



## GUR UNDER FIRE FOR DISCLOSING DETAILS OF UGANDA RESCUE OPERATION

By Gil Sedan and Yitzhak Shargil

JERUSALEM, July 11 (JTA) -- Members of the Knesset's Foreign Affairs and Security Committee have complained to Premier Yitzhak Rabin over the disclosure of top secret details of the July 3, Uganda rescue operation by Chief of Staff Gen. Mordechai Gur. The committee members said that Gur, who held a press conference in Tel Aviv Thursday, made public facts that the MKs had received in strictest secrecy. Rabin reportedly told the committee members that he had not authorized any publicity and had no advance knowledge of the Gur press conference.

Defense Ministry sources said the Chief of Staff did not require permission from the Premier to hold a press conference. They said he got his approval "from whoever he should have gotten it," meaning apparently, Defense Minister Shimon Peres.

### Nature Of Disclosures

Gur made several disclosures about the rescue mission a week ago that had not been known previously. He said the Israeli rescue force included paratroopers, infantrymen, members of the crack Golani Brigade, communications and ordnance men. He said 33 doctors participated, either at Entebbe airport or at other stations.

Gur also disclosed that the entire operation was rehearsed the night before it took place and that the rehearsal lasted two minutes longer than the actual rescue operation which was completed in 53 minutes. Four of the Air France hijackers, including the German man and woman were killed within 45 seconds of the Israeli landing and three other terrorists were killed a few seconds later.

Finally, Gur said that the decision to land at Nairobi, Kenya before returning to Israel was made at the last minute in order to hospitalize the wounded. "We forced ourselves on the Kenyans," he said. The fact that the three Israeli military transports landed briefly in Nairobi has given rise to reports that the Kenyan government cooperated with Israel to a certain extent in carrying out the rescue. This has been denied by official sources in both Kenya and Israel.

## BRITISH FOREIGN OFFICE TERMS UGANDA'S REPLY ON FATE OF MRS. BLOCH AS TOTALLY UNACCEPTABLE

By Maurice Samuelson

LONDON, July 11 (JTA) -- The British High Commissioner in Uganda, James Hennessy, was on his way back to London tonight after relaying a reply from Ugandan authorities on the fate of Mrs. Dora Bloch which the Foreign Office described as "totally unacceptable." Hennessy, who was on leave in Britain, was dispatched on an urgent mission to Kampala last Thursday to ascertain the whereabouts of the 76-year-old widow who holds British and Israeli citizenship. She is the only one of the Air France hijack hostages who remains unaccounted for.

Hennessy reported by telephone earlier that the Ugandan government claimed it did not know where Mrs. Bloch was. "I do not know if she is dead or alive. The Ugandans say she is the Israelis' responsibility," Hennessy said. He said he was trying to seek assurance from Ugandan President Idi Amin but was told the President was not available.

Mrs. Bloch was not among the hostages rescued by the Israeli army at Entebbe airport July 3. She had been taken to Mulagao Hospital in Kampala earlier after becoming ill and was last seen there by a British official on July 4. According to unconfirmed reports, she was kidnapped from the hospital by Ugandan agents after the Israeli rescue. Since then the Ugandan authorities have refused to cooperate in tracing her and have provided little useful information.

### Rap Condolence Message To Amin

The Foreign Office said today that Hennessy was not being recalled from Uganda officially at this time. Such a gesture would be a diplomatic expression of displeasure by the British government. Displeasure of another sort was expressed by members of Parliament today over Foreign Secretary Anthony Crosland's message of condolence to Amin for the Ugandan soldiers killed during the Israeli rescue raid.

Dr. Rhodes Boyson, a Conservative MP, said "It is getting to the point where one is ashamed to have a British passport." Britain has sent no direct message to Israel either of congratulations for the rescue or condolence for the four Israelis who died as a result of the operation.

A Foreign Office spokesman told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency today that the expression of condolence was not a separate message to Amin but was contained at the end of a letter from the British High Commissioner in Kampala dealing with another matter. The matter, presumably, was the fate of Mrs. Bloch. The spokesman said the British Embassy in Tel Aviv had issued a statement expressing pleasure over the rescue and extending condolences for the Israelis who died.

