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## 14 KILLED, 40 INJURED WHEN TRUCK WITH LAG B'OMER CELEBRANTS OVERTURNS By Yitzhak Shargil

TEL AVIV, May 19 (JTA)--A truck carrying Lag B'Omer celebrants overturned on a steep road yesterday killing 14 and injuring 40 of the 58 persons aboard. The accident occurred on a sharp downgrade leading to Tiberias on the Sea of Galilee. The truck was one of four that was taking about 200 Ashdod residents to Miron for Lag B'Omer festivities. The victims were treated at various hospitals in northern Israel. Medical teams and blood plasma were rushed to the area from Tel Aviv.

The tragedy marred an otherwise joyous holiday that sent thousands of Israelis to the seashore and woodlands under warm, sunny skies. Lag B'Omer is traditionally a day of weddings and hundreds were performed all over the country yesterday. The newlywed couples included Yuval Rabin, son of Premier Yitzhak Rabin, and his bride, the former Ellat Sengor.

Miron in northern Israel is the traditional site of Lag B'Omer celebrations. Singing and dancing around bon fires continued into the wee hours. Religious families, mainly from the Sephardic community, gathered at Safad in Galilee for a huge bon fire at the tomb of Rabbi Shimon Bar Yochai.

## JEWISH AND ARAB STUDENTS CLASH ON CAMPUS OF HEBREW UNIVERSITY By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, May 19 (JTA)--Jewish and Arab students battled with fists, sticks and stones on the Hebrew University campus today. The melee was sparked by an Arab student demonstration against the use of firearms by Israeli forces to put down disturbances on the West Bank.

Jewish students staged a counter-demonstration singing, dancing and shouting slogans. Both demonstrations which were orderly at first, escalated into name-calling and physical clashes with both sides using rocks and sticks. A television cameraman was beaten up by Jewish students.

Unrest continued in the Old City today where police detained eight persons on suspicion of coercing local Arab merchants to close their shops. Three Arab schools in East Jerusalem were closed. Arab demonstrators hurled rocks and bottles at security forces near Herod's gate. Police dispersed them with tear gas. A bus was stoned in the Arab quarter of Abu Tor but no one was injured and no damage was reported.

The West Bank was relatively quiet today although road blocks were put up by Arab demonstrators in the main street of Jenin and Arabs threw stones at Israeli soldiers. Similar incidents occurred in Jericho. Curfews remained in effect in Ramallah and El Bireh north of Jerusalem. The curfew was lifted in Nablus except for the Casbah district where most of the recent disturbances have occurred.

## New Methods To Maintain Order

Defense Minister Shimon Peres said on a television interview today that security forces were considering new methods to maintain public order on the West Bank without bloodshed. He said Israel would keep the Jordan River bridges open and

was determined to protect lives and normal activities.

Peres used the interview to reiterate his view that Israel must retain the West Bank for security reasons. "Do we want to see the future border in Rosh Ha Eyn, Kfar Saba and Hadera?" he asked, referring to towns on Israel's coastal plain.

Meanwhile, Police Minister Shlomo Hillel told the Knesset today that 47 people were killed last year by terrorists in Israel and the occupied territories. Those killed, he said, were 26 Israeli civilians, 14 officers and seven foreign tourists. In the same period, Hillel added, 40 terrorists were killed in police action during the course of these terrorist attacks.

## PLO WARNS THAT VIOLENCE ON THE WEST BANK WILL CONTINUE

PARIS, May 19 (JTA)--A PLO delegation, claiming to represent the Arabs in the Israeli occupied territories said here today that agitation on the West Bank will continue and will become "more violent." The delegation, led by Hebron exiled leader, Dr. Ahmed Hamzeh, who was deported by Israel just before the West Bank municipal elections and who last weekend attended the "Palestinian Conference" in Brussels, is now touring Western Europe on an "information visit." It is due to visit London, Bonn, Rome and the Scandinavian countries.

## UN ARAB DELEGATES SEEKING SUPPORT FOR RESOLUTION CONDEMNING ISRAEL

By Yitzhak Rabi

UNITED NATIONS, May 19 (JTA)--Arab delegates are canvassing Security Council members for support of a resolution condemning Israel's occupation practices on the West Bank, it was learned today. The draft, said to be still in the form of a working paper, reportedly contains a request for the Security Council to send a special envoy to the West Bank to investigate Israel's handling of the current disturbances there. Sources here indicated that the United States is likely to veto such a resolution if it is presented to the Council.

