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PLANNED OPENING OF CHECKPOINT WITH SYRIA ON THE GOLAN HEIGHTS COULD BE THE BEGINNING OF SOMETHING NEW

By Yitzhak Shargil

TEL AVIV, Aug. 25 (JTA)--The planned opening of a checkpoint on the Golan Heights to allow Druze families from Israel and Syria to visit with each other may mark the beginning of something new in Israel's relations with its most bitter enemy. The United Nations will be in charge of the new checkpoint which will be on the disengagement line near the northern Golan village of Majdal Shams. UN observers were seen today setting up the posts.

Defense Minister Shimon Peres, in telling the Cabinet about the new setup said that Syria and Israel agreed to allow Druze families to have reunions at the checkpoint under UN auspices. Peres said the only restriction was that the Druze would be unarmed.

If the exchange goes through, it will be the third frontline country border where Israel will allow Arab families to exchange visits. The bridges over the Jordan River have been opened every summer for what has been called a "summer visitors" program which allows Arabs from many countries to come to Israel. This week, Lebanese villagers who have been coming to the Israeli border for aid for several months were allowed to come through for stays of two weeks to a month with their families in Israel.

Druze Thankful in Israel, Syria

Suleiman Kanj, leader of the Golan Druze, said today that all Druze will be thankful to both Israel and Syria for allowing them to see their families. For nearly a year Golan Druze have come to the area near Majdal Shams, climbed the steep slopes to shout across the barbed wire fences at their families on the other side. Some have used megaphones.

However, after a Druze sergeant in the Syrian army was caught using the area to gather intelligence information, Israel put a stop to the makeshift setup. There are about 38,000 Druze in Israel and 250,000 in Syria.

Meanwhile, there is no indication what the new opening will mean toward Syrian-Israeli relations. Syria has been considered the most intractable of frontline states. It has gone along reluctantly with the disengagement agreement on the Golan while strongly criticizing the Israeli-Egyptian Sinai agreement of last year.

LIFE SENTENCES FOR 2 TERRORISTS

TEL AVIV, Aug. 25 (JTA)--A military tribunal in Lod sentenced two Fatah terrorists to life imprisonment and a third one to 15 years in jail. Four additional members of the terrorist group based in the Hebron area are due to be sentenced soon.

Taleb Talebiat, 30 and Zaharan Abu Kbeita, 28, who received the life sentences, and Mohammed Shitriet, 37, who was sentenced to 15 years, were found guilty of committing a series of acts of sabotage, including placing bombs near the Jaffa Gate in Jerusalem and at a number of other sites in the city, blowing up part of a railway line

to Jerusalem which caused the derailment of a train, blowing up and setting fire to the Haifa-Beersheba oil pipeline causing a several hour delay in the flow of oil supply and placing explosives in an oil tanker in Jerusalem.

Talebiat and Kbeita pleaded guilty to the charges but claimed the actions were carried out on political grounds. When they tried to explain the political basis they were interrupted by the tribunal's president, Lt. Col. Aharon Alpern, who said this was not relevant. Shitriet received a lighter sentence because he claimed he acted under threats.

U.S. DENIES IT WILL OPEN EMBASSY IN CHRISTIAN-CONTROLLED LEBANON AREA

By Joseph Polakoff

WASHINGTON, Aug. 25 (JTA)--The State Department said today it has "no intention" of opening an Embassy "or any office" in Christian-controlled areas of Lebanon. Spokesman Robert Funseth made that assertion today when he was asked whether U.S. diplomats Robert Houghton and David Mack, who had conferred earlier this week with Christian leaders, including President-elect Elias Sarkis, had been asked to establish a U.S. mission in Christian-held territory.

Funseth said the diplomats had returned to Cyprus but he has not yet had a report on their consultations in Lebanon. He said that the diplomats carried no U.S. plan to Lebanon. Houghton and Mack had arrived in Lebanon by sea from Cyprus to Jonieh, the unofficial capital of Lebanon's Christian enclave, because there was no other way for American diplomats to reach that sector of Lebanon.

Funseth said earlier in the week that the U.S. has "no specific plan" for the settlement of Lebanon's continuing crisis and vigorously denied implications that the U.S. may favor a division of Lebanon by partition or zones. He said the U.S. reaffirms that "we remain opposed to partition, or de facto partition," and that the U.S. "reaffirms" that it stands for Lebanese sovereignty, national cohesion and unity.