Concern over Mrs. Bloch's fate has not exhausted the enthusiasm over the Israeli rescue which continued to run high here a week after the event. The Embassy reported over the weekend that it has received more than 2,000 messages of congratulations, a volume reminiscent of the Six-Day War. Jewish funds have been swollen by spontaneous donations. Last Friday the Embassy received 80,000 Pounds from two Jewish businessmen.

One of the messages received was from the American actor Douglas Fairbanks, Jr., known for his swashbuckling roles. It said: "Congratulations on your mission of mercy. It was more spectacular than any film I have ever made."

## UN COUNCIL DEBATE TO HEAR U.S. VIEW By David Friedman

UNITED NATIONS, July 11 (JTA) -- The United States is expected to take a strong stand

against international terrorism and possibly defend Israel's rescue of hostages in Uganda during the Security Council debate on the Israeli operation which continues tomorrow morning.

This was indicated when Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger told a news conference in Washington yesterday that the U.S. has "no second thoughts" about President Ford's message of congratulations which he sent to Israeli Premier Yitzhak Rabin July 4 after the Israeli forces returned with the rescued passengers and crew of the Air France plane. Ford's message said: "The American people join me in expressing our great satisfaction that the passengers of the Air France flight seized earlier this week have been saved and a senseless act of terrorism thwarted."

Kissinger also told the news conference that the U.S. will seek Security Council support for a strong resolution aimed at stamping out international terrorism. He said if a consensus cannot be achieved then "we will put it forward on our own." The question of terrorism must be addressed. It is intolerable that innocent people are held hostage.

The Secretary of State also told the news conference that the American position on the raid will be detailed by its Ambassador to the United Nations, William Scranton. Also scheduled to speak at the Council debate this week is West Germany which is reportedly ready to take the lead in fighting against terrorism when the General Assembly convenes in September.

#### Herzog: Israel Is Not The Accused

The Security Council debate, which was scheduled at the request of the Organization of African Unity (OAU) which wants Israel condemned for violating Ugandan sovereignty, opened Friday night with Israeli Ambassador Chaim Herzog declaring that Israel was not the accused but the accuser. Herzog charged Ugandan President Idi Amin with complicity in the hijacking episode and attacked nations who support or tolerate international terrorism.

Israel was not "in the dock" as the accused, Herzog told the Council. "On the contrary, I stand here as an accuser on behalf of the free and decent people in this world," he said. "I stand here as an accuser of this world organization, which has been unable because of the machinations of the Arab delegates and their supporters to coordinate effective measures to combat the evil of world terrorism."

Herzog said that "mankind will judge (the Security Council) by its behavior on this occasion because never before has the issue (of terrorism) been so clear-cut" as when Israel "recognized its duty to defend its nationals abroad."

Ugandan Foreign Minister Juma Oris earlier urged the Council to condemn what he called "Israel's barbaric, unprovoked, unwarranted aggression." Oris also demanded full compensation from Israel for the loss of lives and property during the Israeli raid.

#### Uganda's Complicity Outlined

But Herzog charged that Amin had "been in the conspiracy from the beginning." He said when the plane landed in Uganda, it was surrounded by Ugandan troops accompanied by five armed Arab terrorists "who embraced and kissed the four hijackers and then joined in the

guard duties and negotiations. He said Ugandan troops helped guard the plane to give the hijackers a rest.

Herzog also charged that Amin embraced the hijackers and that Ugandan troops gave weapons to the terrorists. He said the report by the first group of 100 freed hostages who were flown to France that Amin ordered and supervised the separation of Israeli and non-Israeli passengers made it apparent that the Israeli government had no alternative but to try to rescue the hostages itself.

"The weight of evidence before us reveals prior knowledge and active connivance on the part of the government of Uganda in this whole episode," Herzog declared. The rescue operation was planned and executed by Israel "and we are proud of it."

Herzog also accused Libya, a member of the Council, and the country in which the hijacked plane first landed before going to Uganda, of complicity. He said Libya "has acted as paymaster of international terrorist movements" and "it is a disgrace to this world organization that the representative of this world sponsor of terrorism is seated as a member of the Security Council, the purpose of which is to encourage the maintenance of international peace and security."

