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## **SECURITY BEEFED UP FOR PASSOVER**

By Yitzhak Shargil

TEL AVIV, April 17 (JTA)--All branches of Israel's security services have been mobilized to protect the populace during the Passover holidays which begin Friday. Intensive security measures are being taken all over the country but especially in Galilee. Roadblocks have been set up in strategic areas and spot checks of vehicles are already being made. Special patrols have been assigned to the beaches and naval and police boats will patrol the sea opposite Tel Aviv and other coastal localities that may be targets for possible terrorist attacks.

They will be augmented by an aerial patrol maintained by police helicopters and Air Force planes. The Tel Aviv police have set up a special command to deal with security problems, beginning at Passover and continuing through Independence Day celebrations next month. Police all over the country have been reinforced with civilian volunteer guards. The entire population has been alerted to maintain extra vigilance for suspicious looking parcels or movements that arouse suspicion. Civilians have been instructed to call the police immediately in the event of any occurrence of a suspicious nature.

## **WALDHEIM CLAIMS ISRAEL-EGYPT PEACE PROCESS HAS FAILED; FORESEES MIDEAST NEGOTIATIONS RETURNING TO THE UN**

By Yitzhak Shargil

TEL AVIV, April 17 (JTA)--United Nations Secretary General Kurt Waldheim arrived here from Beirut this afternoon for discussions with Israeli leaders of the situation in south Lebanon and enlargement of the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL).

Before he left Vienna for the Middle East yesterday, Waldheim was quoted, in an interview in the Austrian newspaper Die Presse, as saying that the Israeli-Egyptian peace process has failed and predicting that Mideast negotiations would be returned soon to the UN.

"It is evident that the new initiatives to solve the (Middle East) problem on a bilateral level have failed," Waldheim said, according to Die Presse. He said he would try to arrange a preparatory conference of Middle East parties, including the Arab hardliners, under UN auspices, as a preliminary for resuming the Geneva conference. Die Presse quoted Waldheim as saying that "the Russians want to go to Geneva directly. I can tell you that we can't go to Geneva directly. We have to prepare the Geneva conference very carefully."

## **Complains About Slow Pullback**

In Beirut this morning, Waldheim met with Lebanese President Elias Sarkis and with PLO chieftain Yasir Arafat. He told reporters here that Arafat promised to respect UN Security Council Resolution 425 of March 19 which set up UNIFIL and to instruct his men to act accordingly.

On his arrival in Beirut, Waldheim complained about the slow pace of Israel's withdrawal of its forces from south Lebanon. He said the two-stage pullback did not meet the requirements of Resolution 425 because it was only a partial with-

drawal. He said it was very important to speed up the departure of Israeli troops from south Lebanon so that Lebanese authority can be restored there.

Waldheim told reporters at Ben Gurion Airport that he is in the Middle East to discuss the implementation of Resolution 425 with all parties concerned. He said he would seek Security Council approval to reinforce UNIFIL by an additional 1500 soldiers because its originally mandated strength of 4000 was not enough. Waldheim will meet in Jerusalem with Premier Menachem Begin, Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan and Defense Minister Ezer Weizman and will go to south Lebanon later to inspect UN troops.

## **SPECIAL TO THE JTA MORE THAN 600 'UNKNOWN' NAZI CONCENTRATION CAMPS UNCOVERED**

By Maurice Samuelson

LONDON, April 17 (JTA)--The existence of 618 hitherto unacknowledged Nazi concentration camps is expected to be confirmed shortly by the International Tracing Service, operated by the International Committee of the Red Cross. The information is understood to be contained in a 650-page volume to be published by the Tracing Service, which is based in Arolsen, near Kassel in West Germany. It will be only the third such volume published by the Service, its first since 1951.

The publication should be of practical help to hundreds of thousands of Nazi victims who have been unable to claim compensation from West Germany because their places of detention were not named in previous official lists.

The new volume, it is learned here, will increase the number of known forced labor camps for Jews inside and outside Nazi Germany by 172--from 769 to 941. The number of known concentration camps in Austria for deported Hungarian Jews leaps from 38 (the figure established in 1969) to 223.

An entirely new category of punishment center will also be included in the new publication. These are described as "educational establishments linked to industrial sites." But even the latest list does not claim to be complete according to an introduction written by Albert de Cocatrix, director of the Tracing Service until the end of last year.

