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3 TO BE TRIED FOR WAR CRIMES

BRUSSELS, March 20 (JTA)--Three former SS leaders are due to stand trial in Kiel, West Germany for crimes committed during World War II in Belgium. The three are former SS Col. Konstantin Canaris, SS Lt. Col. Ernst Ehlers and SS Lt. Kurt Asche. Canaris, '70, a distant relative of Admiral Canaris who was the head of the Nazi German military intelligence, is charged with having helped Ehlers to deport 20,000 Jews from Belgium and northern France to Auschwitz where they died. Ehlers served as head of the Gestapo for Belgium and northern France during the war.

Canaris was arrested in Milan in 1945 and transferred to Brussels where a military court sentenced him to 20 years imprisonment. He was freed and expelled from Belgium in 1952. Ehlers and Asche were never arrested and tried. Belgian Jewish organizations have repeatedly asked the West German authorities to bring them to trial. In May 1975 Jewish demonstrators broke into Ehler's flat in Munich to draw attention to the fact that he was still free and even drawing a West German state pension as a retired judge.

CARTER INDICATES A PALESTINIAN HOMELAND IS APPROPRIATE IN 'JORDANIAN FRAMEWORK OR OTHER MEANS'

WASHINGTON, March 20 (JTA)--President Carter has indicated that he believes a Palestinian "homeland" within "the framework" of Jordan represents one possibility in solving the Middle East conflict. He told pool reporters on his flight to Washington after addressing the United Nations Thursday night that his recent reference to "a Palestinian home" was "appropriate."

"I think some provision has got to be made for the Palestinians in the framework of the nation of Jordan or by some other means," the President was quoted as saying. But he declined to discuss what "other means" might be. Carter noted that Israel wants to deal with the Palestinian question within the framework of negotiations with Jordan, the reporters said. He also observed that "Jordan, Syria and Egypt are still trying to decide what kind of delegation the Arab countries want to have at a possible peace conference."

The President also made it clear that U.S. policy has not changed with respect to contacts with the PLO. When he was asked, before leaving New York, whether the fact that he shook hands with PLO representative Hassan Abdul Rahman at the UN reception in his honor implied that "there would be further contacts between the U.S. officially and the Palestine Liberation Organization," Carter replied, "Well, I doubt that, not until the PLO changes its attitude toward Israel."

The President added: "Our commitment to Israel was made by the previous Administration but I have good hopes that the Palestinians and the Arab nations can get together among themselves first of all, and that when they, the Arab countries and Israel, get to Geneva this year,

that there will be an adequate basis for progress. But for me to try to spell out exactly what their relationship might be in the future would be presumptuous. I don't know how to do that."

Herzog Regrets Handshake

Israeli Ambassador to the UN Chaim Herzog reacted sharply to the handshake with the PLO observer at the UN. Addressing the 75th anniversary banquet of Mizrachi-Hapoel Hamizrachi in New York tonight, he said "It must be a matter of deepest regret that in the bizarre situation which was created in the United Nations this past week the hand of the President of the United States was extended to the representative of an organization committed to the destruction of Israel, and it matters not whether such an act had political connotations or not."

Palestinians Reaffirm Israel's Demise

Meanwhile, reports reaching here from Cairo today said that the Palestine National Council meeting there adopted a 15-point program that included the establishment of an independent Palestinian state and reaffirmed the long run strategic aim of dismantling the State of Israel. The program, adopted by a 194-13 vote, also laid down conditions for Palestinian participation in the Middle East negotiating process.

It ruled out the Geneva conference under its present terms of reference but said the PLO would negotiate under terms of the 1974 General Assembly resolution that reaffirmed the Palestinians' right to self-determination, national independence and sovereignty and their right to return to their former homes in what is now Israel.

Calls For Military Escalation

The program called for escalation of the military and political struggle against Israel and stated that its aim was to "regain the inalienable national rights of the Palestinian people without peace or recognition of Israel." This implied that the PLO would continue its efforts to eliminate Israel even after a Palestinian state is formed. The Council rejected Security Council Resolution 242 which, it said, "ignores the Palestine people" inasmuch as it defines the Palestinian issue as a refugee problem. It said that any settlement or agreements affecting Palestinian rights taken in their absence would be "null and void."

