diplomat Avi Primor, who serves as minister at the Israel Embassy in Paris.

The Premier said the Princess may visit Egypt and other Middle East countries in autumn to acquaint herself with the region's situation. This is the first time that a member of the Dutch royal family will visit Israel. Contrary to expectations, there was no royal representative at the dedication of the Queen Juliana Forest in Galilee last year.

Meanwhile, The Netherlands Palestine Committee has publicly protested against the royal visit to Israel. The committee, in a communique released here today expressed its "amazement and dissatisfaction" and said the visit coincides with Israel's independence celebration and "as such is a political deed." The committee called on the Princess and Prince to visit the Palestinians also, in order to balance the forthcoming trip.

ABZUG CITES NEW AMENDMENTS AS BAR TO ARAB BOYCOTT AGAINST ISRAEL

WASHINGTON, April 27 (JTA)--Representative Bella S. Abzug (D-L,NY). In a hearing today before the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, said that the recently passed Equal Credit Opportunity Act Amendments of 1976, if

properly enforced, would virtually eliminate certain discriminatory practices by commercial banks and lending companies which participate in the Arab League economic boycott against Israel.

Testifying before the board, which was considering implementation of the amendments, the Congresswoman noted that few realize that the amendments, which were signed into law March 23 and become effective March 23, 1977 "greatly limit the Arab boycott by prohibiting discriminatory denial of loans to Jewish-owned businesses or companies doing business with such firms." The amendments prohibit discrimination in credit transactions based on race, color, national origin, religion, sex or marital status, or age.

Ms. Abzug, who is chairwoman of the House Government Information and Individual Rights Subcommittee, stated that banks, in processing letters of credit to finance trade agreements between U.S. corporations and an Arab nation, have often required the companies to submit various boycott compliance documents before granting payments. "This, and other boycott-tainted finance practices would be barred under the new equal credit measure where compliance would entail refusal to deal with firms owned by Jews or including Jews in their management."

She noted that "Companies presently treat Federal anti-boycott laws as a joke. Outlawing discriminatory credit practices cuts the boycott off at the pockets--a fact American businesses will not be able to ignore."

A new state law in New York which became effective last Jan. 1, makes it unlawful for banks, shipping companies, and other corporations to boycott, blacklist, or refuse to deal with any business or individual because of race, color, creed, ethnic origin or sex. "Large commercial banks could get around the New York law by signing the papers in Houston or some other location outside New York," Ms. Abzug said. "The new Federal act will block that end-run."

7 ISRAELI SOLDIERS, INCLUDING BEDOUIN SERGEANT, TO BE HONORED

TEL AVIV, April 27 (JTA)--A 28-year-old Bedouin sergeant in the Israeli army who refused to divulge information to his Egyptian captors in the Yom Kippur War despite physical torture, will be awarded the Medal of Courage in ceremonies at the Knesset this week. Staff Sgt. Ibrahim el Turshan, a member of the Atrash tribe in the Araba region, will be the first Bedouin to receive the medal.

He was taken prisoner when the Egyptians overran the Barlev Line near the Suez Canal in the first stages of the Yom Kippur War. According to the citation, Turshan withstood the harshest forms of torture by Egyptian interrogators but would not provide them with any information and, in fact, insisted throughout that he was not a soldier. After he was repatriated, Turshan, who is married and the father of three sons, returned to active duty with the army. His was the only name released in advance of the award ceremonies. Six other soldiers will also receive the Medal of Courage.

RABIN TO DISCUSS ISRAEL'S ECONOMIC PROBLEMS WITH ISRAEL BOND LEADERS

NEW YORK, April 27 (JTA)--Israeli Premier Yitzhak Rabin will discuss Israel's economic problems in a special Independence Day telephone message from Jerusalem on May 4 to Israel Bond leaders in 65 cities throughout the United States

and Canada. An estimated 3500 men and women, representing the top echelon in community leadership on behalf of the Israel Bond program, will participate in meetings that will be held simultaneously on the eve of the celebration of Israel's 28th anniversary.