## **NUMBER OF VIEWERS FOR 'HOLOCAUST' REPORTED EXTREMELY HIGH; CHRISTIANS WEAR YELLOW STARS OF DAVID TO COMMEMORATE MURDER OF 6 MILLION JEWS**

By David Friedman

NEW YORK, April 17 (JTA)--Thousands of Christians throughout the United States at their regular church services or at interfaith services with Jews yesterday wore arm bands with yellow stars of David to commemorate the murder of six million Jews by the Nazis during World War II. Many of them later in the evening joined millions of Americans who watched the opening three-hour segment of the four-part film "Holocaust" on NBC-TV which runs through Wednesday night.

The television network reported today that preliminary ratings on last night's show of the film are high, according to Rabbi Marc Tanenbaum, director of interreligious affairs of the American Jewish Committee, who was a consultant for "Holocaust."

He said it received a 48 share in New York.

which means an estimated 6 million people watched it, a 43 share in Chicago or 2.6 million and a 43 share in Los Angeles, or 3 million viewers. The ratings were twice that for "King," NBC-TV's recent drama on Martin Luther King Jr.

Tanenbaum said that there was an organized campaign by some German-American and Nazi groups to telephone NBC and affiliates starting at 5 p.m. yesterday to complain about the showing of the film. In addition, there was some picketing outside the NBC offices here and local stations charging that the "Holocaust" is "a hoax" or "anti-Christian." But these groups have apparently had little effect.

The start of the television film and the church services yesterday marked the beginning of more than two weeks of Holocaust memorials which will include programs on April 19, the 35th anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto uprising; April 30, when Jewish groups will observe Heroes and Martyrs Day; and May 4, Yom Hashoah Day, the Holocaust Remembrance Day on the Hebrew calendar.

#### The Most Symbolic Event

Perhaps, the most symbolic event yesterday was in Skokie, Illinois, the target of a planned march by American Nazis. Some 2500 persons attended an open air interfaith prayer service at the Niles West High School Stadium. There were no speeches but Jewish and Christian prayers, readings and songs at the event sponsored by the Niles Township Clergy Forum. All of those who participated put on armbands with the yellow star of David.

Gov. James R. Thompson has declared the week which began yesterday as Holocaust Remembrance Week in Illinois. Residents in Skokie, which has some 40,000 Jewish residents, including 7000 Holocaust survivors, are still poised for a planned march by Nazis on Thursday, the anniversary of Hitler's birthday, but the march is not expected to take place. However, if the march does take place, Jewish groups plan a large, peaceful counterdemonstration.

At New York's Riverside Church, Rev. Dr. William Sloane Coffin, the senior minister, was joined by a guest speaker, Rabbi Ronald Sobel, of Manhattan's Temple Emanu-El. There, too, the congregants wore the arm bands. Among those who attended the service was Henryk Burstein, a refugee of Nazi concentration camps, who wore the faded gray and blue striped shirt that had been his uniform at Dachau. "Gentiles need to know what the Nazis did to Jews and other people," said Burstein.

About 1000 Jews attended a commemoration of the Warsaw Ghetto uprising yesterday at the High School of Fashion here. David Shmulevsky, 65, a survivor of Auschwitz who had photographed atrocities at the Nazi death camp and was the first to provide the outside world visual evidence of the mass execution of Jews, said that those resisting had been successful because they refused to allow the Nazis to dehumanize them.

#### 'To Remember, Reflect'

In Washington, about 50 people marched yesterday from the Luther Memorial Church to the Soviet and South African embassies in an appeal to end the current holocausts in both countries. The marchers, who included children, wore yellow stars of David.

The Rev. John Steinbruck, the church's pastor, said "Yosef Mendeleveitch, Anatoly Shcharansky, Israel Zalmanson and countless others,

in the USSR and elsewhere, are experiencing the systematic continuation of the Holocaust, the continuing terror of the Twentieth Century. It is our avowed intention to remember, reflect, and resist the contemporary pathological process, whose ancient roots are 'religious' and whose future promises the inevitable harvest of humanity's enchantment with death and violence."

The groups left matzos in front of the Soviet Embassy and 40 yellow stars of David at the home of the South African Ambassador as a symbol of the martyrdom of many members of the leadership of the South African resistance movements, the most recent being Steve Biko. No one acknowledged the presence of the group at either embassy. Later, the church group was entertained by a concert of Jewish liturgical music.

