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PALESTINIAN TERRORISTS IN SOUTH LEBANON EQUIPPED WITH SOVIET-BUILT T-34 TANKS

By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, Feb. 25 (JTA) -- Palestinian terrorist forces in southern Lebanon now have about 100 Soviet-built and supplied T-34 tanks but have not used them yet operationally, military sources said here today.

The first 60 of the tanks were supplied by Eastern European countries via Syria at the beginning of 1980, and the last 20 were delivered recently through Hungary, they said. The tanks are concentrated in the Palestine Liberation Organization's Palestine Liberation Army area near Sidon on the Mediterranean coast just north of the area controlled by the United Nations Interim Forces in Lebanon (UNIFIL).

In addition to the tanks, the PLO has also obtained about 100 artillery pieces of various calibers, heavy mortars and Katyusha rocket launchers, of Soviet, French and North Korean manufacture. Some were taken over by the some 1,000 Arab Lebanon army when they split away from the official Lebanese army during the civil war in Lebanon, joining the PLO from whom they now receive their pay.

The sources said the PLO had also begun training some of its men in aviation and the manning of anti-aircraft batteries. Pilots and ground staff are trained in Eastern Europe, Libya and Uganda. The build-up of the PLO with modern offensive weapons is being watched closely in Israel.

KIRKPATRICK WARNS AGAINST EXPELLING ISRAEL FROM THE UN

UNITED NATIONS, Feb. 25 (JTA) -- Jeane Kirkpatrick, the U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations, warned at her first press conference here today that any move to expel Israel from the world organization would be regarded by the Reagan Administration "as illegal and undesirable and extremely noxious in its consequences." She declined, however, to give any details of possible U.S. action in response to a move to suspend Israel from the UN.

Asked if the Reagan Administration would reassess its position that the Israeli settlements in the occupied Arab territories are "not illegal," Kirkpatrick replied, "I believe that the President said that he regarded the settlements as not illegal." She added, however, that the Administration's general policy toward the Middle East and other major crisis areas "is under review."

PROSECUTION URGES MURDER CONVICTION FOR WAR CRIMINAL

BONN, Feb. 25 (JTA) -- A court in Dueseldorf, where a war crimes trial is taking place, has been urged by the prosecution to convict of murder Hermine Ryan, a guard in the Maidanek concentration camp where some 250,000 people died during World War II.

Mrs. Ryan, who married an American after the war and was extradited from the United States to stand trial, took part in the selection of more than

1,000 Jews who were gassed in the camp in Poland, the prosecution counsel told the court. The prosecution also said that Mrs. Ryan, who was named "the mare" by inmates who said she kicked prisoners with her boots, helped hunt at least 100 Jewish children to gas chambers.

The prosecution said she should be regarded as a murderer because she not only took part in selecting victims but threw herself actively into the task. Mrs. Ryan and eight other Maidanek guards and SS officers are defendants in the longest war crimes trial in West Germany. It has lasted more than five years.

SEVERAL THOUSAND ACRES NEAR JERUSALEM DECLARED 'STATE LAND'

By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, Feb. 25 (JTA) -- The West Bank Military Government announced today that it is declaring several thousand acres of land east of Jerusalem to be "state land" and therefore available for the expansion of Jewish settlements, in this case the new town of Maale Adumim on the Jerusalem-Jericho road.

Military Government officers have notified the Mukhtars (heads of local government) of two neighboring Arab villages of this intention. Under law, the villagers have 21 days to appeal in the courts against the seizure. The expansion of Maale Adumim would cut off the Arab villages east of Jerusalem from the Judean desert.

In recent months, the Military Government has declared thousands of acres on the West Bank to be "state land" on grounds that it is unused and untitled. The effect is to expand Jewish settlements while precluding the growth of nearby Arab villages and denying them use of the land for grazing or other purposes.

ISRAELI BUSINESSMAN REPORTED UNDER HOUSE ARREST IN THE CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC

By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, Feb. 25 (JTA) -- Maj. Gen. (ret.) Shmuel Gonen, who played a controversial role in the Yom Kippur War, is reported under house arrest in the Central African Republic (CAR) where he was engaged in the diamond business and concern has been expressed here for his safety.

