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BONN DENIES COLLABORATION IN KAPPLER'S ESCAPE; SAYS IT WILL STUDY ITALY'S REQUEST FOR EXTRADITION

By Jon Fedler

BONN, Aug. 23 (JTA)--The West German government has denied collaboration in the escape of former Rome gestapo chief Herbert Kappler from Italy to West Germany and says it will "carefully study" the Italian government's request for extradition. In a statement apparently intended to cool rising foreign criticism of its handling of the issue, the government said it "declared anew its respect for the victims of the shootings in the Ardeatine Cave and its sympathy for their relatives." This referred to the 335 Italian Jews and non-Jews who were shot in 1941 on Kappler's order in reprisal for a partisan attack on Rome's SS headquarters.

The statement added, "The Federal government is convinced that the Italian government's attempts to clarify the circumstances of Kappler's escape will confirm that there is no ground for a cooling of the friendly relationship between both countries. Neither the Federal government nor any of its agencies were involved in the preparation or execution of Kappler's escape, which it only learned about subsequently."

Through cooperation in the European community and NATO, West Germany--like Italy--sought to "guarantee Europe's peoples a future in which the atrocities of the past cannot recur," the statement affirmed.

Criticism Creates Backlash

The spate of criticism and anti-German resentment that has erupted especially in France, Italy and Holland since the escape last Monday is causing a strong backlash here. Not only is public opinion, as expressed in past opinion polls and in current media reporting, solidly in sympathy with the 70-year-old, cancer-ridden Kappler, but the press in neighboring countries is being accused of whipping up anti-German feeling out of resentment of Germany's postwar successes and its current dominant position in Europe.

In one typical reaction, a Sunday night international affairs program carried a documentary on Japanese war criminals active in contemporary Japanese politics, asking why this was not also condemned by the world.

The influential weekly, "Spiegel," yesterday carried a cover story on "The Image of Evil Germany." It commented that the kidnapping of a dying Nazi who had served almost 30 years imprisonment was once again conjuring up among foreigners the image of a "giant in a pose of victory: Germany."

Swedes, said "Spiegel," were "already seeing a fourth Reich, Britons, a "dangerous swing to the right," and Americans were suddenly discovering a "Nazi revival." Commented "Spiegel": "The Germans will have to learn to live with foreigners' doubts--for which they (Germans) are often to blame--about democracy at home or economic imperialism abroad. There will be no shortage of pretexts in the future. Another Kappler is bound to come."

SPECULATION RIFE THAT DAYAN MAY HAVE CONTACTED KING HUSSEIN

By Maurice Samuelson

LONDON, Aug. 23 (JTA)--Moshe Dayan, Foreign Minister of Israel, was due to return home tonight after a 24-hour private visit during which he briefed leaders of the Anglo-Jewish community about the Middle East situation. However, many observers remained skeptical about assurances that this was the only purpose of the visit. They were also unconvinced by Israeli denials that he would contact King Hussein of Jordan who is also here.

It would not have been the first such meeting between the Jordanian King and Israeli ministers to take place here in spite of subsequent denials.

Dayan's meeting with the 20 religious and lay leaders of Britain's Jewish community took place at the Israeli Embassy this morning and lasted for 90 minutes. Dayan spoke for 30 minutes and answered questions for the rest of the time.

At Dayan's request the press was excluded and he asked the participants not to discuss the meeting with the media. However, one of the participants told the JTA that Dayan said little which had not already been said publicly by the present Israeli leadership. He had argued that the core of the conflict was still the Arab attitude to Israel's right to exist; elaborated on the visit by U.S. Secretary of State Cyrus Vance; and reaffirmed Israel's determination to settle in the West Bank and its opposition to a Palestinian state and recognition of the Palestine Liberation Organization.

This morning's meeting was initiated by Dayan last Friday and formally approved by the Israeli Cabinet on Sunday. The Foreign Minister came only with his bodyguard and brought no political aides.

CARTER REITERATES WEST BANK SETTLEMENTS ARE ILLEGAL BUT SAYS HE WILL NOT PRESSURE ISRAEL ABOUT THEM

WASHINGTON, Aug. 23 (JTA)--President Carter reiterated today that he considered the establishment by Israel of settlements on the West Bank as "illegal" and an "obstacle to peace" but declared he will not "pressure" the Jewish State to reverse its settlement policy.