At the University of Maryland in College Park, students will read the names of Holocaust victims in a program sponsored by the B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation. The continuous reading will start tonight and continue through Wednesday evening and about 55,000 names are expected to be read during the 60 hours. Sponsors said it would take about 280 days of continuous reading to go through all of the Holocaust victims.

#### JEWISH PAVILION INAUGURATED AT FORMER AUSCHWITZ DEATH CAMP By Yitzhak Shargil

TEL AVIV, April 17 (JTA)--A Jewish pavilion was scheduled to be inaugurated today at the site of Auschwitz, the Nazi death camp where 3.5 million Jews perished in the Holocaust. It will be part of the national museum that Auschwitz has become and the Polish authorities have attached a great deal of importance to the opening of the pavilion more than 30 years after Auschwitz was liberated at the end of World War II.

According to Nahum Goldmann, former president of the World Jewish Congress, who arrived in Warsaw yesterday at the head of a delegation, representing world Jewry, the Polish government is interested in improving its image in the eyes of Jews generally, specifically the influential American Jewish community, and possibly also the people of Israel.

The delegations from nine countries attending the inaugural include one from Israel headed by Gideon Hausner, director of the Yad Vashem Holocaust Memorial in Jerusalem, and Stefan Grayek, chairman of the Organization of Jewish Partisans and Ghetto Fighters. The Yad Vashem and the Ghetto Fighters Museum in Israel were invited by the Polish government to help prepare the pavilion and select its contents.

There is also a small delegation representing Soviet Jewry, consisting of the president of the Jewish community of Moscow and his deputy. According to reports from Warsaw, they are keeping to themselves to avoid any political discussions.

#### INTERFAITH MEETINGS IN SPAIN

ROME, April 17 (JTA)--The image of Judaism in Christian education and Christianity in Jewish education was the main subject of discussions at the seventh annual meeting of the International Liaison Committee between the Catholic Church and Judaism in Madrid, Spain earlier this month, a committee spokesman reported here.

The committee held its first session at the Transito Synagogue in Toledo to commemorate the Jewish presence in Spain before the expulsion in 1492 and then moved for the working conference to the Centro Comunal de the Comunidad Israelita in

Madrid. Papers on education were read by clergymen from Europe and the United States.

The second part of the meeting was devoted to information on Israel's new law against proselytism, the human rights situation in several parts of the world, the resurgence of Nazism and anti-Semitism in Germany and other countries, the Catholic-Moslem dialogue and the beginning of a dialogue between Moslems and Jews.

The delegates were guests at a reception given by the Centro de Estudios Judeo-Cristianos of Madrid and a dinner given by the Jewish community of Madrid and participated in a Shabat service. Rabbi Ronald Sobel, rabbi of New York's Temple Emanuel, and Msgr. Charles Moeller, vice-president of the Vatican Commission for Religious Relations with Judaism, who were co-chairmen of the meeting, stressed the warmth and friendship which underlined the three-day meeting and the common determination to pursue the objectives and goals of the committee.

#### ATHERTON RETURNING TO MIDEAST TO HELP END IMPASSE IN ISRAEL-EGYPT TALKS

By Helen Silver

WASHINGTON, April 18 (JTA)--The State Department announced today that Assistant Secretary of State Alfred L. Atherton will return to the Middle East this week in an effort to end the Israel-Egyptian negotiating impasse. Department spokesman Tom Reston said that "Secretary of State Cyrus Vance has asked Ambassador Atherton to go to Egypt and Israel for further discussions on possible next moves in the negotiating process."

Atherton has been designated by President Carter as Ambassador-at-Large on special assignment to the Middle East. His round of "shuttle diplomacy" between Jerusalem, Cairo and other Arab capitals was suspended last month.

Reston told reporters that "Atherton will go first to Cairo, around the end of the week and several days later plans to go to Israel. His present plan is to return to Washington the last week in April after the round of talks in these countries." Reston added: "This is not a shuttle kind of trip. He (Atherton) is just going there to consult with both parties and it is not going to be a ping pong type of thing."

#### No Comment On Cabinet Statement

He said the State Department had no comment on yesterday's statement by the Israeli Cabinet that it recognized Security Council Resolution 242 as applying to negotiations between Israel and all of its neighbors. He said the statement was under study. He did not rule out that this subject or the pace of Israel's withdrawal of its forces from south Lebanon would be included in the talks between Atherton and Israeli leaders.

