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## BEGIN BANS 'ARAB CONGRESS' SCHEDULED FOR NAZARETH; ORGANIZERS PLAN TO APPEAL

By David Landau

JERUSALEM, Dec. 1 (JTA) -- Premier Menachem Begin today banned a political gathering of Israeli Arabs that was to be held in Nazareth next Saturday. Acting on his authority as Defense Minister, Begin maintained that the purpose of the planned meeting, known as the "Arab Congress", was to identify with the Palestine Liberation Organization which is an illegal body under Israeli law.

The organizers of the Congress flatly denied the charge and said today that they would consider "all legal means" to fight the ban. This could include an appeal to the Supreme Court and regional gatherings in all Arab centers in Israel. Begin acted under the emergency regulations dating from the British Mandate which are still applicable under Israeli law.

Reactions in the political community were mixed. Right-wingers welcomed the ban while leftists expressed fears that it would only harden Arab hostility and further damage Israel's relations with its Arab population. The "Arab Congress" was widely viewed as a tool of the Communist Party which was heavily represented among its organizers. Some Knesset moderates agreed with the view in government circles that the Congress was undesirable. But they opposed a legal ban, suggesting instead that the authorities quietly persuade moderate Arabs to boycott the event. As a purely Communist gathering it would lose much of its influence, they said, whereas to ban it would only create hostility in Israel's Arab circles.

## U.S. CONSIDERING ARMS FOR JORDAN

By Helen Silver

WASHINGTON, Dec. 1 (JTA) -- The U.S. is considering the delivery of additional spare parts and ammunition to Jordan as a result of the current tension along the Syrian-Jordanian border but no decisions have been made yet, the State Department said today.

State Department spokesman John Trattner made clear that the deliveries would be in addition to "what already is in the pipeline," observing that "Jordan is a friend whose security is important to us." He noted also that "We have a long-time military supply relationship with Jordan." He mentioned that "after consultation with Congress we have contracted with Jordan for the sale of 100 M-60 A-3 tanks, delivery to start in 1982."

Trattner's remarks were in effect a reiteration of what State Department sources said last Friday with respect to the build-up of Syrian troops on the Jordanian border. The State Department confirmed on Friday that Jordan, Syria and Israel were among the countries contacted on this situation.

Asked if the U.S. had contacted the Soviet Union to urge Syria to pull back its forces, Trattner said today that he would not comment on

diplomatic contacts. The Soviet Union is the principal supplier of military equipment in Syria.

Trattner said: "Actions which raise tensions in that region of the world create additional tensions. We are watching the situation very closely and we call on all involved to exercise restraint and caution. We also said Friday that Jordan is a friend whose security is important to us. We have a long-time military supply relationship with Jordan. We have been consulting with them about the Syrian build-up on Jordan's border. We don't exclude further deliveries to Jordan of spare parts and ammunition but no decisions have been made on that."

Trattner added, "Our central aim is to do everything possible to help prevent more instability in an already troubled area. In that regard, we hope the continuing efforts of Saudi Arabia to ease the tensions will be successful."

## SHAMIR STRESSES CAMP DAVID ACCORDS

By Edwin Eytan

PARIS, Dec. 1 (JTA) -- Israel's Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir said here today that Israel continues to rely on the Camp David agreements for a settlement of the Middle East dispute and is prepared "to make further concessions and sacrifices within this framework." In an interview published in Le Monde, the Israeli diplomat also stressed that his country "does not accept the premises of the Venice declaration" issued last June by the nine member states of the European Economic Community (EEC).

The Venice document calls for Israel to withdraw to pre-1967 borders and stipulates that the Palestine Liberation Organization must be associated with the Middle East peace process.

Shamir arrived here yesterday on a five-day private visit at the invitation of the French United Jewish Appeal. It was interrupted today when he flew back to Israel to attend a Knesset session this afternoon where a controversial law severely restricting autopsies will be debated prior to its second and final readings. Premier Menachem Begin's government which no longer commands a parliamentary majority, summoned all members home to ensure passage of the measure.

Shamir will return to Paris tomorrow morning. He is scheduled to meet with President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing on Thursday afternoon and will confer with Alain Poher, President of the French Senate and Jacques Chaban-Delmas, Speaker of the National Assembly.

