HEBON BUILDING OUT OF BOUNDS FOR USE AS SYNAGOGUE BY GUSH EMUNIM AND KIRIYAT ARBA RESIDENTS

By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, Aug. 22 (JTA) -- Defense Minister Shimon Peres indicated today that the government will not allow residents of the Jewish settlements of Kiriya Arba and the Gush Emunim movement to take over the former Hadassah Hospital in Hebron for use as a synagogue. He said the building, which has been the target of several attempts by militant Jews to hold prayers meetings there, was given to UNRWA and Israel was committed to leaving it in UN hands.

Peres made his statement following the weekly Cabinet meeting. The Cabinet issued a communique that no Jewish presence will be increased in Hebron without government approval. A group of MPs were scheduled to see Peres tomorrow to urge the approval for the use of three buildings in Hebron, including the former Hadassah Hospital which were owned by Jews until the 1929 Arab riot in which 63 Jews were killed in that city.

But Peres, who has been considered a sympathizer of Gush Emunim's settlement attempts, said today that with the prayer facilities in the Tomb of Patriarchs (Machpela) and the nearby Kiriya Arba there was no need to turn the former Hadassah Hospital into a synagogue, a use it also had in the past.

Eight Activists Detained

Earlier in the day, eight Gush Emunim activists were detained in another prayer attempt at the old hospital building. One of those arrested was Hannan Porat, a Gush Emunim leader, who guided many of its illegal settlement attempts.

The eight arrested were among 100 men and women, most of them from Kiriya Arba, who gathered on top of the building at 2:30 a.m. to engage in a Torah study lesson. Police broke up the meeting at 4 a.m. This was the third attempt to hold a prayer meeting in the building.

The group of Gaza students from Kiriya Arba left peacefully when police arrived, but another group of 15 were arrested the next day and are still being held.

THE 'GOOD FENCE' AT DOVEZ TO BECOME OFFICIAL BORDER POST

By Yitzhak Shargil

TEL AVIV, Aug. 22 (JTA) -- The scope of Israeli help to refugees from Lebanon's ferocious civil war reached a new level today with the disclosure that the "good fence" at Dovez on the border will become tomorrow an official border post with all the facilities and Israeli personnel assigned to a border checkpoint, similar to arrangements at the Jordan River bridges.

Officials also reported that more than 5,000 Lebanese have received medical treatment in northern Israel since a field hospital was set up in mid-April to treat civil war veterans. They said two-thirds of those treated were Maronite Christians and the rest Moslems.

The decision to open a regular post at Dovez stemmed from the fact that the number of Lebanese victims coming to Israel grows daily and that next week about 100 Lebanese in 30 families are expected month-long visit in Israel in a sort of summer visit program, according to the officials. More Lebanese families are expected to be coming for longer periods than the one day or weekend visits typical since the "good fence" program was organized.

The checkpoint will have a postal service because Lebanese villagers are without such services in Lebanon. Initially, letters will be stamped for delivery only to addresses in Israel and the administered territories. Extension of general postal service for the Lebanese residents will be examined.

Case History Cited

The officials reported that a former resident of the Tel Zaatar camp, the Palestinian stronghold which fell to attacking Christian forces last week, had his vision restored in an operation at the government hospital at Nahariya.

Mahmoud Amna, 45, originally went to the camp to get a job and when the attacks started, he succeeded in escaping before it fell but was reportedly severely beaten by the Christian attackers, an assault which deprived him of vision. He managed to get back to his village and from there made his way to the medical clinic at Dovez. There the decision was made to send him to the Nahariya hospital. He is now fully recovered.

Plans To Foil Terrorist Acts

Meanwhile, Israeli security forces made plans to foil anticipated efforts by terrorists to interfere with the assistance to the Lebanese victims. Security sources said there were indications corroborated by Lebanese visitors, that Arab terrorists were planning a series of outrages aimed at undermining the cooperative relations which have developed at Dovez.

According to the reports, the indications were that the terrorists planned actions against Dovez and several other openings along the border used by the Lebanese seeking help.

Israeli army units in the area were put on alert.

One forecast of such activities was the firing last week of a shell from a Soviet rocket launcher, aimed at Dovez, near the medical station there treating Lebanese victims. The shell exploded in an empty area and caused neither casualties nor damage.

