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## NEO-NAZI LEADER RELEASED

By Aaron Meler

PARIS, Sept. 29 (JTA) -- French police released neo-Nazi leader Marc Fredriksen from custody last night on grounds that they had no evidence to link him to a series of machinegun attacks on Jewish institutions in Paris over the weekend. Fredriksen and five other suspects were arrested last Friday night when police raided the offices of the outlawed Federation of European Nationalist Action (FANE) but all have been freed for lack of evidence.

On Friday morning, unidentified gunmen sprayed bullets into the Great Synagogue, a memorial monument to Jews deported by the Nazis, a Jewish-run children's home and the Lucien Hirsh School. The pre-dawn attacks caused no casualties. Early yesterday, another synagogue was riddled with bullets. Anonymous telephone callers told the French news media that the attacks were the work of the European Nationalist Fasces (FNE); a neo-Nazi group set up by Fredriksen after FANE was banned.

The attacks were generally believed to have been in retaliation for beatings administered to Fredriksen's supporters by Jewish activists in a series of clashes outside a Paris courthouse Sept. 18. The neo-Nazi leader was convicted on that date for inciting race hatred. He will be sentenced next month.

But police sources said today that Fredriksen and the other five suspects had managed to prove that they had no connection with the weekend's attacks on Jewish premises. According to the police, the attacks could have been carried out by another neo-Nazi group.

## OUTLAWED NEO-NAZI GROUP HELD RESPONSIBLE FOR MUNICH OUTRAGE

By David Kantor

BONN, Sept. 29 (JTA) -- The outlawed neo-Nazi para-military organization, Wehrsportgruppe Hoffmann, was responsible for the bomb blast that killed 12 people and injured 144 at the Oktoberfest in Munich last Friday evening, West German General Prosecutor Kurt Rebmann declared yesterday. The outrage was the bloodiest act of terrorism since the establishment of the Federal Republic and marked a further escalation of neo-Nazi violence in the last few weeks.

The Wehrsportgruppe Hoffmann, which masqueraded as a sports organization, was banned by the federal government last January but apparently has been maintaining contacts among its members since then. After the Munich bombing, police arrested six leaders of the group, including Karl-Heinz Hoffmann, 42, its founder and self-styled "Fuehrer." A search of members' homes yielded a small quantity of explosives.

Last January the group was said to have 400 active members, making it the largest of the militant neo-Nazi organizations in West Germany. Police at that time confiscated military material, including an old armored vehicle, arms and ammunition. The group was said to be planning to overthrow the democratic system by violence.

Other neo-Nazi groups are also active. The

National Democratic Party (NPD) called for the expulsion of all non-Germans from the country in an election film it produced which was broadcast on state television several days ago. A month ago, two Vietnamese refugees were murdered in Hamburg by neo-Nazis and attacks have been made on hostels housing foreign visitors.

The spread of violence, culminated by the Munich explosion, has aroused new sensitivity to the neo-Nazi danger which had been played down. But with elections only a few days away, political parties are using the issue to accuse each other rather than to analyze the mistakes made in dealing with the phenomenon.

## AUTONOMY TALKS TO RESUME OCT. 14

By David Landau

JERUSALEM, Sept. 29 (JTA) -- The autonomy negotiations will resume Oct. 14 with a ministerial level meeting, Premier Menachem Begin has informed the Knesset. Begin's aides said it was not clear yet where the meeting will be held or whether it will involve the full negotiating teams of Israel, Egypt and the U.S. or only the heads of delegations.

The meeting will be the first since President Anwar Sadat broke off the autonomy negotiations last May. The Oct. 14 date was reportedly suggested by the U.S. after Israel and Egypt failed to agree on a date or locale for the meeting.

According to sources here, this represents a softening of Israel's insistence that the autonomy talks be resumed at an earlier date. Israel had called for subcommittee level meetings to begin in September and Begin is on record as saying that the first week of October was the latest possible time for the talks to resume.

But Begin said last week that the Egyptians convinced Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir in New York that they had "serious reasons" for delaying the resumed talks.

## CARTER: EFFORTS TO EXPEL ISRAEL FROM UN WOULD RAISE QUESTIONS ABOUT FURTHER U.S. PARTICIPATION IN THE UN

NEW YORK, Sept. 29 (JTA) -- President Carter warned here today that should Israel be expelled from the United Nations General Assembly, it would raise questions about whether the United States and other countries would remain in that UN forum.