Last night the Israeli minister was the dinner guest of Foreign Minister Jean Francois-Poncet with whom he reviewed the Middle East situation in light of the Iraqi-Iranian war. Among the subjects raised was French participation in the construction of two nuclear reactors for Iraq on the outskirts of Baghdad. Work on the site was halted after two Phantom jets, believed to be of the Iranian air force, bombed the project in October. Shamir reportedly asked the French not to renew work on the reactors once hostilities are ended. But it is believed that Poncet refused to make any commitment on that subject.

## MINISTER TO BE CHARGED WITH TAKING BRIBES

By David Landau

JERUSALEM, Dec. 1 (JTA) -- Attorney General Yitzhak Zamir announced today that he will bring

charges against Minister of Religious Affairs Aharon Abu Hatzeira on account of taking bribes from three religious institutions in B'nei Brak. Zamir informed Premier Menachem Begin and Knesset speaker Yitzhak Berman of his decision which was taken after weeks of careful study of eight separate police files against the Religious Affairs Minister.

The next stage in the legal process will transpire in the Knesset's House Committee, where Zamir will ask that Abu Hatzeira be stripped of his immunity.

House Committee chairman Moshe Meron of Likud's Liberal Party said tonight that he hoped to keep the Committee's deliberations short to avoid further protraction of the case.

Knesset Speaker Berman said his own view, based on past experience of immunity hearings involving Knesset members was that the House Committee should consider solely whether the government was in some way persecuting the suspected MK or otherwise interfering with his role as an MK or with the work of the Knesset as such. The House Committee should not, said Berman, enter into the merits of the case in question.

But that is not a universally accepted view. National Religious Party faction chairman Yehuda Ben-Meir, said tonight that he believed the committee must "examine the basis of the Attorney General's request for removal of immunity" to see "if there is a prima facie case."

Ben-Meir urged the public to "learn a lesson" from the fact that Hatzeira would be charged on only one bribery count although the press over the past months has "accused him of practically every crime under the sun."

Ben-Meir said he was not minimizing the gravity of the alleged offense. He was merely pointing out that many other issues cited during Hatzeira's "trial by press" had not been considered by the Attorney General to be worthy of charges.

Ben-Meir noted too that the bribery charge seemed to be based on the evidence of State witness Yisrael Gottlieb, the NRP official and former Mayor of B'nei Brak. Hatzeira's attorneys have argued all along that Gottlieb's evidence is insufficiently credible or that Gottlieb himself is insufficiently trustworthy. They are expected to press that argument before the House Committee and in court.

#### Decision Explained

Zamir called a press conference where he distributed the charge sheet, signed by State Attorney Gabriel Bach, and explained his decision. He said he had turned down police recommendations to bring charges based on five separate files against Hatzeira. A sixth file, involving suspected election bribes in Ramle in 1978, was also found lacking after long consideration.

The two remaining files concerned suspicious allegations that Hatzeira had received bribes in 1978 and 1979 from three separate B'nei Brak Torah institutions in return for inflating his Ministry's allocations to them.

Charged along with Hatzeira are his senior aide, Moshe Gabbai. Both men are to be arraigned for taking bribes. Shmuel Daskal of Vishnitz Yeshiva and Amram Daskal of the "Yeminite Heritage Institute," are charged with giving the bribes.

A third institution involved is the Spinka Yeshiva in B'nei Brak, whose director, Herman Fruchter, is apparently to be a State witness with Gottlieb. According to the charge sheet, Gottlieb arranged the deals and transmitted the monies to the aide, Gabbai, after having reached the various agreements in conversations with the Minister. Moreover, Gottlieb reported directly to the Minister on the completion of the various deals.

Among the sums cited in the charge sheet is one of IL250,000 from the Vishnitz institutions and another of IL225,000 from the Spinka institutions. Both are Hasadic courts in B'nei Brak.

Sources close to Abu Hatzeira were cited tonight by Kol Israel Radio as being "surprised" that the Attorney General decided to press charges on the basis of the evidence at his disposal. Abu Hatzeira was said to be confident that his innocence would be proven. He was said to feel a victim of "the greatest manhunt this country has ever witnessed."

#### SHARGIL EULOGIZED FOR SELFLESS DEVOTION

TEL AVIV, Dec. 1 (JTA) -- Yitzhak Shargil was buried at the cemetery in Holon, near Tel Aviv today. Hundreds of friends and professional colleagues joined members of his family at the funeral services where Shargil, a leading journalist and Jewish Telegraphic Agency correspondent for more than 20 years, was eulogized for his selfless devotion to many institutions and causes in Israel.

