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ISRAELIS PREPARE FOR SHAVUOT FESTIVAL; GIRD FOR POSSIBLE TERRORIST ACTS

By Yitzhak Shargil

TEL AVIV, June 3 (JTA)--Children were the custodians of tradition today as Israelis prepared for the Shavuot festival beginning at sundown. Youngsters dressed in white and garlanded with flowers, carried baskets of fruit and vegetables to Jewish National Fund headquarters, symbolic of the offering of the first crop. The long weekend ahead is a time of prayer for the religious community. For other Israelis it is an occasion for picnicking on the beaches and countryside.

Resort hotels all over the country are fully booked. Tiberias, on the shores of the Sea of Galilee holds a special attraction for Israelis and tourists at this time of year. The town prepared to receive tens of thousands of holiday-makers tomorrow. The supermarkets and small grocers were busy today as housewives stocked up on dairy items, the traditional staple of Shavuot.

Behind the preparations for the festival there was a grim note. Israeli security forces were put on alert for possible disturbances this Saturday, the ninth anniversary of the start of the Six-Day War. The date is one previously used by terrorists to attempt outrages. Numerous preventive detentions were carried out on the West Bank and in East Jerusalem.

Check posts have been established on the main roads and careful inspections are being made of all vehicles entering Israel from the administered territories. The military governors have warned Arab mayors and local chambers of commerce against any attempts to create disturbances or coerce merchants to close their shops. The East Jerusalem chamber of commerce was warned that any shops that close would be reopened by force.

UN CANCELS INVITATION TO JERUSALEM TO JOIN IN 'WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY'

JERUSALEM, June 3 (JTA)--The Jerusalem municipality announced today that it would take part as planned in the UN-sponsored "World Environment Day" Saturday despite the UN's last-minute withdrawal of its invitation to Jerusalem to participate. The withdrawal, revealed by the Jerusalem Post's correspondent to the "Habitat" conference in Vancouver, came as a result of pressure from Arab delegations there.

The UN environment program Secretary General, Mustafa Tolba, sent an urgent cable to Jerusalem's Mayor Teddy Kollek yesterday cancelling an earlier invitation to Jerusalem to be one of 1600 cities the world over asked to close a central street to traffic Saturday. A UN official at "Habitat" told the Jerusalem Post that the invitation had been withdrawn "because of UN resolutions on Jerusalem going back to 1948." That year the UN voted Jerusalem an international city. The resolution has never been formally revoked. The official acknowledged that the cancellation followed Arab involvement in the matter.

A municipal spokesman said today Jerusalem would go ahead and close its downtown King George Street as planned. "We will not be dictated

to by our enemies as to how we proceed to solve ecological problems," the spokesman declared. Other areas of Jerusalem are normally closed to traffic Saturdays because of the religious sensibilities of their residents.

DUTCH STUDENT ARRESTED, LINKED TO BG AIRPORT BLAST

AMSTERDAM, June 3 (JTA)--Hugo Muller, a 25-year-old political science student, was arrested here today in connection with the explosion of a booby-trapped suitcase at Ben Gurion airport in Israel May 26. Muller was linked to the incident because the man who carried the suitcase--and was killed by the blast--had entered Israel with a Dutch passport in the name of Hugo Muller.

Police here said that the student did not report his passport lost until the local authorities traced him and came to his flat. They also said they found many inconsistencies in his statements afterwards about the lost passport. Meanwhile, the mystery man who was the victim and, allegedly, the perpetrator of the airport explosion was reportedly identified as Bernd Haussmann, a West German national. The explosion also took the life of an Israeli woman security guard and injured nine other persons.

RABBI YOSEF REPORTS SUCCESSFUL VISIT TO IRANIAN JEWRY

JERUSALEM, June 3 (JTA)--Sephardic Chief Rabbi Ovadia Yosef returned today from a nine-day visit to the Jewish community of Iran. He reported success in stimulating greater contributions to Israel from wealthy Iranian Jews and in resolving a feud between Iran's three rabbis. But reports that the Shah would receive Rabbi Yosef proved erroneous. It is believed here that the Shah did not want to embarrass another important visitor to Teheran, King Khaled of Saudi Arabia, by granting an audience to the Israeli Chief Rabbi.