Carter's comments were made at his press conference in response to a question as to whether the U.S. plans to do more than express "concern" about the recent moves by the government of Premier Menachem Begin in the West Bank.

The President noted that his Administration as well as previous ones have considered the West Bank, the Golan Heights and the Gaza Strip as occupied territory and that all settlements established in any of those places by Israel are in violation of Geneva conventions and "illegal." He said the U.S. has pointed out to the Begin government that its recent announcement of establishing more settlements on the West Bank also "creates an obstacle to peace." He said he felt this admonishment was "sufficient."

Carter also pointed out that he was assured by the Begin government privately as well as in public statements made by the Israelis that these

settlements will not be permanent but are in areas that will be included in negotiations for a final Middle East peace settlement. Pressed again as to whether this was all he planned to do about the West Bank settlements, Carter replied, "Obviously we can exert pressure on Israel in other ways, but I have no intention of doing so."

In a related development, Carter was described yesterday as indifferent to "goads" from media commentators who are suggesting he pit his power against Israel for its West Bank actions and refusal to have any dealings with the Palestine Liberation Organization. "I think the President has demonstrated his indifference to goads from almost every quarter in foreign as well as domestic policy," Presidential News Secretary Jody Powell said. "He will do what he thinks is best in that area."

TIRE FIRM CONCEDES IT ENDED BUSINESS RELATIONS WITH ISRAEL; PAID $150,000 TO GET OFF THE ARAB BLACKLIST

By Joseph Polakoff

WASHINGTON, Aug. 23 (JTA)--The General Tire and Rubber Company has acknowledged that it ended its business relations with Israel and paid an intermediary with the Arab League $150,000 to get off the Arab blacklist of business concerns dealing with Israel and Jewish companies.

U.S. government and Congressional sources told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that prosecution of the company was unlikely inasmuch as its actions took place when U.S. legal restraints were not in effect as they are at present under legislation adopted three months ago.

While U.S. officials indicated the company's payments and severance of ties with an Israeli company is the first detailed report of such compliance with the boycott by payoffs to intermediaries or providing pro-Arab favors, it came as no surprise to specialists here familiar with the boycott and its practices.

"I suspect we would have to assume any company that got off the list did so by undertaking a campaign and very likely has been involved in payments, if not directly, then indirectly," a specialist told JTA. "Who is put on or taken off the Arab blacklist has been somewhat of a secret for the past two years and only spotty information was available before 1975," he added. "Nevertheless, it has been known for some time that paying to get off the list and lobbying for the Arabs were among the ways."

The U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) directed the tire company last year to file a report in conjunction with the settlement of a civil suit involving alleged misuse of corporate funds, such as illegal payments to foreign officials and illegal contributions in American political campaigns. At the SEC, an official indicated that since the company has now complied with the decree for the settlement, that could be considered the end of the case.

Background Of Involvement

The tire firm's involvement was summarized as follows: in 1951 it acquired an interest in an Israeli tire manufacturing company. Within two years, its business in the Arab world faded. In 1963, it sold its interest in the Israeli firm but continued a technical assistance contract. In 1969, it began negotiations with an affiliate of the Triad Corporation which is controlled by Saudi businessman Adnan Khashoggi, who has wide and powerful connection, it is said, in the Western business world as well as with Arab leaders.

In 1970, the company paid the affiliate $50,000 as a retainer and paid $100,000 more in 1972. It also ended its agreement with the Israeli firm and certified that it would not give similar assistance to any other Israeli company in the future. A subsidiary, Aerojet-General Corp., had to certify it would make no investments in Israel.

700 IN PRO-SOVIET JEWRY DEMONSTRATION

By Sam Lipski

MELBOURNE, Aug. 23 (JTA)--The visiting Soviet Berioska Dance Company was last night greeted by a demonstration of 700 Jewish students protesting on behalf of Soviet Jewry. The protest here followed a demonstration three weeks ago in Sydney when the Russian dancers arrived on a national concert tour.

The Australian Union of Jewish Students and the Australian Campaign for Soviet Jewry are arranging demonstrations during the tour in every capital city to draw attention to the lack of cultural freedom in the Soviet Union and the recent increase in arrests of Soviet Jews.

