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## ISRAEL DENIES SELLING ARMS TO RIGHT-WING CHRISTIANS IN LEBANON

JERUSALEM, July 21 (JTA)--The Foreign Ministry today denied reports in Western newspapers that Israel was supplying arms to right-wing Christians battling Moslem leftists in Lebanon. The Ministry stressed that the only form of assistance being rendered to Lebanese was of a humanitarian nature consisting of medical aid and food supplies for refugees coming to the security fence along the Israeli border.

The Ministry also confirmed that goods and services are being exchanged with Lebanese villagers through gaps in the fence, an unanticipated form of trade that has arisen as a result of the civil war in Lebanon. Christian Arabs in Israel have been gathering food supplies for their co-religionists in Lebanon which are transported in convoys to the border every few days. The last convoy was sent last week and another one is scheduled to go to the border over the weekend or early next week.

## U.S. MAY ALTER PROPOSAL TO SELL 'SIDEWINDERS' TO SAUDI ARABIA

By Joseph Polakoff

WASHINGTON, July 21 (JTA)--Faced with strong opposition in Congress and by arms experts within the Ford Administration, the State Department was reported today to be reconsidering its proposed sale of 2000 Sidewinder missiles to Saudi Arabia. The Department has given preliminary indications of its proposal, but has not yet formally asked Congress for confirmation.

The U.S. Arms Control and Disarmament Agency is understood to consider the sale excessive insofar as Saudi Arabia's defense needs are concerned. This has raised fears that the Saudis may transfer some of them to Arab states who are in direct confrontation with Israel. Opposition to the sale has been voiced by Sens. Clifford Case (R,NJ), Thomas Eagleton (D,Mo.) and Richard Stone (D,Fla.) and Reps. Benjamin Rosenthal (D,NY) and Henry A. Waxman (D,Calif.).

Observing that it's "unclear" whether the sale involves the purchase of missiles alone or entails a commitment of American personnel to man and operate these systems, Waxman asked in the House whether Americans are "running the Saudi Arabian armed forces" and "who is controlling the nature and scope of our involvement?" He pointed out that "some experts have concluded that without American support the Saudis could not effectively operate their sophisticated weaponry."

Congress and the Administration, he said, are again facing confrontation "simply because the Administration continues to make important strategy policy decisions in secret" and without consulting Congress.

## LADY BIRD JOHNSON AND HER DAUGHTERS IN WEEK-LONG VISIT TO ISRAEL

By David Landau and Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, July 21 (JTA)--"I am touched by the feeling for Lyndon I find in this land--and grateful." This was the brief inscription Lady Bird Johnson, widow of the late President Lyndon B. Johnson, wrote on a copy of his book "The

Vantage Point" on display at the Hebrew University here. Mrs. Johnson visited the university with her daughter, Luci Nugent, during her week-long unofficial visit to Israel that began Monday night.

The Hebrew University is holding an exhibition of Americana as its tribute to the Bicentennial. The Johnson book is one of the displays. Although her visit is nominally unofficial, Mrs. Johnson and her two daughters are meeting with many of Israel's top leaders, including Premier Yitzhak Rabin and Foreign Minister Yigal Allon during their visit.

## A Thrilling Moment

The former First Lady visited today the Lyndon B. Johnson Forest near Jerusalem to plant a tree. "This is a thrilling moment for me," she said. "My husband would have been so pleased with this gesture." She and Mrs. Nugent were the guests of the Jewish National Fund to see the JNF afforestation in action and to learn about the projects for the beautification and improvement of the environment in Israel.

Mrs. Johnson expressed her admiration for the country's vitality in dealing with various aspects of environmental improvement and safeguarding natural resources. Both mother and daughter were presented with certificates of the tree planting and two pine cones from the Johnson Forest as mementos of the occasion.

Yesterday, Mrs. Johnson and her daughters visited the Yad Vashem Holocaust Memorial and called on President Ephraim Katzir at his official residence.

The Johnson family plans to spend one evening with Mrs. Miriam Eshkol, widow of the late Premier Levi Eshkol, the Israeli leader who struck up a warm relationship with President Johnson in the mid-sixties. Partly due to that relationship, Johnson became the first U.S. President to authorize meaningful American arms supplies to Israel including Skyhawk airplanes in the late sixties.

