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## ISRAEL DENIES UN REPORT THAT ITS SOLDIERS CLASHED WITH UNIFIL OR LEBANESE ARMY DURING ITS STRIKE AGAINST TERRORIST BASES

By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, April 1 (JTA) -- An Israeli infantry unit raided Toulain village six miles inside Lebanon last night and blew up four houses after their occupants were evacuated, a military spokesman said. One Israeli soldier was slightly wounded in the operation. The village is in the area controlled by the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL) but the latter did not intervene in the Israeli raid, the second in 24 hours carried out against terrorist targets in south Lebanon.

Israel denied a UN report that its soldiers had clashed with units of UNIFIL or of the Lebanese regular army recently posted to the area. The UN report said a Lebanese soldier had been killed. Israeli army sources said they heard firing in the village after they left but did not know who was doing the shooting.

Deputy Defense Minister Mordechai Zipori said on a radio interview tonight that Israel wants "to live in peace with UNIFIL which is fulfilling a UN mandate we recognize -- to help the Lebanese government deal with Palestinian terrorists."

Army sources said terrorists and UNIFIL troops are billeted side-by-side in Toulain. The villagers have a reputation for aiding terrorists who have made Toulain a forward staging area for attacks on Israel, including the assault on Kibbutz Misgav Am a year ago in which two Israelis, one a child, were killed.

## Arms And Ammunition Found

The houses destroyed were said to have sheltered terrorists and yielded weapons, ammunition and explosives, army sources said. The raiding party had to cross difficult terrain to reach its objective but managed to achieve surprise. Toulain village is about three miles south of Kantara, a village that came under intense bombardment last month by Maj. Saad Haddad's Christian forces. Three soldiers of the Nigerian contingent of UNIFIL were fatally wounded.

UNIFIL complained to Israel and to Haddad today that his militiamen had detained two UNIFIL observers from the Australian and French contingents. They were released later. According to UNIFIL, the observers were travelling through the Christian enclave on one of the days permitted them. Their jeep was seized and later found abandoned. Haddad denied that his men had detained the UN officers and claimed their jeep was stolen by a Lebanese villager.

## FRANCE'S INTELLECTUALS NAME TWO JEWS AS MAIN 'TREND SETTERS' IN FIELDS OF SCIENCE, ART, PHILOSOPHY

By Edwin Eytan

PARIS, April 1 (JTA) -- Two Jews, an anthropologist and a political philosopher, have been named by France's intellectuals as the two main "trend setters" in the fields of science, letters, art and philosophy.

Six hundred prominent intellectuals, university professors, writers, politicians and artists, named anthropologist Claude Levi-Strauss, 72, and philosopher Raymond Aron, 68, as the country's top thinkers "who exert the strongest influence in the evolution of ideas and modern thinking."

Levi-Strauss, who is a member of the French Academy, has written extensively on primitive man and his influence on contemporary life but also on the history of religion and theology. Aron, who teaches political science at the Sorbonne, also writes a weekly column in the French weekly "L'Express."

Among the follow ups in the list, published today in the French monthly "Books," are Simone de Beauvoir, Bernard Henri-Levy and Marguerite Yourcenar who are better known by the general public.

## U.S. OFFICIAL ASSESSES AREAS OF AGREEMENT, DISAGREEMENT BETWEEN ISRAEL, EGYPT ON MULTINATIONAL PEACEKEEPING FORCE IN THE SINAI

By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, April 1 (JTA) -- U.S. Deputy Assistant Secretary of State Michael Sterner ended two days of discussions here today over the multinational peacekeeping force to police Sinai after Israel withdraws next year. While no agreements were reached, Sterner, who met with Egyptian leaders on the subject in Cairo before coming to Israel Monday, said "The areas of agreement are far wider than the areas of difference" between the two countries.

He noted at a press conference today that "This is the first round in which we have attempted to commit some of this to writing." He was apparently referring to an American draft paper that figured in the discussions here over the last two days. Sterner said the issues involved would be touched on by Secretary of State Alexander Haig when he visits Israel next week. Haig is scheduled to leave Washington Friday for the Middle East and will visit Egypt, Jordan and Saudi Arabia in addition to Israel.

## Issues Under Discussion

David Kimche, Director General of the Foreign Ministry, said the talks with Sterner provided a "very useful clarification" but that another round of talks was necessary. Among the issues discussed were the composition of the peacekeeping force and the facilities it would need to discharge its mandate.