SPECIAL ANALYSIS

NEW FRENCH PREMIER HAS GOOD RECORD REGARDING ISRAEL

By Edwin Eytan

PARIS, Aug. 25 (JTA)--French economist Raymond Barre was appointed today Prime Minister. He is replacing Gaullist leader Jacques Chirac who earlier today resigned after a long period of strain and misunderstandings with President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing.

The departure of Chirac and his replacement by a non-party personality is seen as the end of Gaullism as a basic tenet of French policy. Observers here say that this fact, combined with Barre's personality and his former attitudes both in Brussels where he served as vice-president of the European Economic Community's Commission and in Paris where he served as Minister for Foreign Trade in the outgoing government, may indicate a change in Israel's favor.

The outgoing Premier was not only the leader of the Gaullist Party but also a staunch advocate of Gaullist policy within the regime led by Giscard,

a non-Gaullist politician. Chirac is believed to have defended a strongly pro-Arab line within the French government believing that France's economic future is linked to its ties with the Arab states, especially the oil producing ones. He favored the continuation of de Gaulle's pro-Arab policies and is a close personal friend of Iraqi strongman Hassan Saddam.

The new Premier, a former professor of economics who only joined the French government as Minister for Foreign Trade in January, 1976, was in close contact with Israeli diplomats during his posting in Brussels.

Fond To Be Friendly, Understanding

Israeli diplomats in contact with him at the time say they found him friendly and understanding of Israel's problems and economic needs. Jewish bankers say he also showed "a highly positive" attitude during the crisis provoked last year by an Arab attempt to boycott French banks dealing with Israel or controlled by Jewish interests.

It seems highly unlikely, however, that Barre will be able to conduct a foreign policy of his own. Giscard's rift with Chirac was precipitated by the former Premier's attempt to adopt initiatives of his own and conduct a half-independent policy. Nonetheless, the French Cabinet change indicates that freed of the Gaullist influence, Giscard will conduct a policy closer to Europe and to the United States.

Political circles here say it was Chirac and the Gaullist Party which prevented Giscard from drawing closer both to Western Europe and to the U.S. claiming to preserve the old Gaullist tenet of an independent France.

Though France's basic options in the Middle East are believed unlikely to change basically, the French President will have the possibility to further normalize relations with Israel and dispel the last misunderstandings which still exist between the two countries without changing France's basic pro-Arab orientation.

Barre, 52, has taught for 25 years at Sorbonne University where he invariably adopted a non-partisan and liberal line. He has two sons, one of whom is believed to have visited Israel some years ago. The new Premier will announce the new government next Friday. Foreign Minister Jean Sauvagnargues is generally expected to go while Health Minister Simone Veil, a Jew, is expected to remain in the next government.

AUSTRIANS DUE IN ISRAEL TO DISCUSS POSSIBLE PURCHASE OF 24 Kfir JETS

TEL AVIV, Aug. 25 (JTA)--Austrian Defense Minister Karl Ferdinand von Leutendorfer will lead a delegation of Austrian air force experts to Israel next Monday to discuss the possible purchase of 24 Israeli-made Kfir jet interceptors. The Austrians will be flown from Vienna in an Israel Aircraft Industries Westwind piloted by Danny Shapiro, IAI's chief test pilot. Austrian test pilots have already tried out the Kfir at the IAI field. But both IAI and Austrian sources deny that the Austrian Defense Minister is coming to Israel to sign the agreement for the purchase.

PROPOSES JEWISH HALL OF FAME

JERUSALEM, Aug. 25 (JTA)--"Israel is known as a Sparta-like nation that fights for existence with military might and Jews are remembered as people who suffered through the Holocaust," claims Elyahu Tal, a communications and

public relations expert who initiated the idea of building a Jewish Hall of Fame in Jerusalem, a project aimed at educating the world about the contributions made by Jews to civilization. Tal says that the achievements made by Jews to the world have been forgotten.

"We must show what we have done, in a tasteful, serious and unexaggerated manner," he says. The Hall of Fame is also necessary to educate Jews, he adds. Tal suggests that the building be constructed near the Yad Vashem Memorial or near the government buildings there. He claims that about \$12 million would be required to construct the first 12 wings, each one devoted to a specific field of endeavor.

Tal, who has traveled to Europe and the United States explaining his idea, maintains that raising money for the Hall of Fame will not pose any problem. He met, he says, with enthusiastic interest wherever he went. Tal mentioned a few names he thought should be included in the Hall of Fame: Karl Marx, Amedeo Modigliani, Julius Reuter, Franz Kafka, Edward G. Robinson and Bob Dylan.