Meanwhile, it was not known when the Security Council will resume debate on the West Bank situation. It convened more than two weeks ago at the urgent request of Egypt but discussion was suspended after a few days because the Arab delegations were unable to agree on a draft resolution: It was reported yesterday that agreement was finally reached by the Arabs on an Egyptian-initiated draft.

## SPECIAL TO THE JTA READERS DIGEST ARTICLE TERMED ANTI-SEMITIC; MAGAZINE DENIES CHARGE

NEW YORK, May 19 (JTA)--A Readers Digest article which repeats the allegation that Jews were responsible for the crucifixion of Jesus brought an angry protest from an official of a Jewish organization and subscriber to the mass circulation monthly and a disclaimer from its Senior Staff Editor that either the Digest or the author of the article "is in any way anti-

Semitic."

The article, titled "The End is Life," was extracted from "The Magnificent Defeat," a paperback book published in 1966 by the Seabury Press Inc. of New York. The author, Frederick Buechner, was described by the Digest as an ordained Presbyterian minister and author of several other books. The extract appeared in the magazine's April issue, coinciding with the Easter and Passover holidays.

The opening paragraph of Buechner's article reads: "Heaven knows the old men had put Pilate through plenty already; insisting that he try the man for offenses against Jewish piety when as far as he was concerned, Jewish piety could not have mattered less; then threatening to inform against him if he did not yield to their pressure and have the man executed, which, of course, he finally did, although not before announcing first that as far as he was concerned, the man was innocent...."

Later in the article, Buechner wrote that "Beneath the fear that the Jewish elders spoke about to Pilate lay another fear, the fear that the man whom they had crucified would really come alive again as he promised. That the body that now lay dead in its tomb, disfigured by the mutilations of the Cross, would start up in its grave-clothes and move toward them with unspeakable power...." At the end of the Buechner article the Readers Digest advised readers how to obtain reprints.

#### Christ-Killer Myth Revived

Mrs. Shifra Hoffman, executive director of "Shuva," the aliya movement of the Jewish Defense League, protested in a letter to Readers Digest managing editor Edward T. Thompson that "Reverend Buechner's view of the Resurrection means revival of the infamous 'Jews are responsible for the death of Jesus' myth which, together with the equally infamous 'blood libel'...some were foolish enough to believe ecumenism had forever laid to rest."

Mrs. Hoffman provided the Jewish Telegraphic Agency with copies of her letter and of the reply she received from Senior Staff Editor Jeremy Dole who expressed "astonishment" at her protest. Dole wrote, "You have given an interpretation to Frederick Buechner's opening paragraph that we don't believe is justified. I can assure you neither Mr. Buechner nor his article nor the Digest is in any way anti-Semitic."

Mrs. Hoffman, who informed Readers Digest that she was cancelling her subscription, said in her letter she is urging other subscribers to do likewise to protest against "the bigotry you (Readers Digest) sanction."

#### 4-DAY CONFAB STRESSES WIZO ROLE IN LATIN AMERICAN JEWISH COMMUNITIES

CARACAS, Venezuela, May 19 (JTA)--Mrs. Ranya Jaglom of Tel Aviv, president of the Women's International Zionist Organization (WIZO) stressed at a WIZO conference here the important role of WIZO federations in the distant Jewish communities of Latin America in maintaining Jewish and Zionist education and in stimulating aliya.

Mrs. Jaglom spoke at the fourth WIZO Congress of Latin American Zionist Solidarity attended by 150 delegates from 12 Latin American countries: Argentina, Brazil, Bolivia, Chile, Paraguay, Uruguay, Ecuador, Mexico, Costa Rica, Panama, Venezuela and Curacao.

Since the founding of WIZO in 1920, she said, its

guiding principle has been social development of women and children in Israel and Jewish education in the diaspora. Declaring "We cannot rest on our laurels," she told the four-day conference May 9-13 that WIZO "must be ready to meet all the challenges in the social welfare and educational fields and build understanding of Zionism and Israel."

Discussing the work of the 10 WIZO centers for Arab and Druze women in Israel, Mrs. Jaglom said that, in reaching out to those women, "WIZO has been very careful never to impose, but to wait until we were invited to offer our services. We take great pains to show every respect for Arab and Druze traditions."