Gonen obtained a concession to mine diamonds from former Emperor Bokassa. The present CAR government claims that his Sicamin Diamond Co. owes it millions of dollars. Gonen, who has been commuting regularly between Israel and the African nation, is said to have been barred from leaving and detained there. His family has appealed to the Foreign Ministry to effect his release. Since Israel has no diplomatic relations with the CAR, the Belgian Embassy here has been asked to make inquiries through its consulate in the CAR.

Army circles say the lack of a full-time Defense Minister has delayed action in the matter. Premier Menachem Begin holds the defense portfolio but spends only one day a week in that capacity. According to French news media, French advisors to the CAR government hold Gonen responsible for leaking reports to the press of irregular diamond

transactions between the deposed Bokassa and French government officials. The CAR is a former French colony.

Gonen was removed from command of the southern front shortly after the outbreak of the Yom Kippur War when Israel suffered initial defeats from attacking Egyptian forces.

BEGIN DERIDES JORDANIAN OPTION

By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, Feb. 25 (JTA) -- Premier Menachem Begin appeared before the Knesset's Foreign Affairs and Security Committee today to brief its members on the political situation, but what they got was a foretaste of the election campaign. He derided the Jordanian option, favored by the Labor Alignment, accused the opposition of not supporting the Camp David agreements and argued with Laborites over settlements on the West Bank.

According to Begin, the Jordanian option does not exist because King Hussein demands the return of the West Bank and East Jerusalem and is committed to turn them over to the Palestine Liberation Organization.

Even then, said Begin, Hussein does not promise to sign a peace agreement with Israel. Begin charged that by advocating a Jordanian option, the Labor Party was undermining the Camp David agreements, including autonomy for the West Bank and Gaza, for which it had voted.

Labor Party chairman Shimon Peres replied that in his view Hussein is interested in the return of the West Bank to Jordan, otherwise he would not have persisted in paying the salaries of civil servants and maintaining public institutions there since the territory was captured from Jordan in 1967.

Begin repeated his familiar view that Israel had a moral right to settle on the West Bank. He asked the Laborites to explain why they had no objections to the settlements established during their tenure but want to negate the settlement policies of the present government.

Laborites retorted that the settlements in the territories should conform to Israel's security needs and nothing else. They agreed that there should be no return to the 1967 borders but insisted there was no room for Jewish settlements in the heart of the Arab populated regions.

Urges Reconsideration Of Evacuation

Meanwhile, Moshe Arens, chairman of the Foreign Affairs and Security Committee, urged Israel to reconsider its evacuation of the Sham el-Sheikh naval base and the two military airfields at Etzion and Etam in Sinai, due to be returned to Egypt by April, 1982.

"The evacuation of the bases is not in the best interests of the Western world," Arens claimed. "It will bring about a deterioration in the Western strategic capability in the area," he said in an interview on Kol Israel radio.

Arens, a Herut hardliner who opposed the Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty, suggested that Israel open new negotiations with Egypt to convince President Anwar Sadat that Israel's retention of the Sinai bases, possibly under a leasing agreement, would be in Egypt's best interest. He acknowledged that Sadat has been unalterably opposed to any continued Israeli presence in Sinai after the terms of the peace treaty have been completely fulfilled.

Arens used the "Soviet menace" in the Middle East to justify his views. He predicted that

U.S. Secretary of State Alexander Haig's visit to the Middle East this spring would result in "some very serious discussions of the strategic problems of the West in this part of the world and an appraisal of the inventory available to meet possible Soviet threats and the things that need to be done by the U.S. and by Israel to meet the common threat."

Arens said Haig would be in Israel in April. Haig said in Washington yesterday that he would visit the region at a "reasonably early" date but gave no indication of when that would be.

N.Y. INVESTMENT FIRM DONATES \$100,000 TO GEORGETOWN AFTER IT RETURNS \$600,000 GIFT TO LIBYA

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25 (JTA) -- A gift of \$100,000 has been made to Georgetown University by a New York investment banking firm "for its courageous stance" in returning to the government of Libya a gift of \$600,000 for its Arab Study Center. Mal Cameron, associate director for public affairs, at Georgetown, said that an official of Bear, Stearns & Company, one of the nation's largest investment banking concerns, informed Rev. Timothy Healy, president of Georgetown, that the \$100,000 donation was being sent "because we were moved and impressed by the courageous decision" on the part of the university.