Shargil died of a massive heart attack yesterday at the age of 53. He was closely involved in the work of B'nai B'rith in Israel. He served on the executive board of the Soldiers Welfare Association for some 20 years and was associated with the Maccabi World Union since his youth in Tel Aviv. Both organizations sent wreaths to his funeral, carried by young women soldiers and a troop of young Maccabi members.

In addition to serving as the JTA's Tel Aviv correspondent since the mid-1950s, Shargil was an editor of Yediot Achronot, Israel's largest daily newspaper. He began his career in journalism on the staff of the newspaper Haboker, now defunct. His last assignment for the JTA and Yediot Achronot took him to Egypt where he covered the State visit of President Yitzhak Navon last month.

(In New York today, Martin S. Fox, President of JTA, issued the following statement: "We are deeply grieved at the untimely death of our dear friend and co-worker, Yitzhak Shargil who has been our Tel Aviv correspondent for more than 23 years. His reportage was an important link in the JTA world-wide news network which will be difficult to replace. His dedication, interest, concern, outstanding service and warm personality endeared him to all of us. Our deepest sympathy to his wife, Dvora, and family.")

#### MOSCOW SEMINAR BARRED AGAIN

NEW YORK, Dec. 1 (JTA) -- "Soviet deeds at home fly in the face of their words in Madrid," the Student Struggle for Soviet Jewry and Union of Councils declared as they reported that 40 participants in the weekly scientific seminar at the home of Dr. Victor Brailovsky were again turned away yesterday by authorities. This is the second Sunday in a row that the gathering of refusenik scholars has been thwarted. Dr. Brailovsky was arrested November 13 on charges of "anti-Soviet slander." Police stood outside Brailovsky's apartment and declared no one could enter because of "a funeral" and "the area was being fumigated." Dr. Brailovsky's wife Irina was subjected to verbal abuse by the police when she appeared outside her door.

### JAVITS PREDICTS REAGAN WILL BETTER SERVE ISRAEL'S INTERESTS THAN CARTER

BOSTON, Dec. 1 (JTA) -- Sen. Jacob K. Javits (R. NY) predicted to delegates at a convention here that Israel's interest would be better served, at least in the short run, by the policies of the incoming administration of President-elect Ronald Reagan than if President Carter had been reelected.

Speaking at the final session of the 82nd anniversary national biennial convention of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America, Javits also told the 500 delegates that "the difference between Reagan and Carter is that Reagan will put a greater emphasis on security, improving Israel's ability to defend itself, thus making Israel more useful to the United States and its allies in the area. Carter would have tried to effectuate a general peace in the area through the Camp David process," which Javits described as "now a dead end."

Javits, who was defeated for reelection last month, said that Carter would probably have tried to force Israel into new concessions to push the Camp David process further. The Senator said a wiser course would be to allow the parties concerned more time, up to the five years envisioned in the Camp David agreement, before proceeding with U.S. efforts.

### Reagan's Policy Called 'More Realistic'

Javits asserted that Reagan's "likely emphasis on Israel's security is more realistic in light of Iraq-Iran and Jordan-Syria tensions," adding that Egypt also needed more time to deal with its serious internal problems.

The Senator predicted that despite the probability that progress toward peace would be initially slow when the Reagan administration takes over, Israel is likely to have a high priority on the Reagan administration agenda "and properly so." He also said that "a sadder view is not justified" on Israel's prospects for support in Congress. He said "two-thirds of the House and Senate is still on Israel's side" and that this support was Israel's most valuable political asset. The Senator was honored by the delegates for "more than 30 years of outstanding and dedicated service."

Julius Berman of Forest Hills, N.Y. was elected to a second term as president of the Orthodox organization.

### PLO OPENS UN PALESTINE DEBATE

UNITED NATIONS, Dec. 1 (JTA) -- A debate on the Palestinian question, a regular feature on the General Assembly's agenda in recent years, opened here today but drew little attention from diplomats or the media. The first speaker at this morning's session was Farouk Kaddoumi, representative of the Palestine Liberation Organization, who speaks for it on foreign policy matters.

In a sharply worded speech, Kaddoumi attacked Israel and the United States and called for sanctions against Israel for its failure to comply with UN resolutions. He urged that efforts be made for a Middle East settlement that would result in the establishment of an independent Palestinian state.