Sterner said today that it would be reasonable to expect that the force would need an airstrip somewhere in Sinai. He spoke of the possible use of the Etzion and Eitam military airfields built by Israel. They will be evacuated in the final stage of Israel's withdrawal from Sinai in April, 1982. Israel refuses to hand them over to Egypt but is prepared to discuss an American presence at the airfields.

Sterner said that if Israel left them intact there was a good possibility that they would be used by the multi-national force, provided that Egypt agreed. Kimche declined to elaborate on Israel's position with respect to that suggestion.

The overriding issue, however, is the makeup of the multi-national force. So far there has been a very poor response from the various nations canvassed. Egyptian Foreign Minister Kamal Hassan Ali personally toured the Scandinavian countries to try to convince them to contribute troops but reportedly got nowhere. Sterner refused to answer questions as to whether the U.S. would agree to provide manpower if no other countries participated.

Under the terms of the Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty, the U.S. is committed to create a multi-national force if the United Nations Security Council proves unable to do so. Kimche said it was "highly unlikely" that the UN would take over the peacekeeping role. Any resolution to that effect is almost certain to be vetoed by the Soviet Union. Nevertheless, Egypt wants to continue to explore the possibility of a UN force and Kimche said Israel had no objections.

There are sharp differences between the two countries over the size of the force. Israel has suggested a 4000-man force but the Egyptians prefer to limit it to no more than a few hundred.

### SOLOMON URGES U.S. JEWS TO PROTEST AGAINST U.S.-SAUDI ARMS DEAL

By Joseph Polakoff

WASHINGTON, April 1 (JTA) -- Sen. Howard Metzenbaum (D. Ohio) has called on American Jews to voice protest against the Reagan Administration's intention to strengthen Saudi Arabia's air force that he said "immeasurably increases danger in Israel."

Addressing the Associated Jewish Charities and Welfare Fund in Baltimore Monday in opposition to the sale of U.S. arms to Saudi Arabia and enhancement of combat performance of the Saudis' fleet of 62 American-made F-15 warplanes, Metzenbaum said:

"The time has come for American Jews to dig in their heels and say 'no--this is wrong. This is dangerous and we're not going to sit idly by while the survival of Israel is threatened.'"

"For five thousand years, we Jews have been a persecuted people -- hunted, hounded, murdered and driven from place to place. Today, just as in times past, there are powerful forces in this world dedicated to the destruction of the Jewish people. Saudi Arabia is one of those forces. That's a fact -- a fact borne out by history and by the words and actions of the Saudi leaders themselves."

American Jews, Metzenbaum added, "cannot ignore a policy of our government that immeasurably increases the danger with which the people in Israel must live each and every day of their lives. We've got to fight. There's simply no other decent or honorable choice."

Metzenbaum pointed out the Saudis have participated "to the extent of their ability in every war between Israel and the Arabs. Today, with the sale of this advanced military equipment, their ability is about to become much greater, and to those who say the Saudis would not use these weapons against Israel, I say 'look at the record.'"

### COURT CLEARS ONE OF THE 22 ANTI-NAZI ACTIVISTS NOW ON TRIAL IN WEST GERMANY

By David Kantor

BONN, April 1 (JTA) -- Leon Shachman, one of 22 anti-Nazi activists on trial in Bad Hersfeld for alleged violent behavior, was cleared

by the court today. The judge concluded that it was impossible to establish who was responsible for the violence that erupted at the Deutschland Meeting of the neo-Nazi National Democratic Party (NPD) in Philippssthal last June 17.

The charges against Shachman, an Israeli photographer, and the others were pressed by the NPD. They alleged Shachman, who has been covering neo-Nazi activities in West Germany for the past two years, attacked NPD members. Shachman said he was severely beaten by the neo-Nazis without provocation and had only tried to defend himself. The prosecution had charged him with intimidation and breach of the peace and asked for a six month suspended sentence.

The trial of the other defendants continued as their sympathizers demonstrated outside the courthouse to protest the proceedings. Anti-Nazis said it was unconscionable that the Hessen State Prosecutors accept without a question the NPD's version of events. The prosecution for its part claimed that some of the placards carried by the protestors bore slogans that could be construed as intimidation of the court.

