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LEBANESE CHRISTIAN PRAISES ISRAEL FOR AID GIVEN AGAINST TERRORISM. First Time That A Lebanese Citizen Holds A Press Conference In Tel Aviv By Gil Sedan

TEL AVIV, April 19 (JTA)--A Lebanese Christian said here today that the only force that deterred Palestinian terrorists from annihilating Christians in Lebanon was Israel's army. The speaker, Francis Rizik, political advisor to Christian forces in southern Lebanon, read a letter from Major Saad Haddad, commander of the Christian militia which said in part: "Our former enemy, Israel, is/today the only and last support we have. The bitter irony is that Israel, constantly vilified, Has opened her heart to us."

Rizik appeared at a press conference arranged by the Public Committee for Aid to Lebanon. It was the first time that a citizen of a neighboring Arab country held a press conference in Tel Aviv. He was accompanied by prominent persons who head the committee, among them Moshe Sanbar, former Governor of the Bank of Israel, Msgr. Augustin Harfoush, leader east, in preparation for a reconvened Géneva of the Maronite Christian community in Israel, and representatives of the Tel Aviv, Jerusalem and Haifa municipalities who announced a project to aid the stricken citizens of southern Lebanon.

Israel 'Has Opened Her Heart To Us'

Rizik said he spoke in the name of Haddad who was unable to come "because of the military situation.' He read Haddad's letter calling on world opinion to aid the south Lebanese population. The letter said:

"Missile attacks and phosphorus bombs are killing and wounding women, children, the elderly and the sick. The Christian world, the socalled free world, deserted us at the most difficult moment. Even our government in Beirut does not assist us and the Red Cross cars don't reach us....Our former enemy, Israel, is today the only and the last support we have. The bitter irony is that Israel, constantly vilified, has opened her heart to us. Where should we send our wounded, our expectant mothers, our old and sick? Would the terrorists treat them? Their 155 mm. shells, Katyusha and GRAD rockets are responsible for all the suffering and horror around us."

After the letter was read, Sanbar called on the public to contribute funds to the victims of the fighting in Lebanon. Deputy Mayor Yitzhak Artzi of Tel Aviv announced that 3000 boy scouts would distribute circulars to Tel Aviv homes this Saturday announcing that blankets and old clothes will be collected for Lebanese villagers next Tuesday. Similar collections will be made in Jerusalem and Halfa.

(In Washington, the State Department said today it had no information on the charge by Haddad that the government in Beirut was impeding the International Red Cross from investigating atrocities committed by Palestinians in southern Lebanon. The absence of comment from the Department was not regarded as unusual as it

frequently awaits communications through U.S. diplomatic channels before commenting and such communications frequently lag far behind news reports.)

EEC TO ABSTAIN FROM LAUNCHING ITS OWN INITIATIVE IN THE MIDEAST By Maurice Samuelson

LONDON, April 19 (JTA)--The European Economic Community (EEC) has decided to abstain from launching its own initiative on the Middle East despite anxieties about the lack of progress in easing the Arab-Israeli conflict. A statement at the end of yesterday's meeting of the Foreign Ministers of the nine EEC member countries said that the ministers had discussed the Middle East but agreed that it would not be timely to make a joint proposal.

The decision is in line with the policy adopted at the last meeting of the EEC Foreign Ministers in London Jan. 31 under the chairmanship of the then British Foreign Secretary, the late Anthony Crosland. On that occasion, Crosland persuaded his fellow Foreign Ministers not to step out of line with American efforts to deal with the Mid-

conference.

Another reason given at yesterday's meeting which was chaired by David Owen, the new British Foreign Secretary, for not making a major EEC statement on the Mideast was anxiety about the outcome of the forthcoming Israeli general elections. However, observers here doubt whether the EEC is itself really capable of adopting clear joint positions in view of the individual countries deeply entrenched and often competing interests in the region.

HERZOG URGES 'FRIENDLY' UN MISSIONS WITH MEMBERS IN ECOSOC TO STAY AWAY FROM CONCLAVES ON RACISM WHICH WOULD INTRODUCE ISSUE OF ZIONISM By Yitzhak Rabi

UNITED NATIONS, April 19 (JTA)-Chaim Herzog, Israel's Ambassador to the United Nations, today urged the "heads of friendly mis" " sions'' to the UN who are members of the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) to refuse "to participate in any conference on racism which would introduce the issue of Zionism."