Kaddoumi also charged that the U.S. veto of Security Council resolutions and its continued military support for Israel helped the "Zionist entity" maintain its "arrogant and aggressive"

positions. Referring to President-elect Ronald Reagan's characterization of the PLO as a terrorist organization, Kaddoumi said the next American President had forgotten the history of the organization and its accepted role on behalf of the Palestinians. He called on the Western European countries to recognize the PLO, contending that this would "help restrain the madness in the Israeli position."

The Palestine debate is scheduled to last until the end of this week. Israel's Ambassador to the UN, Yehuda Blum, will address it tomorrow. The General Assembly is expected to adopt the recommendations of the Palestinian Rights Committee, as it has in previous years. They call for Israel's withdrawal from the occupied Arab territories, the return of the displaced Palestinians to the homes they left as a result of the 1948 and 1967 wars and for the establishment of an independent Palestinian state.

In another development here, a three-member UN inquiry group has recommended that the Security Council adopt effective measure "to prevail on Israel to cease forthwith its settlement policy in all its aspects in the occupied Arab territories, including Jerusalem." The group consists of the representatives of Portugal, Bolivia and Zambia. (By Yitzhak Rabi)

### FORMER COLLEAGUE CALLS BRAILOVSKY ARREST BY SOVIETS 'TEST CASE'

By David Landau

JERUSALEM, Dec. 1 (JTA) -- The case of Viktor Brailovsky, the renowned Soviet cyberneticist and Jewish activist and refusenik arrested in Moscow on November 13, is a "test case for the entire future of Soviet Jewry," according to Brailovsky's former colleague, Prof. Mark Azbel. Azbel is now a professor of physics at Tel Aviv University, having himself struggled long and hard before being allowed to leave the Soviet Union.

He told newsmen here today that Brailovsky's case was unique and therefore fateful for the whole Jewish activist and aliya movement, because he was the first scientist-refusenik whom the Soviets had arrested specifically for Jewish activities.

Currently held at the notorious Butyrki prison, Brailovsky has been told he was arrested and will be charged for "anti-Soviet slander" on the basis of his activity as editor of the publication "Jews in the USSR." This is a typewritten journal, first published in 1972. Since then, 20 issues have been published all dealing exclusively with Jewish culture, history and religion. It is strictly nonpolitical.

Other refusenik-scientists are usually barred from emigrating on the grounds -- more often than not spurious -- that they have acquired sensitive scientific information in the course of their work. The majority of those arrested are charged with "parasitism" or anti-Soviet activities deriving from their involvement with the "Helsinki Group" or other human rights activities.

Azbel said the Soviets have deliberately moved against Brailovsky during the period of the Madrid Conference and the U.S. Presidential "interregnum" in order to establish a precedent. If world opinion failed to pressure the Kremlin to drop the charges Soviet Jewry would become "The Jews of Silence" again within a year, and all activism would cease, the scientist warned.

He appeared at a news conference arranged by the Israel public Council for Soviet Jewry. Also present were Knesset member Micha Harish and Israeli scientist Arye Dvoretzky.

Azbel and his colleagues on the Public Council appealed to Israeli, Jewish and other enlightened opinion to fight for Brailovsky.

# 18 JEWISH ATHLETES TO BE INDUCTED IN JEWISH SPORTS HALL OF FAME AT WINGATE SCHOOL IN NETANYA, ISRAEL

By Haskell Cohen

NEW YORK, Dec. 1 (JTA) -- Eighteen persons have been named for induction into the newly-created International Jewish Sports Hall of Fame, it was announced here today by Joseph Siegman, of Los Angeles, chairman of the executive board. The induction center will take place at the Wingate School of Physical Education in Netanya, Israel, on July 7, 1981 during the International Maccabiah Games.

Siegman, who conceived of the US-Jewish Sports Hall of Fame, said that the 28 Americans enshrined in the first two years, when electors considered only American citizens, will also be inducted into the International Hall located at Wingate. It was agreed by the Selection Committee that the designees for 1981 would not include any Americans.

## Names Listed

The 18 being inducted next July are:

Daniel Mendoza, Great Britain, Boxing, 1764-1836; considered the father of Scientific Boxing. Acclaimed throughout the British Isles as the world's greatest fighter.

Irina Kirszenstein-Szewinska, Poland, Track & Field; 1964, 1968 Olympics gold medal winner.

Agnes Keleti, Hungary, Gymnastics, 1952, 1956 Olympics gold medal winner.

Angelica Rozeanu, Rumania and Viktor Barna, Hungary, Table-Tennis.

Fanny Rosenfeld, Canada, Track & Field, 1928 Olympics gold medal winner.