"We expect this as well as other subjects relating to negotiations will come up during Ambassador Atherton's visit to the area," Reston said. He said the discussions would include "a general view of all the issues in moving the peace process forward." He also said that Atherton would not visit any other countries in the region.

Reston told reporters that no plans have been made for U.S. leaders to meet with Israeli Premier Menachem Begin when he comes to the U.S. for celebrations of Israel's 30th anniversary during the first week of May. He also said there was no scheduled trip to the U.S. by Egyptian President Anwar Sadat in the near future.

(Vance met with Egyptian Foreign Minister Mohammed Kaamel in Cairo tonight where the Sec-

retary stopped briefly en route to London and Moscow from southern Africa. Reports from Cairo said the meeting would give Vance an opportunity to hear the latest Egyptian ideas on resuming the peace process with Israel.)

#### MORE LAY INVOLVEMENT IN REFORM SYNAGOGUES URGED FOR VIABILITY

NEW YORK, April 17 (JTA)--Reform congregational leaders have been told that greater involvement of lay people in all elements of the synagogue's services and programs could assure their future viability and benefit both Israel and American Jewish life.

Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler, president of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, also told 600 representatives of the UAHC's New York Federation of Reform Synagogues at a two-day convention that lay participation could mean the difference between a synagogue being "a museum and one that lives."

He said "we must break the barrier between pulpit and pew by de-professionalizing our religious life," noting that "nothing in our tradition reserves certain roles to the professional leader of the congregation."

Schindler cited, as examples, a Midwest congregation where lay people spend the entire year preparing the worship services; a far West synagogue where parents attend their own religious classes or serve as teachers at the same time as their youngsters attend classes; and a Southwest synagogue which has formed a havurah of single parent families, through which they observe the festivals and the Sabbath as a family unit.

He said "we must never cease our efforts" for Israel, but added there was a need for "a balance between the preoccupation with Israel today on the American scene and an equal emphasis towards our own institutions here facing the important struggle to secure a creative continuity of the Jewish people."

#### Contribution Of Women Lauded

Schindler reported that women are contributing their services on all levels in increasing numbers as participants in the Reform synagogue and that the movement has produced a number of women cantors and rabbis but he added that these women must be given "more than lip service" and "full recognition and equality."

He expressed concern that the expected 15 to 20 new women rabbis scheduled to be ordained by Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, the Reform seminary, might not get full acceptance as rabbis. Without a "drastic alteration in the mood of our congregations," he said, they will be "relegated" to "ancillary positions. They are trained to be rabbis and have the right to serve in that capacity."

JERUSALEM (JTA)--Arab residents of the occupied territories comprise about five percent of Israel's work force according to a study released by the Central Bureau of Statistics. The study found that the average number of Arab workers on jobs in Israel on any given day between April 1-June 30 was 60,000, which represents 28 percent of the total work force in the occupied areas. It also found that 70 percent of the Arabs who work in Israel are married, they are generally younger than Arabs who work within the occupied territories and some 40 percent of them are employed in the construction trades. Another 25 percent is employed by industry and 15 percent in agriculture. The remainder are employed in various personal service jobs.

**BEHIND THE HEADLINES****BRITISH PRESS ACCUSED OF MIDEAST BIAS**

By Maurice Samuelson

LONDON, April 17 (JTA)--A new spate of accusations of bias over the Middle East has been levelled against the British press from both sides of the Arab-Israel conflict. The more common charges are that the press is pro-Arab. The Israel ambassador, Avraham Kidron, rarely loses the opportunity of a meeting with British journalists to complain bitterly about their alleged lack of understanding for his country's position.

The latest allegation of pro-Israeli bias comes, paradoxically, from a prominent British journalist. George Gale, a former editor of The Spectator, said in a radio talk show that most British national papers sympathized with Israel and, he claimed, this was because of the number of Jews who held influential positions in the press.

Gale himself has often been outspokenly critical of Israel and, not surprisingly, his remark elicited heated complaints from Jewish organizations to the London broadcasting company for whom he works.