#### Rights Of Soviet Jews

Mrs. Paulina Almosny, an official in the Venezuelan Education Ministry, urged all Latin American citizens, Jews and non-Jews, to fight for the reunification of Soviet Jewish families and for the right of every Jew in the Soviet Union to live as a Jew. She declared that "the human rights of Soviet Jews raise profound humanitarian questions that concern us all."

Mrs. Evelyn Sommer, WIZO representative at the UN Economic and Social Council and UNICEF, said that "Israel and the Jews at the United Nations are very isolated." She added that "This isolation has become a source of strength to us. We are more aware than ever of the historic relationship of the Jewish people and its homeland. We are secure in our cause and all the distortions that are being disseminated will not be able to change the truth and justice of our Zionist ideals."

The conference resolved to send 1000 WIZO members to the 17th World WIZO Conference in Jerusalem next January. Other speakers at the conference were Victor Ellashar, Israel's Ambassador to Venezuela and Dr. Marianne Becker, a professor at Caracas University.

#### JEWISH DEMONSTRATORS IN COLOGNE - ATTACK OFFICES OF FORMER NAZI

By Jon Feder

BONN, May 19 (JTA)--About 50 Jewish demonstrators attacked the Cologne offices of Kurt Lischka, the World War II Gestapo commander in Paris, this morning and then marched to a local court where nine French Jews are being tried for a similar attack on Lischka's offices two years ago. The demonstrators, who arrived in Cologne aboard a bus bearing French license plates, carried French flags and signs declaring "Try SS Fuehrer Lischka, Not Anti-Nazi Frenchmen."

Lischka, who was responsible for the deportation of 100,000 French Jews and Communists to Nazi concentration camps during the wartime occupation, was sentenced in absentia by a French court in 1950 to life imprisonment at hard labor.

The demonstrators smashed all of the windows in Lischka's building. German police who arrived on the scene after the demonstration began did not intervene. Later, however, police evicted several dozen protestors, mostly French, who were chanting anti-German slogans inside the courthouse.

The French Jews on trial for assault and damage to private property agreed voluntarily to appear in the German court. Only three were present when the trial opened today. The other six, all students, were unable to attend because of end-of-term examinations in Paris. The presiding judge refused to order a separate trial for

them and warned that if they didn't show up they would automatically be found guilty.

The three defendants present are Rabbi Daniel Farhi; Elizabeth Heidenberg, 24, a student; and Mrs. Hanna Drach, a survivor of the Auschwitz concentration camp. All have pleaded guilty to the charges. They maintain they were entitled to take action because the West German authorities have failed to prosecute Lischka, a known war criminal. Farhi and Heidenberg are members of the executive committee of the International League Against Anti-Semitism and Racism.

**8 SENATORS TO SEEK ESTABLISHMENT OF CONGRESSIONAL ADVISORY GROUP TO MONITOR TREATMENT OF JEWS IN USSR**  
Circumstances Of 30 Jews To Be Probed  
By Joseph Polakoff

WASHINGTON, May 19 (JTA)--Eight Senators agreed today to seek establishment of a permanent Congressional advisory group that would closely and continuously monitor treatment of Jews in the Soviet Union. The bi-partisan group also launched a direct effort to determine the current personal circumstances of 30 Soviet Jews who had met with 16 Senators in a Moscow hotel during an official U.S. visit last summer.

Their action came at a breakfast meeting at the Capitol, hosted by Sen. Jacob K. Javits (R,NY) who proposed the steps after hearing Alexander Luntz, the Moscow scientist who was allowed to emigrate to Israel last January, describe growing harassment and persecution of Soviet Jews and plead with the Senators to "try more" to help them.

Javits suggested that the Senators provide Soviet Ambassador Anatoly Dobrynin with the names of the 30 Jews and follow through to obtain details on their circumstances. He urged both Houses of Congress establish "an institutional mechanism for continued oversight on this question" of depriving Soviet Jews of their right to emigrate if they wished.

Jerry Goodman, executive director of the National Conference on Soviet Jewry, who was among those present at the breakfast, said afterwards that he welcomed the proposals and that his organization would cooperate in implementing them. The Senators attending included Hubert Humphrey (D, Minn.), Abraham Ribicoff (D, Conn.), Patrick Lahey (D, Vt.), James Buckley (C-R NY), James McClure (R, Idaho), Charles Percy (R, Ill.), and Charles Mathias (R, Md.).