PROJECTS TO COMMEMORATE SAPIR

JERUSALEM, Aug. 25 (JTA)--A scholarship fund, a geographical region in the Arava, a university center and a complex of buildings in Kfar Saba are the four major projects that will commemorate the name of Pinhas Sapir, who died at the age of 67 on Aug. 12, 1975.

A settlement region in the Arava will be named after Sapir, as well as the regional center town of the area. The liberal arts and sciences center at the Ben Gurion University of the Negev in Beersheba--an institution long supported by Sapir--will also carry his name. In addition, a centralized scholarship fund combining most of the monies contributed by the government, Jewish Agency and other bodies will be named after him.

The building complex at Kfar Saba, the town where Sapir lived for over 40 years, will include a cultural center, libraries for adults and children, a concert hall, a theater, a youth center and the Sapir Museum. A memorial service will be held in the Jerusalem Theater on Sunday. Golda Meir will address a memorial service in Kfar Saba, along with Mayor Zeev Geller on Monday.

WZO EXECUTIVE REJECTS KLARMAN'S DEMANDS ON WZO CONGRESS ELECTIONS

TEL AVIV, Aug. 25 (JTA)--The World Zionist Organization Executive rejected yesterday demands by Yosef Klarman, a leader of Herut and the WZO's youth aliyah director, that the Zionist Congress Court check the legality of not holding elections for the next World Zionist Congress and of his charge that the elections for the last congress were illegal. He was told to take his charges to the WZO's legal advisors first.

Klarman, Herut's representative on the Zionist General Council, was one of the strongest dissenters when the council decided in July to forego elections for the congress in those countries where 90 percent of the Zionist Federations agreed upon a slate of delegates beforehand. He had urged the WZO to postpone the congress, scheduled for January, 1977, for three months to allow the elections to be held.

In his other claim, Klarman charged that the

elections to the last Zionist Congress were not legal since many members of Zionist Federations had not signed the "Jerusalem Program" as required.

JUDGE TO BE ASKED TO APOLOGIZE FOR ASKING COURT SPECTATOR TO REMOVE HIS YARMULKA OR LEAVE COURTROOM By Ben Gallob

NEW YORK, Aug. 25 (JTA)--A spokesman for the National Jewish Commission on Law and Public Affairs (COLPA) said today COLPA will request a formal apology from a Manhattan federal judge if an investigation confirms a Jewish Defense League charge that the judge ordered a JDL spectator at an arraignment hearing to remove his yarmulka or leave the courtroom.

The JDL charged "overt anti-Semitism" against Judge Henry Werker, Southern District federal court, on the basis of the incident which the JDL said occurred last Friday at the arraignment of Russel Kelner, 35, former JDL operations officer, on an 11-count federal indictment.

Kelner and three other JDL members were charged on Aug. 19 with participating in a conspiracy which allegedly included shooting into the Soviet Mission to the United Nations and into the Soviet residential complex in the Bronx, as well as with an alleged pipe-bombing attempt at the Iraqi Mission to the UN and an alleged pipe-bombing of a Gulf Oil service station.

The charges were contained in a federal indictment handed up in Manhattan shortly after Jeffrey Weingarten, 21, of Brooklyn, and Kelner, also of Brooklyn, were arrested. The two other JDL defendants, Thomas MacIntosh, 36, of Woodbury, N.J., and Steven Ehrlich, 21, of San Francisco, were arrested last June 8, on Staten Island, en route from New Jersey. MacIntosh has been described by the JDL as a convert.

Kelner received a one-year suspended sentence last year for making a televised threat to assassinate Yasir Arafat in 1974 when the head of the Palestine Liberation Organization visited New York for an unprecedented address to the UN General Assembly.

Courtroom Scene Described

Bonnie Pechter, JDL coordinator, said that cash bail of \$25,000 each was posted for Kelner and for Weingarten. She said that as she was about to testify on the bail, Judge Werker demanded that a male spectator remove his hat. Miss Pechter identified the yarmulke wearer as Sheldon Fine, a JDL member, who had come to observe the proceedings. Judge Werker said his court was not a temple and ordered Fine to remove his "hat."

Ralph Naden, the attorney for Kelner, objected, declaring the "hat" was a religious article worn by observant Jews. Miss Pechter said that Judge Werker replied he did not care what the head covering was, that "no one wears a hat in my courtroom," and that Fine must remove it or leave. Fine left.