## BEHIND THE HEADLINES

### ANXIETY GROWING ABOUT THE SPREAD OF RACISM IN GREAT BRITAIN

By Maurice Samuelson

LONDON, July 21 (JTA)--Growing anxiety about the spread of racism in Britain will be reflected at the annual conference of the ruling Labor Party to be held at the end of September.

Of the resolutions to be presented to the conference, 21 express alarm at the growth of hatred towards immigrant minorities. The resolutions, presented by local Labor groups throughout the country, are mostly couched in socialist terms, blaming racism on the capitalist-owned mass media and declaring that it can only be defeated by complete unity of the working class and by changing the economic system.

However, many resolutions contain more practical suggestions about countering the threat. They include calls for the outlawing of the National Front and similar fascist-type bodies, calls to local authorities to bar National Front meetings from their premises, the removal of police protection from their marches, and a campaign of public enlightenment by the government.

Others propose remedying the social conditions of immigrant communities, especially their concentration in the poor, decaying centers of big cities. The government is urged to make "a comprehensive attack on urban deprivation."

The publication of the Labor resolutions last week came only two days after the latest success of the National Front at a by-election, in London's Dockland area. While Labor's majority was slashed to an all-time low, the National Front came fourth in the poll with 3250 votes, or six percent of those cast.

#### Jewish Leader Shares Platform

Martin Savitt, chairman of the Board of Deputies of British Jews Defense Committee and one of the National Front's most energetic foes, says the result bears out many of his gloomy predictions. He blames it on the apathy of the Labor Party's voters.

A week ago, Savitt shared the platform with leaders of the colored communities at a large open-air demonstration against racists. This was the first time the Jewish community had so openly associated itself with the fight of colored immigrants.

It caused him some embarrassment when Tariq Ali, head of the International Marxist group, listed Israel as one of the places where racism had to be fought. The local adherents of Israel's Herut Party subsequently criticized the Board of Deputies for keeping such strange company.

However, Indian community leaders have since assured the Jewish leadership that Ali was speaking only for himself and have re-emphasized their desire for Jewish assistance in the fight against the common foe.

Savitt himself says that far from weakening the Israeli cause, the Board's assistance for the colored communities enables it to present the Israeli case in an area where the anti-Zionist left has previously held sway.

Paradoxically, the right-wing National Front also claims that it is anti-Zionist. It says it has nothing against Jews who regard themselves as British but opposes Jewish "Zionists" who also show loyalty to Israel.

#### LIFE SENTENCE FOR TERRORIST

TEL AVIV, July 21 (JTA)--A Lod military tribunal imposed a life sentence today on Mouhammed Halil Allan, 21, an East Jerusalem Arab who headed a terrorist cell responsible for bombings and attempted bombings in the Jerusalem area. Allan was convicted of possessing fire arms and explosives. Three other members of his gang each received four-year prison terms for membership in a hostile organization.

The prosecutor expressed regret that the death sentence could not be imposed on Allan because government policy precludes capital punishment. He said the supreme penalty was warranted in Allan's case. His group, part of the Popular Struggle Front, was responsible for a Jerusalem bus bombing that injured 12 persons. They planted three other bombs in Jerusalem streets and in a bus, all of which were detected and dismantled before they exploded.

#### KAHANE REPORTED BEATEN

NEW YORK, July 21 (JTA)--Rabbi Meir Kahane, founder of the Jewish Defense League, was attacked and beaten by three unidentified assailants on a dark Jerusalem street last week,

it was reported here today by a spokesman for Kahane. The spokesman said that the JDL founder, who recently formed a new political group in Israel called "Kach", which will seek Knesset seats in the next election, had held a press conference earlier in the day during which he criticized the government for endangering the lives of the Jews in Israel.

According to the spokesman, Kahane was walking on Hanna Street in the Tel Arza section of Jerusalem after leaving a class he had given to students participating in a JDL leadership course when he was assaulted. The assailants left Kahane bleeding and wounded and fled from the scene when an automobile happened to pass by, the spokesman said.

Kahane was reportedly taken to the nearest Red Magen David aid station where he was treated for cuts and bruises on his head and elbow. According to the spokesman, Kahane believes he was attacked by professional strong-arm men since the assailants did not demand any money nor were any political slogans or statements made during the attack.