The delegates accused the U.S. and Israel of inflexibility and stubbornness on the Palestinian issue and expressed disappointment with President Carter's remarks about a Palestinian "homeland" because he did not specify where such a homeland would be. A Council spokesman told reporters after the voting that the 13 dissenting votes were cast by the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine which wanted to rule out any negotiations with Israel.

MORE ACTION ON SOVIET JEWRY URGED

NEW YORK, March 20 (JTA)--"An accelerated attempt must be made to utilize the re-

sources of the American community on behalf of Soviet Jews, due to recent events in the USSR," Eugene Gold, Brooklyn District Attorney and National Conference on Soviet Jewry (NCSJ) chairman said in an emergency meeting of the NCSJ board of governors today.

More than 200 Jewish leaders from across the United States and Canada met to discuss the deteriorating situation of Jews in the USSR, highlighted by the recent arrests of Iosif Begun on charges of vagrancy, and Anatoly Sharansky for allegedly conspiring to commit treason. Sharansky was accused of working for the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA). The increasing use of anti-Semitism in officially approved Soviet media and the recent attempts by Soviet propagandists to link others in the Soviet Jewish movement, with the CIA, were denounced by the assembly.

"These acts are of serious concern to Soviet Jews and their supporters around the world," Gold noted. "We fear that the Soviet authorities are deliberately attempting to create an anti-Jewish climate among the general populace. This fear now exists throughout the USSR. The KGB has been given a freer hand to harass, persecute, and even arrest activists. We must accelerate our actions nationwide."

The release last week of Soviet Jewish Prisoner of Conscience Dr. Mikhail Stern "is just one hopeful sign of the Soviet system responding to its critics," Gold noted. "We must strengthen our efforts on behalf of thousands of Jews who wish to leave and those who languish in prison and labor camps." The NCSJ reported that Stern has applied to emigrate to Israel with his wife.

Rallies Scheduled May 1, June 12

Nationwide demonstrations are scheduled to take place during National Solidarity Month, May 1 and June 12, which will culminate with the NCSJ Leadership Assembly in Washington June 12. After lengthy discussion the leaders recommended emergency action, including direct appeals to Soviet officials, increased contacts with Congressmen and the Administration as well as an expanded educational effort on the plight of Soviet Jews across the U.S. and Canada. Delegates from communities across the U.S. were mobilized by the National Jewish Relations Advisory Council, a constituent of the NCSJ.

Before the meeting, Gold, Natalya Sharansky, wife of Anatoly Sharansky; her brother, Mikhail Shitgiltz; and Esther Lazaris, wife of Soviet Jewish activist Vladimir Lazaris, attempted to enter the Soviet UN Mission to deliver a petition on their husbands' behalf as well as dozens of other separated Soviet Jewish families. "I have come to the United States to plead for myself and my sisters in Israel," said Esther Lazaris, "whose brothers, husbands, fathers and sons are thousands of miles from us, forbidden to rejoin their loved ones."

Meanwhile, the NCSJ said today it learned that the apartment of Soviet Jewish activist Vladimir Slepak was taken over yesterday by a group of thugs who made a shambles of the apartment, destroying many of the family's possessions. It was also learned that no police intervened as the men held the family and the apartment for several hours. Slepak, who has been waiting for an exit visa since 1970, was recently accused, along with his friend Sharansky, of being a contact for the CIA. At the same time, it was learned that a

group of 50 Soviet-Pentacostals issued an appeal to Christians around the world to aid the struggle of Soviet Jews.

RABIN SPOTLIGHTS 'LARGE DIFFERENCE' BETWEEN ISRAEL AND THE U.S. ON BORDER ISSUE, PALESTINIAN QUESTION

By David Landau

JERUSALEM, March 20 (JTA)--There is "a large difference" between the positions of Israel and of the United States on two "central issues" in the Mideast conflict, Premier Yitzhak Rabin told the nation tonight: the issue of borders and the Palestinian question. In a radio interview after the weekly Cabinet meeting, Rabin said Israel would have to "fight" for public opinion in the Congress, the Administration, and among U.S. opinion molders on these two issues.