The cross-country telephone hookup with Rabin will mark the official launching of national cash drives in both the U.S. and Canada to meet Israel's urgent economic needs, according to Sam Rothberg, general chairman of the Israel Bond Organization. The major thrust will be aimed at subscribers in the higher brackets, such as members of the Prime Minister's Club, covering purchasers of \$25,000 and over, and founding members of the Ambassador's Society of Trustees, representing subscribers of \$10,000 to \$25,000 each.

Local leaders who gather to hear the telephone talk by Rabin will have an opportunity to have their reports recorded for transmission to the Government of Israel, thereby reinforcing anniversary greetings to the people of Israel with specific commitments for increased sales of Israel Bonds to help alleviate the country's highly difficult economic situation.

NARKISS BLASTS INQUIRY PANEL

JERUSALEM, April 27 (JTA)--Uzi Narkiss, director of the Jewish Agency's aliya department, criticized the Zionist Organization of Canada last night for setting up a committee to hold hearings in Israel on the problems of Canadian immigrants. The Jewish Agency rejected an invitation to send representatives to the inquiry which began here yesterday.

Narkiss told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that the ZOC should have coordinated its action in advance with the Jewish Agency, not presented the Agency with a fait accompli. Gerald N.F. Charness, chairman of the ZOC group, told reporters yesterday that the organization had in fact notified the Jewish Agency of the intended inquiry when the decision to hold it was made after the ZOC's 41st convention in Jerusalem last year.

Narkiss pointed out that two inquiries are presently underway on various aspects of immigration and absorption--a committee headed by Amos Horev, president of Technion, which was appointed by the government and the Jewish Agency, and a committee headed by a Harvard professor which was also appointed by the Agency. Narkiss observed that the ZOC was "actually a political party similar to the ZOA" (Zionist Organization of America) in the United States.

He stressed that it was not the Canadian Zionist Federation which embodies all Zionist movements in Canada and wondered if other Canadian Zionist groups proposed setting up investigatory committees and demand Jewish Agency participation. Sol Granik, a long-time Canadian Zionist leader and presently the representative of the United Israel Appeal of Canada in Israel, disputed Narkiss' intimation that the ZOC's inquiry was politically motivated. He said its chairman, Rabbi David Monson, is affiliated with the World Confederation of General Zionists while most of its officers belong to the World Union of General Zionists. Officially, the ZOC is affiliated with neither group, Granik said.

He said he did not believe the purpose of the inquiry was to make political capital or to chip at the Jewish Agency and he thought the ZOC inquiry could be helpful.

ISRAEL AND THE DIASPORA: THEME FOR ISRAEL'S INDEPENDENCE DAY

JERUSALEM, April 27 (JTA)--Israel's 28th Independence Day--to be celebrated next Wednesday--will focus on the theme of "Israel and the Diaspora" officials in the Premier's office announced here. "We have decided on this because we have learned that in the final analysis our fellow Jews abroad are our most loyal friends," explained Yehuda Ilan, head of planning for Independence Day.

Ilan said that for the first time since the Yom Kippur War, the government would provide fireworks to brighten up the atmosphere in towns and villages throughout the country next Tuesday night. Tuesday--Remembrance Day for Israel's fallen--will end at 6:30 p.m. and Independence Day celebrations will begin two hours later, thereby avoiding the sharp change of mood that had been an object of public criticism in the past, Ilan said.

The diaspora theme will be expressed, inter alia, by the dispatch of 35 young Israeli volunteers to Jewish communities abroad to take part in festive entertainment programs there. The 35 were selected out of 400 applicants, Ilan said. Other annual events scheduled for Independence Day include: the International children's Bible quiz, the award ceremony of the Israel Prizes, and President Ephraim Katzir's reception for the diplomatic corps.

ISRAEL AT 28 IS THE ONLY VIABLE DEMOCRACY IN THE MIDDLE EAST

NEW YORK, April 27 (JTA)--"Witness to the upheaval in Lebanon and to violent changes in the governments of a variety of neighboring countries, Israel can take pride in its persistence as the single viable democratic country in the entire Middle East," declared Mrs. Charlotte Jacobson, chairman of the World Zionist Organization-American Section, in her message celebrating the 28th anniversary of Israel's independence.