### NEW WZO BUDGET IS \$55.8 MILLION, \$3 MILLION LESS THAN LAST YEAR

By David Landau

JERUSALEM, April 1 (JTA) -- The World Zionist Organization's budget for the new fiscal year will be \$55.8 million, some \$3 million less than last year's. This was decided here this week by the WZO Executive.

The major paring came in the Aliya and Absorption Department, with less earmarked for help to bring immigrants and their baggage, as well as returning residents, to Israel. The budget figures were fixed with regard to the present lull in aliya figures. The WZO stressed in an announcement that if there was an aliya upswing, more funds would be made available and every newcomer would be absorbed and helped.

WZO treasurer Akiva Levinsky said over the past year the WZO had pruned some 15 percent of its staff as a savings and efficiency measure. The WZO also now employs 16 percent less shlichim than a year ago. This does not mean less shlichim in the field, it means local communities are footing more shlichims' salaries, Levinsky said.

The only WZO department whose budget had been raised slightly, said Levinsky, was Youth and Halutz -- so as to cater for its broad range of summer programs. Referring to the current soaring "neshira" (dropout) rate (about 80 percent), aliya department chairman Rafael Kotlowitz said the Soviets were granting a preponderance of permits to would-be emigrants in areas of the USSR known for their high dropout ratios.

### IAI IS ISRAEL'S LARGEST FIRM

TEL AVIV, April 1 (JTA) -- Israel Aircraft Industries (IAI) is the country's largest industrial concern, according to a list of Israel's 100 biggest firms just issued by Dun and Bradstreet (Israel) Ltd.

The companies are listed by their sales volume. IAI reported sales of \$375 million in 1980. Second on the list was the Tadiran Electronics firm with sales of \$177 million, followed by Truva, the milk and dairy products company, with \$174 million in sales.

Of the "Top 100" list, 64 percent were in the private sector, 24 percent in the Histadrut cooperative sector while 12 percent were government-owned corporations.

SPECIAL TO THE JTAAAJE STUDY: COMMUNAL HIGH SCHOOLS SURPASS THOSE OF CONGREGATIONS

(Part One Of A Two-Part Series)

NEW YORK, April 1 (JTA) — Jewish communal high schools surpass those under congregational auspices in student enrollment and retention, diversity of curriculum, frequency of days of instruction and qualifications of teachers and principals, according to a study released by the American Association for Jewish Education (AAJE).

Arthur Brody, president of the AAJE, said the study — which surveyed 163 Jewish supplementary (non-day) high schools in 105 American and Canadian cities — "demonstrates conclusively that the average communal high school is capable of providing a better and more cost-effective Jewish education than its congregational counterpart."

Moreover, Brody said the study "reinforces the AAJE's long-held contention that many small or financially pressed congregational high schools can improve the quality and efficiency of their operations by merging into larger intercongregational units or into communitywide and communally sponsored institutions."

Outline Of Some Of The Findings

Among its findings are:

**Enrollment:** Average enrollment in respondent communal high schools was 130 students, nearly 78% higher than the average enrollment of 73 students in congregational high schools.

**Retention:** Eleventh and 12th grade students in communal high schools comprised 29.6% of those schools' total enrollment, more than two and one-half times their representation of 11.8% in congregational high schools.

**Curriculum:** A higher proportion of communal than congregational high schools offered courses in Hebrew (90.5% to 38.1%), Jewish history (90.5% to 47.1%), Bible (95.2% to 65.3%), Israel (61.9% to 24.8%), Jewish life and observances (66.7% to 40.5%), Talmud (45.2% to 10.7%), Jewish literature (45.2% to 11.6%), philosophy (50.0% to 20.7%), the Holocaust (42.9% to 31.4%) and contemporary Jewish problems and social issues (100% to 46.3%).

**Days of instruction:** Nearly 71% of the students in communal high schools attended classes two or three days a week, compared to 28.6% of the students in congregational high schools.

**Qualifications of Teachers:** Teachers in communal high schools exceeded those in congregational high schools in the attainment of diplomas in Jewish education (39.3% to 26.8%), diplomas in general education (39.3% to 31.6%), degrees in Jewish education (53.2% to 28.5%) degrees in general education (67.1% to 63.9%) and licenses as Hebrew school teachers (37.7% to 27.5%).

