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YESHIVA STUDENT KILLED IN HEBRON; ISRAELI TROOPS PUT TOWN UNDER CURFEW By Yitzhak Shargil

TEL AVIV, Jan. 31 (JTA) — A curfew was clamped down on Hebron this afternoon following the fatal shooting of a 20-year-old yeshiva student from nearby Kiryat Arba. The victim, whose name was withheld pending notification of next of kin, died while undergoing surgery at Hadassah Hospital in Jerusalem for a gunshot wound in the head.

Israeli troops raged through the Arab town on the West Bank searching for the perpetrators. They also cordoned off Kiryat Arba, a Gush Emunim stronghold, to prevent possible revenge attacks on the Arab population of Hebron. The incident was the first in which firearms were used against anyone from Kiryat Arba although there have been frequent clashes between the Jewish militants and local Arabs.

The victim was described as a student at Yeshivat Hesed, a school whose student body engages in military activities such as patrols and guard duty. Israeli authorities said he appeared to have been unarmed when attacked, although he might have been carrying a weapon which was stolen by his assailants.

Gen. Moshe Levi, commander of the central region, and Gen. Benjamin Ben Eliezer, commander of the West Bank, met this evening at Military Government headquarters in Hebron to discuss future action. Meanwhile, soldiers combed the streets. Checkpoints were set up at the entrances to the town and all men and vehicles were searched. The Kiryat Arba residents were furious and blamed the Military Government for not reacting forcefully enough to earlier incidents that involved stone-throwing by Hebron Arabs.

The shooting occurred in mid-afternoon when the Hebron market place was crowded with shoppers, including a number of Jewish women from Kiryat Arba. As soon as the shots rang out, Arab shopkeepers shut down and the market was deserted within minutes, except for the Jewish women shoppers. They found the student covered with blood in an alley but were unable to get assistance from local policemen. A passing Israeli military vehicle picked up the youth and took him to a local hospital from where he was flown by helicopter to Hadassah Hospital in Jerusalem.

GERMANY BANS NEO-NAZI GROUP

By David Kantor

BONN, Jan. 31 (JTA) — A neo-Nazi paramilitary organization active in south Germany was banned by the government yesterday as unconstitutional after a police raid on its headquarters yielded a quantity of military equipment and propaganda material. Interior Minister Gerhart Baum said the group, known as the "Wehrsportgruppe," masqueraded as a sports organization while it planned to overthrow the democratic system by force.

The "Wehrsportgruppe," said to have 400 members, was described as the largest neo-Nazi militant organization in West Germany. Accord-

ing to Baum, its self-styled "fuehrer," 42-year-old Karl-Heinz Hoffmann, hoped to achieve Nazi goals. The organization was founded seven years ago and was active among youth in Bavaria and Baden-Wuerttemberg.

Police who searched its headquarters in a castle near Nuremberg found a quantity of small arms and ammunition and an armored vehicle used for training. Additional arms and ammunition was found in the homes of 32 members raided by police Wednesday night. Hoffmann may be brought to trial.

In another development, three young members of the neo-Nazi "Kampfgruppe Priem" were arrested in Freiburg, south Germany yesterday. According to police, the youths aged 15, 17 and 18 admitted to vandalizing and desecrating a Jewish cemetery in Breisgaustadt last month. Police said the youths had anti-Semitic publications and swastikas.

AUTONOMY TALKS CONTINUE WITH TOP NEGOTIATORS TRYING TO BRIDGE THE WIDE GAP BETWEEN ISRAEL AND EGYPT

By David Landau and Yitzhak Shargil

JERUSALEM, Jan. 31 (JTA) — The autonomy talks continued at the top negotiating level today in an effort to find some way to bridge the wide gap between the Israeli and Egyptian positions on the nature of autonomy for the West Bank and Gaza Strip. Interior Minister Yosef Burg, head of the Israeli ministerial negotiating team, his Egyptian counterpart, Prime Minister Muthapha Khalil and U.S. special Ambassador Sol Linowitz conferred privately for nearly two hours in the Herzliya hotel where the talks are being held.