Miss Pechter said Kelner wore a yarmulke Thursday and that Judge Werker did not object. She said Kelner had mistle his yarmulke and was not wearing it during his appearance Friday when bail was set. She said the fact that the press was present on Thursday but not on Friday might have some bearing on Judge Werker's reactions on the head-covering matter.

She told the JTA she had discussed the matter with an attorney of the American Civil Liberties Union who told her there was no legal warrant for

Judge Werker's reported order to Fine.

JDL Demands Judge's Removal

The JDL demanded, in a news statement, that Judge Werker be removed immediately, and that until he is, he be barred from sitting on any cases involving Jews, "inasmuch as he is definitely prejudiced regarding Jewish matters."

A legal source consulted by the JTA said that it was virtually certain that Judge Werker would not be removed or suspended for the purported order against Fine but that he was subject to reprimand. The JTA was told that Orthodox Jewish attorneys and Orthodox defendants do not remove their skullcaps during appearances in all types of courts and that such challenges as that of Judge Werker never occur.

The 11-count indictment charged that the defendants violated federal laws involving conspiracy, transportation of weapons and the protection of foreign officials in the United States. Conviction could mean prison sentences of up to ten years on each count.

15,000 NURSES GO ON STRIKE

JERUSALEM, Aug. 25 (JTA)--Some 15,000 nurses went on a 24-hour warning strike today in a demand for better wages. By this afternoon the strike seemed to be complete, and disruptions in the medical services were reported from various places.

Only emergency crews were on hand in the hospitals to assist the doctors and only emergency cases were admitted. Most of the operations scheduled for today were postponed. Only maternity wards and pediatrics departments were fully staffed. YAEL, a women's organization which does volunteer hospital work, increased its activities to assist the doctors but barely helped the severe shortage.

The nurses demand that the government grant them special preference in salaries above and beyond general wage hikes in the economy. They claim that due to poor wages, there has been a continuous dropout of nurses from the profession. The result is that increasing hospital needs must be shared by a diminishing number of nurses, thus making work unbearable, according to the nurses' spokesman.

The plight of the nurses is generally recognized by the government, but despite demands by the Health Ministry, the government has not yet approved any special privileges for the nurses, partly because of the fear that such privileges will result in demands from other branches in the economy, which will argue that they are just as vital as the nurses.

WASHINGTON (JTA)--The State Department has denied that Israel is exporting to South Africa arms and technology it has acquired from the United States. A reporter asked if the Department is "aware" that Israel is violating U.S. restrictions on such exports. Department spokesman Robert Funseth replied that "Israel has not violated any restrictions" of the transfer clause that is in all U.S. agreements with countries receiving such equipment or technology.

CORRECTION

An article in the Aug. 17 Bulletin on the reelection of Benno Milintzky as president of the Jewish Federation of Brazil incorrectly dated Buenos Aires, should have been datelined Rio de Janeiro.

BEHIND THE HEADLINES**FAREWELL PARTY TO YAACOV TZUR**

By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, Aug. 25 (JTA)--At the age of "almost 70" Yaacov Tzur sat last night among friends in Jerusalem and said with a light heart, "Shalom, it was nice working with you."

But one of his friends, Golda Meir, sitting right next to him at the party that was to officially end his 16 years as chairman of the Jewish National Fund, warned him: "If you live in the illusion that you are going on vacation, let me tell you of the experience of someone older than you."

For 90 minutes, Tzur, who seems too far away from retirement age, sat and heard the stories of the generation which, in his words, "is slowly fading." And at the end of the hour-and-a-half, he committed himself to tell the story of this generation to the younger generation. "Not the facts, everyday a new book is published with new facts. But rather the spirit--I want to tell about the spirit of the generation."

Tzur promised to tell the story of Zionism as a way of life, as a revolution "which I sense even today, even as I see the stagnation in many of the branches of the Zionist movement." The target of this mission: the revival of the latent vitality in the Jewish people, "that for some reason we did not know how to revive."

Life's Work Cited

Many of the "Who is Who" in the Israeli political establishment came to the party: Knesset Speaker Yisrael Yeshayahu, Supreme Court Judge Moshe Landau, Foreign Minister Yigal Alon, Defense Minister Shimon Peres, World Zionist Organization Executive Chairman Yosef Almogi, who hosted the party, Minister-Without-Portfolio Gideon Hausner, General Zionist Council Chairman Yitzhak Navon, Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kollek and former Premier Golda Meir. Mrs. Meir praised Tzur's work in Jewish communities throughout the world alongside his diplomatic work in Latin America and France.

