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ISRAEL DENIES MASSING TROOPS AND ARMOR ON THE LEBANESE BORDER

TEL AVIV, Sept. 2 (JTA)=-Israeli sources today flatly denied foreign press reports that Israel was massing troops and armor on the Lebanese border preparatory to direct involvement in the Lebanese conflict. The reports, attributed to Lebanese Moslems and Christians, claimed that the Israeli concentrations were in response to the terrorist attack Monday on the Maronite Christian village of Ein Ebel near the Israeli border.

The Israeli sources said that Israel was increasing its assistance to Lebanese seeking medical treatment or jobs. They said that larger numbers of Lebanese came to the medical aid stations at Metullah and Dovev today than previously and that there has been no decline in the number of Lebanese workers in Israel who now number over 200.

The sources acknowledged that terrorists in Lebanon are attempting to disrupt the work of the border clinics but all attacks mounted against them have been foiled by the Lebanese villagers in the region.

CANADA DENIES TILTING AWAY FROM ISRAEL TOWARD PRO-ARAB STANCE By Ben Kayfetz

TORONTO, Sept. 2 (JTA)--Ivan Head, Premier Pierre Elliott Trudeau's foreign policy advisor, denied today that Canada will tilt away from Israel toward a pro-Arab stance in the Middle East conflict. Responding to an article by the Toronto Star's foreign affairs writer, Mark Gayn, who claimed that such a shift would occur when Canada takes its seat in the United Nations Security Council, Head emphasized that Canadian foreign policy is designed to benefit Canada and reflect the state of the world. Under no circumstances can it be interpreted as directed against traditional friends of Canada such as Israel, Head declared.

He said that a speech by Trudeau to the Canadian Jewish Congress two years ago in which the Premier said there must be sovereignty, territorial integrity and political independence for Israel and every other Middle East state, was and remains the definitive statement of Canada's Mideast policy.

Gayn's forecast, however, has stirred some concern here among friends of Israel. The writer, who is known to hold strong pro-Israel views, claimed that as a member of the Security Council Canada would side increasingly with the Third World even at the risk of antagonizing some of its traditional allies and partners.

He said that some members of Parliament were worried by the expected tilt away from Israel. Canada will not agree to the destruction of Israel and is certain to press for its preservation as an independent state "within secure boundaries." But the "love feast" with Israel is near

Gayn also warned that there is now, in the External Affairs Department, an influential group of Arabists who favor "leaning on Israel" to induce it to make concessions

Trudeau Mum On Mideast Policy

(In Tel Aviv today, Trudeau and his wife ended their four-day visit to Israel on a cordial note. But the Canadian chief executive refused to answer reporters' questions about Canada's Middle East policy. Premier Yitzhak Rabin, who saw the Trudeaus off at Ben Gurion Airport, said that Canada's policies would be determined by its own best interests.

(Rabin, and Israeli Foreign Minister Yigal Allon met privately with Trudeau during his visit. They said the Canadian leader had learned a great deal about Israel and its ideas for a Mideast settlement. "When the Middle East is discussed in Canada, I am sure the Prime Minister will know the subject thoroughly," Rabin said.)

ARGENTINE AMBASSADOR TO U.S. DEPLORES EVENTS IN HIS COUNTRY By Joseph Polakoff

WASHINGTON, Sept. 2 (JTA)--Argentine
Ambassador Arnaldo T. Musich virtually apologized today for the anti-Semitic acts of violence
in Buenos Aires and the distribution in Argentina
of Nazi publications. Speaking with the Jewish
Telegraphic Agency through the Embassy's chief
media officer, first secretary Hernan MassiniEzcurra, the Ambassador said:

Both Musich and Massini-Ezcurra are recent arrivals in Washington, the Ambassador having taken up his duties six weeks ago and the media envoy about two weeks earlier. Massini-Ezcurra, a diplomat for 11 years, said that "we know the impact of these events are important abroad" and that the "Jewish community is very very important."