The United States will strongly oppose any effort to exclude Israel from the General Assembly or any UN specialized agency, Carter told the convention of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union (ILGWU). The "illegal expulsion" of any member "would raise the gravest questions about the future of the UN General Assembly and the further participation of the United States and other nations in that deliberative body," the President declared.

Islamic countries at a recent three-day meeting in Morocco decided to seek support from other Third World countries to expel Israel from the current session of the Assembly. The Assembly's credentials committee last week approved Israel's membership but a challenge could come when the committee's report is presented to the full Assembly.

## BEGIN SAYS ISRAEL SHOULD MAINTAIN LOW PROFILE ON IRAN-IRAQ CONFLICT

By David Landau and Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, Sept. 29 (JTA) -- Premier Menachem Begin attacked Iraq today for precipitating the war with Iran but insisted that Israel had no intention of involving itself in the conflict but is watching the situation very closely.

Addressing an army education unit, Begin said it was Iraq which violated the agreement it signed five years ago with Iran. He recalled that at the time, Israel assisted the Kurdish rebels in Iraq with arms and military experts. But the Premier has insisted on several occasions in the past few days that Israel must maintain a "low profile" in the Iraqi-Iranian war while taking full advantage of its propaganda value for Israel.

His remarks to that effect at a meeting of the Knesset's Foreign Affairs and Security Committee yesterday were seen as oblique criticism of Deputy Defense Minister Moïcheai Zivori's statement in a Maariv interview yesterday that Israel might assist Iran with military equipment if the Iranian regime abandoned its anti-Israel policies and stopped supporting the Palestine Liberation Organization. Close associates of Begin have also expressed annoyance over Zivori's suggestion.

### Information Campaign Mounted

Meanwhile, Israel has mounted a world-wide information campaign intended to convince diplomats and public opinion that the war in the Persian Gulf proves Israel's long standing contention that the Arab-Israeli conflict is not the sole or even the main cause of instability in the Middle East.

Israeli envoys around the world have received cabled instructions to disseminate background papers showing that the deep undercurrents of political, economic, religious and ethnic tensions in the region are entirely unrelated to Israel and would continue to generate unrest even if the Palestinian problem was to be solved to everyone's satisfaction.

That viewpoint coupled with the warning that the Iraqi-Iranian war poses grave dangers to the Western nations is expected to be stressed to Foreign Minister Gaston Thorn of Luxembourg who is due in Israel tonight on his second visit this month on behalf of the European Economic Community (EEC). Thorn, special envoy of the nine EEC member states to the Middle East, will spend two days here conferring with Begin and top aides at the Foreign Ministry.

## BALL SAYS ISRAEL IS AN 'INHIBITION' NOT A STRATEGIC ASSET TO THE U.S.

By Joseph Polakoff

WASHINGTON, Sept. 29 (JTA) -- Former Undersecretary of State George Ball, long regarded as an advocate of appeasing the Arab states with regard to Israel, said yesterday that Israel is "an enormous inhibition" and is not a "strategic asset" for the United States.

Appearing on ABC-TV's "Issues and Answers," Ball made his statements about Israel after disclosing that he is now supporting President Carter for reelection and has severed his support for independent candidate John Anderson, who is strongly pro-Israel.

Ball, who was a leading advisor on foreign affairs for Anderson, clashed on the ABC program with Richard Allen, Republican candidate Ronald

Reagan's chief foreign policy advisor, who said "Governor Reagan proceeds to an appreciation of Israel because he believes it is a strategic asset for the United States."

The differences between Allen and Ball, who was the chairman of a study of American policy on Iran and the Persian Gulf for President Carter last year, came at the close of their discussion on the U.S. role in the Iran-Iraq conflict and the Middle East in general.

The Israeli matter arose when Bartie Dunsmore, ABC diplomatic correspondent, asked Allen whether the U.S. "is properly using one of its key allies in the Middle East right now, Israel, in this situation? Do you think there is a role for Israel to play that we are not using?"

### Reagan's Appreciation Of Israel

Allen replied: "I don't think so. In this particular situation I don't know what that role might be. Of course, we are well aware of the endemic conflict, of the latent conflict between Arabs and Jews. Governor Reagan proceeds to an appreciation of Israel because he believes it is a strategic asset for the United States. It represents an offsetting power. It's a stable democracy. It's one to which we are committed over the long term."