Herzog said the hijackers were "Palestine Liberation Organization terrorists." The terrorists had identified themselves as members of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, which Herzog said was "one of several terrorist groups joined together to form the PLO."

#### Increased Concern For Mrs. Bloch

The four-hour Council debate ended on a dramatic note which increased the concern for the safety of Mrs. Dora Bloch, the 75-year-old missing Israeli hijack victim. Oris, replying to a demand from Herzog that Uganda produce the woman, said that Mrs. Bloch was returned to Entebbe Airport from a hospital before the Israeli rescue mission.

Herzog, showing visible concern, declared that Oris' claim was a "blatant untruth." He said it "gives rise to very considerable concern" since a British representative in Uganda said he had visited Mrs. Bloch in the Uganda hospital last Sunday after the Israeli raid, and when he had returned an hour later with food was told she was gone. Kissinger in his news conference yesterday also said that Mrs. Bloch was removed from the hospital by two Ugandan policemen after the raid.

The British representative at the Council debate Friday said that Amin had met with British High Commissioner James Hennessy in Kampala Friday and that Britain would have no comments at the UN until the results of the Uganda meeting were announced. Hennessy was on his way back to London today.

Herzog in his prepared speech before the Council Friday challenged Uganda to produce Mrs. Bloch. "Here you have the unbelievable, macabre spectacle of a state waging a war against a 75-year-old ailing lady," he said. "If the government of Uganda was not implicated (in the hijacking), let it now and forthwith produce Mrs. Bloch."

Calling on the Council to act to save the woman, who holds both Israeli and British citi-

zenship, Herzog said: "I ask my colleagues, African and others here, who are joined to condemn Israel for exercising its inherent right of self-defense, do you or do you not condone the horrifying behavior which is reflected in this act of chivalry on the part of President Amin against Mrs. Dora Bloch, aged 75? For once, have the courage of your convictions and speak out, or be damned by your own silence."

**Jewish Agency Assembly Convenes**  
**ALMOGI: LOW RATE OF IMMIGRATION,**  
**POOR STATE OF JEWISH EDUCATION ARE**  
**TWO MAJOR ISSUES FACING DIASPORA**

By Gil Sedán -- JERUSALEM, July 11 (JTA) --

Yosef Almogi, chairman of the Jewish Agency and World Zionist Organization Executives, declared here tonight that the two major challenges that faced Israel and diaspora Jewry were the low rate of immigration and the poor state of Jewish education throughout the free world. He proposed remedial measures. Almogi delivered the opening address at the fifth General Assembly of the Jewish Agency attended by 296 delegates from Israel and abroad and 200 observers.

"Another two million Jews in Israel and our lives would have been changed from end to end and with it the fate of the Jewish people," Almogi said. He stated that in order to increase aliya an Israeli Department had to be established in each Jewish community abroad which would coordinate three related tasks: the encouragement of tourism to Israel; increase in volunteers; and immigration to Israel. He expressed regret that up to now the dialogue between Israel and the diaspora has been limited to budgets and figures. The time has come to add another dimension to that dialogue, he said.

**Proposals On Jewish Education**

Almogi deplored the state of Jewish education abroad. He said that out of 1,650,000 Jewish students between the ages of 5-17 in the free world, one million received no Jewish education at all, half a million received only a nominal Jewish education, such as attending Sunday school for a year or two and only 175,000 received a full, proper Jewish education. To remedy this, he proposed the creation of a world-wide Jewish education authority by the Israeli Education Ministry, the Jewish Agency and various Jewish educational organizations throughout the world.

Almogi also demanded a much greater financial effort from world Jewry. He said diaspora Jews should take their example from Israelis who poured in spontaneous contributions to Israel's defense forces following the rescue raid in Uganda. Almogi, welcoming the delegates, said: "The Jewish Agency Assembly is one of the expressions for the perpetuation of dialogue between Israel and the entire Jewish people."

**Issue Of "Dropouts" Discussed**

On Friday, various leaders of Jewish organizations in the United States met here and exchanged views on aliya, with particular reference to the "dropouts" of Soviet Jewish emigrants when they reach Vienna. Israelis at the meeting expressed the view that Jewish organizations involved with aliya should refrain from assisting Soviet Jews who decide to remain in Europe or go to the U.S. instead of to Israel.