Alan Greenberg, the investment firm's chief executive officer, said the firm's executive committee also made the gift "because we wanted to show our respect for the principles and standards, uncompromising standards, that Georgetown evidenced by returning" the \$600,000 to Libya because of Libya's record in support of international terrorism.

The Bear, Stearns & Co. gift is specifically earmarked for use for undergraduate student aid and not for the Arab Study Center, Cameron said. She said Healy was gratified by the gift and had remarked that "This is the first time I have ever seen a gift before I saw the giver."

6 JEWISH WRITERS, POETS RECEIVE FERNANDO JENO LITERARY AWARD

By Chaim Lazdeiski

MEXICO CITY, Feb. 25 (JTA) -- Six prominent Jewish writers and poets received the 1980 Fernando Jenó Literary Award, it was announced by the cultural panel of the Central Jewish Committee which administers the award established five years ago by the family of the late philanthropist and Jewish community leader Fernando Jenó.

The recipients are Jacob Glantz, for his book of poetry, "Cristobal Colon," published in Israel; Sergio Nudelstejer, for a book in Spanish about Albert Einstein; S.L. Shneideman of New York, for his Yiddish monograph on the painter-miniaturist Arthur Szyk; Chaim Bez, of New York, for a book of essays; Itzhak Kahan of Melbourne, for a book of literary criticism; and Zebulun Berebshetz of Mexico, for 50 years of social, cultural and literary efforts in the local Jewish community.

Nudelstejer is the secretary general of the Central Committee of Mexican Jews and the local representative of the American Jewish Committee. On March 24, the Central Committee's cultural panel will hold a literary gathering in honor of the six winners. The jury that selected them was headed by Saul Lockier, principal of the Jewish Teachers Seminary, and Chaim Lazdeiski, secretary.

KNESSET ACTS ON INVASION OF PRIVACY MEASURE

JERUSALEM, Feb. 25 (JTA) -- A lethargic Knesset, with most opposition members absent, voted

27-2 in favor of a bill aimed at protecting individuals from invasion of their privacy by the news media. The measure, introduced by former Justice Minister Shmuel Tamir, cleared its first reading last June. A revised version was reported favorably Monday by the Knesset's Legal Committee whose chairman, David Glass, said it struck a delicate balance between a newspaper's right to publish and a person's right to privacy.

The bill defines "invasion of privacy" as spying on a person's activities, publishing the photograph of someone in public life likely to be degrading to the subject, publishing the contents of a letter without permission of the recipient or the sender and unauthorized use of a person's name, picture or voice for commercial purposes.

Despite heavy lobbying against the bill by the media, only two votes were cast against it, both by Communist MKs. The Labor Alignment gave its members freedom of choice but only four were in the Knesset chamber when the vote was taken. Two supported the bill and two did not take part in the vote.

The media had a more sympathetic response from the Labor Alignment's Knesset faction Monday on a proposed bill that would forbid publication of the name of a suspect in a criminal case before the suspect is formally charged. Labor Party chairman Shimon Peres said the government was behind the bill to limit the dissemination of information because it resented the way newspapers, television and radio criticized its actions and policies.

U.S. ENDS FINANCIAL AID TO ISRAEL FOR RESETTLEMENT OF SOVIET JEWS

By Joseph Polakoff

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25 (JTA) — The Reagan Administration has decided to eliminate financial assistance to Israel for the resettlement there of Jewish immigrants from the Soviet Union and other Eastern European countries. Rep. Jonathan Bingham (D. NY) told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency today.

According to Bingham, the Administration will rescind half of the \$25 million allocated for this purpose for fiscal year 1981 which ends next Sept. 30. This would mean that funding for the program will end on March 31, with the expenditure up to that time of \$12.5 million.

"We of course are going to fight it," Bingham said. He pointed out that even though the number of Jews emigrating from the Soviet Union has declined in the past year due to Soviet restrictions, the fact of the decline is "a greater reason" for continuing the program, since the U.S. should not show the Soviet government "we are losing interest" in its Soviet Jewish emigration policies.