In a letter to the heads of those missions that had rejected the 1975 General Assembly resolution equating Zionism with racism. Herzog warned that the possibility exists once more that the Arab states and their allies will attempt again to inject the issue of Zionism into the deliberations of ECOSOC when it discusses the program for the Decade To Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination. The 54-nation body is currently in session here.

The Israeli envoy noted that the Arab intent to raise the issue of Zionism is reflected in several recommendations included in the report of the Preparatory Subcommittee for the ECOSOC Conference. He pointed out that the recommendations of the subcommittee call for "the full and universal implementation of UN decisions and --resolutions on racism (and) racial discrimination....'

The recommendations also refer to the Baghdad Symposium on Zionism last year and called for the compilation of documents by the Secretariate, a move which, Herzog contended, "would include the resolution on Zionism and thus make it possible to raise the issue at the conference."

Notes Bizarre Inclusion

Herzog also pointed out in his letter that the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People was invited to participate in the conference. This inclusion is particularly bizarre since that committee has no relevant connection with the aims of the world conference unless it is decided to drag the Zionist issue into the deliberations. Herzog wrote.

He added that it is clear that the Soviet Union and the Arab states will interpret the recommendations of the subcommittee "as an open invitation to raise the question of Zionism at the conference." Herzog's letter concluded:

"In the light of your consistent and forthright stand on this matter, I would ask that your delegation again make its position on the world conference very clear during the current deliberations in order to eliminate any misunderstanding on the part of those who intend to use the conference for their own insidious purposes.

'It is thus our hope that you will affirm your continued refusal to participate in any conference on racism which would introduce the issue of Zionism. Furthermore, in order to drive home your position on this matter, I would also request that your delegation vote against any action on the subcommittee's report so long as a it contained any of the four elements mentioned above."

ISRAEL RELEASES TERRORISTS, OTHERS
TO EGYPT IN RETURN FOR SOLDIERS
KILLED IN 1973, REMAINS OF 2 SPIES
By David Landau

JERUSALEM, April 19 (JTA)--Israel released 50 convicted terrorists and other criminals to Egypt today in exchange for the bodies of
nine Israeli soldiers killed on the Barlev Line
during the Yom Kippur War and the remains of
two Israeli spies who were hanged in Cairo in
1955.

The coffins were brought by helicopter to the buffer zone in Sinai where Premier Yitzhak Rabin, Foreign Minister Yigal Allon, Defense Minister Shimon Peres and Chief of Staff Gen. Mordechai Gur waited to receive them. The remains were sent to the Abu Kebir Pathological Institute for identification.

The spies--Dr. Moshe Marzoukh and Shmuel Azar--were members of an Israeli espionage ring in Cairo in 1954, the activities of which precipitated the notorious Lavon affair which still has political repercussions in Israel. They were seized by Egyptian police after bombing American installations in Cairo in an apparent attempt to create a rift-between the United States and Egypt. The mission backfired and led to a bitter controversy in Israel over who had ordered it.

Premier David Ben Gurion held Defense Minister Pinhas Lavon responsible. This caused a
split within the governing Mapai Party and a
group headed by Ben Gurion broke away to form
the Rafi faction. Rafi, now part of the Labor
Party, is still a force in Israeli politics. Its
acknowledged leader at present is Defense Minister Peres, recently elected leader of the Labor

Party.

DEFECTS IN ISRAEL'S QUALITY OF LIFE
SHOULD NOT DETER ALIYA, ALMOGI SAYS
By Maurice Samuelson

LONDON, April 19 (JTA)—Defects in the quality of life in Israel should be no deterrent for free immigration from the West, Yosef Almogi, chairman of the World Zionist Organization and Jewish Agency Executives, told British Jews. Addressing an Israel Independence Day session of the Board of Deputies of British Jews, Almogi said the function of a voluntary Zionist aliya was to settle in Israel "in full awareness of the realities." Recent events in Israel were "evidence of the fundamental soundness of a democracy living under the rule of the law," he stated.

During his three-day visit, Almogi also addressed the Joint Israel Appeal and the Zionist Federation. He told the ZF's honorary officers that the WZO Executive fully supported the formation in Britain of a national council for aliya and voluntary work.