#### ALTER LEADS IN AGUDA ISRAEL ELECTION; LORINCZ SUFFERS RESOUNDING DEFEAT

JERUSALEM, July 21 (JTA)--The Orthodox Aguda Israel Party held its first internal elections in 30 years yesterday and according to the unofficial count they resulted in a resounding defeat for its hitherto strongest faction headed by MK Shlomo Lorincz. Lorincz, the only Agudist leader opposed to a united front with the relatively more moderate and Zionist-inclined Poale Aguda Israel, ran a poor third behind former MK Menahem Porush who came in second. First place went to the "Central Faction" headed by Pinhas Menahem Alter of the Hasidic Gur dynasty.

Observers said today that a new alignment was likely to emerge in the party which could spell the political eclipse of Lorincz. The Aguda, a tiny party to begin with, is fragmented into more than a half-dozen factions representing various Hasidic and other ultra-Orthodox sects. It won only three Knesset seats in the last elections. If the seats are re-allocated, Lorincz is expected to lose his. Lorincz has already charged that Porush "bought" votes. Neutral observers said, however, that Porush had run a well organized and astute campaign.

#### MEYER COHEN DEAD AT 87

NEW YORK, July 21 (JTA)--Meyer B. Cohen, father of Dr. Gerson D. Cohen, chancellor of

The Jewish Theological Seminary of America, died yesterday in Israel at the age of 87. Funeral services were held there today. Mr. Cohen was born in Russia in 1890, and came to the United States in 1906. He was a pioneer in the movement to revive Hebrew as a living tongue, and it was the language spoken in his home. In his business life, Mr. Cohen was an agent for the Prudential Insurance Company, retiring in 1959. In 1960, he moved to Israel, where he spent his last years.

NEW YORK (JTA)--Israel's Ambassador to the UN, Chaim Herzog, left Wednesday for Costa Rica to participate in the convention of the Federation of Jewish Communities in Central America and Panama. Herzog will be guest of the President of Costa Rica, who is also scheduled to address the convention.

## LANDMARK DECISION IN BATTLE AGAINST 'EXECUTIVE SUITE' BIAS

PHILADELPHIA, July 21 (JTA)--The Philadelphia Chapter of the American Jewish Committee today hailed what it termed "a landmark agreement" between the Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission and the Provident Mutual Life Insurance Company, a major national insurance company with headquarters in Philadelphia, to broaden the involvement of Jews in the management of that company.

The agreement--under which Provident Mutual will start an affirmative action program--stemmed from a complaint brought by the AJ Committee chapter together with the Jewish Employment Vocational Service of Philadelphia, charging that the insurance company had discriminated against Jews in its hiring and promotion policies, especially at executive levels.

The Human Relations Commission found probable cause in the complaint, and the insurance company, without admitting any violation of the State Human Relations Act, agreed to initiate an affirmative action program to remedy the situation.

### May Serve As Precedent

Michael Steinig, chairman of the AJ Committee chapter's executive advisory program, in a letter to Joseph X. Yaffe, chairperson of the Commission, stated: "To the best of our knowledge, this is the first case of its kind in the country where a Human Relations Commission has found a pattern of exclusion with regard to Jews existing in a company and entered into an affirmative action program with that company to remedy the situation. It is our hope, and indeed expectation, that the process worked out in this instance can serve as a precedent in the battle against 'executive suite' discrimination that has plagued the Jewish community for decades."

Steinig, in a separate statement, pointed out that, as part of the agreement with the Human Relations Commission, Provident Mutual had "agreed to notify all employees of the existence of the agreement, reaffirm its non-discriminatory policy, advertise in media specifically directed toward the Jewish community, and conduct management seminars for officers and supervisors once a year emphasizing its equal employment opportunity policy with regard to Jewish persons."

The AJ Committee expressed some reservation with regard to a portion of the agreement in which the company stated it would "make every good faith effort" through its hiring, transfer, retention and/or promotion procedures to achieve at least a 5.3 percent representation of Jewish persons in its total officer work force, and nine percent Jewish persons in several of its top job classifications by June, 1979.

Steinig stressed the AJ Committee's concern that "in the process of broadening the involvement of Jews in the management of the company, the percentage figures not become quotas. The American Jewish Committee is not opposed to goals and timetables except when they lead to quotas."