A spokesman for the demonstrators, Rabbi Ellis Sultanik, said the demonstrations were particularly important at a time when an Australian parliamentary committee was preparing to hold hearings on the problems of human rights in the Soviet Union. The hearings, due to commence in October, are expected to include personal testimony from leading Jewish and non-Jewish dissidents who have left the Soviet Union in recent years.

RECORD NUMBER OF 15,000 YOUTHS IN ISRAEL AS PART OF WZO PROGRAMS

By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, Aug. 23 (JTA)--A record number of 15,000 youths from 14 countries are currently visiting Israel as part of the summer camp program of the World Zionist Organization. The WZO Youth and Hechalutz Department has organized a series of activities involving some 10,000 youths in various projects related to their backgrounds and interests.

One such activity involves having youngsters from France of North African origin assigned to development towns where large segments of the population are of the same origin. The youths can be seen in such places as Maalot, Karmiel, Beit Shean, Dimona and Kiryat Gat where they participate as volunteers in local projects. For the second year a group of French youth has "adopted" the town of Shlomi on the Lebanese border.

Other groups work in Nahal settlements, kibbutzim, archaeological sites and hospitals. At a recent convention in Jerusalem, WZO chairman Yosef Almogi called on the youth volunteers to return to Israel as immigrants.

The aliya movement also has a record number of 3000 participants, double the amount from last year. Many of the youths, students and young couples, are active throughout the country. For the first time a group of 25 Jewish students arrived here this year. Some of them are athletes who participated in the recent Maccabiah. Four of them have decided to remain in Israel and 11 returned to India but intend to return as immigrants in a few months. The rest of the group plan to set up a "garin aliya" (aliya nucleus) in India.

Other Firsts Noted

The number of visitors organized this year by the Diaspora Education and Culture Department has reached 1724, almost double the number from last year. The department organized for the first

time a group of 26 teachers from Italy, here to develop their education about Jewish holidays. A group of kindergarten teachers from Chicago will study the kindergarten system in Israel.

The Torah and Education Department organized 410 visitors, among them, for the first time, a group of "hozrim bitshuva" (repentants) who study in Jerusalem in a special yeshiva. The Spanish Communities Department organized 300 visitors, among them 40 academicians from Iran who are members of the Academic Jewish Club.

The Information and Organization Department organized 150 visitors, among them 20 leaders of Hapoel Hamizrachi Women. The "continuation generation" unit of the WZO organized a two-week seminar at Bar Ilan University with leaders of the Mizrachi movement's younger generation. Most of the participants in the summer projects spend some 50 days in Israel. During weekends they stay with Israeli families.

COSTANZA PRAISES WORK OF HADASSAH

By Nancy Chanin

NEW YORK, Aug. 23 (JTA)--Margaret Costanza, assistant to the President for Public Liaison, told the 3000 delegates attending the 63rd annual convention of Hadassah, "When Jimmy Carter talked about a partnership between the government and the people, he meant groups like Hadassah." The former Vice-Mayor of Rochester, added: "You should applaud yourselves. You have done marvelous jobs throughout the years."

Ms. Costanza, whose address today ranged over a number of topics, stated that there is "a whole new spirit in the United States, when an open Administration will allow people who have never ever before been in the White House to come in, to come in and have input into politics that touch their lives."

Regarding women's rights, Ms. Costanza said "please apply it to yourself as an individual. Don't try to meet somebody else's goals as a woman, but your own. For God's sake, don't ever be ashamed of ever having made the choice of being married and raising a family. It's not what you choose to do, but the fact that you have a right to make that choice."

Alluding to her disagreement with President Carter over medicaid funds for abortion, Ms. Costanza said it was "not a rebellion, not an attack but a sharing of information with the man you work for. Jimmy Carter is a man who is so strong within himself that he not only accepts disagreement, he welcomes it. I am standing here as living proof of that."

Regarding the term human rights, she said it "is being used rhetorically by a lot of people nowadays," but Carter uses the phrase "sincerely." Ms. Costanza defined human rights as the "right to human dignity for every human being."

Chemotherapy Center At Hadassah Hospital

At the Hadassah convention session last night, Dr. Zvi Fuks, head of the Oncology Department at the Hadassah-Hebrew University Medical Center, said when the Moshe Sharett Institute of Oncology opened four months ago, "many prominent researchers from all over the world who saw the institute said it was one of the finest, best equipped and most beautiful institutes of its kind in the world."

