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ISRAEL SEARCHES FOREIGN SHIPS TO BAR TERRORIST INFILTRATION

By Yitzhak Shargil

TEL AVIV, June 15 (JTA)--Adm. Michael Barkai, commander of Israel's Navy, disclosed today that the Navy is stopping and searching foreign vessels that approach Israel's coast as a measure against possible terrorist infiltration by sea. Barkai, who spoke on the occasion of Navy Day celebrated today, said this activity was permitted by international maritime law which allows a country to stop any ship suspected of carrying persons or equipment that might be injurious to its security.

He said the stop-and-search procedure was initiated after the March 11 assault on the Tel Aviv-Haifa highway by terrorists who landed on the Israel coast in rubber dinghies. He revealed that the mother ship which launched the dinghies was, in fact, observed by the Israeli Navy but was not contacted because it was sailing on a westerly course, away from Israel, and appeared harmless.

Barkai said other anti-terrorist measures included combined sea-air patrols of Israeli coastal waters and ultra-sensitive radar equipment, both stationary and mobile. Barkai said that the Libyan and Saudi Arabian navies have been strengthened but, for the time being, Israel's Navy is strong enough to cope with the situation.

MANN HEADS PRESIDENTS CONFERENCE

NEW YORK, June 15 (JTA)--Theodore R. Mann, a Philadelphia lawyer and chairman of the National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council (NJCRAC), has been elected chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, effective July 1, it was announced today. He succeeds Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler who headed the Presidents Conference since February, 1976.

Mann was elected yesterday afternoon by a vote of 21-6 by the representatives of the 32 constituent organizations of the Conference. He was opposed by the five Orthodox groups and the Zionist Organization of America. Louis Bernstein, president of the Mizrahi-Hapoel-Hamizrachi, had been the Orthodox candidate. There were three abstentions and two members were absent.

Mann, 50, was born in Czechoslovakia and came to the United States with his parents in 1929. He is married and the father of three children. Long active in civic and Jewish affairs, he is a former president of the Jewish Community Relations Council of Greater Philadelphia and serves as a senior vice-president of the American Jewish Congress. Mann is a partner in the Philadelphia law firm of Mann & Unger. He has argued before the U.S. Supreme Court on matters affecting religious liberty, separation of church and state and civil rights.

HAIFA RED CARPET FOR U.S. SUBMARINERS

TEL AVIV, June 15 (JTA)--Haifa unrolled its red carpet today for the officers and crews of the U.S. Navy's nuclear submarine, Lapon and the missile-carrying destroyer Aylwin, units of the Sixth Fleet which arrived there on a good-will

visit as guests of the Israel Navy. Mayor Yeruham Zeisel of Haifa presented the municipality's Gold Pin to Commander Tom Murray of the Lapon and Commander Jim McCormick, skipper of the Aylwin.

The combined complements of the two ships, totalling 390 officers and crew, began tours of the country accompanied by Israeli naval personnel. The Lapon, which arrived from La Spezia, Italy, will remain in Haifa four days. The Aylwin, which came directly from Alexandria, Egypt, for the first time, will stay six days.

BRITISH LIBERAL LEADER ATTACKS ISRAEL'S WEST BANK SETTLEMENTS

By Maurice Samuelson

LONDON, June 15 (JTA)--Jeremy Thorpe, the foreign affairs spokesman for the Liberal Party and its former leader, criticized Israel for its policy of planting settlements in the occupied Arab territories and for handing over its positions in south Lebanon to local Christian forces instead of the United Nations force. Addressing the Liberal Friends of Israel, Thorpe also condemned the retreat from liberalism in the Arab world, reflected by the repressive measures taken by the leaders of the two most Westernized Arab states, Egypt and Tunisia.

Thorpe warned that Israel risked "fueling a civil war" between the south Lebanon Christians and the Lebanese regular army when it left the Christian militia in charge of the areas it evacuated Tuesday. He said that by "continuing to demand the right to create new West Bank settlements at this critical moment," the Israeli government not only endangered President Anwar Sadat's peace initiative but Sadat's regime. At the same time, he urged the Egyptian President not to suppress the embryonic democratic elements in Egypt. Recent events in India showed that even in a poor Asian country, bread and freedom were compatible, he said.

He charged that in Tunisia, President Habib Bourguiba's rule has degenerated into a personal dictatorship. "Like so many absolutists before him, (Bourguiba) seems to be making no adequate preparation for his own inevitable departure, although now an old man," Thorpe said.

He said the Liberal International is seeking contacts in the Arab world following its Executive meeting in Jerusalem last January.