"We're committed not only on the basis of our strategic interests in maintaining the territorial integrity of Israel and its right to exist, but also based on a deep moral commitment that we have to the State of Israel. Israel is an important ally. It must continue to grow. It must continue to exist. It must continue to be able to defend itself against any possible threat to its existence."

Bob Clark, chief correspondent for the ABC program, then said to Ball, "I know you disagree to some degree on this. You feel much more strongly about resolution of the Palestinian problem."

### Reply By Ball

Ball replied: "Well I think unless we resolve it Israel simply remains for us an enormous inhibition to our achieving any kind of decent political relations in the areas, the countries that count most in the areas, which are the oil-producing areas. I don't see Israel as a strategic asset. I am certainly committed to the security of the State of Israel. But I think we delude ourselves when we talk in those terms."

### Cites Special Interests Pressures

Earlier in the broadcast, Ball said he sees "a better opportunity of improving key U.S. relationships in the Middle East under Carter than Reagan."

He said Carter has "in the course of the Camp David negotiations shown some appreciation of the necessity to come to grips, say, with the Palestinian issue, which I think is a key festering issue. I think he has shown a certain sensitivity to the main political interests that we have in the area. And I hope that more and more we're going to think of the Middle East in terms of an overall United States policy and not be deflected by a lot of pressures that we get from special interests in the area."

JERUSALEM (JTA) -- The Cabinet, as part of its continuing effort to stem inflation, has announced that anyone who earned more than IL 700,000 last year will have to pay an additional 5-10 percent on their income tax. Government critics immediately denounced the decision, made last Friday, as an indirect way of raising the income tax. The government said the tax will be a one-time levy.

# **SHAMIR WARNS IRANIAN-IRAQI WAR HAS FAR REACHING IMPLICATIONS FOR MIDEAST PEACE AND WORLD AT LARGE** By Yitzhak Rabin

**UNITED NATIONS, Sept. 29 (JTA)** -- Israeli Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir declared today that the Iraqi-Iranian war "demolishes" the belief "that the world's oil supply is dependent on a pro-Arab solution" to the Arab-Israeli conflict. "It is all too clear that the solution of the Arab-Israeli conflict will not provide any miracle for the region as a whole or eliminate the many other grave conflicts raging in it," Shamir said in an address this afternoon to the 35th session of the United Nations General Assembly.

Shamir also warned that the Iraqi-Iranian war has far reaching implications for peace in the Middle East and the world at large. "This war between two states ruled by extremist, irresponsible, trigger-happy regimes threatens both regional and international security by putting at risk much of the world's regular supply of oil," he said.

His remarks on the war in the Persian Gulf area were part of a 14-page speech outlining Israel's foreign policy principles and views. His speech included references to the following matters:

- **Autonomy for the Palestinians on the West Bank and Gaza Strip:** Shamir expressed hope that the autonomy talks will be resumed "in the near future." He said that Israel also hopes that the process of normalization with Egypt "will be intensified and will serve as the best possible proof, as a living symbol of the fact that peace can and must take the place of war."

The Israeli Foreign Minister called on all nations that genuinely seek peace to encourage the progress which has been achieved through the Camp David process. "Let them also bear in mind and give due regard to the fact that by proposing the idea of autonomy in Judeaea, Samaria and the Gaza district, Israel has taken on itself great risks for the sake of peace," Shamir said.

## Survey of Other Developments:

- **The Palestine Liberation Organization:** Shamir stated that "Anyone who is familiar with the ideology and the terminology of the murder organization which calls itself the PLO as well as the declarations of the various Arab rejectionist states, can see beyond all doubt that the term 'self-determination' as they use it is nothing more than a euphemism for the destruction of Israel."

He contended that the Palestinian Arabs have achieved their self-determination in Jordan, "a state which is the Arab state in Palestine by virtue of its history, territory, population, culture and all aspects of its national life."

- **Jerusalem:** Shamir observed that "for the last 150 years there has been a Jewish majority in Jerusalem. Whoever seeks to sever Jerusalem from Israel seeks to decapitate the Jewish people," he said. "We hope that nations that seek peace and know the reality which prevails in Jerusalem today will respect the city as the sovereign capital of Israel, the city which will not be divided again, in the same way as Israel respects the holy places of all religions and their freedom in the city."

