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## GISCARD EXPRESSES REVULSION OVER WAVE OF ANTI-SEMITISM IN FRANCE

By David London

JERUSALEM, Oct. 8 (JTA) -- President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing of France expressed "revulsion" over the wave of anti-Semitic violence in his country. The French leader's sentiments were conveyed to Israel's Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir, who is presently in Luxembourg heading an Israeli delegation in trade talks with European Economic Community (EEC) representatives.

Israeli officials traveling with Shamir reported that Giscard's message was relayed to him by Foreign Minister Gaston Thorn of Luxembourg who is chairman of the EEC's Council of Ministers. Thorn met with Giscard in Paris Monday and with Shamir in Luxembourg yesterday.

At his meeting with the EEC officials yesterday, Shamir said the Palestine Liberation Organization was providing leftwing and rightwing terrorist groups in Europe with organizational, financial and training assistance and therefore the PLO bore responsibility for the bombing of a Paris synagogue last Friday.

## WZO, WJC Urge Action Against Anti-Semitism

The World Zionist Organization Executive issued a statement here yesterday declaring that "the government of France must see itself responsible for punishing those responsible and for preventing any further neo-Nazi activities." The statement, expressing solidarity with French Jews, denounced the rash of anti-Semitic incidents in France and claimed that the United Nations General Assembly resolution equating Zionism with racism "opened the way" for new anti-Semitic outbreaks.

(In New York, Edgar Bronfman, acting president of the World Jewish Congress, issued a statement declaring that the WJC "shares the sense of shock and outrage felt by the Jewish community of France, by all decent Frenchmen and by Jewish communities throughout the world at the recent anti-Semitic attacks on Jewish institutions in Paris, culminating in the murderous bombing of the Rue Copernic Synagogue on October 3.")

(The statement extended "deepest sympathy to the families of those who were killed by the bomb blast and our sincere wishes for a full recovery to those who were injured." It noted: "We have long called for attention at international forums and at the UN to the danger of neo-Nazi racist propaganda and other forms of political extremism, whose purpose is to use the weapon of terror to incite racial and religious hatred and discrimination."

(Bronfman welcomed the resolution adopted by the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe on Oct. 1 on the need to combat resurgent fascist propaganda and its racist aspects. The resolution urges governments and parliaments of member states to adopt, where it does not already exist, legislation directed against actions inspired by racism and xenophobia. The WJC, Bronfman added, "sincerely hopes that all governments which have not already taken effective measures

against those groups and movements which sow terror and murder in an effort to undermine the fabric of democracy -- particularly governments of countries where memories of the nightmare years of the Holocaust must surely persist -- to act immediately in accordance with the Parliamentary Assembly's resolution.")

## POPE DEPLORES PARIS SYNAGOGUE BOMBING

ROME, Oct. 8 (JTA) -- Pope John Paul II deplored the bombing of a Paris synagogue last Friday as an act "unworthy of man and even more of Christians." His feeling was expressed in a telegram to Cardinal François Marty of Paris, sent on the Pontiff's behalf by the Papal Secretary of State, Cardinal Agostino Casaroli.

The message stated: "The Holy Father shares your indignation and that of all the French before the act of terrorism directed against the Jews ... joins in prayer for the innocent victims and wishes to express his words of solidarity and comfort to the relatives of the victims and to the wounded. Moreover, he expresses ardent hopes that similar acts of violence may be definitely banished as unworthy of man and even more of Christians."

## STONE LOSES BID TO WIN DEMOCRATIC RUN-OFF FOR SECOND TERM IN CONGRESS

By Joseph Polakoff

WASHINGTON, Oct. 8 (JTA) -- Florida Senator Richard Stone, chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee's subcommittee on the Middle East, failed yesterday to win the Democratic Party run-off election for a second term in the Senate. He lost to Bill Gunter, Florida State Treasurer and Insurance Commissioner who Stone had defeated in run-off elections six years ago.

With all of Florida's 3597 precincts reporting, Gunter had an unofficial total of 574,238 votes or 52 percent of the total while Stone garnered 535,671 or 48 percent.

In the Democratic primaries in September, Stone led a field of eight candidates with 32 percent of the vote to Gunter's 31 percent. Since none of the candidates received more than half of the vote, a run-off was necessary.