It was their second private meeting since Khalil and his delegation arrived from Cairo late yesterday. Premier Menachem Begin was at Ben-Gurion Airport to greet the Egyptians, the first time he had extended the courtesy to Khalil. Burg, Khalil and Linowitz had their first meeting last night — in private without aides present or stenographers. Sources here said that Linowitz preferred that format.

This afternoon, the chief negotiators were due to meet in plenary session to hear the reports of the Israeli and Egyptian "working groups." However, this session was postponed until tomorrow. An Israeli spokesman declined to explain the reason for the delay.

Question Of Fundamentals, Not Details

The gap that separates the Israeli and Egyptian views is one of fundamentals rather than details. The Egyptians insist on the broadest powers of self-government defined by legislative, executive and judicial authority. The Israelis are prepared to give the Palestinians only the most limited administrative control over local matters and public services.

American sources accompanying Linowitz predicted no dramatic breakthrough in this round of talks. They said the President's envoy was not discouraged by the wide gulf between the two sides and felt that now that each has "put its cards on the table," the painstaking process of practical negotiations could finally begin.

American and Israeli sources indicated that Linowitz will try to speed up the tempo of the

autonomy talks in the weeks ahead and that he will seek more top level sessions and more meetings of the working groups on specific issues. Linowitz has also stressed the necessity to bring representatives of the Palestinians into the negotiating process.

He met yesterday with two prominent Palestinians — Mayor Rashad A-Shawa of Gaza and Anwar el-Khatib, the former Jordanian Governor of Jerusalem. The meetings were held at the U.S. Consulate in Jerusalem. A-Shawa, the only mayor from the occupied territories who agreed to meet with the American envoy, described their talking reporters as a "private and social occasion." He said he did not engage in any negotiations but stressed to the American that only the Palestine Liberation Organization is authorized to negotiate on behalf of the Palestinians.

Despite the impasse in the autonomy talks, normalization between Israel and Egypt is progressing. Gen. Abraham Tamir, counselor to Defense Minister Ezer Weizman, left for Egypt today to discuss a number of issues with Egyptian officials. One subject will be trade, industry and tourism. Another matter is transportation and communication.

WEIZMAN: KENNEDY WON'T WIN

By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, Jan. 31 (JTA) — Defense Minister Ezer Weizman said last night that he was sure that Sen. Edward Kennedy (D.Mass.) will not be elected President of the United States. Weizman was asked on a television interview to explain his comments, during his recent Washington visit, supporting President Carter's re-election bid.

He explained that whereas Carter made a significant contribution to the peace treaty between Israel and Egypt, Kennedy had not even bothered to say "a good word" throughout the Camp David negotiations and until the actual signing of the peace treaty. Only now that he has entered the Presidential race, Weizman noted, does he make favorable comments about Israel.

Weizman was asked: "Are you aware that Sen. Kennedy may be the President of the U.S.?" He retorted: "I am aware that he will not be the President of the U.S."

THE ISSUE OF WATER NEEDS BETWEEN ISRAEL AND JORDAN

By Joseph Palakoff

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31 (JTA) — A Carter Administration official stressed that the need for water could become "a cause of conflict" or "an imperative for cooperation" between Israel and Jordan.

Joseph Wheeler, acting administrator of the Agency for International Development, told the House Foreign Affairs subcommittee for Europe and the Middle East that there was only a "fixed and limited supply" of water in the area. "Of particular concern is the area on both sides of the lower Jordan River where Israel, Jordan and the West Bank share geographically the surface waters and in part the underground waters. The usable capacity of the principal water resource, the Jordan River, and its natural storage reservoir, Lake Tiberias, have been exploited."

Wheeler, who was the leadoff witness in the start of Congressional hearings on proposed

United States foreign aid for the 1981 fiscal year, was asked by Rep. Lee Hamilton (D.Ind.), the subcommittee's chairman, which country controls the waters of the Jordan River. He replied that Israel has access above Lake Tiberias but Syria and Jordan have "some access" to tributaries of the Jordan River.

Wheeler pointed out that "already, inadequate supply of water and sewage capacity are creating a major health problem for the Jordanian plateau and the major cities of Amman and Irbid where over 80 percent of the Jordanian population lives." He said that Jordan "plans to control" the Yarmouk River by constructing a storage dam at Maqarin on the border between Jordan and Syria some 30 miles from Lake Tiberias.