Says Events Are Isolated

While deploring the outrages, Massini-Ezcurra characterized them as "completely isolated events" and claimed that the Argentine Jewish community was "not very worried about this."

The media officer, who was asked by JTA for a statement on the violence against Jews in his country, said that the violence and publications were attempts to "move international opinion against Argentina." He pointed out that they affected "the sensibility of Jewish communities in other countries which could be moved against the Argentine government."

Discussing the Buenos Aires community he

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which he described as "very very good," and Bernardo Braunzsfein, Under-Secretary of Energy, who was in Washington a week ago for negotiations with the World Bank on financing construction of an electric plant in Buenos Aires

EXECUTIVE SAYS ARGENTINA EVENTS DIVERT NEEDED SOCIAL SOLUTIONS

BUENOS AIRES, Sept. 2 (JTA)--The Executive of the Latin American Jewish Congress declared at a meeting yesterday that the current outbreak of bombing attacks on Jewish institutions, proliferation of Nazi material and circulation of letters threatening Argentine Jewry are attempts "to divert public opinion from rational solutions of real political, social and economic problems" now besetting violence-wracked Argentina.

Noting that the session was being held on the 37th anniversary of the start of World War II by Nazi Germany, the delegates declared that the "atrocious mass murders!" of the Nazi period started with propaganda "which prepared the way

for a system of terror."

A statement by the delegates condemned "the proliferation of Nazi expressions which offends the tradition and way of life of Latin American peoples" and urged them not to forget nor to allow themselves to be "dragged by the forces of destruction" and to defend "the dignity and culture of the human family." The session was attended by representatives from Argentina, Brazil Chile, Uruguay and Venezuela.

ALMOGI PREDICTS THERE WILL BE NO INCREASE IN ALIYA NEXT YEAR By Tuvia Mendelson

JERUSALEM, Sept. 2 (JTA)--Yosef Almogi, chairman of the World Zionist Organization and Jewish Agency Executives, predicted yesterday that there would be no increase in immigration to Israel in 1977 and blamed the present system of "shlichim" (emissaries) which he said had failed He said that the Zionist Federations in the various countries must become more active in aliva and not leave it exclusively to emissaries from Israel.

Almogi made his remarks during a two-hour meeting of the joint coordinating committee of the government and Jewish Agency headed by Premier Yitzhak Rabin. The meeting was attended by most Cabinet ministers and members of the WZO Executive.

Concerned About Argentina

Almogi reported at length on his recent visit to Latin America. He reported that after an investigation of the activities of Zionist emissaries in Argentina, Zionist activities were not banned in that country. He was referring to the release of five WZO emissaries and three local employes of the WZO who were arrested in Argentina July 22 and released Aug. 4.

However, Almogi expressed serious concern over what he described as open anti-Semitism in Argentina, noting that one could buy Nazi publications in any book shop. He described the situation of Jews in South America generally, observing that unstable conditions in various courtries abroad did not guarantee a rise in the number of immigrants coming to Israel.

Shlichim System Not Successful

proven successful. He said that on his coming visits to the U.S. and South Africa he would meet with the heads of Zionist Federations to discuss means of increasing their involvement in aliva.

Rabin said he would like to see more government ministers involved in aliya. Menachem Sherman, director general of the Absorption Ministry and Uzi Narkiss, head of the Jewish Agency's aliya department, were instructed at the meeting to prepare background material for a future meeting of the coordinating body that would sum up the discussion of aliya.

RABIN: PEACE IS NOT AT HAND By Tuvia Mendelson

JERUSALEM, Sept. 2 (JTA)—Premier Yitzhak Rabin said last night that he did not believe
that peace with Israel's Arab neighbors was at
hand and warned that the struggle could last
"one, two or three generations." Addressing a
dinner at the Knesset which he gave for the 300
American Jewish leaders participating in the
United Jewish Appeal's Prime Minister's Mission to Israel, Rabin described the Sinai interim
agreement signed with Egypt just one year ago
as a small step toward peace that has reduced
the danger of war.