Bingham and former Sen. Edmund Muskie (D. Me.) initiated legislation in 1972 providing for such U.S. assistance to Israel. In the past eight years, from fiscal year 1973 to fiscal year 1981, \$251 million has been appropriated of which \$239 million will have been provided by next March 31.

An aide to Bingham pointed out that the program has always been a Congressional effort and the legislation for the funding originated in the Congress every year except for the last two years when President Carter included it in his annual budget. However, in his last budget presentation for fiscal year 1982, which begins next Oct.

1, Carter asked only \$10 million against the \$25 million appropriated for the current fiscal year.

FULLY KOSHER EATERY IN CAIRO

By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, Feb. 25 (JTA) — An Israeli-owned fully kosher restaurant is to open at the Egyptian-government owned Intercontinental-Savoy Hotel in Cairo shortly.

Moshe Paritzky, a former resident of Cairo, said today that when he and his partner had told members of the Jewish community in Cairo that when they planned to open a kosher restaurant they had been warned that the government would never allow it, "especially in a government-owned hotel."

But he said agreement was speedily reached with the hotel management which welcomed the idea as it would attract many American Jewish tourists. Paritzky said the investment was small, as he would merely be purchasing new equipment and sending a rabbi-shochet (ritual slaughterer) who would act as supervisor, and two Israeli cooks, one for "Western" dishes and the other for Oriental meals.

ARIDOR PRESENTS HIS BUDGET

By GIT Sedan

JERUSALEM, Feb. 25 (JTA) — Finance Minister Yoram Aridor presented his 206 billion Shekel budget to the Knesset Monday, insisting that it represented a wise balance of social and economic needs and was not geared to election campaign politics. The budget is for the next fiscal year which begins April 1, just two months before the June 30 Knesset elections which could result in a change of government and a departure from Likud economic policies.

According to Aridor, his budget's primary aim is to reduce the rate of inflation, currently at 133 percent, to a more manageable two-digit figure, possibly 98 percent. The budget is essentially the one prepared by Aridor's predecessor, Finance Minister Yigal Hurwitz, except for an additional appropriation of 400 million Shekels for the Defense Ministry to be spent "only according to needs and after a review by both the Treasury and the Defense Ministry."

As it stands, nearly one-third of the total budget — 63.8 billion Shekels — is for defense. Aridor said that despite the peace treaty with Egypt, the defense budget could not be cut. The budget also provides continued funding for Jewish settlements on the occupied West Bank, the Gaza district, the Jordan Valley and the Golan Heights. Aridor echoed the Likud contention that Israel has a right to settle those disputed territories and that they were necessary for defense.

Ezra Sadan, Director General of the Finance Ministry, said that despite the elections there was no choice but to prepare a budget for the full fiscal year because the Defense Ministry could not otherwise plan ahead.

LATE NEWS BULLETIN

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25 (JTA) — Reports from Israel that Secretary of State Alexander Haig would visit the Middle East, including Israel, in March or April were described as "premature" by the State Department today. "The Secretary's travel plans are under active consideration," department spokesman William Dyess said. "No decision has been made." (See earlier Story P.2)

WASHINGTON (JTA) — Rep. Richard Ottinger (D. NY) has reintroduced a resolution calling for the U.S. to recognize Jerusalem as Israel's capital and to move the U.S. Embassy to that city.

SPECIAL INTERVIEW **CONDITIONS FOR MIDEAST PEACE**

By Yitzhak Rabin

NEW YORK, Feb. 25 (JTA) — Haim Barlev, a leader of Israel's Labor Party, a former Minister of Trade and Industry and former Chief of Staff, contends that there will be no peace in the Mideast unless Israel, Jordan and the Palestinians are ready to compromise.

"If Jordan will not join the negotiations (for a settlement) — there will be no peace. If Jordan, Israel and the Palestinians refuse to compromise, there will also be no peace," Barlev said in a special interview with the Jewish Telegraphic Agency at the conclusion of his 10-day visit to the United States.

"Presently," Barlev observed, "Israel claims all the territories. Jordan, on the other hand, demands the return of all the territories, including East Jerusalem, and the Palestinians want to establish an independent state in the West Bank and Gaza. Without a change in these positions, no settlement can be reached. Peace can be achieved only if Israel keeps those territories essential to its security, if the Palestinians would be satisfied living in an independent Arab state in which they are the majority, that is Jordan, and if Jordan would be content in getting back less territory than what she lost in 1967."