Gunter, 46, from Orlando in central Florida, served one term in Congress from 1973-1974. He will face Florida Republican National Committeewoman Paula Hawkins who captured her party's nomination with 62 percent of the vote over Lou Frey Jr., a former five-term Congressman.

Stone ran 2-1 ahead of Gunter in south Florida while Gunter led in Jacksonville, the Florida panhandle and in central Florida. Some Democratic officials said Stone's defeat could hurt President Carter's reelection hopes in Florida because, they said, south Florida Jews, heavily committed to Stone, are apathetic or opposed to Gunter and may stay away from the polls in the Nov. 4 elections.

## Report Vicious Run-Off Campaign

Press reports from Miami on the elections said the run-off campaign was "vicious." The reports said that Gunter waged a vitriolic campaign in which he described Stone as a "tool of special interests" who "waffled" on tough issues and was "too rich" to

identify with the common man.

Stone, 52, is among the strongest supporters of Israel in the Senate. He has consistently opposed any rupture in the balance of power between Israel and its Arab neighbors. On this basis, he opposed the shipment of sophisticated U.S. weapons to the Arab states to the extent that they would upset the balance. He now has legislation before the Senate to oppose the transfer of 100 of the latest U.S. tanks to Jordan.

Stone was the fourth incumbent Senator to lose in the primaries this year. The others are Jacob Javits (R.N.Y.), who will run on the Liberal Party ticket; Mike Gravel (D.Alaska); and Donald Stewart (D.Ala.).

Gunter received congratulations from the White House and from Florida Gov. Bob Graham. But Stone did not immediately concede. His office in Washington told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that he was waiting for the results of some 40,000 absentee ballots. But apparently they would not be sufficient to reverse the run-off results.

### HIAS PREDICTS UPSWING IN SOVIET JEWISH EMIGRATION

By David Landau

JERUSALEM, Oct. 8 (JTA) -- The top executive officer of HIAS has predicted an increase in Jewish emigration from the Soviet Union in the months ahead, following the nadir of the past summer. Addressing a closed-door session of HIAS "specialists conference" here, HIAS executive vice president Gaynor Jacobson said that according to U.S. governmental sources there are indications that Soviet Jewish emigration can be expected to rise in the coming months.

The very low figures of July and August were probably due to the Olympic Games that occupied the Soviet emigration authorities, Jacobson said. The September figure was approximately double that of August, he noted. Moreover, he added, "reliable sources" believed the Soviets would want to make a better showing on Jewish emigration in advance of the Madrid conference for human rights in November and December. The Madrid conference is a followup on the Helsinki conference and the Helsinki accords on human rights and freedom.

### Expect 30,000 Jews To Emigrate In 1981

Jacobson said it was officially estimated by U.S. government sources that a total emigration of 30,000 Soviet Jews could be expected in 1981, with 18,000 of them going to the U.S.

He said HIAS was presently consulting with the Jewish Agency on ways the two bodies could work together to produce a program that would result in a greater percentage of the emigrants going to Israel as their choice of destination.

Echoing HIAS president Edwin Shapiro's repudiation of charges against HIAS in some Israeli and Jewish Agency quarters, Jacobson stressed publicly that the organization fully endorsed the basic desire of all organized Jewry to see more of the Soviet emigrants choose Israel.

Jewish Agency aliya department chairman Rafael Kofowicz, addressing the HIAS conference, urged the organization to provide its services only to those emigrants with first-degree relatives already in the U.S. He asserted that the aid to dropouts assisted the Soviet policy of barring the exit of Jews to Israel who had relatives in the U.S.

Kofowicz spoke of an "imminent decision" by Jewish organizations and the Agency on the cessation of aid to dropouts. But HIAS leaders attending the conference here have already made it clear publicly that there will be no question of HIAS ceasing its services in Vienna. They insist that HIAS is merely executing the policies desired and decided upon by organized American Jewry and ought not to be singled out for attack by the Jewish Agency.

### ISRAELI MOSLEMS TO MECCA

By Gil Sedan

ALLENBY BRIDGE, Oct. 8 (JTA) -- Some 4702 Israeli Moslems began crossing this bridge over the Jordan River yesterday for the annual pilgrimage to Mecca -- the hajj. Several dozen Iranian buses decorated with pictures of the Ayatollah Khomeini waited for the pilgrims on the Israeli side of the bridge.