While the Zionists must provide the backbone and the WZO emissaries must process prospective immigrants, the new intensified campaign must embrace all Anglo-Jewish organizations, he said. Last year, Israel had received 20,000 new immigrants, o. whom 7000 were from the Soviet Union.

Almogi also told the ZF that the next Zionist Congress, planned for February, 1978,
must be preceded by a forceful membership
drive. The WZO wished to settle the distribution of executive posts between affiliated movements before the Congress, thus enabling it to
devote its time "to more fundamental matters."
he said.

RABBI ROSEN HAS BUSY SCHEDULE

NEW YORK, April 19 (JTA) -- Dr. Moses
Rosen, the Chief Rabbi of Rumania, is being
feted on his current visit to the United States
where he has lent his presence to projects aimed
at providing assistance to the victims of Rumania's devastating earthquake last month. A gift
of medical equipment valued at \$26,000 from
Beckman Instruments, Inc. was accepted by
Rosen here yesterday in the presence of Rumania's Ambassador to the United Nations,
Ion Datcu.

Earlier, an ecumenical reception in honor of the visitor was given here by the Appeal of Conscience Foundation, an inter-faith coalition of American business and religious leaders. Rosen met with leaders of the Catholic, Protestant, Greek Orthodox and Armenian Orthodox faiths in addition to Jewish religious leaders. Rabbi Arthur Schneier, president of the Appeal of Conscience Foundation, presented the Chief Rabbi with a Torah cover in recognition of his personal courage and leadership.

Rosen visited Washington accompanied by Schneier who is also chairman of the American-Rumanian Earthquake Relief. He had a two-hour meeting with the Rumanian Ambassador Nicolae Nicolae. The envoy gave a luncheon in the Chief Rabbi's honor attended by leaders of the American Jewish Committee, World Jewish Congress and Union of American Hebrew Congregations.

LICA LEADERS MEET WITH GISCARD

PARIS, April 19 (JTA) -- A delegation repre-

senting the International League Against AntiSemitism and Racism (LICA) met yesterday with
French President Valery Giscard d'Estaing. The
meeting was held to mark the 50th anniversary
of the predominantly Jewish organization and it
was the second time in less than two weeks that
Giscard had met with a Jewish delegation. Last
week he conferred with nine French Jews at the
Elysee Palace and later dined with them at an
official banquet.

The head of the delegation, LICA President
Jean Pierre-Bloch, said after the meeting that
the President "has congratulated us on our activity and expressed the hope we shall continue
it." Pierre-Bloch said the delegation had raised
with the French chief executive certain topical
subjects "such as the difficult situation of Moslem workers in France."

Though LICA predominantly deals with antiSemitism it also actively fights other forms of
discrimination and is currently trying to improve
the condition of foreign workers in France. To
mark its 50th anniversary, LICA is organizing a
number of roundtable discussions dealing with
racism in the Soviet Union, human rights all
over the world and the apartheid regime in South
Africa. Pierre-Bloch also serves as president of
the French B'nai B'rith and heads the local
Anti-Defamation League.

USSR 'INDICTED' AT A MOCK TRIAL FOR CRIMES AGAINST SOVIET JEWS By David Friedman

NEW YORK, April 19 (JTA) -- The Soviet Union was "indicted" for crimes against Jews, particularly the arrest of Anatoly Sharansky and other Jewish activists, at a mock "trial" today on the front steps of the main New York Public Library.

The Greater New York Conference on Soviet Jewry, which sponsored the event, presented 100,000 petitions calling for the freeing of Jewish prisoners in the USSR and the right of Jews to emigrate to an empty chair that had been reserved for Oleg Trayanovsky, the Soviet Ambassador to the United Nations.

The "trial," which was a prelude to the Solidarity Sunday for Soviet Jews march May 1 from City Hall to Battery Park, was watched by several hundred persons, including a large contingent of students from the Ramaz School, an Orthodox day school in Manhattan. Demonstrators carried signs which said "Mother Russia Imprisons Her Children," "Honor Your Word at Helsinki, Let them Live as Jews," "For Them the Red Sea Has Not Yet Parted," and "Strength Through Unity! Am Yisroel Chai."

Mass Turnout Urged For May 1

Mayor Abraham Beame, who proclaimed May I as Solidarity Day, declared that he rejects the Soviet Union's view that the oppression of Jews there is an internal matter. He said there can be no freedom unless all neople are treated equally. He said all groups in New York City are united by a belief in freedom.