Regardless of whether Gale was right or wrong--which I shall discuss shortly--in one major respect he was realistic. For the tone of British press comment and news presentation probably depends as much on the journalists employed by newspapers as on the commercial interests and policy of the big businessmen who own them. This is particularly true of the quality papers which report foreign affairs in depth and breadth as opposed to popular papers which contain more domestic news and gossip.

**Jewish Journalists Are Victims**

Jewish journalists here, in contrast with the United States, are not very numerous on foreign news desks of national papers. And in the Middle East departments, which help to dictate the tone of their papers' Middle East coverage, there are no identifiable Jews at all, except for those stationed in Israel.

So most of the influential Jewish journalists who have caught Gale's attention must have been employed elsewhere in the press. The reasons for this are not hard to fathom. But it shows that Jewish journalists are far more likely to be victims of Middle East bias than agents of it.

One of the leading Jewish foreign correspondents working for a British newspaper is Eric Silver, The Guardian's man in Jerusalem. A few years ago, one of his own colleagues was reported as questioning Silver's capacity to write objectively about Israel simply because he was Jewish. Michael Elkins, of the BBC, has also been frequently sniped at by the Arab lobby here for the same reason. And yet the Arab lobby counts several non-Jewish Middle East specialists among its avowed sympathizers.

But what of the allegations of bias by the press as a whole? The mere fact that the press is so often assailed by the opposing sides in the conflict indicates that it is reasonably neutral. And this, in turn, can only be because the journalists involved are too professional to allow their personal preferences to ruin their sense of news judgment.

**Influence Of Pro-Arab Sentiment**

Nevertheless, there should be no illusions about the strength of pro-Arab sentiment in some influential circles on Fleet Street. For just as older

journalists were often influenced in favor of Zionism by the events of World War II, so their successors are more likely to be swayed by the claims of the Palestinian Arabs.

One Middle East commentator--whose work has been quoted all over the world--has told friends that he opposes in principle the existence of a Jewish State. This journalist recently gave a startling personal interpretation of the statement, by Israeli Agriculture Minister Ariel Sharon, that two million Jews would one day inhabit the Jordan Valley.

Sharon's vision could only mean, the journalist said, that the "Zionists" planned to stimulate Jewish immigration from the United States by stirring up a wave of Nazi anti-Semitism there. Needless to say, this interesting theory has not yet appeared in the journalist's own newspaper. Although this person is more outspoken in his pro-Arabism than other Middle East specialists on Fleet Street, most of them appear to be more at ease on the Arab side of the fence.

The influence of this group is, moreover, reinforced by the existence of several Arab-oriented specialist periodicals for which these people write, in addition to their own journals. Possibly, they would also contribute to serious Israeli-oriented publications, if they existed here.

Jewish and Zionist organizations seem to regard independent publishing ventures as a thing of the past, and prefer to invest solely in public relations and information drives, usually aimed at the converted, with little impact on the national media. But that is another story....

**HUNGARY'S JEWS; PROTESTANTS CONFER**

BUDAPEST, April 17 (JTA)--Representatives of Hungary's Jewish and Protestant communities conferred for two days at the Protestant Center in Debrecen on the possibilities of increased cooperation between the two faiths in social activities and other fields. Bishop Tibor Bartho, who headed the Calvinist delegation, welcomed the Jewish group led by Imre Haber, chairman of the Jewish community, and Chief Rabbi Laszlo Salgo.

Haber said, in his opening remarks, "We intend to use all the available opportunities to further strengthen our ties." The Bishop tendered a kosher banquet for the Jewish delegation where the Protestant church choir gave a concert that included many traditional Jewish songs. The Calvinists and Jews are the largest religious minorities in Hungary which is overwhelmingly Catholic.

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MONTREAL (JTA)--A new organization, "Link," has been founded to serve the needs of Canadian parents whose children have gone on aliya, according to Mrs. Charles Balinsky, president of Canadian Hadassah-WIZO. Link, which is co-sponsored by the Canadian Hadassah-WIZO and the aliya department of the Canadian Zionist Federation, offers a support system for parents of new olim who want to share their experiences and suggestions with other such parents.

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TEL AVIV (JTA)--According to reports from Argentina, the Jewish editor and publisher, Jacobo Timerman, arrested over a year ago, was released and will come to Israel in the near future. Until then he will be under house arrest.

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There will be no Bulletin dated April 24, due to the Passover holiday. There will also be no Community News Reporter dated April 21 due to the holiday.