The Carter Administration's positions on these two issues "did not come as a surprise" to him, the Premier said, since all U.S. Administrations since 1967 had in fact favored Israeli withdrawal and a solution of the Palestinian problem which perhaps did not accord with Israel's own views. But so long as the step-by-step policy was in progress, the disputes over the basic questions tended to be forgotten, he noted.

Observers saw this as the strongest statement yet by Rabin on the differences of opinion which have emerged with Washington over the past 10 days.

Rabin's tone was echoed in the Cabinet's official communique, which, while pointing out the favorable aspects of President Carter's position--especially on the nature of the peace--noted that "Ministers did not ignore the indications that in certain central issues there is still a substantial gap between the U.S. and Israeli positions."

Observers saw today's developments as indicating a decision to no longer seek to downplay the differences, but rather to state clearly and publicly both the points of concurrence and the points of discord.

It remains, of course, to be seen how the silhouetting of the points at issue will affect Labor's situation on the eve of the elections. Rabin is possibly banking on the contention that the voter will decide that whatever are the disputes between Israel and the U.S. under Labor, they would be much sharper under Likud, some political analysts observed.

ARABS, AFRICANS STOP ISRAELI ENVOY FROM ADDRESSING A UN CONFERENCE

BUENOS AIRES, March 20 (JTA)--Israeli Ambassador Moshe Erel failed in his bid to prevent a PLO representative from addressing a session of the United Nations Water Conference at Mar Del Plata Friday. The Israeli envoy's remarks were interrupted repeatedly by clapping from Arab and some African delegates and calls for order from the conference chairman, Luis Jauregui of Argentina.

Erel protested the presence of the PLO whose "declared purpose is to destroy a UN member state and its methods include murder." He said it could contribute nothing to the "peaceful gathering" called to discuss the use and conservation of the world's water resources. The Arabs and their allies who set up a din forced Erel to leave the podium.

(He was followed by the PLO delegate, Salah

Zawawi who denounced Zionism as "the most ruthless form of racial discrimination and human oppression" and accused Israel of "oppression, torture and inhuman treatment of those now languishing in prisons in occupied territories." Zawawi received a standing ovation.

PEACEFUL JDL RALLY DRAWS 200 **Kahane Warns Hanafis Of Violence If** **They Nab Another Jewish Building** **By Joseph Polakoff**

WASHINGTON, March 20 (JTA)--Rabbi Meir Kahane, founder of the Jewish Defense League, warned today the Hanafi Moslems that if they ever take over another Jewish building as they did the B'nai B'rith international headquarters here March 2, the JDL will "use the same kind of violence against you."

Kahane made his threat as he stood on a trash can in drizzling rain across the street from the Hanafi Moslem headquarters as three rows of policemen stood between him and the Hanafis. About 200 persons attended the three-hour rally of whom half, according to a JDL spokesperson, were JDL members from across the country. There were no incidents during the rally as the JDL members waved placards, shouted slogans and sang Hatikvah.

"Two can talk about chopping off heads,"

Kahane said, referring to the threats the Hanafis made to their hostages during the siege at the B'nai B'rith headquarters and two other buildings here. He also warned that Hanafi leader Khalifa Hamaas Abdul Khaalis, who was freed without bail, will never be certain of his safety again.

The JDL leader told the Jews present at the rally not to congratulate him but to "join the JDL." He said young Jews "who know how to defend themselves" should carry .22 caliber rifles.

Apparently piqued by the turnout at which the police and newsmen outnumbered demonstrators, Kahane said that at least 15,000 Jews from Washington should have been at the rally. He urged his listeners to go to their synagogues this Friday and ask their rabbis why they were not present and why representatives of Jewish organizations were not there.

"Don't listen to Jewish leaders," he said. "They will lead us down the primrose path like they did in the thirties. The fear that is deep in us is what will the gentiles think. It is not what gentiles think that matters, it is what we do."

Rally Condemned By Jewish Council

Among those listening to Kahane was Daniel Mann, executive director of the Jewish Community Council of Greater Washington, which had issued a statement condemning the rally. The statement expressed the Council's "strongest revulsion at the Hanafi statements (last Thursday) which contained the vilest anti-Semitism, shocking threats of violence and all consuming hatred."