The drivers ignored King Hussein's declaration of Monday night that he was ready to join the war with Iraq against Iran and said they felt safe carrying the pilgrims on the holy mission. They also found nothing peculiar in stopping on an Israeli-controlled territory -- so hated by the Iranian leader.

The buses were recruited by a West Bank traveling agent to serve the Israeli Moslem pilgrims since there were not enough buses in Amman to transport them in addition to the local and West Bank pilgrims.

Contrary to previous years, when the buses came straight from Teheran through Iraq to Jordan, this year they were forced to take a longer route through Turkey and Syria, each time being detained for several days at border points before they could go on.

The Iranian drivers spoke of the constant wailing of sirens in downtown Teheran and they expressed confidence in Iran winning the war. They stressed that they were willing to die for the Ayatollah.

The pilgrims were seen off at the Allenby Bridge terminal by Binjamin Gur-Arye, the Premier's advisor on Arab affairs. "I wish them good luck in the name of the government of Israel," he said. "Despite the question mark over the hajj, we did not stop the preparations." The pilgrims return from Mecca in Saudi Arabia in two weeks.

### KOCH SOFTENS CRITICISM OF FRANCE

NEW YORK, Oct. 8 (JTA) -- Mayor Edward Koch softened his criticism of France yesterday when he appeared before the French-American Chamber of Commerce. Earlier, he denounced President Valery Giscard d'Estaing for "delivering the Jews to the PLO" and for "allowing the Jews to become a scapegoat." He made this statement in response to the bombing of a synagogue in Paris last Friday.

In his appearance before the Chamber of Commerce, where he was guest of honor, Koch said that in his earlier statement he had intended to speak out against terrorism. He said that he criticized France for encouraging terrorism because of its relations with the Palestine Liberation Organization.

Amid applause, the mayor said he was proud to learn of the measures France and Giscard d'Estaing were taking to bring to justice those responsible for the synagogue bombing. "It is to the joy of France that non-Jews are standing up and marching against terrorists," he added. French Consul General Gerard de la Villesbrunne, following Koch to the podium, said: "We are just as much against terrorism as you would like us to be."

In a meeting with a delegation of Jewish community leaders organized by the Jewish Community Relations Council of New York (JCRC), Villesbrunne

emphasized "how much the French government and people share your grief and your concern" and cited the statements issued by the French President, the Premier, and the leading members of the Cabinet, all deploring the "intolerable, monstrous and abominable" attack. He described the overwhelming condemnation of the French people, the labor unions and the French political parties that has been evidenced by their spontaneous demonstrations in dozens of French cities.

Villesbrunne pointed out that the French Cabinet is devoting an entire meeting to the anti-Semitic events and the French Parliament had scheduled a full-scale debate for Friday. Illustrating the gravity with which his government viewed the situation, Villesbrunne said that the nation's very highest court -- convened only to deal with matters affecting the security of the state -- had been called into session. The delegation was headed by Malcolm Hoehnlein, JCRC executive director.

#### HURWITZ: WASHINGTON SHOWS READINESS TO REEXAMINE U.S. AID TO ISRAEL

NEW YORK, Oct. 8 (JTA) -- Israeli Finance Minister Yigal Hurwitz said here yesterday that Carter Administration officials "are showing readiness" to reexamine American aid to Israel and take into account "the real burden" on the Israeli economy as a result of the Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty.

Speaking at a meeting of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, the Israeli minister said that in talks he and his aides held in the last few days with officials in Washington he found "that the Administration is aware of Israel's needs." He added, however, that this does not mean that all of Israel's requests are going to be fulfilled, but "they know the situation we are in and did not express surprise" about Israel's request for increased American aid.

Hurwitz explained that the peace agreement with Egypt was "a heavy economic burden" on Israel. He said the burden has been further intensified as a result of inflation and the devaluation of the American dollar. But, he stressed, "none of us is considering revising the peace agreement. The only thing we want is the reevaluation of the American aid to Israel."

#### The State Of Israel's Economy

Reviewing the state of the Israeli economy, Hurwitz said that despite the harsh austerity measures he imposed on the economy, inflation was not reduced to as low a level as he had expected. He said that the system of cost-of-living compensation in Israel and the ever increasing cost of oil are major reasons for the continuing high rate of inflation. He said Israel will spend \$1 billion more this year for oil than last year.