"Does peace have any chance?" Barlev asked; and then, after a brief pause, replied to his own question. "In my opinion, this is the only solution for peace. I think that if the United States, Egypt and Israel work in that direction peace can be reached."

No Chance Of Talks With PLO

Barlev flatly rejected any possibility that Israel would be willing at some future date and under certain circumstances to negotiate with the Palestine Liberation Organization. "No. I cannot foresee such an eventuality," he said. "Not because the PLO is a terrorist organization, but because there is no topic for negotiations (between Israel and the PLO)."

The only issue to be negotiated, Barlev said, "is the establishment of an independent Palestinian state, and for Israel it is out of the question, an issue that Israel will not even discuss. One does not go to negotiate when one knows that the issue to be discussed is out of the question for negotiations. And let's say that the PLO declares it is ready to recognize the State of Israel, even then on what can we negotiate with them?"

"A Palestinian state," Barlev stressed, "is a danger to Israel's security and at the same time does not solve the problem of the Palestinians, because at least half of the Palestinians are living in Jordan. An independent Palestinian state, therefore, will only divide the Palestinian people in two independent Arab states."

Expectations About Reagan's Administration

Asked about his expectations from the Reagan Administration regarding the Mideast, Barlev expressed the hope that the new Administration will continue to pursue the Camp David process. He said he expects the Reagan Administration to take a stern, clear-cut view regarding the expansionist policy of the Soviet Union around the world in general and in the Mideast in particular.

"I hope the new Administration knows how to tell the difference between its true friends and

allies and its 'on condition' friends." He said, in response to a question, that Jordan is an example of an "on condition" friend of the United States.

Perspective Of A Labor Victory

Barlev, who is secretary general of the Labor Party, said that if the Labor Alignment wins the next elections, scheduled for June 30, as all polls have been predicting, it would restore "a functioning government, a government that would restore hope and pride for the people of Israel. This will be the beginning of the change."

The former Chief of Staff, whose name at one time was almost a household word around the world because of the Barlev Line on the east bank of the Suez Canal, said that his party's message to Israel's citizens is in two fields: the foreign policy of Israel and its economy.

He contended that a Labor government would reach an agreement on autonomy with the United States and Egypt. "We will be guided by Israel's security needs," Barlev noted, pointing out that Labor is prepared to give "more autonomy to the Palestinians but less territories," while the Likud is willing to give the Palestinians less autonomy and more territories. "Labor is prepared to give the Palestinians full autonomy but not in the Jordan valley, East Jerusalem and Gush Etzion and not in the south of the Gaza Strip."

On the economic issue, Barlev said the Labor Party believes in planned economy and the just distribution of the national resources and sharing the burdens by the different segments of society.

"We don't think that the international energy crisis and the world-wide inflation justify the present inflation rate of 130 percent in Israel," Barlev said. "The inflation in Israel was created by the wrong economic policy of the Likud."

Barlev was in the United States as head of an Israeli committee for the establishment of a new American school of economics and business in Israel at Bar-Ilan University, to train present and future Israeli executives in the latest methods of industrial and business management.

"The nation's future depends on its ability to win the struggle for economic survival by competing in the world markets, balancing trade deficits, raising productivity levels attracting investment capital," Barlev observed, referring to the establishment of the new school. "The skills of modern business management administration, applied with the vigor and energy of Israel's people, can assure the country security."

INGRID BERGMAN IN ISRAEL

TEL AVIV, Feb. 25 (JTA) — Film star Ingrid Bergman says the cinema isn't what it used to be. In Israel on a strictly private and incognito visit, Ms. Bergman, who was rumored to have been picked to play the part of the late Golda Meir in a film of her life, appeared to have denied the report by insisting that she had now retired from the screen.

Ms. Bergman said she was in Israel on the first stop of a round-the-world tour to see places she had always wanted to visit but had not the time to do till now. She said that although she was not religious she has been deeply moved by visits to the Old City of Jerusalem, Bethlehem and the Yad Veshem Holocaust Memorial.

TEL AVIV (JTA) — The voters list for the Hishdrut elections April 7 includes 1,475,000 names, 40% of the population.