**Pressure Should Be Systematic**

Mathias noted during the discussion that Edward Gorin, a violinist in the Baltimore Symphony, was reunited last week with his wife and two young daughters after a four-year separation and that he would introduce the family to the Senate later today. Gorin was able to leave Moscow for Israel in 1972 and came to America two years later. His family, however, was unable to leave Russia until recently.

Percy, indicating some concern over wide publicity to U.S. official actions, asked whether "the Soviets are still sensitive to Arab criticism" for allowing Jews to go to Israel. Responding that pressure on the Soviets should be done "in a systematic, firm way," Humphrey said that "the Soviets would find ten reasons why not to publicize" Soviet Jewish emigration.

**Soviets Need Proof Of Interest**

Soviet authorities "want to see the proof you

are really interested" Luntz said in urging individual Senators to intervene personally for particular Soviet Jews and to pursue their interventions to successful conclusions. He pointed out that during President Nixon's visit to Moscow in 1972, Jewish activists were imprisoned or otherwise confined and Nixon did not protest. This was a sign to the KGB of a lack of concern by Nixon, Luntz said. Luntz was among those taken into custody during the Nixon visit.

**ALLON SAYS THERE WAS NO U.S. INTERFERENCE IN KADUM DECISION**  
By David Landau

JERUSALEM, May 19 (JTA)--Foreign Minister Yigal Allon strongly rebutted charges here today that the government had been influenced by American interference when it decided, ten days ago, to move the Kadum settlement elsewhere. Replying to a Knesset motion by Likud MK Yitzhak Shamir, Allon said there was no U.S. "interference." The Israeli Cabinet took its decisions in accordance with its sovereign considerations of national interest, he said and stressed that the Kadum decision was "unequivocal."

An alternative site will be offered to the settlers "within a few weeks," Allon said, and expressed hope they would accept it. He said he preferred not to assume that they would rebel against a Cabinet directive but if they did, the Cabinet would ensure that its decision was implemented. If Gush Emunim want to challenge the government's policy, all the normal and accepted democratic processes are available to it, Allon added.

Taking issue with a statement attributed to Premier Yitzhak Rabin, Allon said he himself did not regret the establishment of Kiryat Arba outside Hebron. Rabin had noted last week that a large number of flats were vacant in Kiryat Arba and there was no apparent desire by Israelis to move into the enclave. Allon recalled that in 1968 he and Menachem Begin who was then a Cabinet minister were the "godfathers" of Kiryat Arba when Rabbi Moshe Levinger and his supporters were fighting to establish it.

**SOVIETS STEP UP HARASSMENT OF WOULD-BE JEWISH EMIGRANTS**

JERUSALEM, May 19 (JTA)--Israel learned today of stepped-up attempts by Soviet authorities to harass would-be Jewish emigrants. Foreign Minister Yigal Allon told the Knesset that 20 Jewish scientists and professionals were summoned to the police station nearest their homes and warned that if they did not find employment within a fortnight they would be punished. These persons had in fact been fired from their jobs for submitting exit visa applications, Allon said.

Some of them, meanwhile, found other work, which the Soviet authorities seemed to have "overlooked in their ardor to harass them," Allon said. But most had not. "We view this development with the utmost severity," Allon said. He was replying to a motion from Likud MK Geula Cohen, which was voted to committee. Allon said he could not reveal to the plenum all the efforts by Israel, Jews abroad and men of goodwill everywhere, on behalf of Soviet Jewry. But he assured the House that these efforts were continuing energetically. . . .

WASHINGTON (JTA)--Golda Meir and President Ford conferred here Wednesday. Ford congratulated her for an award to be presented to her Thursday night by the AFL-CIO.

## SPECIAL INTERVIEW ECOLOGICAL PROBLEMS IN ISRAEL

By David Friedman

NEW YORK, May 19 (JTA)--For the first 25 years of the existence of Israel its leaders were busy with the development of the Jewish State and gave no thought to the problems of the environment. As a result, according to Yosef Tamir, a Likud member of the Knesset, all of Israel's rivers are filled with sewage and air pollution has begun to appear in some cities.

Tamir, who is chairman of the Knesset Committee on State Control and its subcommittee on the environment, said Israel does not have the money to clean up its polluted areas. But he said it is determined to prevent any further pollution from occurring. The Israeli legislator who has been in the United States along with his wife, Naomi, for a month on behalf of the Jewish National Fund, was interviewed in the JNF office here.