He worked with French Jewry, she said, at the time when it was "unlike French Jewry of today." It was a time when Jews were primarily Frenchmen, and it was not easy to reach them, not to speak of daring to tell them they had a certain commitment toward Israel. Tzur, she added, was among those who initiated the first Israeli diplomatic contacts with the developing African nations.

Almogi said about Tzur: "He is only 70, only 55 years in the country and already managed to accomplish double the standard activity. Yaacov Tzur symbolizes the good Israeli."

And Mrs. Meir could not do without a little preaching: "It is really a shame. Everybody who reaches 70 thinks that's it. He can go home. Well, I have news for you--you will now have the difficult job of choosing among all those offers which waited until you resigned." One of the jobs he has already accepted is as the new chairman of the Public Council for Arab Jewry.

HIRSCHFELD MIDEAST POSITION PAPER

NEW YORK, Aug. 25 (JTA)--Abraham Hirschfeld, a former Israeli and for the past 25 years a New York businessman, who is now seeking the Democratic Party nomination for the U.S. Senate, called today on the U.S. government to fulfill its obligation to furnish Israel with military and economic aid so that the Jewish State can defend itself and preserve its existence and identity.

In a position paper titled, "Israel--America's

ally in the Middle East," he said that for the past three years, the U.S. "has sold more than \$12 billion in military arms to the Persian Gulf states. Only \$5 billion went to Israel." Israel, he added, "is important not only to Jews but to America and democratic nations throughout the world."

Hirschfeld, noting that Israel's rescue of more than 100 hostages at Entebbe Airport was a lesson and a moral victory for the entire free world, also urged that strong action must be taken to combat terrorism and hijackings. "With America's prestige at an all-time low, the United States can take a lesson from Entebbe on how to regain the respect of the rest of the world" when "other nations and international organizations violate basic human freedoms."

Hirschfeld came to Palestine in 1934 at the age of 14 when his family left Poland. He began working in an assembly plant and later organized the first union there. His family later moved to a border village where he worked in an orange grove during the day and served in the Hagana at night. At the age of 27 he became Deputy Mayor of Bnei Brak. In 1950 he came to the U.S. to buy equipment for a steel and brass tube mill in Israel and decided to remain.

In his position paper, Hirschfeld also called on the U.S. government to recognize Jerusalem as the capital of Israel and to move its embassy there. "This should be done," he said, "forthwith and without any hesitation." Noting that for 20 years, Syria used the Golan Heights as a strategic base from which to launch attacks on Israeli settlers, Hirschfeld said he would support Israel's reluctance to return the Heights.

SHAARE ZEDEK HOSPITAL RECEIVES \$390,000 CHECK FROM ESTATE OF MATTHEW AND FLORENCE BLACK

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 25 (JTA)--Herbert A. Leland, attorney and trustee for the estate of Matthew S. and Florence Black, presented a \$390,000 check for Shaare Zedek Hospital in Jerusalem to Maurice A. Harband, president of the San Francisco Friends of Shaare Zedek Hospital, and Hershey Gold, general chairman of its Western Region.

Gold said the Matthew S. and Florence Black Geriatric Wing would be part of the new \$36 million Shaare Zedek Medical Center scheduled for completion next year. It is situated on a 4-acre site opposite Mt. Herzl.

At a luncheon attended by business executives, attorneys and friends of the hospital, Leland told of the wish of the one-time jeweler to help foster a geriatric program in Israel. Leland and his wife, Betty, who had known Mr. and Mrs. Black for many years, inspected various institutions before deciding to name Shaare Zedek Hospital the sole beneficiary of the charitable portion of the estate.

Harband, chairman of the luncheon, noted that Shaare Zedek had inaugurated an innovative geriatric program more than 10 years ago and is a pacesetter for Israel in this field.

PHILADELPHIA (JTA)--Israel's women's tennis team was defeated 3-0 by the United States Wednesday in the Federation Cup Tennis Tournament here. In the singles matches, Israeli Hatti Zubary was defeated 6-1, 6-0 by Rosemary Casals of the United States and Paulina Peled lost 6-1, 6-0 to Billie Jean King. In the doubles, the two Israeli women were defeated by their American opponents 6-3, 6-1.