Beame's proclamation said in part that "Solidarity Sunday will serve as a stirring reaffirmation of support here and throughout the nation and the world for Soviet Jewry seeking to emigrate from the USSR and to regain their elemental human rights."

City Council President Paul O'Dwyer, who read a City Council resolution in support of the May I demonstration, said the Soviet Union does

pay attention to public demands by the American people and their government in support of Soviet Jews. This view was seconded by Ilya Ziobinsky, a Kiev Jew who was allowed to emigrate to Israel last year after 49 visa requests in three years were turned down.

Rabbi Haskel Lookstein, a vice-chairman of the Conference, said the arrest of Sharansky, one of the best-known Moscow activists who was charged with working for the Central Intelligence Agency, was a direct response to President Carter's appeal for human rights in the USSR. "This constitutes a challenge to you and to me," he said, adding the answer was a mass turnout on May 1.

HOUSE DEBATE AND VOTE ON ANTI-BOYCOTT LEGISLATION IS SET

WASHINGTON, April 19 (JTA) -- The House Rules Committee today cleared the way for the full House to debate and vote on anti-boycott legislation tomorrow that has won virtually unanimous approval in the chamber's International Relations Committee. With the Administration having given its acquiescence to the measure, most Democrats and Republicans are understood to be ready for passage of the legislation.

A panel of five-Republicans and Democrats acting as a working group for the Rules Committee reached a compromise with the Administration and private groups in providing "unilateral selection" that opens the way for Arab countries to name firms with which they will not do business but American companies cannot comply with discriminatory demands based on race, religion, national origin or sex on the ground that they do business with Israel.

Meanwhile, American businessmen and organizations trading with the Middle East have mounted a major campaign to amend federal anti-boy-cott bills now pending with the Senate and House which, they contend, could ruin American trade with the Arab countries if adopted as they are.

That view was expressed at a meeting held here yesterday of about 250 corporate representatives at the U.S. Chamber of Commerce and in Mailgrams sent to about 450 other senior corporation executives. The hastily called meeting was sponsored by the Business Roundable, the National Association of Manufacturers and the Emergency Committee for American Trade.

The businessmen attending claimed that the Senate version of the bill would make it difficult to do business in the Middle East and the House version would make it virtually impossible, according to Richard L. Lesher, head of the Chamber of Commerce, who presided. The Senate bill is not expected to reach the floor until next month.

The campaign against the anti-boycott measures came several days after an advertisement was published in the Wall Street Journal and other newspapers in which Richard Robinson, a professor of international management at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology warned that the passage of tough anti-boycott laws might create a backlash against American Jews because people would identify Jewish supporters with strict anti-boycott laws that "threatens jobs." In an angry response, Rep. Benjamin Rosenthal (D.NY), charged: "To suggest something has the potential for turning into an anti-Semitic campaign is to submit that the campaign should happen."

1500 AT HOLOCAUST OBSERVANCE By Joseph Polskoff

"WASHINGTON, April 19 (JTA)--More than 1500 Washington area residents marked Heroes and Martyrs Day (Yom Hashoa) at Congregation Bnai Israel in Rockville, Md. honoring the Jewish resistance movement against the Nazis and the six million Jews who perished at the hands of the Nazis. The memorial meeting Sunday also marked the 30th anniversary of "Exodus - 1947" symbolic of the "Aliya Bet" of Holocaust survivors to Israel.

In a candle lighting ceremony, six children from local Hebrew schools marched into the synagogue and handed lighted candles to six survivors of the Holocaust, symbolically representing the victims of Nazism. A menorah hand-crafted by Erwin Thieberger, a survivor of Blachhammer concentration camp, was presented for the occasion.

Nazi oppressors, the Jewish people will survive and will continue to defend and safeguard the principles of humanity, decency and morality," declared Bernard S. White, president of the Greater Washington Jewish Community Council. He acknowledged the presence in the audience of a number of leading Catholic and Protestant clergy with whom the Jewish community has shared many concerns. The program was arranged by the Council.

Rabbi Matthew Simon, of Congregation Bnai Israel, said "Hitler's purpose was to destroy a people. Our answer must be to survive as a people. We must not give Hitler the final victory. There is a 614th mitzvah to the traditional 613: 'Thou shalt survive as Jews; the Jewish people shall survive.'"