Alfred Hajos-Guttman, Hungary, Swimming, 1896 Olympics gold medal winner.

Elias Katz, Finland, Track & Field, 1924 Olympics gold medal. He was killed in the 1948-49 conflict against the Arabs.

Alfred Flatow, Germany, Gymnastics, 1896 Olympics gold medal.

Eva Szekely, Hungary, Swimming, 1952 Olympics gold medal.

Sir Ludwig Gutmann, Great Britain, Handicapped; for work in promoting handicapped sports competition.

Zvi Nishri, Israel, Life-Time Achievements Father of Physical Education movement in Palestine.

Harold Abrahams, Great Britain, Track & Field, 1924 Olympics gold medal.

Leon Rotman, Rumania, Canoe, 1956 Olympics gold medal.

Hugo Meisl, Austria, Soccer, one of the foremost European Soccer Coaches.

Alexander Gomelski, USSR, Basketball, Several times Basketball Coach of Russian Olympic Team, acknowledged to be the developer of Russian basketball as an entity in International competition.

Angela Buxton, Great Britain, Tennis, Wimbledon doubles champion with Althea Gibson, USA, ranked 6th internationally during her heyday.

Louis Rubinstein, Canada, Ice Skating, introduced Ice Skating competition in Canada 100 years ago.

Bela Gutmann, Hungary-Austria, Soccer, Member of famous Vienna Hakoah eleven and for many years, top flight soccer coach in Europe and South America.

# LUBAVITCHER REBBE'S TV ADDRESS REACHES OVER A MILLION HOMES

NEW YORK, Dec. 1 (JTA) -- The public address (farbrengen) by the Lubavitcher Rebbe, Rabbi Menachem M. Schneerson, on the Hasidic festival known as "Yud-Tes Kislev," was transmitted live via satellite to hundreds of cable television networks across the United States.

For several years the Rebbe's public addresses delivered on weekdays were broadcast by audio communications hookup to Lubavitch Centers around the world. But now, by means of a newly equipped communications system at Lubavitch World Headquarters in Brooklyn, the addresses of the Rebbe will now also be transmitted throughout the United States to homes and centers on cable television networks via satellite.

According to a spokesman for the new communications center the cable networks hooked up to the Rebbe's Yud-Tes Kislev address have several million subscribers. "The response from individuals from New York to Los Angeles, from Maine to Texas, has been overwhelming," he said. "Our estimate, based on the accumulative subscriber capacity, and on the response from individuals and feedback from Lubavitch Centers across the United States, leads us to believe that well over a million homes viewed at least part of the Rebbe's address," the spokesman said.

Aside from the thousands assembled at the Lubavitch World Center last Thursday night, thousands also gathered at Lubavitch Centers in communities throughout the U.S. to see and hear the Rebbe for the entire four-hour public appearance, on monitors and large screens.

## Introductory Discussion

The Rebbe's address was prefaced with an introductory 30-minute discussion. Participating were Rabbi Zalman Posner, of Nashville, Tenn.; Rabbi Manes Friedman, Minneapolis, Minn. and Professor Yermiyahu Branover, Beersheva, Israel. The moderator was Barry Farber.

The spokesman said that the next nationally televised address by the Rebbe will be at 9 p.m. Thursday, January 15, commemorating the Tenth of Shevat, the 31st yearzeit of the late Lubavitcher Rebbe, Rabbi Yosef Yitzchok Schneersohn.

## JEWISH NEWS PROGRAM SET FOR TV

NEW YORK, Dec. 1 (JTA) -- The first regularly scheduled national television program on Jewish news and cultural affairs will be broadcast by satellite starting Sunday, December 7, it was announced today by the program's executive producer, Joel A. Levitch. The program, entitled "Jewish Spectrum" will be prepared in New York and offered initially on a monthly basis to public television stations and cable systems nationwide. According to Levitch, the program will be switched to a weekly schedule when sufficient financing can be arranged.

The first edition of "Jewish Spectrum", to be carried on the RCA Satcom I satellite from 10:30 to 11:30 AM (EST), will be hosted by David Schoenbrun, noted author, lecturer and former CBS correspondent, and by Laurel Vlack, Connecticut television personality, who is also associate producer of the series. The broadcast will focus on the recent national elections as well as foreign policy developments in the Middle East.

Levitch emphasized that the first program would be transmitted primarily via cable to approximately 20 communities on an experimental basis. Thereafter, plans are to form a "mini-network" comprising all the major Jewish communities in the U.S. and Canada.