But Hurwitz said his new economic policy produced "a dramatic improvement in Israel's balance of trade." He said Israel's exports in the last year increased by 30 percent while imports decreased by 12 percent.

Hurwitz also noted, with sorrow, the fact that "I don't have the budget to build new housing for young couples, veterans, and new immigrants." The lack of housing may be a reason many young Israelis leave the country to come to the U.S., he said. But, he added, Israel cannot

further weaken its economy. "We have to be thrifty and live within a budget," he said. "We have to look seven times at each dollar before we spend it." He called for austerity measures in all government offices and government related organizations in Israel, among them the Jewish Agency and the Jewish National Fund.

He said he believed that if Israelis live according to their means "we will survive economically." He said Israel's economy "would stand on its feet" with the help of the Jewish people.

#### GISCARD CONDEMNS SYNAGOGUE BOMBING; DENIES RESURGENCE OF FASCISM IN FRANCE

By Edwin Eytan

PARIS, Oct. 8 (JTA) -- President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing today condemned last week's bomb attack on the Rue Copernic Temple and sought to reassure the 700,000-strong Jewish community of France that there was no resurgence of fascism in the country.

The President said on television that French society remained pluralist, tolerant and fraternal. He refuted opposition charges that the police had shown laxity in fighting extreme rightwing terrorism and said that he had given strict orders to the police and the courts to pursue by all legal means their search for those responsible for last Friday's bombing in which four people were killed.

The President's unexpected appearance on television followed a Cabinet meeting which was devoted to the attack against the synagogue and its repercussions.

"My constant guideline and concern is that French Jews should feel accepted and treated as all French men and women are ... while at the same time, conserving, as they wish to and just like other French communities, their religion and their cultural personality," Giscard said.

He added that he had ordered government officials throughout the country's 95 administrative departments to call meetings on Friday with local religious, trade union and human rights representatives to show their solidarity and examine problems affecting the security of local community groups.

Giscard d'Estaing stressed that on the same day education authorities have been asked to ensure that teachers in all schools discuss in their classes the consequences of racism and have sessions stressing "the pluralism, tolerant and fraternal character of French society."

#### Says Criticism Of Police Is Unjustified

Giscard observed that the criminal act against the synagogue was not a sign that the ideals of racism and Nazism "were coursing through the body of French society. Such actions, which are clearly the work of small groups living apart from the national community, do not justify such a base interpretation."

Continuing he stated, "As for the insinuation that the police would tolerate such acts, this is unjust and should be condemned .... It is especially unjust because members of the police and gendarmes have been cruelly hit recently in the fight against terrorism." He added that the government would continue to have confidence in the police and the nation's system of justice to ensure the security and freedom of all French citizens.

Premier Raymond Barre said accusations of laxity against the authorities were defamatory and scandalous. He added that the synagogue attack was apparently intended to set off a chain of violence in France aimed at threatening the democratic basis of French society.

## 'ZIONIST CARAVAN' TO TOUR NINE STATES IN THE SOUTH AND SOUTHWEST

NEW YORK, Oct. 8 (JTA) -- A "Zionist Caravan" will depart from Washington Oct. 13 on a two-month swing through nine states in the south and southwest to bring information about Israel, Zionism and aliya to the smaller Jewish communities in that region which are usually isolated from such Zionist educational programs.

The project, known as "Israel Scene-Movie," was conceived by two American immigrants to Israel, Charles Levine, 28, of San Antonio, Texas and Bobby Brown, originally of New York City. It is organized along the lines of a similar mobile caravan that successfully completed two tours of European countries in the past 12 months. It is scheduled to visit 36 communities in Virginia, North and South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana and Texas.

Levine, who is director for North America of the World Zionist Organization's information department, said "The South seems ideal for this venture both because it contains a heavy concentration of this sized community and because the climate suits this sort of project." Brown, director of the English-speaking section of the World Aliya Movement, said there were "two main objectives." Firstly, we want our fellow Jews to deepen their awareness of Zionism's living relevance to their daily lives and to think -- perhaps for the first time -- about the possibility of coming to live in Israel.