"Within 20 years or so, all the water will be needed in its first use for urban uses on the Jordanian plateau," he said. "Meanwhile, the need for water in Israel and on the West Bank is increasing. Against this background of regional water shortage which affects the vital interest of Israel, Jordan and the West Bank, water resource questions constitute a major economic and political issue."

Issue of Inflation

Wheeler was also asked about such issues as inflation. "The most difficult case is Israel," he said. He said attempts have been made to encourage the resumption of an earlier growth rate to combat inflation. He did not go into detail because he was scheduled to discuss Israel at a special hearing today. Egypt's inflation is "officially in the 10-15 percent range," Wheeler said. He said a more accurate figure would be 20-30 percent because many items, such as bread, are subsidized by the government.

Importance Of Remittances

Wheeler said that the remittances by the more than two million workers from Jordan, North Yemen and Syria working in the oil-rich Arab countries are an important "financial resource" for their home countries. "Their current annual remittances are about \$5 billion," he said. "Over half of these workers are in Saudi Arabia, with Libya and Kuwait employing a large portion of the remainder." He said that remittances to Egypt total nearly \$2 billion a year.

"If foreign exchange earnings from remittances and exports were reduced sharply there would be critical shortages," Wheeler said. "Similarly, a sudden major influx of returning migrant workers would create a major unemployment problem."

Wheeler said the oil-producing countries have been providing "on the order of \$2.5 billion annually" to other Arab countries. However, since the Egyptian-Israeli agreements, the amount to Egypt has been reduced while increased to other countries. He said that Egypt received \$1.6 billion in 1975 and \$2 billion in 1977.

Since the Camp David accords new commitments to Egypt dropped to \$500 million in 1978 and ceased completely last year, Wheeler said. On the other hand, assistance to Syria almost tripled from \$500 million to \$1.3 billion. Similarly aid to Jordan was \$640 million in 1979 and is "estimated at an even higher level in 1980," Wheeler testified.

On another point, Wheeler said the Middle East "is affected by rapid change more than most areas of the world." He said "the Near East

contains some of the richest and some of the poorest peoples of the world." He named Egypt, Jordan and Syria among the poorest. Discussing literacy, Wheeler said only five countries in the area have adult literacy rates over 50 percent: Turkey, Jordan, Tunisia, Syria and Israel.

NO AGREEMENT ON BUDGET ALLOCATIONS

By Gil Sedan and Yitzhak Shargil

JERUSALEM, Jan. 31 (JTA) -- The Cabinet's economic committee wrestled inconclusively yesterday over how to divide the IL 405 billion budget for the next fiscal year between the various ministries. No agreement was reached after 11 hours of wrangling during which Premier Menachem Begin was summoned from his home to support a demand for cuts in the defense budget. But Begin proved to be of little help and the issue was deferred to the full Cabinet meeting this Sunday.

The problem is that Finance Minister Yigal Hurwitz has declared the IL 405 billion to be the absolute maximum which, if exceeded, would lead to uncontrollable inflation. The budget was approved earlier this week as a framework within which each ministry will have to find the funds to finance its operations. But, as the economic committee found, the budget is not big enough to cover what each minister insists is the absolute minimum.

The Major Confrontation

The major confrontation is between the defense budget and the housing budget. Defense Minister Ezer Weizman did not attend yesterday's session. When he was informed by telephone that his budget would have to be pared to allow for additional housing money, he was furious. "If any one decides on cuts let him run the Defense Ministry," Weizman declared, a remark that some of his colleagues took as a threat to resign if his budget is tampered with.

Weizman remained adamant in a clash last night with Begin. The Premier warned him that his unbending attitude could lead to a Cabinet crisis and urged that he agree to a two percent reduction of the defense budget that presently stands at IL 130 billion. It represents about one-third of the proposed IL 405 billion for the next fiscal year beginning April 1. But Weizman refused to entertain any further cuts. He said the defense budget had been agreed to by himself and Hurwitz and to reduce it by even two percent would be courting danger.

In a television interview last night, Weizman said the defense budget had been cut by eight percent over the last three years and that he had done his utmost to hold down dollar expenditures in favor of the local defense industry. He warned that an IL 1 billion cut would result in the layoffs of up to 1000 workers in the defense and allied industries. He noted that the army will have to absorb 100 new tanks and 100 new artillery pieces this year.