Yosef said he visited the Jewish communities in Teheran and Shiraz where he spoke in packed synagogues on halachic problems and urged greater religious observance. He said he also urged more generous giving to Israeli appeals and charities and drew a favorable response from some affluent Iranian Jews who had not heretofore "fully taken upon themselves" the responsibility of contributing to Israel. Rabbi Yosef will go abroad again next week to visit Sephardic communities in France.

ISRAELIS LUKEWARM TOWARD YADIN AS POSSIBLE PREMIER

TEL AVIV, June 3 (JTA)--The first test of public opinion toward the entry of Prof. Yigal Yadin into the political arena yielded mixed results that may or may not be disheartening to the former army Chief of Staff, now an internationally prominent archaeologist. A poll by the newspaper Yediot Achronot indicated that only 8.5 percent of the electorate would like to see Yadin Premier. But 30 percent replied affirmatively when asked if they would vote for a party headed by Yadin.

Similar results were reported in a telephone poll conducted by "Dahaf," a professional poll-

taking organization. They indicated that a list headed by Yadin might win between 8-11 Knesset seats. Yadin has said that a faction that won 10 seats would have to be taken seriously as a coalition partner. Premier Yitzhak Rabin, addressing students at the Haifa Technion yesterday, took a swipe at Yadin when he said that what Israel needs now is more deeds, not more statements, even if they come from an archaeologist and former military man.

TRUDEAU NOW APPROVES PALESTINE ISSUE AT 'HABITAT' CONFERENCE

By Ben Kayfetz

TORONTO, June 3 (JTA)--Prime Minister Pierre Elliott Trudeau, in an apparent reversal of his earlier position, said today that it might be a good thing if the Palestinian question is raised at the UN-sponsored "Habitat" Conference which opened in Vancouver last week. "I am not one of those who gets shocked when Arabs or Third World members bring in politics," Trudeau declared.

The Prime Minister had warned only last week that Canadian authorities would take appropriate action if the Arabs attempted to politicize the "Habitat" Conference. Such warnings were also issued by Canada's Minister of External Affairs Alan MacEachen. UN Secretary General Kurt Waldheim stressed earlier that the Palestine question was not on the "Habitat" agenda.

Trudeau said today, however, that political discussions should not be allowed to interfere with "Habitat's" main thrust which is to find solutions to human settlement problems. He said if political matters disrupted the proceedings "so as to prevent humanity from getting together and progressing along lines this conference wants to, nobody will love them (the Arabs) for it and maybe we should kick them out."

Meanwhile, in Vancouver today, the Arab and Third World delegates to "Habitat" walked out of the hall as the Israeli representative, Interior Minister Yoşef Burg, rose to deliver his address.

ANTI-SEMITISM STILL RUNS HIGH IN WEST GERMANY, NEW STUDY SHOWS

BONN, June 3 (JTA)--There is still strong anti-Semitism in West Germany, a university study has shown. The mass communication department of the Sociological Institute at Cologne University has publicized the study, headed by Prof. Alphons Silbermann, which finds that between 15 and 20 percent of West Germans still have marked anti-Semitic prejudices. Among a further 30 percent, there is latent anti-Semitism, the study says.

Silbermann puts much of the blame for this on an "information deficit" in the German population. His opinion researchers were told in reply to the question how many Jews live in Germany, for example, an average of 400,000. In reality their number in West Germany is just under 27,000, with another 5000 in Communist East Germany.

Age, Occupation Factors

About 20 percent of those questioned believed that Jews had particular influence in the theater, in television, the cinema and in literature, while 17.8 percent took the view that Jews are too influential in politics. A particularly clear indication of what Silbermann called "traditional and inherited prejudices" were the answers to the following question: the interviewees were asked to imagine a friend had told them of the possibility of

a particularly advantageous business deal with a Jewish businessman and that he wanted advice on how to handle it. Just over 14 percent advised not to have any business dealings at all with the Jew; 38.7 percent thought he ought to do the deal but keep a close eye on the partner. Only 35.9 percent thought there was no difference between a Jew and any other businessman.

The older those questioned were, the more marked their anti-Semitism was (47 percent of the above-55-year-olds). Those tending most strongly towards it on a vocational breakdown were farmers (47 percent). Those with the least prejudice were white-collar salaried staff (23 percent). Of the farmers, 52 percent still believed that persecution of the Jews is punishment for the crucifixion of Christ. Silbermann said only enlightenment and history teaching which did not end with Bismarck could eliminate the anti-Semitism. But so far the educational institutions in Germany had not made any worthwhile contribution to this. He recalled that an anti-Semitic climate had once before been created through literature, from the theater stage and by caricatures. He criticized a modern drama about real estate speculation in Frankfurt, "Der Muell, Die Stadt und Der Tod," by Rainer Fassbinder, as "swimming on the same wave again."