MIXED REACTION TO COLOMBO CONFERENCE

By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, Aug. 22 (JTA) -- Reaction in Jerusalem was mixed today to the anti-Israeli resolutions adopted last week by the fifth non-aligned summit conference in Colombo, Sri Lanka. On the one hand, political sources noted that the resolutions demonstrated again the amount of hostility toward Israel by a large num-
lution calling for the oil embargo was a "warning" and would not be applied, yet, Indonesian Foreign Minister Adam Malik said the embargo would not materialize since the non-aligned countries "have no oil and a real decision can only be made by the OPEC (Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries) countries."

FORD, IN ACCEPTANCE SPEECH, APPEARED TO PLACE ARABS INKED BY REPUBLICAN PARTY'S PLATFORM PLEDGES TO ISRAEL

By Joseph Polakoff

KANSAS CITY, Aug. 22 (JTA) -- President Ford made two references to the Middle East in his speech Thursday night accepting the Republican Party's nomination of him as the Presidential standard bearer which appeared designed to placate Arab governments irked by the support pledged to Israel in the Republican election campaign platform.

Israeli Ambassador Simcha Dinitz was among the 50 diplomats who accepted the State Department's invitation to travel in a chartered plane to Kansas City. The preceding events of the tumultuous convention but most of the Arab countries turned it down. Reflecting pique, Egypt assigned First Secretary BahaI Edseder for the trip. Syria, Jordan, Lebanon and Saudi Arabia rejected the invitation.

The United Arab Emirates, Qatar, the Sudan and Uganda were among those which accepted. Mrs. Dinitz accompanied her husband to the events. Secretary of State and Mrs. Henry A. Kissinger also belatedly attended, arriving a day after they were originally scheduled to have been here.

Kissinger had been under domestic wraps during the last weeks of the campaign during which former California Governor Ronald Reagan emphasized his criticism of the Administration's foreign policy as a major reason why he should be the Republican nominee. An amendment to the platform of "morality in foreign policy," proposed by Reagan and accepted by the President's lieutenants without a floor fight to avoid further divisiveness within the party, was said to have angered the secretary.

However, he told reporters that he would go about his work without paying attention to the amendment. "We will conduct our foreign policy at the direction of the President as heretofore and I don't think it will have any effect on the conduct of our foreign policy," he said.

Mideast Achievements Listed

In his bone-dry summation of foreign affairs, Ford listed the Sinai agreement as one of his achievements in his two years as President. In making pledges for future conduct, he emphasized he would continue to seek a settlement of the Middle East conflict.

"Israel and Egypt, both trusting the United States, took an historic first step that promises an eventual just settlement for the whole Middle East," Ford told the convention. Later in his speech, he pledged "we will continue our strong leadership to bring peace, justice and economic progress where there is turmoil, especially in the Middle East."

Elements Not Mentioned

The President did not mention the politicalization of the United Nations; aid to Israel, politically, economically and militarily; opposition
to political terrorism and Arab economic warfare; and the strife in Lebanon which occupy much of the platform sections on foreign affairs. Neither did he refer to the platform itself.

While receiving the plaudits of the convention and their thousands of guests in the Kemper Arena, Ford waved to Reagan who was seated in the Gallery with his running mate, Peninsylvania Senator Richard Schweiker, and their wives, to come to the podium. He told the convention he was glad Reagan was now on his side of the line. The Reagans joined President and Mrs. Ford. The Schweikers remained in the stands reserved for guests.

Reagan Suggests Tone

Inviting Reagan to address the convention, the President stood aside while his defeated rival reciprocated his call for party unity by pledging support to the President and his running mate, Kansas City Senator Robert Dole, against the Democratic ticket. Then, apparently referring to the "morality in foreign policy" amendment that Administration forces had indicated was nearly all agreeable to them despite its strong implied attacks on the administration, Reagan stressed: "There are cynics who say that a party platform is something that does not often amount to much. Whether it is different this time than ever before, I believe the Republican party has a platform that is a banner of hope, unmistakable colors with no pastel shades."

Thus Reagan appeared to be telling the convention, the President, Kissinger and the diplomat that the Repubicans are campaigning on pledges, including those made about Israel, that are to be honored, and not to be considered as lip service for campaign purposes only.

YADLIN DENOUNCES ISRAEL'S OUSTER
FROM ASIAN FOOTBALL CONFEDERATION

By Yitzhak Shargil

TEL AVIV, Aug. 22 (JTA) -- Israel was ousted today, as expected, from the Asian Football (soccer) Confederation by a unanimous vote of the 21 delegates attending the Confederation conferences at Kuala Lumpur. Israel helped to establish the Confederation in 1954 and participated in all subsequent Asian soccer tournaments under Confederation sponsorship.