- **The arms race:** Shamir charged that the quantity of arms and orders for arms by the Arab countries "have reached astronomical sums." He said there was no precedent "for the amassing of

arms on this scale in our region." He warned that "these arms are designated first and foremost for use against Israel" and called on the UN to urge the Arab states to decrease their armaments. He said Israel is prepared to join efforts to bring about the limitation of arms in the Middle East.

- **Nuclear weapons:** Shamir reiterated Israel's proposal for an international conference of all states in the Middle East and adjacent to it to reach a "formal, contractual, multi-lateral convention between all states of the region" on nuclear arms. He also reiterated the Israel government's position "that Israel will not be the first to introduce nuclear weapons into the Arab-Israeli dispute."

- **The situation of Jewish communities around the world:** Shamir drew attention to the worsening situation of Jews in the Soviet Union, Syria and Iran. He charged that in the past year, harsher measures have been imposed on Jews who seek to leave the Soviet Union and appealed to the Soviet government "to remove the restrictions and facilitate the immigration of Jews to Israel."

## Anxiety About Jews In Syria, Iran

Shamir expressed anxiety over the condition of the "tortured" Jewish community in Syria. He said that human rights for Jews in that country are severely curtailed and many Jews "have been imprisoned and their property impounded." He charged that Syria holds its Jews hostage by preventing them from leaving the country.

On the situation of Iranian Jews, Shamir declared, "The Jews of Iran have suffered painfully in recent months and their situation is deteriorating from day to day. Many Jews have been thrown into jail; others have been given the death sentence, in most cases on charges of contact with Israel." He said Israel is aware of the difficulties of dealing with the present Iranian regime. But he expressed hope that "sight will not be lost of the situation of Jews there who are, perhaps, among the most vulnerable of the minorities in that troubled land."

Shamir concluded his address by declaring that Israel yearns for peace: "I wish to call on the Arab states which are our neighbors and also on the Palestinian Arabs living in Judeaea, Samaria and the Gaza district to follow the dictates of reason and to join the peace process," he said. "I wish to call on the other nations of the world to support this course and to prevail upon the Arab states to adopt it. The world at large and not merely our region alone would benefit from this."

**GENEVA (JTA)** -- Jews in this city are expressing anxiety about their safety following a spate of anti-Semitic actions against cemeteries and synagogues in Switzerland, France and Belgium. Several families here have removed the mezuzahs from their front doors and parents are cautioning their children not to wear their Stars of David to school.

**PARIS (JTA)** -- Thousands of French Jews are due to demonstrate here Tuesday afternoon against the resurgence of neo-Nazi organizations, anti-Semitic attacks and inadequate police protection. The demonstration, expected to be one of the largest held in post-war years, has been called by over a dozen local Jewish organizations and will be led by Alain de Rothschild, president of the Representative Council of Jewish Organizations in France.

**BONN (JTA)** -- Kurt Christmann, 73, a former SS official accused of murdering 105 people during the war, has gone on trial in Munich after a delay of eight years due to his ill health.

# NON-JEWISH SPOUSES ACTIVE IN REFORM SYNAGOGUE CONGREGATIONS ACCORDING TO A SURVEY CONDUCTED BY UAHC

NEW YORK, Sept. 29 (JTA) -- Growing numbers of non-Jewish spouses in mixed married couples are being accepted as members of Reform synagogues and enjoy full congregational privileges, according to a survey released yesterday by the Union of American Hebrew Congregations (UAHC), the synagogue arm of Reform Judaism.

The study, believed to be the first large-scale examination of the synagogue status of non-Jews, was made public by Donald Day of Buffalo, chairman of the UAHC's board of trustees, at a meeting of the board's executive committee.

Responses to the survey were received from 138 Reform synagogues, amounting to nearly 19 percent of those polled. The survey was undertaken in response to requests by Reform congregations for guidance in formulating membership criteria for mixed married couples, according to Rabbi Sanford Seltzer, UAHC director of planning and research, who conducted the survey.