At the same time, the Council said it believed that the "public counter-threats can only serve to further inflame emotions and should be avoided." The Council, which did not refer directly to the JDL, said that it remained "fully confident in the ability of civil authorities to provide security and a sense of calm to citizens in our community." After Kahane announced plans for the rally last week, the Hanafis threatened a "bloodbath" against the JDL "and all Zionist Jews and their allies."

Purpose Of The Rally

Upon arriving here today from Miami, Kahane conferred with Washington Police Chief Maurice J. Cullihane. The JDL leader told the rally the police were worried about attacks on synagogues but did not say anything about mosques because "we Jews don't do things like that."

Before the demonstration, Kahane stood on the steps of the closed Tifereth Israel Congregation synagogue across from the Hanafi headquarters and told newsmen the "major purpose of this rally is to let those people and every anti-Semite know when we say 'never again' we mean 'never again.'"

The heavily travelled 16th Street was lined with police and police cars. There was also at least one ambulance and one fire truck. Three police plainclothesmen were on top of the Ohav Shalom Synagogue, which they turned into a command post, next to the Hanafi house where armed men with machetes patrolled the grounds behind a high iron fence. The Hanafi headquarters is located in an area of Washington once heavily Jewish and now mostly populated by upper middle-class Blacks.

The only incident came at the beginning of the rally when a man at the edge of the crowd carried a sign saying "Zionists, Fascists, Imperialists" just as a group of JDL members from New York alighted from a bus. One JDL youth lunged at the man but JDL marshalls prevented him from doing anything. The man carrying the sign was hustled away by police who confiscated the placard. The JDL had marshalls who maintained order throughout the rally.

NEW LEFT-WING MOVEMENT IN ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, March 20 (JTA)--A new left-wing movement was added to Israel's rapidly broadening pre-election political spectrum over the weekend. The group, which has chosen the name "Sheli," an acronym for "Peace and Equality for Israel," is headed by former Labor MK Arye Eliav who has been associated with a number of non-establishment factions since he quit the Labor Party.

Eliav was joined by Meir Payil of the leftist Moked faction which has one seat in the present Knesset, by Uri Avneri, the publisher who represented the one-man Haolam Hazeq faction in the Knesset and Black Panther leader Saadia Marciano. Its platform--favoring a Palestinian state on the West Bank--is almost identical to the position of the Public Council for Peace Israel-Palestine. The latter was formed by Eliav, Avneri and Gen. Mattityahu (Matti) Peled, a group that aroused bitter controversy in Israel and abroad because of its private meetings with PLO representatives in Paris.

NEW YORK (JTA)--Leaders of the developing Jewish Community Center movements in Israel, Europe and Latin America will join with leaders of North American centers affiliated with the Jewish Welfare Board in the First World Conference of Jewish Community Centers, to be held in Israel May 3-8. Morton L. Mandel of Cleveland, president of the World Federation of Jewish Community Centers, announced this "historic first." The JWB is the North American affiliate of the World Federation which will sponsor the conference.

JEWISH RELIGIOUS LEADERS PRAISE CARTER ON A NUMBER OF ISSUES

By Joseph Polakoff

WASHINGTON, March 20, (JTA)--Ten religious leaders of the three branches of American Jewry in the Synagogue Council of America met with Secretary of State Cyrus Vance at the State Department for almost an hour Friday to discuss a wide variety of issues. Later at a news conference, the spokesman for the delegation commended President Carter and Vance for their stand on human rights, reflected their deep concern for Soviet Jewry and assailed the Jewish Defense League for its statement last Thursday about the Hanafi Moslems.

Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein, the SCA president who headed the delegation, said the SCA does not endorse JDL's principles, philosophy or any of its actions. Reporters questions to Lookstein were prompted by the JDL statement it would demonstrate against the Hanafi Moslems.

In a strong endorsement of the President personally and for his policies, Lookstein strongly denied that there is widespread concern within the American Jewish community over Carter's religious convictions. The rabbi said the President has shown high principle and moral persuasion in his tenure at the White House.

In their talk with Vance, which was originally scheduled for a half hour, the delegation expressed dismay at the new wave of persecution of Soviet Jews that culminated recently in the Soviet decision to bar the importation of matzo's for Passover.