In its 28 years, Israel has withstood Arab aggression in five wars and not only emerged victorious but with her democratic institutions and liberties intact, Mrs. Jacobson observed. Despite unceasing hostility of her neighbors and their Communist and Third World friends and oil-hungry countries at the United Nations, and despite the problems facing her in other areas, "Israel maintained her commitment to democratic principles by not only going ahead with the scheduled elections on the West Bank but by insisting on extending the franchise to the Arab women there as well, giving them the vote for the first time in their history," Mrs. Jacobson said.

American Jews, she added, rejoice in Israel's accomplishments "even while we sorrow over the fact that the Middle East is still in turmoil and blood continues to flow in the streets of Lebanon, while the Christian world, unbelievably, still looks on in silence."

Noting that American Jews "are fully aware of the difficulties Israel faces in the year and years ahead," Mrs. Jacobson declared: "Now, more than ever, we reaffirm our support of Israel and pledge ourselves to do the utmost to ensure her security and stability."

HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL MEETINGS HELD

WASHINGTON, April 27 (JTA)--Memorial services for the victims of the Holocaust were held yesterday and Sunday throughout the United States, Canada and Europe. The services also

marked the 33rd anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto uprising.

Dr. Levy Smolar, president of Baltimore Hebrew College, urged 2000 persons attending a memorial service in the metropolitan Washington area, to teach the younger generation the lessons of the past so that they will be armed against a future Holocaust.

Children from six area Hebrew schools lit candles in memory of the six million Jews who died in the Holocaust during the ceremony at Shaare Tefila Congregation in Silver Spring, Md. The Jewish Community Council of Greater Washington, which sponsored the event, also asked all Jews in the Washington area to light yartzheit candles in their homes last night.

An all-day observance was held in Boston sponsored by the Jewish Community Council of Metropolitan Boston, New American's Association of Greater Boston and the New England Zionist Federation. It included a debate on, "Is Stressing the Holocaust Desirable?" and a service of remembrance.

A Holocaust memorial in Greater Pittsburgh was held at the Jewish Community Center in Oakland, In Topeka, Kansas, a portion of this week's regular Sabbath evening service at Temple Beth Shalom will be devoted to the history and the literature of the Holocaust. Some 1500 attended a Holocaust memorial at Shaare Shomayim Synagogue in Toronto under the auspices of the Canadian Jewish Congress.

Emulate Warsaw Ghetto Heroes

In London, MP Greville Janner, vice-president of the Board of Deputies of British Jews, told a Holocaust commemoration that "those who persecute a minority are the enemies of the Jewish people everywhere." He said the Jewish community should fight those who persecute people because of the color of their skin with the courage of the heroes of the Warsaw Ghetto.

Simon Frisner, chairman of the Polish Jewish Ex-Servicemen's Association, said there will never again be death camps for Jews "because there is a State of Israel." He noted that one-and-a-half million Jewish soldiers fought in the allied armies in World War II while thousands of Jewish partisans operated behind the scenes. The Duke of Devonshire, president of the Conservative Friends of Israel, said Israel has arisen like a phoenix from the dust and ashes of the Warsaw Ghetto uprising.

AMSTERDAM (JTA)--The Dutch government has expressed its "disappointment" at the South African Premier's visit to Israel and the possibility of closer ties between Israel and South Africa. The spokesman of the Dutch Ministry for Foreign Affairs said here that this sentiment has been conveyed to Israel both through diplomatic channels and through Dutch Labor Minister Jacob Boersma who visited Israel recently at the invitation of the Israeli government.

WASHINGTON (JTA)--A larger than life stone bust of Golda Meir has been given to the Ohr Kodesh Congregation in Chevy Chase, Md., by the sculptress, Bernice Marker, in honor of her father, Benjamin Marker. The sculptress worked nearly a year on the bust. Mrs. Meir, in a letter to Rabbi Tzvi Porath of the congregation, said she was impressed with the work. Ms. Marker is making another bust for presentation to Mrs. Meir through the Israel Embassy.