**Qualifications of Principals:** Principals in communal high schools exceeded those in congregational high schools in the attainment of licenses as Hebrew school principals (36.6% to 21.0%), licenses as Hebrew school teachers (56.1% to 24.6%), master's degrees in general education (75.6% to 62.2%) and doctoral degrees in general education (34.1% to 15.1%).

The study was conducted by Dr. George Pollak, director of the AAJE's Department of Community Services, Information and Studies,

and Dr. Gerhard Lang, consultant to the Department.

(Tomorrow: Part Two)

NEW AMBASSADORS NAMED

By David Landau

JERUSALEM, April 1 (JTA) — Four nominees of Ambassadorial rank were approved by the Cabinet Sunday in a list of more than 20 selected by Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir for various diplomatic posts around the world. Governments in office are allowed up to 15 political appointees by agreement between the Civil Service Commission and the staff committee of the Foreign Ministry.

Moshe Sasson, a veteran diplomat well versed in the language and culture of the Arab world, was named Israel's new Ambassador to Egypt. He will replace Eliahu Ben-Elissar who has resigned to run for the Knesset on the Likud ticket. Yitzhak Ben-Ari, another experienced diplomat, will be Ambassador to West Germany, replacing Yohanan Meroz who has served in Bonn for nearly five years.

Eliahu Linkin, a Jerusalem attorney and close political supporter of Premier Menachem Begin will be the new Ambassador to South Africa, taking over from former Shin Bet (secret service) chief Yosef Hamelin who has served in Pretoria for the last two years. Yosef Hadass, who served in Cairo for a time as Minister-Counselor under Ben-Elissar has been named Ambassador to Denmark.

Sasson, the senior among them, was formerly Ambassador to Italy and has served more recently as a "special advisor" to the Foreign Minister on European relations. He is a son of the late Eliahu Sasson who undertook diplomatic missions for the Jewish Agency before the State was founded and later served as a Minister in Cabinets headed by Premier David Ben-Gurion.

Ben-Ari has prior experience in Bonn where he served for five years as Minister-Counselor, the No. 2 spot in the Israel Embassy there. Hankin is the only "political appointee" among the prospective Ambassadors. A Herut loyalist of many years standing, he was commander of the vessel Altelena which was sunk on Ben-Gurion's orders when it attempted to land weapons for Begin's Irgun forces on the beach at Tel Aviv during the early months of Statehood.

Hadass served as head of the Egyptian normalization department of the Foreign Ministry where he oversaw the conclusion of numerous agreements between Israel and Egypt. He had made no secret of his desire to replace Ben-Elissar at the Cairo Embassy but Shamir preferred a more seasoned diplomat for that most sensitive post and decided to send Hadass to Copenhagen.

Formal announcements will be made only after the nominees have been accepted by the countries to which they will be posted.

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TEL AVIV (JTA) — A public opinion poll published in the Jerusalem Post Tuesday indicated the Labor Party still in the lead though showing a steady decline for the the past three months and an increase in the popularity of the Likud. The poll, conducted by the Modi in Ezrahi Applied Research Center, showed 33 seats of the Knesset's 120 places for the Likud (20 in February and January), 45 for Labor (as against 45 in February and 58 in January.)

The poll indicated that a list headed by Moshe Dayan would receive nine seats (down from a peak of 19 in February). The national religious party was declining to nine, from 10 in February and 11 in January.

## **JEWISH, CATHOLIC, PROTESTANT GROUPS CITE REAGAN'S PROPOSED BUDGET CUTS AS UNFAIR TO NEEDY**

NEW YORK, April 1 (JTA) -- Four major Jewish and Protestant social service Federations and Catholic charities in the metropolitan area condemned President Reagan's proposed budget cuts as unfair, poorly conceived and unlikely to work.

Sanford Solender, executive vice president of the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies, told a press conference at St. Patrick's Cathedral that if the proposed budget cuts are fully enacted, the Federation and its 130 social service agencies throughout Greater New York, serving 1.7 million people, stand to lose more than \$43 million in federal support for a wide variety of programs like day care, foster care, mental health, nutrition, Medicaid, help for the disabled and job trainees, neighborhood preservation, and other vital services.