Meanwhile, it was reported by the West German Embassy in London that a growing number of Jews who fled Nazi Germany to Britain are asking for their German citizenship again. The Embassy spoke of a "relatively new trend" which had been in progress for about two years and "surprised" the authorities. The Embassy said it could give no figures on the number of people involved. It added that the citizenship applicants usually did not resettle in Germany but stayed in Britain. This contradicted a recent report in the mass-circulation Daily Mirror in London which spoke of an "exodus" of rich families back to Germany. Press reports here have suggested that by taking German citizenship back but living in Britain the applicants could save taxes.

HERZOG, MOYNIHAN AWARDED AGNON GOLD MEDAL

By David Friedman

NEW YORK, June 3 (JTA)--Chaim Herzog, Israel's Ambassador to the United Nations, stressed last night that despite occasional differences there has been a "basic unity of purpose and common values" which has guided the Ambassadors of Israel and the United States at the UN. Herzog's statement was made as he and Daniel P. Moynihan, the former U.S. Ambassador to the UN, received the 1976 S.Y. Agnon Gold Medal Award from the American Friends of the Hebrew University at a dinner attended by some 500 persons at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel.

Herzog, who praised Moynihan for his efforts in the Zionist debate at the UN General Assembly last year, said "the greatest credit due" Moynihan was that he was the first to realize the importance of the resolution equating Zionism with racism when it was first revealed in the Third Committee last October. "Over the years the inherent community of interest between that of the United States and that of Israel has guided your Ambassadors to the UN who have in themselves reflected United States government policy," the Israeli envoy declared. "From time to time, the attitude of our two governments, has on certain issues not always been identical. After all, we are both sovereign nations. But such divergen-

oles have never deflected us from the basic unity of purpose and common values which have always linked our two countries, and will always link them in the future." Herzog noted that "All this was true during the period of Daniel Patrick Moynihan as it is true currently in the case of my very distinguished and effective colleague Governor William Scranton, who in his statements to date has continued in the great and friendly tradition of his predecessors."

Describing the attacks on Israel in every body of the UN, Herzog said the situation which is preventing progress toward Middle East peace does not affect only Israel. "When the enlightened free countries of the world do not have the moral courage to stand up and be counted on the issues which they know to be untrue, then they are as guilty as those who participate in the crime," he declared. Moynihan compared the founding of Hebrew University 51 years ago to that of his own school, Harvard, where he is a professor of government. He noted that both were created before their countries were founded under adverse conditions and, in a spirit of liberalism that "made cultivation of mind a goal which was not merely instrumental to the material well-being of society but which formed one of the proper justifications for that well-being."

Bayard Rustin, the Black civil rights leader, praised Herzog and Moynihan. He said that American Blacks should support Israel not only because it is the lone democracy in the Middle East, but because when Blacks came to America as slaves it was "the Jewish spirit that gave us hope."

ADMINISTRATION REPORTED READY FOR COMPROMISE ON AID BILL

By Joseph Polakoff

WASHINGTON, June 3 (JTA)--The Foreign Military Assistance bill on which Israel, Egypt, Syria and Jordan along with close to 50 other countries look to bolster their economies, continued today to run a course of complexities that makes its ultimate result still uncertain. Both President Ford and Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld, however, have indicated, according to Sen. Clifford Case (R,NJ), movements in the direction of legislation that would assist Israel to meet its defense requirements.

Case said that at a meeting yesterday at the White House, the President showed signs of willingness to compromise on the funding for the transitional quarter between the current fiscal year ending June 30 and the new fiscal year beginning Oct. 1. The President had previously declared that he would veto any appropriation beyond his recommendations for the aid program and specifically financing for the transitional quarter.

Rumsfeld said, in a letter to Case, who read it to the Senate yesterday, that the current U.S. budget proposals to aid Israel with \$2.5 billion for arms and services for the 1976-77 period are not enough. Rumsfeld wrote: "Case that Defense Department forecasts show 'Israel will need substantially more than \$2.5 billion to meet payments coming due' because Israel has to pay for arms well in advance of deliveries."