### JEWISH NEWS MEDIA TARGETED FOR ADS BY CARTER'S CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE

WASHINGTON, July 21 (JTA)--Jimmy Carter's Campaign Committee is to spend about \$1 million on newspaper advertising for the Presidential election campaign and the bulk of it will go to newspapers serving Blacks and Jews in states

critical to him, according to Editor and Publisher.

Only about three percent of Carter's advertising budget for the Democratic Presidential primary was spent in newspapers, the weekly media publication reports in its current issue, but that percentage is expected to jump to between 10 and 12 percent of the \$8-\$10 million scheduled to be allotted to advertising for the election race.

As in the primary campaign, the report by Jon Consoli said many of the ads will be targeted "at a specific audience such as the Blacks, where Carter wants to solidify his apparent strong support, and Jews, where Carter aides feel he could have stronger support."

### FOLKLORE FESTIVAL TO DRAW THOUSANDS

HAIFA, July 21 (JTA)--American folk dancers from Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah comprise the largest of 14 overseas delegations participating in the Second International Folklore Festival which opens at the Municipal Stadium here tomorrow. The American group is headed by Dr. J. Elliot Cameron and artistic director, Merry B. Jensen.

In addition to Israel and the U.S., participating countries are England, Bolivia, West Germany, Holland, Turkey, Yugoslavia, Scotland, France, Rumania, Switzerland, Mexico and Finland.

The first of 10 evening performances to be given in cities and towns throughout Israel will be held Sunday at the new Sports Field House in the Rommemma section of Haifa. The festival is sponsored by the Confederation Internationale Organisateur Festival Folklore (CIOFF) and will be conducted under the patronage of the ministries of education and tourism and Mayor Yerucham Zeisel of Haifa. More than 100,000 Israelis and tourists are expected to attend the various performances.

### 'JACOB TZUR FOREST' PLANNED

By David Landau

JERUSALEM, July 21 (JTA)--The Jewish National Fund Directorate has decided to dedicate a part of its Jerusalem Forest to Jacob Tzur, its outgoing chairman. The decision was announced at a special festive session of the Directorate this week which marked Tzur's formal retirement. Several Directorate members spoke warmly of Tzur's role and personality and wished him well for the future.

Tzur himself said the JNF's daily work--with bulldozers, earthmovers and shovels--seemed prosaic enough. But it was infused with vision and with a sense of purpose and of history which he himself had always felt throughout his years of service at the Fund.

Tzur greeted Directorate-member Dr. Israel Goldstein on reaching his 80th birthday and announced that he would be inscribed in the JNF "Golden Book." The Directorate announced that until a new chairman was elected a four-man committee consisting of Yitzhak Unna, Yitzhak Ziv-Av, Reuven Araz and JNF director general Shimon Ben-Shemesh--would fulfill the chairman's duties.

Among the various names mentioned as possible successors to Tzur, the likeliest candidate, according to well-informed sources is Akiva Levinsky, a Labor Party leader and director of Bank Hapoalim, the Histadrut-owned bank.

## ZIONISM IN ACTION

## SOCIAL ABSORPTION OF RELIGIOUS OLIM

By Uzi Benziman

JERUSALEM, July 21 (JTA)--The social absorption of religious immigrants in Israel is much smoother and easier than that of the non-religious, says Rabbi Mordechai Kirschblum, associate head of the Jewish Agency-World Zionist Organization Immigration and Absorption Department. The reason, he says, is not that better services and facilities are provided for religious olim than for others. It is that the religious olim naturally enjoys better communication and relatively closer connections with veteran religious Israelis, mainly through frequent and regular meetings at the synagogues.

Within days of his arrival in Israel, the religious immigrant is out and about looking for a suitable synagogue. At the synagogue, Israelis and newcomers share the same experience, find a common language, and thus grow instantly closer to each other.

The Immigration and Absorption Department has always flatly rejected proposals for setting up special absorption centers for religious olim, says Kirschblum. The department believes that the religious Jew, whether newcomer or veteran Israeli, does not need a special framework of exclusivity to satisfy his spiritual and ritual requirements.

What the religious Jew does need is suitable and adequate physical facilities to enable him to practice and enjoy his faith. Often, such physical facilities are sadly lacking. But Kirschblum's department, the rabbi says sadly, has no real influence on the religious facilities provided by the governmental or municipal authorities in the suburbs where the olim eventually settle.