On the Middle East, the SCA representatives welcomed Carter's March 8 statement that he considers the U.S. relationship with Israel "to be an equal partnership that has derived for our country and for the cause of freedom tremendous benefits." The delegation expressed its special concern "about the future of Jerusalem." While any settlement, they stressed, must take account of the interests of the three great world religions, a re-partition of Jerusalem would be "clearly unacceptable."

Discussion also included U.S. policy toward the Third World, alleviation of world hunger, U.S. relations with the United Nations and strategic arms limitations. The delegation recommended that the U.S. should withhold payment to UN agencies or programs which "are politically distorted, without damaging programs and institutions which deal constructively with global interdependence problems."

SENATOR FEELS SOME OF CARTER'S STATEMENTS, ACTIONS MAY GIVE ISRAEL SENSE OF INSECURITY

NEW YORK, March 20 (JTA)--Sen. Robert Morgan (D,NC) feels that some of President Carter's actions and comments on the Middle East since assuming office "may give Israel reason to feel insecure." Addressing the annual Home Furnishings Division dinner of the State of Israel Bonds at the Waldorf-Astoria last night, Morgan said that at no time should Carter's "good will and concern for Israel's survival, or his determination regarding Israel's right to exist and to maintain its integrity" be questioned.

However, "he speaks now of a homeland for the Palestinians, a more specific-sounding term than the traditional American concern for the Palestinians' 'legitimate grievances.' But what exactly he means, and what exactly would be possible within the context of events--these we will

have to be patient to examine," Morgan said.

As additional examples, the Senator cited Carter's cancellation of the concussion bomb sale and the denial that Israel could sell its Kfir fighter to Taiwan and Ecuador. He stated that he agreed with the President's decision on the bomb but felt that Israel should be permitted to sell the planes, because "Israel needs desperately to increase its exports, and has been forced by its position to go into the arms business."

Morgan felt that the burden of obtaining Palestine Liberation Organization and Palestinian acceptance of Israel and her right to exist lay with such Arab leaders as President Anwar Sadat of Egypt, Jordan's King Hussein, and Syrian President Hafez Assad. "The Palestinians continue to take a hard line, despite hopes that there would be some accommodation on their part," the Senator told the Israel Bond guests.

Morgan called the new Administration's peace efforts "admirable" in trying for a spirit of "conciliation and compromise" in getting all parties to the negotiating table. "Therefore, Americans would do well to understand that Israelis may be slow to share the new optimism brought on by a change of Administration in Washington. Americans should understand Israel's quickness to worry about America's intentions. And while we can let no reasonable chance to negotiate escape us, we should keep in mind what kind of 'settlement' is really needed in the long run."

REPORT ANTI-JEWISH BIAS AT COUNTRY CLUB NEAR WASHINGTON

BALTIMORE, March 20 (JTA)--Maryland Attorney General Francis B. Burch has found that the Bethesda Country Club outside of Washington has discriminated against Jews. His finding announced last week also said the club has discriminatory procedures that operated to keep out Blacks.

Unless the club changes its practices it will risk the eventual loss of a major deduction in property taxes that Maryland gives to country clubs. Burch's 15-month investigation began after the Maryland Legislature passed an amendment to the law allowing tax breaks for country clubs which required an end to discrimination or a loss of the tax break. The 1974 amendment "mandated investigation of the clubs."

According to Burch's report, seven applications for membership by Jews were rejected in secret ballots between 1972 and 1976 while no other persons were rejected. The club has 771 men and 41 women members, including 15 Jews.

At public hearings on the issue, Earl Tyner, the club's president, denied there has been any discrimination against Jews or Blacks. He said that no Black had ever applied for membership. But Fred Oken, the Assistant Attorney General, who wrote the opinion, said that the fact that all seven who had been rejected were Jews "cannot be explained by coincidence or by any credible reason unrelated to their being Jewish."

Six other Maryland country clubs have been cleared and decisions on four others are still pending. Eight clubs have not yet been scheduled for public hearings.

NEW YORK (JTA)--The Margaret and Joseph Fettman Chair at the Hebrew University will be devoted to Central European History with emphasis on Austro-Hungarian Jewry.