Furthermore, Solender told the press conference, which was called by the Federation, Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of New York, Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Brooklyn, and the Federation of Protestant Welfare Agencies, that 225 Comprehensive Employment and Training Act (CETA) employees currently performing essential functions in Federation agencies will lose their jobs. In addition, more than 2500 elderly Jews attending senior centers in New York City would no longer be entitled to services under the proposed budget cuts in Title XX social service funds, Solender said.

"For the majority of elderly here in New York, life revolves around the senior center, where companionship and the hot meal are essential to their well-being," he pointed out. "Take these services away and the elderly will retreat into isolation." He added that "the sacrifices the President is calling for should be shared equally, not placed on the backs of the most disadvantaged."

### **Areas Of Concern**

Bishop Joseph Sullivan of the Catholic Charities of Brooklyn, said: "The elderly, our neediest children, and low-income working people are being asked to assume a disproportionate share of the burden for turning the economy around."

Joyce Phillips Austin, executive vice president of the Protestant Federation, stated: "It is hard to understand how the Administration can be serious about putting people back to work when it proposes cutting day care by 25 percent and eliminating several thousand CETA jobs."

Mrs. James Murray, executive director of the New York Catholic Charities, questioned both the proposed reduction of 85,000 badly needed housing units and the Administration's recommendation for a 20 percent increase in rents paid by subsidized tenants. "They don't understand the realities of the short supply and high cost of housing for low and moderate income people," said Murray.

### **Devastating Impact Of The Cuts**

The four Federations' leaders pointed out that the impact of the President's proposals in New York City will be devastating:

- \* Nearly 50,000 currently eligible recipients of food stamps would be entirely cut from the program. Over 200,000 households would see their benefits reduced.

- \* Nearly 12,000 individuals currently working in CETA programs, almost 3,000 of whom work in community-based agencies, will be fired and many will be forced to go back on public assistance.

- \* The potential Medicaid loss to New York City would be over \$100 million, which will severely impact several of the already financially troubled hospitals.

- \* 96 day care centers serving over 8,000 children and 48 senior centers serving approximately 10,000 elderly would have to close. The proposed 25% cut in Title XX funds would result in a potential loss to the City of New York of almost \$50 million.

Ultimately, Solender declared, "It is the responsibility of all Americans of conscience to join together to tell Congress and the Reagan Administration, 'We can not tolerate a program that attacks the sustenance and dignity of the neediest people in our society, under the guise of turning the economy around.'"

### **ISAIAH TRUNK DEAD AT 75**

NEW YORK, April 1 (JTA) -- Isaiah Trunk, a leading historian on the Holocaust and the chief archivist of YIVO, the Jewish Research Institute, died here last Saturday at the age of 75.

A scholar and author, Trunk was regarded as an expert on Jewish history during the Nazi era. In 1973 he was co-winner of the National Book Award in history for "Judenrat: The Jewish Councils in Eastern Europe Under Nazi Occupation." He shared the award with Robert Myers, author of "The Children of Pride."

The author of many articles in English and Yiddish on the Holocaust, Trunk was also the author of "Jewish Response to Nazi Persecution," published in 1979.

Born in Kutne, Poland, in 1905, Trunk graduated in 1923 from the Hebraic Humanistics Gymnasium in Lodz. Four years later he received a master's degree in history from Warsaw University.

After his graduation, Trunk taught in various schools and was associated with the historians' circle of YIVO in Warsaw. When the Germans occupied Poland, Trunk fled to Bialystok in the Soviet Union and returned to Poland after the war. In 1950 he emigrated to Israel, lived there for three years and then moved to Canada to be director of the Peretz School in Calgary. He moved to New York a year later to work at YIVO, where he became a chief archivist in 1971.

### **ARKIA BEEFS UP ITS AIRLINE**

TEL AVIV, April 1 (JTA) -- The Arkia Israel Inland Airline has this week purchased two Boeing 737 Aircraft for use on charter flights between Europe and Eilat. It has just been granted permission to operate. The \$31.5 million deal is being financed through private bank loans. The first plane under the new order, taking up an option from a year ago, is due for delivery in June 1982 and the second plane three months later.

The Boeing company has, meanwhile, offered to help Arkia buy or lease a used Boeing 737 to enable the airline to begin its European charters within three months. The new planes are the first jets in the local airline's fleet, which has so far consisted of propeller and jet-prop planes.

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TEL AVIV -- Doctors at the Afula hospital report a 94 to 100 accuracy rate in determining the sex of fetuses as early as the 20th week of pregnancy.