He said he was pleased that Egypt is rebuilding its towns on the Suez Canal. He said that while such activity "does not prevent war, at least it adds weight on the side against it." He also stressed to the UJA leaders that before Israel turns to anyone for economic help, "we reduce our own standard of living and we hope you will be with us in any way you find possible."

Pledges of contributions made at the dinner totalled over \$21 million, an increase of about \$5 million over the pledges made during last year's Prime Minister's Mission. Last night's dinner marked the close of the Mission and the start of the UJA's 1977 campaign. Earlier in the day the Mission members met with Defense Minister Shimon Peres. He was presented with a commemorative scroll by a UJA delegate of Philadelphia in memory of Col. Jonathan Nethanyahu who was killed during the Entebbe mission.

REPORT 'INDICTING' COMMERCE DEP'T, ON BOYGOTT TO BE RELEASED NEXT WEEK

WASHINGTON, Sept. 2 (JTA)--A House subcommittee investigating compliance by American companies with the Arab economic boycott is to make public next week a comprehensive report that was described to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency today as "a damning indictment" of the U.S. Department of Commerce.

The report of approximately 15,000 words was prepared by the subcommittee on oversight and investigation of the Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee. It will be released Tuesday at the Capitol by the subcommittee's chairman,

Rep. John E. Moss (D. Calif.).

According to Capitol sources, the report covers approximately 30,000 memoranda and reports, about two-thirds of them previously confidential reports to the Commerce Department by American trading with the Arab world.

These reports were said to cover the demands made by Arab countries in the years 1974 and 1975 on American companies wishing contracts to comply with their boycott of concerns man-

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WALDHEIM: PALESTINIAN QUESTION IS AN ESSENTIAL ELEMENT IN RESOLVING THE CONFLICT IN THE MIDDLE EAST By Yitzhak Rabi

UNITED NATIONS, Sept. 2 (JTA)--The tackling of the Palestinian question is "an essential element in resolving the Mideast dispute," Secretary General Kurt Waldheim stated in his annual report to the General Assembly which he released today. "The Palestinian dimension of the Mideast problem has gained increasing attention in efforts to achieve a just and lasting peace in that region."

The Secretary General noted that the Assembly, which convenes Sept. 21, will be presented with the report of the 20-member committee on the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People. The committee's report was rejected earlier in the year by the Security Council after the United States vetoed it. Israel does not recognize the committee and termed its recommendation as a plan for it the destruction of Israel!"

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Referring to the Arab-Israeli conflict, Wald-

heim stated in his report: "Although efforts to resume the negotiating process in the Middle East are, in the present circumstances, in abeyance, it is vital that they should be resumed in earnest as soon as the conditions in the region provide an opening for renewed negotiations."

Crisis In Lebanon Assessed

The civil war in Lebanon, Waldheim noted,

"has brought tragedy and destruction to Lebanon." He warned that the relationship of the Leb
anese crisis to the Middle East problem as a
whole "underlines its serious potential threat to
international peace."

Continuing, Waldheim stated: "The Lebanese tragedy continues in all its horror and violence, and the best efforts and intentions of the leaders concerned and of the international community appear unavailing in the face of the violent passion involved." Waldheim noted, however, that despite the situation in Lebanon the UN Truce Supervision Organization "has been able to continue its important task of observing the cease-fire in the Israel-Lebanon sector."

On the issue of international terrorism, Waldheim said that "recent events have dramatically underscored the urgent need for the world community to find effective ways of dealing with acts of international terrorism." He said that international terrorism has become a threat "to all governments and people" and said that urgent action to combat terrorism is needed.

Avineri Meets With Waldheim

Last night, the director general of Israel's Foreign Ministry, Prof. Shlomo Avineri, met Waldheim for a conversation that was described as a "courtesy call." Israel's Ambassador to the United Nations, Chaim Herzog, and Undersecretary General Roberto Guyer also participated in the meeting.