Tamir said he first became involved with the JNF when officials of Keren Kayemet testified before his subcommittee on environment two years ago. He said the KK is the one organization that has been doing the most to help improve Israel's environment through its reforestation program and its developing recreational areas throughout Israel.

During his current tour of the United States in which he visited New York, Philadelphia, Wilmington, Baltimore, Washington, Boston, Miami and Montreal in Canada, Tamir discussed environment and the JNF. He met with leading state and city officials and with federal government officials in Washington and said he explained the work of the JNF to many American leaders who had never heard of it before.

Tamir especially talked about the American Bicentennial National Park, the 4000-acre recreational center in the Judean Hills southeast of Jerusalem which JNF is building in honor of America's 200th anniversary. The park will be officially dedicated at a ceremony on July 4 attended by officials from the United States and Israel.

### Pressure For Environmental Improvement

The 61-year-old Tamir, a journalist, has long been active in Israeli public affairs. For 15 years he was secretary general of the General Zionist, now the Liberal Party. He served on the Tel Aviv City Council and has been an MK since 1965 and is one of the seven Likud managers in the Knesset.

He has long been interested in the environment and founded the Committee for the Beautification of Israel. He noted that Israel's older leaders knew nothing about ecology and that former Premier Golda Meir had once called him in to explain the meaning of the concept.

This resulted in the improper planning of the cities with sewage being spilled into the rivers and the Mediterranean, Tamir noted. But he said there is awareness now by the government and the people that a better environment is needed to improve the quality of Israeli life. He said there are many pressure groups being formed to promote a better environment.

One pollution problem is international, that of the Mediterranean. Any tourist who swims along Israel's beaches often finds his feet covered with tar. Tamir said this is caused by the some 400 oil tankers that cross the sea. Recently Tamir was a delegate to a conference of Mediterranean countries which was called to help protect the sea. He said at this conference the Arabs were willing to work with Israel on a common problem.

### West Bank Situation

Tamir was asked about reports that Keren Kayemet has been buying land in the occupied territories. "They have been doing it for 76 or 77 years," he stressed. He explained that KK is obligated to buy any land in the Land of Israel that it is offered by a Jew or a non-Jew.

Asked about the Gush Emunim settlers' at Kadum, Tamir said that while some Likud members have supported the Gush, the official position of Likud is that all settlements must conform to governmental policy. He said where Likud differs with the government is that it believes the government should approve settlements anywhere in Samaria and Judea.

Tamir spoke at Congregation Chizuk Amuno in Baltimore a week before Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger spoke there. He said he was asked whether Kissinger could be trusted. Tamir said Kissinger's speech in the Conservative congregation was a good statement of the American position.

He noted that when he was in Washington, Walter B. Smith, chief of the State Department's Israel Desk, called him in for a talk. He said that Smith noted the aid Israel is getting from the U.S. and said that the U.S. wants a strong Israel because only a strong Israel would be able to negotiate with the Arabs and make the territorial concessions the U.S. felt was needed.

Tamir said he agreed with Premier Yitzhak Rabin that Israel could expect a confrontation with the U.S. over the territories as demonstrated by Smith's remarks. Asked whether he expected the current political conflict in Israel to result in the Rabin government dissolving, Tamir gave a definite "no." He said the next Knesset election is only a year away and no one wanted a new election before then.

### CANADA PRAISED FOR UN ACTION

MONTREAL, May 19 (JTA)--The Canadian Jewish Congress has sent a telegram to Canadian External Affairs Secretary Allan MacEachen praising Canada's "courageous vote" in the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) last week. Canada was the only country to vote against two resolutions on racism adopted 40-1 by ECOSOC because it said it could not accept any link between Zionism and racism. The U.S. did not participate in the vote and eight West European nations abstained.

The telegram, signed by CJC president Sydney Harris and by the national director, Alan Rose, said that "Canada's repudiation of attempts to link Zionism to racism will be welcomed by all Canadians. To stand alone in defense of an honorable position only enhances the stature of Canada amongst the nations."

### STERN COLLEGE STRIKE ENDS

NEW YORK, May 19 (JTA)--An agreement by Yeshiva University to withdraw letters of non-reappointment to six members of the faculty of Stern College for Women has brought an end to the week-long strike by the school's 600 students. A university spokesman said that the cancellation of the letters was made in return for a commitment by the Stern College faculty to contribute to the university portions of anticipated salary increases for the 1976-77 school year, if no other means could be found to provide the funds to keep the six members on the Stern College faculty.