DULZIN INVITED MONDALE

By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, June 15 (JTA)--Vice President Walter Mondale, who will visit Israel at the end of June, was first invited several months ago. The invitation was extended by Leon Dulzin, chairman of the World Zionist Organization, in his capacity as chairman of the Israel-U.S. Friendship Association, it was disclosed today.

The invitation was conveyed to Mondale by U.S. Ambassador Samuel Lewis. Dulzin reportedly indicated at the time that the visit could combine events marking Israel's 30th anniversary with celebrations of the Fourth of July. An affirmative answer was returned to Dulzin and the Foreign Ministry last week. At that point, an official invitation was sent to the Vice President by Premier Menachem Begin and Knesset Speaker Yitzhak Shamir.

The genesis of the invitation was of interest in view of charges in some circles that Mondale was

coming to Israel at this time as a means of influencing the Cabinet to formulate a positive reply to questions posed by the U.S. on the future of the West Bank and Gaza Strip. Mondale will leave the U.S. on June 29 and return on July 3.

MRS. JOSEPH NAMED AMBASSADOR

WASHINGTON, June 15 (JTA)--President Carter announced yesterday the appointment of Mrs. Geri Joseph as U.S. Ambassador-designate to The Netherlands. Mrs. Joseph, 55, is the wife of Burton Joseph, chairman of the B'nai B'rith Anti-Defamation League. The Josephs are from Minneapolis, Minn.

Mrs. Joseph was graduated from the University of Minnesota with a BA degree in 1945 and served as a staff writer on the Minneapolis Tribune from 1946-53. She has been a contributing editor of that paper since 1972. She is a member of the President's Commission on Mental Health and of the Minnesota Supreme Court Commission on the Mentally Ill.

RUMANIAN EMIGRATION POLICY SCORED

By David Ettinger

WASHINGTON, June 15 (JTA)--A spokesman for Eastern European Jewry charged Rumania today with engaging in "a cruel, comprehensive and calculated system to limit emigration to the absolute minimum" and urged that the United States not renew its waiver of the 1974 Foreign Trade Act restrictions with respect to trade with that country.

The accusation was made by Jacob Birnbaum, national director of the Center for Russian and East European Jewry, in testimony before the trade subcommittee of the House Ways and Means Committee. The Committee is considering President Carter's request to renew the waiver of the 1974 act which denies most-favored nation trade status to countries that curtail freedom of emigration.

According to Birnbaum, Rumania has, for years, been "in violation of the family reunion provisions" of the Helsinki Final Act but nevertheless enjoys "MFN status and other economic privileges under false pretenses." He cited figures to the effect that total emigration from Rumania to the U.S. has dropped to a level of 1000 persons annually.

Cites 'Considerable Progress'

The case for renewal of the waiver was presented by Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for European Affairs William H. Luers who said there had been "considerable progress... in resolving the most long standing cases" of those who have sought to leave Rumania. He acknowledged, however, that "the present rate of emigration to Israel remains considerably below that of previous years."

Luers' position was supported by Reps. Lee Hamilton (D. Ind.) and Paul Findley (R. Ill.), who favored renewal of the waiver. Subcommittee chairman Charles Vanik (D. Ohio), co-author of the Jackson-Vanik Amendment to the 1974 Trade Act, noted that Rumanian emigration patterns behaved in a "cyclic" fashion, tending to increase at the time of Congressional review. He said the subcommittee would continue to monitor the situation.

INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT STRESSED

By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, June 15 (JTA)--The Jewish Agency's settlement department plans to stress industrial development in new settlements and old

existing ones, it was disclosed today. Department head Raanan Weitz and others met at Rehovot yesterday to discuss the project. Industry will be introduced to veteran villages which are presently devoted exclusively to agriculture and to new settlements which are unable to exist on agriculture alone.

The Jewish Agency will encourage the settlements to establish their own industries in connection with their various parent settlement movements. It will set up and operate its own industries, however, "in vital cases." The settlement department will provide loans, up to a certain amount, in conjunction with the settlement movements. A department spokesman said that in the last four years it had developed job openings for about 1000 persons but intends to increase the industrial development rate in future years. The plan will be presented to the Jewish Agency Executive and the Zionist General Council for approval.

LENINGRAD ARRESTS MARKED

NEW YORK, June 15 (JTA)--Local Jewish groups marked the eighth anniversary today of the arrests of the Soviet Jews who became the defendants in the first Leningrad hijack trial of 1970. Most are still serving sentences in Soviet prisons or forced labor camps. Members of Concerned Jewish Youth staged a "Leningrad Plus 8" protest outside of the Soviet Mission to the United Nations.