Senate Action Delayed

Rumsfeld wrote that Defense Department projections show Israel will be short about \$765 million. Israel estimates a shortfall of \$1.6 billion. Case pointed out to the Senate that on the basis of Rumsfeld's letter, the decision by Congress to authorize transitional quarter funding "conforms

to the finding of the Department of Defense and Israel's military needs and her shortage of funds to pay for the equipment."

Case's disclosure came when the Senate began consideration of its 27-month authorization bill for the aid program. However, the Senate was bogged down today on anti-trust legislation that caused a postponement of further discussion of foreign aid. The House yesterday adopted a 27-month bill that authorizes the policy aspects of the program but the appropriation legislation to fund it probably will not be taken up until the week of June 14, little more than two weeks before the current fiscal year ends. President Ford vetoed the authorization bill approved by Congress for this fiscal year largely over the limits on arms sales and features on human rights and anti-discrimination provisions that he said inhibited Presidential powers. The House bill and the one pending in the Senate, have been drafted with Administration experts' support to meet some of the President's objections, but whether he considers the modification acceptable is uncertain.

2000 SOVIET JEWISH EMIGRES EXPECTED IN U.S. IN NEXT FEW MONTHS

NEW YORK, June 3 (JTA)--Herbert Bernstein, executive director of the New York Association for New Americans (NYANA) has reported that more than 2000 Russian Jewish immigrants now at a transit center in Ostia, a suburb of Rome, will soon begin arriving in the United States; He said that at least 350 per month are expected in New York alone over the next few months, more than double the average monthly migration rate of Russians to this city in the past. About half the emigres coming to the U.S. settle in New York, Bernstein said.

He said the anticipated increase is the result of the recent clearance of a processing bottleneck at Ostia. The bottleneck developed because of the sudden rise in the number of Soviet Jews deciding to settle in the U.S. or other Western countries instead of Israel, Bernstein said. He put the number of Jews opting to settle in the West at an average of 50 percent of those leaving the USSR. Ostia serves as the transit center for these Jews and for other Russian Jews who lived in Israel for a short time but decided to settle elsewhere.

Bernstein said his report was based on studies made by the Jewish Agency and HIAS, the worldwide Jewish migration agency. He noted that one of the conclusions of the Jewish Agency's report linked the departure of Russian Jews from Israel to their places of origin in the USSR and, consequently, their Jewish identification. Jews from central Russian republics where more assimilated, more professional Jews resided, have the highest drop-out rate as do newcomers from Odessa. On the other hand, Jews from the Baltic states and Moldavia, especially non-Ashkenazic Jews, who tend to have a greater sense of Jewish identification and less opportunity outside Israel, remain there.

NEW YORK (JTA)--The Student Struggle for Soviet Jewry confirmed reports from Moscow Thursday that Vitaly Rubín has been granted an exit visa to emigrate to Israel. Rubín, an authority on ancient Chinese philosophy, first applied for a visa four years ago but was repeatedly refused on grounds that he possessed state secrets.

B'NAI B'RITH TO RESUME MEXICO TOURS IN SEPTEMBER

MEXICO CITY, June 3 (JTA)--David Blumberg, international president of B'nai B'rith, told Jewish leaders here recently that there was no longer a boycott by American Jewish organizations of Mexico except by the Jewish War Veterans. Speaking at a meeting of the Central Jewish Committee, Blumberg said B'nai B'rith, which dropped its tours to Mexico after Mexico voted for the General Assembly's anti-Zionist resolution, will launch a new program of tours to Mexico in September.

The B'nai B'rith leader said he met with President Luis Echeverria who told him that from now on the Mexican delegation at the UN will abstain rather than vote for any anti-Zionist measures. Blumberg said Echeverria stressed that his country supports Security Council Resolutions 242 and 338 as well as the right of the Palestinian people to have their own state. But Echeverria also said that Mexico will continue to maintain friendly relations with Israel. Blumberg said he and his wife were invited by Echeverria to be his guests Sept. 1 when the President delivers his State of the Nation address to the Mexican Congress, and on Sept. 14 at the inauguration of a Third World Academic Center here.