"Our second priority," he said, "is to work with the media to persuade them that Jews are united when it comes to supporting Israel; when it comes to Israel's centrality in Jewish life."

### Elements In The Exhibit

The project was announced in Jerusalem this week by Eli Eyal, head of the WZO's information department. It will include a mobile exhibit, motion pictures, slides and written information material. Eyal said that Premier Menachem Begin has-taped a special address for the caravan. It will also carry taped interviews with WZO chairman Leon Dulzin, former Premier Yitzhak Rabin, and Herut Knesset member Moshe Arens. They will discuss the Palestine Liberation Organization, the occupied territories and peace prospects for the Middle East in general.

Levine said "We are bringing the latest in films, exhibits and printed material to the U.S." Brown emphasized, "We are going from Israel's capital, Jerusalem, so it is only natural that we should begin our journey in America's capital." The subject of Jerusalem as a united city under Israel's sovereignty will be one of the priority subjects.

The caravan will visit college and university campuses and Levine and Brown will participate in a weekend discussion at Duke University in North Carolina. "We are not going to tick off Zionist facts and figures," Levine said, "nor to lecture our audiences on who is a good or better Zionist."

Rather, he said, "we want to raise people's consciousness about Zionism, to present it as an exciting challenge to American Jews of whatever age and means. By focusing on this kind of Zionist approach, on aliya and Israel programs, on Jewish rights and Israel-diaspora relationships, we hope to get people thinking more about the role of Israel in their lives."

The caravan is sponsored in the U.S. by the American Zionist Federation; the WZO-American Section; the North American Jewish Students' Network; the American Zionist Youth Foundation and other national bodies, Jewish community centers and community relations councils in the various host communities.

It is sponsored in Israel by the WZO information department and aliya department with support from other agencies. If successful, it is expected to be repeated in other regions of the U.S.

## N.Y., ISRAEL SIGN HEALTH ACCORD

NEW YORK, Oct. 8 (JTA) -- A cooperative agreement between New York State's Office of Health Systems Management and Israel's Ministry of Health was signed here this week. Governor Hugh Carey joined Dr. Baruch Modan, Director General of Israel's Ministry of Health, at the Israel Consulate here to sign the agreement which provides for a cooperative effort to resolve common problems of organization, evaluation and control of health systems.

Carey said that among the many concerns New Yorkers share with the people of Israel "the provision of quality health care services at an affordable price ranks as a major issue. This pact will provide a framework for health institutions to work hand in hand to improve health services, expand information systems and control health costs."

The state agency will provide assistance to the Israel Ministry of Health in the following areas: training of Israeli personnel in New York; development of an Israeli model of New York's existing regulatory system; development of a research and academic program for the National Center for Public Health in Israel; development of the Israeli Information System in Mental Health; and evaluation of the Israeli model of regionalization.

## VICTIM OF MENGELE'S EXPERIMENTS PLANNING ORGANIZED REUNION OF OTHER VICTIMS

By Rochelle Saidel Wolk

NEW YORK, Oct. 8 (JTA) -- Marc Berkowitz, a twin who survived Josef Mengele's experiments at Birkenau-Auschwitz, is organizing a reunion of Jewish survivors who were children in the medical experiments section of the camp and children from D-Camp, Block 24. All such survivors can contact him at: 8E Heritage Drive, New City, N.Y. 10956.

Berkowitz says he was known as Mano Adler and nicknamed "little Putyu" at Auschwitz. Mengele, the "angel of death" who is reportedly hiding in Paraguay, selected some 400 children, especially twins, for his "medical" experiments. Six pairs of these twins were liberated, according to Berkowitz. In addition to himself and his sister, he believes only three other pairs of twins are now still alive.

Berkowitz, 48, lives in New City with his wife and children, and his sister lives in New York with her family. He still wears a neck brace because of Mengele's experiments, which involved injections into his spine. His sister has related medical problems. The Berkowitz (Adler) twins arrived at Auschwitz at the beginning of 1944 at age 11, and were liberated by Soviet forces in December of that year.

BRUSSELS (JTA) -- All Jewish shops here closed Tuesday at 1 p.m. in solidarity with the mass demonstration against anti-Semitism in Paris.

REMINDER: There will be no Bulletin dated Oct. 13 due to Columbus Day, a postal holiday.