They held up photographs of the Leningrad defendants and noted that eight years later "other brave Jews again face trial for their efforts to go to Israel." They mentioned Anatoly Shcharansky, who faces trial for treason which carries a possible death penalty; Vladimir and Maria Slepak, arrested June 2 for demanding the right to emigrate, who were charged with "malicious hooliganism"; and Ida Nudel, arrested on the same charge for protesting the Slepaks' arrest.

At the same time, Abram Balsham, 69 and his wife, Maria, 62, began a vigil at the Isaiah Wall across the street from UN headquarters. They are protesting the refusal of the Soviet authorities to grant an exit visa to their son, Peter, and his wife and child who live in Tashkent. When the Balshams were allowed to leave Russia in 1976, they were promised by officials that their son and his family could follow in a few months, according to the Student Struggle for Soviet Jewry.

(In London today, more than 20 prominent British writers delivered a letter to the Soviet Embassy appealing for the release of Eduard Kuznetsov, one of the first Leningrad trial defendants who is serving a 15-year sentence in a labor camp and permission for him to join his wife, Silva Zalmanson, in Israel. The letter was signed, among others, by playwrights Lord Willis, Harold Pinter, Arnold Wesker and Tom Stoppard and novelists Alan Coren, Alan Sillitoe, Gerda Charles, John Braine and Iris Murdoch and Jon Silkin, a poet.)

(In Paris, a group of Jewish community leaders, headed by Chief Rabbi Jacob Kaplan and Baron Alain de Rothschild, tried unsuccessfully to deliver a petition to the Soviet Embassy asking the release of Kuznetsov and Shcharansky. They stood in the rain outside the Embassy gates which remained closed.)

TEL AVIV (JTA)--The first Bedouin moshav in Israel, located in the Raffah salient, was officially dedicated Thursday. It will house 100 Bedouin families who were dislodged from their traditional sites when the land was expropriated for Jewish settlements.

II EMISSARIES REJECTED BY JEWISH AGENCY JUST PRIOR TO DEPARTURE

By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, June 15 (JTA)--The Jewish Agency announced yesterday that it has rejected 11 of 22 aliya emissaries scheduled to leave within the next few weeks on assignments overseas. The rejectees were informed only yesterday that they did not meet the required standards although all of them had reached the final stages of the two-month training and orientation course and had been selected out of 800 applicants after passing various tests.

They reacted angrily at being notified at this late stage. Some said they had already quit their jobs and rented their flats in anticipation of going abroad. A few threatened to sue the Jewish Agency for compensation. Raphael Katlowitz, chairman of the immigration and absorption department who gave the men the bad news yesterday, said they could appeal to the Jewish Agency Executive Committee. He promised that the committee would give prompt consideration to their cases.

But, he said, the rejections had been approved unanimously by a four-member screening panel. Jewish Agency sources said the final selection of candidates was begun in April by Shmuel Lahis, director general of the Agency and chairman of the emissary committee. However, the sources explained, final evaluation had to await the results of the courses which were not received until now.

POSITIVE ROLE FOR CARTER URGED

NEW YORK, June 15 (JTA)--Avraham Sharir of Likud, the Knesset majority leader, called on President Carter last night "to take a positive role in helping to reconvene peace talks between Israel and Egypt by encouraging President Sadat to return to the direct negotiating process as quickly as possible." Speaking at an Israel Bond dinner at the Waldorf-Astoria in honor of industrialist Benjamin Perlen, Sharir asserted that "peace can only be worked out by Israel and her neighbors and not through an imposed settlement from a third party." The affair raised \$1.5 million in Bond sales for Israel's economic development.

The Israeli political leader spoke of the difficulties created by the recent U.S. decision to sell warplanes to Egypt and "especially to Saudi Arabia." He said that, "if peace talks are not concluded in a positive way those planes are going to land in the hands of an enemy and be used against us." Sharir, who is in the U.S. on a speaking tour for Israel Bonds, declared that, despite America's decision to sell jet planes to the Arabs, he was confident that "any existing U.S.-Israel differences can and will be settled by both parties because of the long-standing friendship and close ties that exist between the two nations."

He added that one of the expressions of unity with Israel has been the support of the Jewish community for Israel Bonds over the years which has stimulated Israel's phenomenal economic growth. "A sound economy," Sharir said, "could well be one of the factors that will aid Israel in its search for peace." He said that the government of Premier Menachem Begin initiated far-reaching peace proposals which exceed those of any previous Israeli administration. "I am convinced," he said, "that the only leader who can bring peace is Begin because he enjoys the wide support of the Israeli people and the Knesset. Begin is a strong leader who can make concessions that will be accepted by most of Israel's citizens."