## Efforts To Provide Facilities

While the department does not develop special programs to cater for religious immigrants, because, as Kirschblum believes, they immediately find their place religiously in the general milieu, it does devote a great deal of effort to providing religious facilities for non-religious newcomers.

The department's religious culture section is constantly putting up religious facilities in absorption centers. The section encourages religious events, such as discussion groups, or Sabbath and festival celebrations. Lecturers are sent out by the center to talk to immigrants on religious themes. Each of the absorption centers has a synagogue, and almost every Saturday there are "Oneg Shabbat" and "Melave Malka" programs. The Israeli religious women's organizations send packages to the absorption centers on the festivals. The religious culture section issues multi-language books, booklets and pamphlets dealing with religious subjects. It also arranges Bar Mitzvah ceremonies for young immigrants.

Kirschblum stresses that these activities of the religious culture section are strictly voluntary; every immigrant decides for himself whether to join in, and no one is forced to do so. But the impressive and constant presence of religious activity at the absorption centers and at the immigrant housing areas does seem to have its impact. Kirschblum says his religious culture section is permanently faced with demands to increase its activities.

## 'LAST JEW IN CHINA'

TORONTO, July 21 (JTA)--Canada's stormy

petrel Morton Shulman, physician, crusading coroner, militant member of the legislature, television host and millionaire, has discovered "the last Jew in China." Among Dr. Shulman's numerous activities is contributing a column several times a week to the Toronto Sun, a morning tabloid-sized newspaper. In a recent column headed "The Last Jew in China," he recalls his visit to China in 1958 when there was still a tiny community of 85 surviving Jews in Shanghai, most of them due to leave. The leader of this remnant of a community was a 60-year-old "stocky, muscular and bright-eyed Russian-born physician" named P. Yudalevich.

Last month, Shulman was again in Shanghai and asked to be taken to the old Jewish community center. Though he was told "the Jews had all gone" as he expected they would, he decided to pay the visit if only to satisfy his curiosity. (In 1972 the late Premier Chou En-Lai had stated "the Jews have all gone".)

He found the old community center was now a Chinese public school. The garden was now largely occupied by a warren of tiny rooms fully occupied by Chinese. On asking if any Jews were there he was told laughingly "All gone long ago." But when he asked about Dr. Yudalevich, an elderly Chinese pushed through to him calling out "That is my master." To his amazement the man said Dr. Yudalevich was still alive and in Shanghai and then he asked Shulman: "You Jewish doctor? You came here many years ago!" It was Lee Yue Shui whom Dr. Shulman recalled as Dr. Yudalevich's faithful servant.

Dr. Shulman was told that about 12 elderly Jews had remained in Shanghai but they had died and Dr. Yudalevich was the only one now left. He also said that he (Lee) was now 67 years old and had worked for Dr. Yudalevich since he was 14. "I shall look after him till he dies."

He found Dr. Yudalevich on the second floor of an old house with an elderly Chinese woman, his friend for the past 40 years. Yudalevich, now 88, had become terribly old and shrunken, one side had been shrivelled by a stroke but his mind was still acute. He greeted the Canadian physician with "I remember you." Shulman writes that they both "broke down and cried." (By Ben Kayfetz)

## PROTEST NAZI FILM MAKER AT OLYMPICS

MONTREAL, July 21 (JTA)--The Canadian Jewish Congress has strongly protested to the Organizational Committee for the Olympic Games for its invitation to Leni Riefenstahl, who was a leading Nazi film propagandist, to attend and film the games. The CJC has demanded that Robert Andras, Minister of Manpower and Immigration, have her "deported forthwith."

In telegrams signed by Alan Rose, the CJC's national executive director, the representative organization of Canadian Jewry said Riefenstahl was a "leading Nazi propagandist employed by Goebbels and producer of films glorifying Hitler, genocide and hateful Hitlerite master race philosophy."

The CJC said it was "appalled" that the Olympic committee should invite Riefenstahl and termed the invitation "action Canadian Jewry regards as grievous insult" as well as "abhorrent to the Olympic spirit." The CJC demanded that the invitation be withdrawn. Riefenstahl was the leading Nazi film director during the Hitler regime and filmed the 1936 Olympics in Berlin.