These views were rejected by the leaders of the Joint Distribution Committee and HIAS. This subject is likely to be discussed at length during the Assembly's deliberations.

**BOOKS, FILMS ABOUT ENTEBBE RESCUE**

NEW YORK, July 11 (JTA) -- The Uganda rescue raid that electrified the world has spawned a series of instant book and film ventures by publishers and movie-makers who believe in striking while the headlines are hot. Bantam Books, a paperback publishing house, announced over the weekend that it will have its Hebrew-language edition of a book tentatively titled "Ninety Minutes at Entebbe" off the presses next week with the English edition to follow a week later.

The author is Uri Dan, military affairs correspondent of the Israeli newspaper Maariv, who had a 30-minute telephone interview with Ugandan President Idi Amin a day after the rescue. The interview will be included in the book which is being co-authored with a Canadian writer, William Stevenson, Bantam said.

Universal Studios in Hollywood announced at the same time that it will produce a film to be called "Rescue at Entebbe" to be directed by George Roy Hill, director of the Academy Award-winning movie "The Sting." Elliot Kastner, an independent film-maker, announced a movie on the same subject to be titled "Assault at Entebbe."

Merv Griffin Productions, however, appears to have the inside track for its movie version called "Odyssey of 139." The president of the firm, Murray Schwartz, was a passenger on the hijacked Air France jet and was among the first hostages to be released.

Meanwhile, the Israeli Consul for cultural affairs, Chaim Heffer, disclosed that he has been approached by 4 or 5 filmmakers soliciting the Israeli government's cooperation in various productions. Heffer said the government was skeptical of Hollywood's sudden interest.

**SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION NAMED**

NEW YORK, July 11 (JTA) -- Abraham Feinberg, who last week donated 100,000 Pounds (\$12,500) towards the formation of a scholarship foundation for orphans of the Israeli commandos who had fallen in battles against Arab aggression, announced today that the fund will be named after Lieutenant Colonel Jonathan Netanyahu who was killed in action last Saturday while leading the commando raid for the release of the airline hostages in Uganda.

Moshe Wertheim, who is in charge of Feinberg's business activities in Israel, has been appointed co-ordinator of the scholarship program, will suggest the format of the foundation and the composition of its directorate. Feinberg, prominent American financier and philanthropist, is Chairman of the Board of the American Bank & Trust Company.

PARIS, (JTA) -- The Cannes Synagogue, one of the largest on the Cote d'Azur, was desecrated last week. This was the third time it has happened. The previous occasions were immediately after the Six-Day War and the Yom Kippur War.

**ISRAEL JOINS INTER-AMERICAN BANK**

By Joseph Polakoff

WASHINGTON, July 11 (JTA) -- Israel and eight other countries formally became members of the Inter-American Development Bank last Thursday. They are the first states outside the Western Hemisphere to join the financial institution that is made up of the United States, Canada, and 20 Latin American and Caribbean countries.

Hanan Bar-On, Political Minister at the Israeli Embassy, signed the agreement of Israel's membership in a ceremony at the Pan American Union building. Eytan Raff, the Embassy's economic counsellor, who will temporarily serve as Israel's member on the bank's governing board, was present. Representatives of Belgium, Denmark, Japan, Spain, Switzerland, the United Kingdom, West Germany and Yugoslavia were other signatories.

These nine countries signed the declaration of Madrid, Dec. 17, 1974, indicating their intention to join the bank once their parliamentary procedures could be accomplished. Austria, Italy and The Netherlands also signed the declaration and they are expected to become bank members shortly. Since then, France announced its intention to join.

The Inter-American Bank has been negotiating for four years to get more capital. While the non-Western Hemisphere countries are full members, their voting is limited and the bank will not lose its Inter-American character, the Jewish Telegraphic Agency was informed in a letter here by the bank's president, Antonio Ortiz Mena. He described the signing ceremony as "an event of fundamental importance" for the bank's future.

Israel's input of \$9,988,522 is the smallest of the contributions to be made by the nine new members and the four others slated to join.