HERZOG CALLS EGYPT INTRANSIGENT

NEW YORK, June 15 (JTA)--Chaim Herzog, Israel's Ambassador to the United Nations, said that Israel would not take risks with its security. As he received the Distinguished Statesman Award from the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith at its 65th anniversary dinner Tuesday night, Herzog stated that "negotiations presuppose concessions" and that Egypt had not agreed to concede one bit of territory. "Instead of being expected to enter negotiations," he stated, "we've been presented with an ultimatum--take it or leave it."

Also honored at the dinner were three past national chairmen of the ADL: Henry E. Schultz, Dore Schary, and Seymour Graubard. Each received inscribed marble timepieces representing their collective 22 years of service to the ADL. Sigmund Livingston, founder of the ADL, Meier Steinbrink, and Samuel Dalsimer were all paid posthumous tribute as past national chairmen.

ABIE NATHAN CONTINUES FAST

By Yitzhak Shargil

TEL AVIV, June 15 (JTA)--Tens of thousands of local citizens massed in the municipal square Tuesday night to demonstrate their solidarity with Abie Nathan who vowed that he will not end his hunger strike, now in its 33rd day, until the government announces there will be no more settlements in the occupied Arab territories and the military government is abolished.

Nathan, who is subsisting on water, was confined to a wheel chair because he is too weak to stand. The demonstration, organized by his friends, most of them stage artists, drew an unexpectedly huge crowd. "I never saw so many people hungry for peace," he said as thousands of peace candles flickered and the crowd sang "Oseh Shalom Bimromam" (He Who Makes Peace From Above).

Nathan is well known for his peace efforts spanning more than two decades. In the '60s he piloted his own plane to Egypt as a one-man peace emissary to President Gamal Abdel Nasser and was unceremoniously ejected from that country. More recently, his "peace ship" anchored in international waters, broadcast peace messages and pop music to Israel and the Arab states.

Tuesday night's crowds may have been inspired by Nathan's indefatigable hunger strike but it also whetted their appetites. Restaurant owners in the vicinity said they never had such a boom.

CJF AWARDS 18 SENATORS, CONGRESSMEN

WASHINGTON, June 15 (JTA)--Eighteen members of Congress, nine Senators and nine members of the House, were awarded the Council of Jewish Federations (CJF) Distinguished Service Award for "their continuing and unstinting support for the cause of human dignity and justice" at a reception at the Capitol Hilton this afternoon.

Senators receiving the award are: Joseph R. Biden (D.Del.); Edward W. Brooke (R.Mass.); Clifford P. Case (R.N.J.); Frank Church (D.Idaho); Alan Cranston (D.Calif.); Edward M. Kennedy (D.Mass.); Claiborne Pell (D.R.I.); Richard S. Schweiker (R.Pa.) and Paul S. Sarbanes (D.Md.). Representatives who received the award are: Les Aucoin (D.Ore.); Jonathan B. Bingham (D.N.Y.); John Brandemas (D.Ind.); John Buchanan (R.Ala.); Edward J. Derwinski (R.Ill.); Dante B. Fascell (D.Fla.); Clarence D. Long (D.Md.); Peter W. Rodino (D.N.J.); and Charles A. Vanik (D.Ohio).

SSSJ CALLS A CONGRESS SUPPORT OF CREDITS FOR USSR 'ILL-TIMED'

NEW YORK, June 15 (JTA)--The Student Struggle for Soviet Jewry charged that the American Jewish Congress' support of the Humphrey-Dale-Finley Bill, which seeks to extend agricultural trade credits to the USSR in defiance of the Jackson Amendment, is "ill-timed at best and lacking in understanding of the thrust of Jackson's legislation."

The SSSJ stated: "We cannot imagine how the USSR is to be rewarded with trade credits for a small, artificial rise in emigration figures precisely at a moment when human rights activist Yuri Orlov has been harshly sentenced, Anatoly Shcharansky may be in the dock for his life, leading refusniks Vladimir and Maria Slepak and Ida Nudel face five years' imprisonment on false charges, and former Prisoner of Conscience Iosif Begun has been rearrested."

"The thrust of the Jackson Amendment is to ease the process of emigration," the SSSJ said. "The anti-Semitic campaign in the USSR has become so vicious and the application process so difficult in many cities that soon most Jews might well fear to or not even be able to apply to leave." The SSSJ said "the Jackson legislation, passed by the overwhelming majority of Congress, should be reviewed, but only when the Kremlin makes an honest move to freer emigration."