Those who insist on a cut, Weizman warned, had better look at the massive build-up of Soviet weaponry in Syria and other Arab countries which include the most modern T-72 tanks and MIG-25 planes. He noted that some ministers who wanted to slash his defense budget were highly skeptical of the peace process with Egypt. "I would advise them, at least, to be very careful not to tamper with the defense budget," he said.

CARTER LAUDS LUBAVITCHER REBBE'S WORK

NEW YORK, Jan. 31 (JTA) -- Stuart Eizenstat, President Carter's Assistant for Domestic Affairs, told a special tribute dinner honoring Rabbi Menachem Schneerson on his 30th anniversary as the Lubavitcher rebbe, that the President "appreciates" what Schneerson has accomplished as an "inspiring" example of what could be done to stabilize urban communities.

"As one of the principal architects of the President's urban policy," Eizenstat told the 400 men and women guests at the dinner last Monday night, "I am familiar with what the rebbe has done in stabilizing your community," in the Crown Heights section of Brooklyn. "You did not run. You have served as a shining example for urban America throughout the United States. You have shown that our cities can and will be saved."

Stressing that he was speaking for the President, from whom he brought a congratulatory letter to Schneerson, Eizenstat said Schneerson deserved congratulations for "fostering the moral and ethical values of education, which transcends the Jewish community." Eizenstat also said "the rebbe is concerned not only with the Jews of his own community but with all Jews," and added that "the whole day school movement would not be what it is today if not for your movement."

A Lubavitch spokesman said a highlight of the event was the first public meeting between Rabbi Joseph Soloveitchik, the noted authority on Jewish Law, and Schneerson.

Eizenstat also read to the dinner guests a letter from Carter congratulating Schneerson on the anniversary, declaring that the rebbe had "greatly strengthened your religious movement and the societies it has served. Men, women and children in this country and abroad are richer for the programs you have instituted and for the precepts of Judaism you have upheld. Both Jews and non-Jews rejoice with you at this milestone and all of us join in tribute to the social and humanitarian achievements you have inspired and implemented during these three decades."

After the dinner, the 400 men and women joined a waiting throng, estimated by police as between 8000 and 10,000 waiting to hear the rebbe's Fåhbgren address. Schneerson spoke from 9:15 to 2:30 a.m. and was heard by telephone hookup to Lubavitch gatherings in 118 cities throughout the world, the spokesman said.

GENEVA (JTA) -- The citizens of the Swiss village of Saanen have banded together to block the sale of a chalet to the Saudi Arabian Minister of Civil Aviation, Addulla Mahdi. Werner Raaf-lach, a resident of the hamlet near Gstaad, organized a local committee to take legal action against the sale. They turned down an offer by Mahdi to donate 400,000 Swiss francs to the village for an agricultural project if he is allowed to buy the property which is owned by a French businessman. The ban was enforced by invoking a Swiss law that contains certain restrictions on the sale of property to foreigners.

WASHINGTON (JTA) -- Rep. Charles Vanik (D. Ohio) who co-authored with Sen. Henry Jackson (D. Wash.) the amendment to the Trade Act of 1974 prohibiting trade benefits for the Soviet Union until it relaxes emigration rules for Jews and other minorities, will not seek re-election.

JEWISH BUSINESSMEN TOLD TIME IS RIPE TO INVEST IN ISRAEL

By Yitzhak Shargil

TEL AVIV, Jan. 31 (JTA) -- Seventy prominent Jewish businessmen of North African origin were told by Finance Minister Yigal Hurwitz that the time is ripe for them to invest in Israel. The work ethic is strong again, there is new respect for the Israel Pound and production is going up, Hurwitz said in an address to the first World Congress of North African Jewish Businessmen.

The Congress is sponsored by the World Organization of North African Jews. Its organizers said it represented a challenge to a rival organization, the World Federation of Sephardic Jews, whose president, Nissim Goon, allegedly holds the position that Israel is not ready for foreign investments but must depend upon charitable contributions. Shaul Ben Simhon, chairman of the new group, said the goal of the Congress is to develop the framework for partnership between foreign investors and Israel's economy.