During the conversation, which lasted more than an hour, Avineri and Waldheim exchanged views concerning the up-coming General Assembly and the outcome of the recent conference of the non-aligned countries in Colombo, which Waldheim attended. Avineri arrived here this

during the past year, according to the "Military Balance 1976-77," published here today by the International Institute for Strategic Studies. Last year's report noted that Israel had two submarines in service with three more on order. The latest report lists Israel as having five submarines.

Neither Israel nor Britain have ever confirmed that the order was placed, though about two years ago, when news of the order first leaked out, Arab ambassadors went to the British Foreign Office to complain about the sale,

Vickers, at Barrow in Furness, who are believed to have won the Israeli-order, have consistently refused to confirm or deny that they were building the craft for Israel. A spokesman for the company told the Jewish Telegraphic, Agency today that while continuing to adhere to this policy, he would have to describe the data-in the military report as "bunk, sheer bunk."

ZOA HEAD DENOUNCES NAMING LIBYAN AS PRESIDENT OF SECURITY COUNCIL

NEW YORK, Sept. 2 (JTA)--Joseph P, Sternstein, president of the Zionist Organization of America, said today that the naming of the Libyan representative to the United Nations as this month's Security Council president is "morally repugnant," Libya, he observed, "has been an instigator of world terror. It is directly responsible for the recent killings at the Istanbul Airport and even gave a safe haven to the terrorists who killed American diplomats in the Sudan in 1973."

Sternstein spoke on the eve of the 79th annual ZOA convention which will be held here Sept. 9-12. According to Leon Ilutowich, ZOA executive director, speakers at the convention will include Sen. Robert Dole, Republican nominee for Vice-President; Sen. Walter F. Mondale, the Democratic nominee for Vice-President; Brig. Gen. Ariel Sharon, Israeli defense force reserve general; Joseph P. Sisco, former Undersecretary of State for Political Affairs; and Daniel P. Moynihan, former U.S. Ambassador to the UN.

Yosef Almogi, chairman of the Jewish Agency and World Zionist Organization Executives and Leon Dulzin, Jewish Agency treasurer, are also scheduled to address the convention.

Prior to the convention, a Zionist service and protest against world terrorism will be held at the Isaiah Wall on Sept. 8 at 11 a.m. Later in the day, designated by the ZOA as Freedom Day, more than 200 people will travel to the Statue of Liberty for a Zionist Salute to America.

ZVI GERSHUNI DEAD AT 60

JERUSALEM, Sept. 2 (JTA)--Zvi Gershuni, an Alignment Knesset member collapsed suddenly yesterday morning at the Knesset building a few minutes before the House Finance Committee, of which he was a member, was scheduled to meet. He was immediately rushed to the Shaare Zedek Hospital and died there. Gershuni, 60, was a member of Kibbutz Nir-Am, and was the Alignment representative on the Knesset Finance Committee. He came to Israel 40 years ago and was active in the kibbutz movement.

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JDL MEMBER UNDER FEDERAL INDICTMENT READY TO TURN STATE'S EVIDENCE By Ben Gallob

NEW YORK, Sept. 2 (JTA)—Thomas MacIntosh, 36, of Woodbury, N.J., one of four Jewish Defense League members arrested on an Ilcount federal indictment stemming from alleged harassment of foreign officials, has decided to turn state's evidence and will be a witness for the prosecution, the Jewish Telegraphic Agency learned today from reliable sources.

MacIntosh, described by the JDL as a convert, was arrested by the FBI June 8, with Steven Ehrlich, 21, of San Francisco, on Staten Island. Both were en route from New Jersey. The FBI said the car in which MacIntosh and Ehrlich were riding contained explosive materials. The JTA also was informed that MacIntoch has been held in protective custody since his arrest. JDL officials declined to comment on the report about him.

Ehrlich came here from San Francisco and was arraigned last week. He was freed Tuesday on \$25,000 cash bond, the same arrangement on which Russel Kelner, 35, of Brooklyn, former operations officer of the JDL, and Jeffrey Weingarten. 21, of Brooklyn, were released after a hearing on Aug. 19, the day the federal indictment was handed up.