JTA INTERN PROGRAM IN EIGHTH YEAR

NEW YORK, June 15 (JTA)--The Jewish Telegraphic Agency's summer intern program, begun in 1970, is now in its eighth season. Continuation of the program, which provides on-the-job training for young people interested in Jewish journalism, was made possible by a special grant by Dr. Abraham Goodman, of Kearny, N.J., a prominent Jewish philanthropist and community leader. Dr. Goodman is president of the Tarbut Foundation and Treasurer of the JTA.

The two interns working at JTA international headquarters in New York this summer are Reena Sigman Friedman and Lisa Schiffman. Ms. Friedman has just completed her second year as a graduate student in American Jewish history at Columbia University and is especially interested in the history of Jewish women in America. Her Master's thesis is a study of the National Council of Jewish Women in the early 20th Century and its efforts to assist Jewish immigrant women from Eastern Europe. She is also author of a paper dealing with husband desertion in the Jewish immigrant community which will be published in the Working Papers' Series sponsored by the Columbia Center for Israel and Jewish Studies.

Ms. Friedman has edited several school papers and bulletins for New York City government agencies. She founded "Kolenu," the Cornell University Jewish student newspaper and edited several local community bulletins. She also worked on the publicity staff of the New York City Urban Corps where she edited that agency's monthly newsletter. She has contributed articles to a number of Jewish publications, including "Lilith," "Network" and Jewish Student Press Service releases.

Ms. Schiffman, a senior at the University of Rochester, holds a student internship position at "Lilith," concurrently with her internship at the JTA. She is a religious studies/Sociology interdepartmental major and news editor of the student daily at the University of Rochester, the "Campus

Times," a position she has held for the past year. She was one of the founders of the "Israel Weekly Perspective," the first campus newspaper devoted to the concerns of the Jewish community.

Last semester, Ms. Schiffman was employed at Temple Beth El in Rochester as an administrative assistant for the Hebrew school and ran a workshop during an Israel leadership training seminar in which she advised students from several colleges on ways to begin campus newspapers similar to "Perspective." Ms. Schiffman has been accepted in a program sponsored by the Jewish Student Press Service to travel to Israel with a group of 30 Jewish student editors and journalists. She plans a career in Jewish journalism in the U.S. or in Israel. She intends to spend an extended period of time in Israel after her graduation.

GOLDSTEIN SAYS COMMITMENT TO ALIYA INDISPENSABLE TO ZIONISM

NEW YORK, June 15 (JTA)--Rabbi Israel Goldstein, the eminent Zionist leader, declared here that "the commitment to aliya (is) an indispensable part of a Zionist's life plan." He spoke at a reception marking the 60th anniversary of his public service, given by the American Section of the World Zionist Organization Executive at 515 Park Avenue Tuesday. The reception also marked 60 years of marriage for Rabbi and Mrs. Goldstein.

In a statement which was read by his wife because he was unable to respond due to laryngitis, Goldstein, retired head of Keren Hayesod, said that in addition to the commitment to aliya, the other essential bases of Zionist commitment are "the inclusion of the aliya motif in the education of the Jewish child" and "the cultivation of Hebrew as a spoken language, in the curricula of Jewish schools, as a vital bond with Israel and with Klal Israel."

"All of us together need to be committed to the right of every Jewish child to a full program of Jewish education, as a community responsibility, regardless of the parents' ability to pay for it," he declared.

Mrs. Charlotte Jacobson, chairman of the WZO-American Section, pointed out that Goldstein "has held more presidencies and chairmanships than any other living American Jew." She said his contributions as a Zionist leader were paralleled by his equally brilliant contributions to the American Jewish scene.

Mrs. Jacobson also paid tribute to the independent role of Mrs. Bertha Goldstein as a noted Zionist leader, having served as national president of Pioneer Women, honorary chairman of Israel Bonds in the Greater New York area and as a delegate to Zionist Congresses since 1937.

Also praising Goldstein's achievements were Rabbi Saul Teplitz, president of the Rabbinical Assembly of America and of the Synagogue Council of America; Kalman Sultanik, a member of the Presidium of the World Confederation of United Zionists and member of the Executive of the WZO; Herman Weisman, former president of the Jewish National Fund and of the Zionist Organization of America; and Rabbi Arthur Hertzberg, immediate past president of the American Jewish Congress and a former member of the WZO Executive.

Goldstein was also honored last Saturday at Manhattan's Congregation B'nai Jeshurun where he has been rabbi and rabbi emeritus since 1918.

BOSTON (JTA)--Bank Hapoalim formally dedicated its fifth branch in the United States here Wednesday.