The participants, all of them wealthy businessmen, financiers and investors, come from France, Spain, England, Switzerland, Canada, Venezuela and Argentina as well as Israel. Hurwitz said he would not presume to tell them how to invest their money here but he hoped they would think in terms of productive industries for export.

However, he said, investments in service industries such as hotels and other tourist facilities would also be welcomed. He urged the participants to use their influence in their home countries to increase the purchase of Israel-made goods to stimulate Israel's export industries.

Discuss A Variety Of Subjects

The Congress, which opened Monday, will continue for a week. Projects on the agenda include investments in land, construction of a "second home" in Israel and partnerships with Israeli businessmen in industrial or agricultural fields. The Bank Leumi and the Israel Discount Bank helped finance the gathering.

Ben Simhon raised the question of the underprivileged in Israeli society, the majority of whom are of Oriental origin and said he hoped the economic measures adopted by Hurwitz would not be harmful to them. Hurwitz replied that the underprivileged groups stood to benefit once inflation is checked.

David Brudett, head of the Finance Ministry's planning department, spoke of the prospects for trade between Israel and Egypt now that normal relations have been established between the two countries. He estimated that in the first stages, Israel could export \$50-\$60 million worth of goods to Egypt annually.

JDC PARTICIPATING IN NATIONAL APPEAL FOR CAMBODIAN REFUGEES

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31 (JTA) -- The president of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, Donald Robinson, and the executive vice president of the JDC, Ralph Goldman, were among an outstanding group of American leaders who attended a meeting of the National Cambodia Crisis Committee at the White House Tuesday. The meeting was the start of a national appeal to the American public.

According to Robinson, the JDC, as the overseas relief arm of American Jewry, has been active in support of Cambodian relief and has received "nearly \$200,000 in donations from Jewish Federations and Welfare funds, synagogues, voluntary agencies and individuals in the Jewish and general community."

Goldman, in a summary of JDC activities just released, noted that the agency had already made "contributions to the emergency feeding programs of the International Rescue Committee; had arranged emergency shipment to Thailand of educational material published by Helen Keller International and designed to aid in the detection and prevention of Xerophthalmia (blindness caused by Vitamin A deficiency); and acting in response to a telexed request from a JDC senior staff member in Thailand, has approved the immediate purchase of school supplies, textbooks and other materials necessary for the education of orphans in the refugee population."

"In addition," Goldman said, "The JDC is currently undertaking a needs assessment of the Cambodian refugee population in Thailand with emphasis on the medical, nutritional, educational and social problems of children."

Robinson expressed his appreciation for the role the Synagogue Council of America has played in the campaign through its support of the Interfaith Hunger Appeal. The Appeal, jointly founded by the JDC, the Catholic Relief Services and the Church World Service, has sought to promote awareness of Cambodian refugee needs on an interdenominational basis.

PROGRAM LAUNCHED FOR HAVING HOLOCAUST TAUGHT IN SWEDEN'S SCHOOLS

NEW YORK, Jan. 31 (JTA) -- The Swedish Jewish community has projected a broad-based educational program on the Holocaust that it hopes to have integrated into Sweden's general school system. The program will be based on a successful year-long educational effort led by the Swedish Jewish community during the past year.

The program, outlined in a report to the European office in Paris of the American Jewish Committee by Jeff Schatz of the Swedish Jewish community, would enlarge understanding among Swedish public opinion and in the school system of the Jewish cause and of the dangers of neo-Nazism; stress the permanent moral and political lessons to be learned from the Holocaust, including the link between the Holocaust and Israel's right to exist; and inform pupils about the history of the Jews in Sweden and about Judaism in general.

The program carried out during the past year coincided with showing on Swedish television of the American TV series, "Holocaust." The report points out that the educational and other materials produced had a tremendous impact on Swedish students and on public opinion generally in the country. Not only was their greater understanding developed of what happened to European Jewry, the report states; but the danger of neo-Nazism were brought home.

"The only negative responses came from small neo-Nazi groups that tried to spread anti-Semitic materials during the duration of the project," the report noted. However, the interest of schools, libraries and the press has been tremendous, the report stated, adding that many papers were written in school classes on the Holocaust.