In his report on cancer research at Hadassah Hospital, Fuks said that a new chemotherapy center was already yielding satisfactory results. The radiation therapy department has "equipment which never before was operated in Israel," he noted.

Mrs. Rose E. Matzkin, chairman of the Hadassah Medical Organization, reported that arrangements have been concluded for the manufacture and worldwide distribution of an ointment which is a promising treatment for some forms of skin cancer. The medication was developed by scientists at the Hadassah-Hebrew University Medical Center in Jerusalem. She said the therapy, developed by Dr. Adam Bekierkunst of the Medical Bacteriology Department of the medical school and Dr. Haim Cohen of the Dermatology and Venereology Departments of the hospital, is the result of research going on for the past eight years on the biological activities of the Cord Factor in the ointment to penetrate the skin.

Jim Bishop, Jr., liaison officer for the Administration's energy program, told the Hadassah delegates, "The best source of energy for the next 10 years is known as conservation energy. Energy leadership at the grassroots level is the single most important thing that can be done." After Bishop's speech, the 3000 delegates passed a resolution which called for effective national legislation in the area of energy conservation.

AMW MEMBERSHIP DRIVE LAUNCHED

NEW YORK, Aug. 23 (JTA)--American Mizrachi Women (AMW), the major religious women's Zionist organization in the United States, has launched a special membership drive for the 29th World Zionist Congress next February.

Sarah Shane, AMW president, said: "The World Zionist Congress is a crucial event for the Jewish community because the decisions made will affect Zionist policy and influence Jewish life all over the world. Representation at the Congress is proportionate to organization membership and it is of the utmost importance that the AMW delegation be large because we are the voice of traditional Jewish education. We represent Torah values and ideals. We are the religious presence."

The membership drive is being held now, Mrs. Shane noted, because delegates to the Congress will be elected by membership this October and any boost in membership will therefore have to occur before October.

The AMW president pointed out the organization maintains a network of schools in Israel which provide academic and vocational training for disadvantaged children who could otherwise not afford to continue their education after the compulsory nine grades and "they instill in these children a deep commitment to their land and their people, and an abiding love for the Torah and its teachings."

The AMW delegation at the WZO "will stand for these schools and the traditional Jewish ideals on which they are founded," Mrs. Shane said.

FORMATION OF EMUNAH HAILED

NEW YORK, Aug. 23 (JTA)--The formation of Emunah, a new world religious Zionist women's movement, was hailed here by Hapoel Hamizrachi Women's Organization in the United States. Mrs. Toby Willig, president of the American Hapoel Hamizrachi Women, said her organization is a charter member of Emunah which is Hebrew for "faith." Mrs. Sarah Herzog, wife of the late Chief Rabbi of Israel, Isaac Herzog, and mother of Chaim Herzog, Israel's Ambassador to the United Nations, is president of the new organization which was founded at a recent conference in Jerusalem. The organization plans to promote religious education and social welfare, encourage aliya and "speak as the collective voice of religious Zionist women," Mrs. Eva Adelman, Emunah's world chairman, said.

BEHIND THE HEADLINES
LABOR PARTY TORN BY INTERNAL STRIFE
By Yitzhak Shargil

TEL AVIV, Aug. 23 (JTA)--The Labor Party which led the country for 29 years has not yet--three months after it lost power to Likud--been able to emerge as an effective opposition party to the government of Premier Menachem Begin. Instead, leading Labor leaders are devoting more efforts to attacking former Defense Minister Shimon Peres, the leader of the Labor Alignment, than the Likud government.

Initially, the Labor Alignment may have been in shock over its unexpected rejection by the voters. In addition it could not work out its tactics as an opposition party until it knew whether the Democratic Movement for Change would join the government.

But now that this is settled it appears that the real problem is the continued struggle within the Alignment, especially the Labor Party itself. Yitzhak Ben Aharon, the former Histadrut secretary general and long-time critic of the Labor establishment, told a Hakibutz Hameuchad meeting recently that he did not believe that the Likud government would remain in office long, but that Labor would not replace it. Instead, he saw a new movement emerging.

Ben Aharon, a leader of the Achdut Haavodah faction in the Labor Party, said Likud was suffering from the same ailment as Labor, glorifying its leader. He said Labor had done this rather than stressing Socialist Zionism.

Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan, who was elected to the Knesset on the Labor Alignment ticket, said he agreed to join the Likud government because the Labor Party was moving away from the viewpoint which he had always held and which was the majority belief, to a view closer to that of Mapam, its partner in the Alignment. In an interview with Yediot Achronot, Dayan said another reason for his joining the Likud government was the negative attitude of the Labor Party toward him which continued even after Peres was elected chairman of the party.

Peres Is Under Increasing Attack

Peres, meanwhile, has also come under attack from former Premier Yitzhak Rabin and former Foreign Minister Yigal Allon. Rabin told Davar that he does not accept Peres as the party's leader. Allon blames Peres for the Labor defeat, saying it was not caused by the scandals in the Labor government but because the Alignment's platform was not sufficiently different from Likud.

In a reply to his critics, Peres said that the opposition to him was personal and not based on ideology. He said Labor could only win back the electorate's confidence if it cleaned its house of corruption and scandals and abandoned borrowed ideologies. "Our socialism is derived from our Biblical heritage, not from Marx and Lenin," Peres declared.

To this, Ben Aharon replied, "We are all commanded to make obeisance to the chairman. This was borrowed from Maoist terminology." Ben Aharon said the decline of the Labor Party began two decades ago when David Ben Gurion compromised on socialism. "We have to escape from this corrupt and corrupting Social Democratic Party which has established the rule of money and property in Israeli society," he said.

He accused the Mapai faction in Labor of trying to get rid of groups in the Labor Alignment that do not follow its line, especially Mapam. Ben Aharon suggested that the Alignment copy the example of Likud which is comprised of individual independent parties which work together yet maintain their specific character.

Meanwhile, many Labor members are calling for an end to this bickering and urging the Alignment to take up its role as a fighting opposition. They note that a democracy such as Israel requires an effective opposition party.

CHUDNOVSKY FAMILY GET EMIGRATION OKAY

NEW YORK, Aug. 23 (JTA)--Grigory Chudnovsky, considered one of the most brilliant mathematicians in the Soviet Union, and his parents and brother have received permission to emigrate to Israel, the National Conference on Soviet Jewry said it learned today according to reports arriving here from the USSR. The family who had been denied permission to emigrate, as recently as last April, had been the subject of recent attacks and harassment, according to the NCSJ. Grigory Chudnovsky's plight has been the subject of international concern, following reports from his parents that he is dying of a debilitating nerve disease known as myasthenia gravis. The NCSJ said it learned through reports that the Swiss drug necessary for treatment of the disease is not available in the Soviet Union.

U.S. SOLONS MEET JEWS IN BUDAPEST

BUDAPEST, Aug. 23 (JTA)--An American Congressional delegation headed by Rep. Joshua Eilberg (D.Pa.), chairman of the House Judiciary subcommittee on immigration, citizenship and international law, visited Budapest's main synagogue and conferred at length with leaders and members of the local Jewish community. It is believed to be the first such visit in post-war years.

The Congressional delegation first visited the community building where they met with a large Hungarian delegation led by Prof. Sandor Scheiber. Then they visited the Maiz Synagogue where they met with the Chief Rabbi and members of the Jewish Religious Council. The delegation also visited the old Jewish cemetery, the Jewish Museum and various communal installations. In the meetings, which took place last week, the Congressional delegation inquired about the situation of Jews in Hungary.

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AMSTERDAM (JTA)--Four witnesses from the Soviet Union have arrived here to testify in the trial of Pieter Menten which will be resumed Thursday. Three are Ukrainians from the village of Podhorodze where Menten allegedly committed mass murders July 7, 1941 and one is a Jew who lived in the village of Uryce at the time of the mass murders there Aug. 27, 1941.

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TEL AVIV (JTA)--Klaus Schuetz, the former Mayor of West Berlin, arrived in Israel Monday to take up his duties as the new West German Ambassador here. A long-time supporter of Israel, he was nicknamed "Israel's Ambassador to Germany" by the Germans. Schuetz said he considers his new post an important one for himself and for West Germany.

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PARIS (JTA)--The Israeli Ambassador to France, Mordechai Gazit, met with Premier Raymond Barre for what both sides described as "a courtesy visit." It was their first meeting since Barre became Premier last August. Among the topics believed to have been raised was the French government's decision to cancel the application of its own anti-boycott law.