ORTHODOX GROUP CLAIMS LEADING RABBIS ISSUED WARNING ON 'LAW OF RETURN'

NEW YORK, June 3 (JTA)--The Committee for Jewish Survival said that leading Orthodox rabbis have called on rabbis throughout the world to utilize the holiday of Shavuot "to make their constituents aware of the dangers inherent in the present Israeli Law of Return." The group wants the law amended so that only those converted according to halacha (religious law) would be recognized as Jews. It alleges that "at present any non-Jew can be classified as a Jew" by presenting credentials "obtainable from unreliable sources for a small fee." Shavuot begins at sundown today.

According to the Committee, a joint statement on the Law of Return was issued by Rabbi Moses Feinstein, president of the Union of Orthodox Rabbis of America and Canada; Rabbi David Hollander, president of the Rabbinical Alliance of America; Rabbi Abraham Hecht, chairman of the Sephardic Rabbinical Organization; and Chief Rabbi Pinchus Hirschprung of Canada.

The Committee claimed that the rabbinical leaders "also urge rabbis to protest Miztrachi's flagrant disregard for all leading Torah authorities who have prohibited their re-entry into the government coalition prior to a proper amendment of the conversion law." The Committee quoted the rabbis as saying that "The only way that there will be unity amongst the Jewish people is by adhering to the laws of the Torah. It is precisely those who defy the rulings of our age-old tradition who create divisiveness amongst the Jewish people."

OUTGOING ISRAELI ENVOY TALKS OF RELATIONS WITH ECUADOR

By Jim Reibel

QUITO, Ecuador, June 3 (JTA)--The Ministry of Foreign Affairs has announced that it was recognizing the credentials of Sinai Rome, newly appointed Israeli Ambassador to Ecuador with full diplomatic powers. He will replace the incumbent Ambassador, Itzhak Shefi, at the end of June. Rome, a career diplomat with the Israeli Foreign Ministry, has previously served in the Israeli Embassies in Brazil, Chile, Mexico and Cuba.

This is his first appointment as Ambassador.

Ambassador Shefi, in a farewell interview, covered the areas that he felt were of major importance to Israeli-Ecuadorian relations during his close to four years as Ambassador here. He noted that Israel purchased two million barrels of oil from CEPE, the state-run oil company, last year for cash. Israel, in 1975, had a trade surplus of \$3 million with Ecuador and accordingly bought oil for "a normal price plus, for political reasons," Shefi said because "we wanted to show them that business means a two-way street." Israeli exports to this as yet underdeveloped manufacturing country have traditionally been in the agricultural and industrial spheres, including planes, fertilizer, irrigation equipment and whole factory set-ups complete with technical advisors, such as an orange packaging plant built in Boliva Province.

Saudian Loan

"We can sell a lot to Ecuador because it's still a country without basic industry," the Ambassador remarked. Trading volume is not expected to expand very much beyond current levels due to several factors, including the lack of regular shipping lines and the resultant difficulty in guaranteeing prompt delivery as well as the inability to compete on a meaningful basis with the two foreign economic giants selling in the region, the United States and Japan. Nevertheless, in Shefi's opinion, Israel is "penetrating here, slowly but surely."

Ecuador is an OPEC nation, albeit the smallest and most insignificant one in terms of annual oil exports. Recently it has been looking to the Arab oil nations for financing of its ambitious development plans; however, to date, there have been few results beyond a \$22 million loan by Saudi Arabia earmarked for the financing of the construction of the first stage of a hydroelectric plant in the town of Paute. Speaking of loans and the acknowledged but as yet unpublished strings attached to the Saudi loan Shefi expressed "hope there will not be political clauses in money arrangements (with the Arabs)."

Ambassador Shefi stressed that Israel has built on its traditional friendship in the past with Ecuador by supplying technical assistance and that this will remain the most important aspect in their future inter-relationships. Israeli advisors are working in many diverse fields with their Ecuadorian counterparts.

BONN (JTA)--One of the longest war crimes trials on record ended in Hamburg Thursday where a court acquitted a former concentration camp commandant and five former guards of charges of complicity in the mass murders of Jews during World War II. The prosecution had demanded life imprisonment for 72-year-old Karl Streibel, who commanded the Traunkirch camp in Poland and was accused of direct or indirect responsibility for the deaths of over one million Jews there and at the Treblinka, Sobibor and Belzec camps in 1942-43. But Judge Joachim Seefeld said insufficient evidence had been produced to convict Streibel and his five co-defendants. The trial had lasted three-and-a-half years during which the court travelled to the United States, Israel, Holland, Austria and Britain to question some 200 witnesses including concentration camp survivors.