Israel Education Minister Aharon Yadlin said, in the first official reaction to the ouster, that this move was an expression of the political illness infecting present day sports.

Speaking at a reception given by Premier Yitzhak Rabin for Israel's Olympic team at the Montreal games, Yadlin denounced the ouster move as an "act of discrimination against Israel, contrary to the regulations of the Asian Football Confederation and the principles of the International Federation of Football Associations and contrary to the spirit of sports." He challenged world sports leaders to reject the ouster decision, adding, "I find it hard to believe they will ignore it."

Almog Refused Entry Visa

The ouster motion was made by Ahmed el-Saadon, a member of the Kuwaiti delegation. In anticipation of the ouster action, Michael Almog, chairman of the Israeli Football Association, had applied for, and was refused, an entry visa by Malaysia. Almog, who made the application on grounds Israel was entitled to have a representative present during debate at the outer session, called the refusal a flagrant violation of fair play concepts.

The Hill of Malaysia, the Confederation's general secretary, said this morning, it was reported here from Kuala Lumpur, that he had received a cable from Almog demanding that the Confederation discuss his proposal for Saadon to be dismissed for presenting the outer proposal, but the cable was not read at the meeting.

The decision today left Israel in the strange position of still being a member of the international football federation but without membership in any regional football federation. There was a possibility, if the issue was indicated, that Israel might be accepted by the European Regional soccer group. Israel, along with North Korea and North Vietnam, is excluded from any regional soccer group. The Israel basketball league is a participant in the European federation.

SYRIA, ISRAEL IN ACCORD

JERUSALEM, Aug. 22 (JTA) -- Defense Minister Shimon Peres told the Cabinet meeting today that Syrian authorities have agreed to set up a site in the Golan Heights buffer zone to serve Druze families in both countries. Peres said Israel has brought the issue up several times but this is the first time the Syrians have responded affirmatively. For lack of such an agreement, the Druze of the two countries can not meet but must use bullhorns to communicate from separate points.

CLARK URGES LEVI TO AID SOVIET JEWS

NEW YORK, Aug. 22 (JTA) -- Ramsey Clark, who is seeking the Democratic nomination for the U.S. Senate, has urged Attorney General Edward Levi to reconsider the Immigration and Naturalization Service's recent denial of an immigration request for 2,000 Soviet Jews stranded in Italy in what Clark termed squalid conditions. In a telegram to Levi, Clark, a former Attorney General, said, "simple humanity and our history as a nation of immigrants...one that aids refugees from oppression, argues that we allow this group of Soviet Jews to be reunited with their families in the United States."

Since he left the Justice Department in 1969, Clark has been active on behalf of Soviet and Syrian Jewry. In 1970, he led the delegation to the Soviet Union that sought to monitor the Leningrad trials. In 1974 he headed the American delegation to the International Conference on Syrian Jewry in Paris.

LAZAR DNSKY DEAD AT 85

NEW YORK, Aug. 22 (JTA) -- Funeral services were held for Lazarinsky, a Yiddish poet who died Friday at the age of 85. Many of his works reflected the struggles of the labor movement in the late 1920s and early 1930s when he was an organizer of fur workers in New York. His books in Yiddish include "In the Meantime," and "Days in Shop."

NEW YORK (JTA) -- Top Israeli government and education officials will attend the gala ceremonies officially dedicating the ORT School of Engineering on the Hebrew University's Givat Ram campus Sept. 14.
BEHIND THE HEADLINES
THE SOUND OF YIDDISH
By Yitzhak Sharfìg

TEL AVIV, Aug. 22 (JTA) -- The sound of Yiddish has filled the halls of the King David Hotel as some 500 delegates have arrived here for the first World Conference in Israel for Yiddish and Jewish Culture which opens tomorrow and runs through Thursday. The conference hopes to stem the decline of Yiddish in Israel and abroad.

...Meyer Bass, secretary of the American committee for the conference, said he expects the conference to give an impetus to Yiddish research and studies in many countries. "There are millions of Jews who speak the language in the United States, Canada, Latin America, Australia and even Israel," Bass said. "There is a Jewish culture of which Yiddish is part and parcel. As a matter of fact, it's a culture of 1,000 years of Jewishness in Europe.