The total contributions of the 13 countries is approximately \$880 million. Bank officials noted that by being a member a country will enable its producers to bid on projects to be financed by bank loans. The bank's loans in 1975 totaled a about \$1.3 billion.

**MISS ISRAEL NAMED MISS UNIVERSE**

NEW YORK, July 11 (JTA) -- Miss Israel, a 22-year-old Tel Aviv University student, won the 1976 Miss Universe crown last night. The contest in Hong Kong was televised live over CBS television. The new Miss Universe is Rina Messinger, a veteran of Israel's Women's Army Corp who is studying aerodynamics. The brown-haired beauty said she wants to design airplanes.

During the contest, Miss Messinger was asked what country she would like to visit and replied, "I would like to go to an Arab country. But I can't, so I would like to go to Africa." Miss Messinger listed her hobbies as ballet dancing and glider flying.

**'JERUSALEM GROVE' IN NEW YORK**

NEW YORK, July 11 (JTA) -- Fifteen young Atlas cedars were presented Thursday by Mayor Teddy Kollek of Jerusalem to Mayor Abraham Beame in a ceremony at Battery Park. The newly planted Atlas cedars, called the "Jerusalem Grove," were given as a present by the people of Jerusalem to the people of New York. During the ceremony, to which more than 300 guests were invited, Kollek presented Beame

with a medal struck for the occasion. Beame, in return, gave Kollek a pewter vessel. A 14-man honor guard from Israel's Navy marched at the ceremony site after the trees were planted. The trees were shipped to New York from a nursery in Rhode Island and paid for by a check sent from Jerusalem.

**PERL PLEADS NOT GUILTY**

WASHINGTON, July 11 (JTA) -- Dr. William Perl, the 70-year-old former national chairman of the Jewish Defense League, pleaded not guilty in U.S. District Court in Baltimore Friday, to charges of "conspiracy to fire shots at the apartment" of two Soviet Embassy officials. A pre-trial hearing was set for Aug. 10 for lawyers to file motion in the case. Perl was arrested June 29 by FBI agents in connection with allegations that shots were fired May 23 at an apartment occupied by two Soviet second secretaries here. He is free on \$20,000 bail.

Referring to the continued radiation aimed at the American Embassy in Moscow, the JDL in a statement said that "it is shocking that the Ford Administration is continuing to appease the Soviet Union by arresting Jewish leaders like Dr. Perl for alleged harassment of Soviet diplomats when the Soviets for years have been bombarding American diplomats, their families and even their children with deadly radiation. This is another instance of FBI and governmental abuse for political purposes."

**FACSIMILE EDITION OF ALEPPO CODEX PUBLISHED BY HEBREW U.**

JERUSALEM, July 11 (JTA) -- A facsimile edition of the oldest known manuscript of the Hebrew Bible -- the Aleppo Codex -- was published by the Hebrew University last week. It is the fruit of 20 years' work by a team of Hebrew University scholars, headed by Prof. Moshe Goshen Gottstein. The 500-page red and blue leather-bound facsimiles will sell for \$400 apiece.

The Aleppo Codex was first published in about 900 AD in Tiberias by Aharon Ben Asher, a master of the textual tradition. By the end of the 11th century, the manuscript had been carried off from Jerusalem to Cairo. But it was subsequently transferred to Aleppo, Syria where it remained in the possession of the Jewish community. During Israel's War for Independence in 1948, the Syrians tried to burn the Biblical treasure, but 600 of the 800 pages were saved.

The manuscript was smuggled out of Syria in 1956 and delivered to President Yitzhak Ben Zvi of Israel for safe-keeping. It is now at the Ben Zvi Institute in Jerusalem. Most of the Pentateuch is among the lost portion. The manuscript begins with Deuteronomy, Chapt. 28, Verse 17. It includes the books of Joshua, Judges and Samuel but Kings I is missing and only parts of Kings 2 have been preserved. The books of Isaiah and Ezekiel are complete, but only parts of Jeremiah are preserved. Most of the minor prophets, the Book of Psalms and Chronicles are also preserved.

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JERUSALEM, JTA -- Tourists who pay with dollars or travelers checks will enjoy a 15% reduction at tourist shops and for rented cars.