"It had formerly been presumed that synagogue affiliation was a prerogative limited to Jews, whether they be Jews by birth, or 'gerim' (converts), Jews by choice," Seltzer explained, adding: "In recent years, however, the situation has changed radically. Not only have mixed married couples sought synagogue membership in ever greater numbers, but non-Jewish spouses have actively involved themselves, when permitted, in the life of the synagogue."

## Survey Findings

Last September, a questionnaire was mailed to the rabbi and president of every member congregation in the UAHC -- 736 Reform synagogues in the U.S. and Canada. Of the 138 congregations that responded, less than one-quarter said they restrict membership to persons of the Jewish faith.

At the same time, nearly one-third of the congregations permit non-Jews to participate in all pulpit ceremonies, while the remainder vary in their degree of permissiveness regarding such activities.

Almost all of the responding congregations said they allow the non-Jewish parent of a Bar or Bat Mitzvah some role in the course of that ceremony, while almost nine out of 10 permit the burial of the non-Jewish spouse in the congregational cemetery.

The survey also showed that in the overwhelming majority of congregations, rabbis are willing to officiate at the marriage of children of non-Jewish mothers and Jewish fathers who identify themselves as Jews. Almost all congregations said they accord the rabbi the right to make such a decision.

Rabbi Alexander Schindler, UAHC president said the survey results underscored "the importance of Reform Judaism's 'outreach' program for those who seek to embrace Judaism."

## WERNER CAHNMAN DEAD AT 77

NEW YORK, Sept. 29 (JTA) -- Funeral services were held today for Dr. Werner Cahnman, professor emeritus of sociology at Rutgers University and an activist in the United States and in pre-war Germany in Jewish affairs, who died here Saturday of cancer at the age of 77.

Born in Munich, Germany, he was educated

at the University of Berlin and the University of Munich where he received his Ph.D. in sociology. During the 1930s he was a spokesman for Jewish groups in Germany and was the leader of the Central Union of German Jews.

After Hitler's rise to power, Cahnman was imprisoned in the Dachau concentration camp. After a year, he was released on the condition that he would leave Germany. He came to the United States in 1940 and several years later taught at Fisk University in Nashville. He was also a visiting scholar at the University of Chicago.

During World War II, he was chairman of the American Committee for Dachau and participated after the war in efforts to raise funds for constructing an international memorial on the site of the death camp. During those years he joined the Rutgers University staff as an assistant professor.

Cahnman was chairman of the Rashi Association for the preservation of Jewish cultural monuments in Europe. He also served as a consultant to the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies and was a leader in current efforts to promote understanding among racial minorities.

Known for his contribution to the development of historical sociology in the U.S. and Europe, Cahnman was the editor of several books, including, "Sociology and History" (1965), and "Inter-Marriage and Jewish Life" (1963).

## ASSISTANCE SOUGHT IN HUNT FOR WAR CRIMINALS LIVING IN THE U.S.

NEW YORK, Sept. 29 (JTA) -- The Jewish Community Relations Council of New York is assisting the Department of Justice's Office of Special Investigations in its attempt to develop new information and evidence against alleged Nazi war criminals and collaborators believed to be living in the United States.

According to Richard Berman, chairman of the JCRC Committee on the Holocaust and Nazi Prosecutions, the JCRC sent a detailed list of cities, villages and concentration camps in the Baltic states, Hungary, Poland, the Ukraine, Byelorussia, Rumania, Yugoslavia and Germany to its member agencies, to Jewish community leaders, to the Jewish media and to metropolitan area synagogues and centers with a request that it be circulated and posted.

Persons who were in any of the areas during World War II, or have information about others who were, have been asked to contact the Office of Special Investigations, Criminal Division, Department of Justice, P.O. Box 28603, Washington, D.C., 20005 and submit a Survivor's Questionnaire to Allan A. Ryan, Jr., director. Copies of the list and Survivor Questionnaires can be obtained from JCRC member agencies or directly from the JCRC by calling (212) 921-5505 or (212) 221-1535.

Respondents who were in designated areas at specific times will be contacted by a representative of the Office of Special Investigations and asked for more detailed information about incidents and atrocities they may have witnessed, Berman said.

GENEVA (JTA) -- A group of non-Jewish Swiss have started a petition campaign calling on the Swiss government to expel the Palestine Liberation Organization delegate to the United Nations in Geneva, Daud Barakat, from Switzerland and to recognize Jerusalem as the capital of Israel. So far, 2500 signatures have been collected.