Bass noted that there are some 40 colleges and universities where Yiddish is taught in the U.S., and the need is for more teachers and librarians. He said he hopes the conference will draw up plans for teachers seminars, education systems and a Yiddish theater. "If there are plans, I am sure funds will be available to carry them out," he said.

Dr. Judah J. Shapiro, president of the Labor Zionist Alliance in the United States and another member of the large U.S. delegation, said he sees the conference as recognition given to Yiddish culture by its sister culture, Hebrew and by Israel.

Change Of Attitude Forecast

Noting that world Jewry has placed Israel on the top of its priorities, Shapiro stressed that cultural survival must be regarded as the next priority. He said the centrality of Israel creates a situation that world Jewry will take up any hint from Jerusalem.

"The conference in Jerusalem, sanctioned by the Minister of Culture of Israel, is apt to bring about a change of attitude toward Yiddish," Shapiro said. "Jerusalem has to be the basis for all activities of Yiddish." He called on the Israeli government and the Jewish Agency, which are interested in promoting Jewish education in the diaspora, to provide teachers, typists, secretaries and librarians "who can be sent to Jewish communities as shlichim.

Shapiro said he wants the conference to bring about recognition among world Jewry that the Israeli cultural leadership supports the Yiddish culture. "We want the conference to set up plans for the translation of Yiddish literature into English, Spanish and other languages so that people will understand the Jewish life in Eastern Europe through the generations," he declared.

Tool Against Assimilation

Itzhak Korn, head of the Israeli branch of the World Jewish Congress and head of the organizing committee for the conference on Yiddish, said he hopes this week's event will strengthen Yiddish culture throughout the world, bring nearer the cultures of Yiddish and Hebrew, and set up plans for strengthening Jewish education. He said he regards it as an important sign that the Minister of Culture has included Yiddish as a language to be studied in Israel's secondary schools.

Korn also wants the conference to establish a national Yiddish theater centered in Israel but performing throughout the world, and wants to increase academic research in Yiddish culture. He said Yiddish should become once again the major tool to help fight against assimilation.

The struggle to retain the Yiddish language and its cultural ramifications was dealt a body blow with the massacre of European Jewry during World War II and the suppression generally of Jewish culture -- both Yiddish and Hebrew -- in Eastern Europe under the Soviet and Soviet-sponsored regimes.

Yiddish had been dying in many countries, especially in the United States, because it was viewed as a badge of the immigrant. In order to better participate in their new homes, the immigrants sought to speak the dominant language and, thus, failed to impart their mother-tongue to their offspring. Even in Israel, Yiddish has long been viewed condescendingly as the "language of the golah."

The three major sponsors of the conference -- the Yiddish Writers Union in Israel, the Yiddish Culture Committee in Israel and the WZO's cultural department -- all see it as a major turning point in Hebrew-Yiddish relations. It may mark an official end to the long war between Yiddish and Hebrew. The delegates, who have come thousands of miles to attend the conference, deeply hope that the State of Israel will now provide a helping hand for Yiddish, for the preservation of the Jewish people and for the preservation of a rich heritage of a thousand years.

MAZEL TOV, FOUR TIMES

TEL AVIV, Aug. 22 (JTA) -- Quadruplets born to a young Holon couple at Tel Aviv Maternity Hospital, -- the first in the hospital's 20 years -- have a good chance to survive, though each weighed less than a pound at birth, hospital physicians said today.

The mother, 21-year-old Aviva Arami, had a normal pregnancy -- her first -- and was not given the fertility drugs which often produce as many as five infants. The father, Adi Arami, was overjoyed, a reaction tempered by the fact that the Aramis still do not have an apartment of their own.

The couple have lived with the mother's parents and then with the father's parents. Holon municipal officials are busy trying to find temporary quarters suitable for such a large family. The officials said the flat the Aramis are scheduled to get should be ready within a few months.

AVINERI TO LISBON

JERUSALEM, Aug. 22 (JTA) -- Shiömo Avineri, the director general of the Foreign Ministry, left today for Lisbon, Portugal, to officially participate in a meeting of Hegelian scholars. Avineri, the former head of the Hebrew University political science department, is considered an international expert on Hegel, the German Idealist philosopher who developed the modern system of dialectics, and on Marxism.

It was stressed here that Avineri's trip has nothing to do with recent indications that Portugal may decide to establish diplomatic ties with Israel, following a statement by Premier Mario Soares that such a step was anticipated.