Abe Malnik, president of Club Shalom, called for maintaining the memory of those who perished. "If we fail to keep their memory fresh, if we falter and forget, they will shamefully die a second death," he said. On display were posters of the Holocaust era and lithographs and silk screen paintings by Samuel Bak, a survivor of the Vilna Ghetto who now resides in Israel. The lithographs were loaned to the Council for the occasion.

Other Yom Hashoa Events

In other Yom Hashoa events, the World Jewry Committee of the Jewish Students Coalition-Hillel at the University of Albany in New York, sponsored a 24-hour vigil for Soviet Jewry tying it in with its Yom Hashoa observance. The theme of the vigil was "In 1938 we did not know; in 1977 we have no excuse." The vigil, designed as a learning experience for the Jewish and Gentile students included speakers, films, dramatic readings and songs.

In New York, the first sculpture memorial to the six million Jews was dedicated today at the national headquarters of the Workmen's Circle. The 71/2 foot bronze cast was scupted by Natan Rapoport whose granite tribute to the Warsaw Ghetto defenders stands on the site of the original Polish Jewish community in Warsaw and whose other memorials are at Yad Vashem in Jerusalem and Kibbutz Yad Mordecai.

Bernard Backer, Workmen's Circle president stated: "It is ironical that for 34 years there has not been a memorial erected in New York commemorating the Holocaust. Philadelphia has a Rapoport sculpture. Paris has its Momment for the Jewish Heroes of the Second World War.

also by Rapoport. Now, we have one in New York."

EDITORS SEIZED IN ARGENTINA

By Asher Mibashan

BUENOS AIRES, April 19 (JTA) -- The Argentine army is holding Jacobo Timerman, editor and publisher of the newspaper La Opinion, for what an army spokesman said was part of an investigation of the so-called "Gravier affair" in which a banking group has been alleged to have supplied funds to leftist guerrillas. David Gravier, 35, an Argentine financier, is reported to have died in a plane crash in Mexico last August.

Timerman, 53, and his deputy editor, Enrique Jara, were taken from their homes early last Friday. After demands for information by their families and the Argentine Newspaper Publishers Association, the government announced on Saturday that Timerman was being held in connection with the "Gravier affair." Capt. Carlos P. Carpintero, the government's public information secretary, in announcing Timerman's arrest, stressed that it was not for journalistic or religious reasons. Timerman and Gravier are both Jewish.

There was no immediate announcement on Jara, a 36-year-old Uruguayan cit zen, but news reports today said that the army has announced it is holding him but gave no reason. Meanwhile, Enrique Raab, a 43-year-old journalist working for La Opinion, was seized at his home Şaturday and his whereabouts are still unknown.

Newspapers here have alleged that Gravier's banking group handled \$17 million in extortion funds taken by the Montonero leftist guerrilla group, providing the guerrillas with \$130,000 in interest. La Opinion has opposed both leftist and rightist guerrilla groups. Reports from New York said that the FBI does not believe Gravier is dead and is conducting a search for him. Gravier's disappearance caused the failure of his Banque Pour L'Amerique du Sud in Brussels and the American Bank and Trust Co. in New York.

The Buenos Aires Herald, the English-language daily, wrote that a number of newspapers in the country have conducted a trial of those involved in the course of reporting the events. It added that history abounds in examples of a biased press and heated public opinion which have launched governments to take actions and hand down hasty verdicts, the most obvious example being the Dreyfuss case.

PRAGUE (JTA)--"Prace" (Work), the central paper of the Czechoslovakian trade unions, is publishing serially the novel, "The Nephew of the Emperor," written at the turn of the century by Karl Jakob Kirsh, a Jewish author. The theme of the story deals with a Jewish lawyer and his family. The book had been scheduled for publication in the 1930s but was prevented by the Nazis.

AMSTERDAM (JTA)—A public opinion poll conducted in March by the Netherlands Institute for Public Opinion among a sample of 1127 Dutch men and women 18 years and older regarding their attitude toward the Middle East conflict showed that 49% have sympathy for Israel and only 6% for the Arab countries or the Palestinians. Nine percent said they had sympathy for both parties, 12% had no sympathy for either party and some 25% had no opinion.