The indictment charged the JDL members with participating in a conspiracy which allegedly included shooting into the Soviet Mission to the United Nations and into the Soviet residential complex in Riverdale, N.Y. and 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 arraignment hearings were held before Judge Henry Werker, of the Southern District federal court in Manhattan, who came under criticism by both the JDL and the National Jewish Commission on Law and Public Affairs (COLPA) for ordering a JDL spectator, Sheldon Fine, at the hearing to remove his yarmulke or leave the courtroom. Fine left.

Judge Werker, in issuing his order to Fine, declared that his court was not a temple. When Ralph Naden, Kelner's attorney, objected, declaring that Fine's "hat" was a religious article worn by observant Jews, Judge Werker replied he did not care what the head covering was and that "no one wears a hat in my courtroom."

Judge Explains His Order

COLPA sent a letter on Aug. 25 to Judge
Werker, asking for "clarification" of his order to
Fine. COLPA yesterday released a reply from
the judge in which the jurist declared that when he
issued his order to Fine "I was unaware of the
nature or significance of the constant wearing of
the yarmulke by certain observant Jews." He
added that "I have since been advised with regard
to this and will bear this in mind in future
proceedings."

Sidney Kwestel, COLPA president, indicated that on the basis of Judge Werker's response, COLPA considered the matter closed and planned no further action. But Bonnie Pechter, JDL national coordinator, recalled that the JDL had publicly demanded that Judge Werker be removed

and did not consider the matter closed. She said the JDL would, "at an appropriate time," take legal action against Judge Werker,

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

NEW SOVIET IMPEDIMENTS TO JEWISH RELIGIOUS, CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

By Maurice Samuelson

LONDON, Sept. 2 (JTA)--New Soviet legislation makes Jewish religious and cultural life in the Soviet Union even harder than before, according to a study carried out by the Institute of Jewish Affairs.

Dr. S.J. Roth, the Institute's director, draws this conclusion from an analysis of a revision of the 1929 law on religious associations, showing that registration of religious societies has become more difficult and that their right of appeal against appropriations of houses of prayer has been abolished. Funds for the maintenance of religious societies, which could previously be solicited anywhere, must now be collected only on the premises of the house of prayer.

Under the June 23, 1976 revision, advance special permission is required "for each individual occasion" for the holding of religious services in private homes. As there are fewer than 70 synagogues in the Soviet Union, Jews had relied heavily on "minyanim" in private homes. The restriction would apply even for prayers in the house of a mourner or for circumcision ceremonies held at home.

Similarly, religious education, formerly available on authorized "courses," is now permitted only in "ecclesiastical educational institutions." These restrictions, the study concludes, will make difficult any attempt "to direct the newly awakened Jewish consciousness towards the synagogues or Judaism at large."

CONSERVATIVE MOVEMENT SPONSORS ITS FIRST MOSHAV IN ISRAEL

NEW YORK, Sept. 2 (JTA) -- The United Synagogue of America has undertaken what it describes as an historic venture as it launches the first agricultural settlement in Israel under the auspices of the Conservative movement.

Modeled along the lines of the successful Moshav Sde Nitzan in the Negev, the new settlement will also be in the Negev. Like Sde Nitzan, it will be conducted on a cooperative basis with the traditional family structure maintained and personal property privately owned. However, unlike any other moshav currently in existence, this one will have a homogeneous Conservative religious orientation.

Within a few years, the United Synagogue of America hopes to establish several additional moshavim in adjoining areas. The developments will be clustered around a common area which will service them with educational, health and other facilities, so that they will ultimately become a substantial community of moshavim. Immediate plans call for recruitment of 50 young couples, Conservative Jews, "who want to seize this unusual opportunity for aliva," the USA said. Dr. and Mrs. Leonald Pinkas, chairmon of the

Dr. and Mrs. Leonard Pinkas, chairmen of the United Synagogue of Israel's Committee to Establish a Moshay and leading members of Sde Nitzan, are recruiting in the United States.

harred from sitting on any cases involving Jews.
Informed of Judge Werker's letter, Ms.

Pechter said yesterday the JDL was not satisfied