

HAIG WARNS ISRAEL NOT TO TAKE ACTION AGAINST PLO IN SOUTH LEBANON By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, Feb. 8 (JTA) — A senior Israeli official sent to Washington last week to impress the U.S. with the seriousness of cease-fire violations on the Lebanese border, returned to Jerusalem with a stern warning from Secretary of State Alexander Haig that Israel take no action or initiative against the Palestine Liberation Organization in Lebanon.

This exchange of views was reported today. The identity of the Israeli official sent to Washington was not disclosed. But he reportedly received personal briefings from Premier Menachem Begin, Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir and Defense Minister Ariel Sharon before he left and was to emphasize to the American Administration that the cease-fire on the Lebanese border was in imminent danger of breakdown.

The envoy was dispatched after Israel expressed grave concern over the attempted infiltration of the West Bank by a band of Palestinian terrorists from Jordan a week ago. Although three of the terrorists were captured before they could inflict casualties or damage, the vehemence of Israel's reaction raised speculation that the ground-work was being laid to prepare public opinion for a new Israeli strike against the Palestinians in south Lebanon.

Top Israeli officials insisted that the infiltration attempt, though made via Jordan, was a major violation of the cease-fire which ended fighting on the Lebanese border last July 1. The army and other information sources flooded the media with a long list of alleged violations of the cease-fire by the PLO in recent months, and made it clear that Israel would not tolerate the situation.

Concern About Arms Supplies To Palestinians

Haig was quoted as telling reporters in Washington last Friday that the recent upsurge of arms supplies to the Palestinians in south Lebanon was an "aggravation" that could strain the cease-fire. He was commenting on press reports that the Soviet Union was supplying the Palestinians with weapons. Israel has been complaining for some time of a military build-up by the PLO in south Lebanon.

No Comment On Magazine Report

Officials here refused to comment on a report in the latest issue of Time magazine that Sharon met last month with the Lebanese Christian Phalangist leader Bashir Gemayel aboard an Israeli missile boat in the harbor of Junia, north of Beirut. Junia is the chief port of supply for Christian armed forces in northern Lebanon. According to the report, Sharon and Gemayel discussed Phalangist support for Israeli armed action inside Lebanon, including the possible take-over of part of south Lebanon by Israeli forces.

The report in Time magazine also stated that an expected Israeli assault against PLO strongholds in south Lebanon "was narrowly averted last week" when Begin, "in a last-minute decision," rejected a plan by Sharon and Chief of Staff Rafael Eitan to mount a "modest" attack on the PLO bases.

Senior Israeli officials have also reportedly discussed the situation in Lebanon with Brian Urquhart, the Under Secretary General of the United Nations, who is on an inspection tour of UN forces in the Middle East. He has appealed for restraint by all sides.

MUBARAK TOLD THAT GERMANY SUPPORTS MIDEAST PEACE EFFORT BASED ON LEGITIMATE RIGHTS OF PALESTINIANS By David Kantor

BONN, Feb. 8 (JTA) — President Karl Carstens of West Germany assured Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak here last night of Bonn's support for a Middle East peace effort based on the principle that the Palestinian people be allowed to exercise their legitimate rights.

The right of Palestinian self-determination was also referred to in a joint statement by Mubarak and Chancellor Helmut Schmidt at a press conference today. They said: "It is our joint view that an agreed settlement of the Arab Israeli conflict for a full, just and lasting peace is conditional on mutual recognition of the right of all states in the region to live in peace and security, including Israel, and that the right of the Palestinian people to self-determination is also recognized."

Mubarak, who visited Washington last week on a six-nation tour of Western countries, was in Britain over the weekend and flew to Austria today.

Mubarak Promotes Fahd's Plan

Diplomats here said Mubarak used his visit to promote the eight-point plan proposed by Saudi Arabia's Crown Prince Fahd as a fair and realistic way toward settlement of the Middle East conflict. His German hosts apparently refrained from stressing the European Economic Community's (EEC) initiative and its Venice declaration of June, 1980, which included a vote for the Palestine Liberation Organization. Bonn appears to have given up hope for a united European policy on the Middle East after France rebuked previous EEC steps and Greece complained that the EEC attitude was not sufficiently pro-Arab.

Mubarak is believed to have asked for German help to exploit old coal mines in northern Sinai which will be evacuated by Israel next April. According to Egyptian officials, this and other projects in Sinai will have a political as well as economic dimension.

WEST BERLIN CONSIDERING WAYS TO CHECK FLOW OF ARAB TERRORISTS INTO THAT CITY FROM EAST BERLIN

By David Kantor

BONN, Feb. 8 (JTA) — The West Berlin Senate is considering means to check the flow of Arab terrorists into the city from East Berlin. According to the police, hundreds of Arab extremists have infiltrated West Berlin after receiving training in terrorist tactics in East Germany as part of that country's program of military assistance to the Palestine Liberation Organization.

Meanwhile, West Berlin police say Arabic newspapers have refused to cooperate in their

search for a mystery woman who was seen leaving the Israeli-owned Mifgash Israel restaurant in West Berlin shortly before it was destroyed by a bomb explosion that killed a 14-month-old child and injured 25 other people, many of them seriously, last January 15.

According to the police, the Arabic newspapers rejected appeals to publish descriptions of the woman who appears to be a prime suspect in the bombing. The approach to the Arabic papers indicated that the authorities believe the woman may be in a Middle Eastern country. A police spokesman said there was no knowledge whatsoever of her whereabouts, although it is likely that she is no longer in Berlin or even in Europe.

Immediately after the bombing, several Palestinian terrorist groups claimed responsibility for the outrage. A number of Palestinian suspects were arrested but released for lack of evidence. The police said they were considering all possibilities. Suspicion has shifted from Palestinian extremists to neo-Nazi elements.

UN SECRETARY GENERAL ACCEPTS IN PRINCIPLE AN INVITATION BY BEGIN TO VISIT ISRAEL

By Yitzhak Rabi

UNITED NATIONS, Feb. 8 (JTA) — Prime Minister Menachem Begin has invited newly elected Secretary General Javier Perez de Cuellar to visit Israel and the Secretary General accepted in principle, a UN spokesman announced here today.

According to the spokesman, Begin conveyed the invitation during his meeting yesterday in Jerusalem with UN Under Secretary General Brian Urquhart. The spokesman said that the date for the trip would be discussed with the Israeli UN Mission in New York and it was understood that a final date for the visit would be decided when Ambassador Yehuda Blum returns from his current 10-day visit to Israel.

Blum left for consultations in Israel last night in the wake of the harsh anti-Israel resolution adopted last Friday by the General Assembly calling for the isolation of the Jewish State for its annexation of the Golan Heights.

According to the UN spokesman, De Cuellar visited Israel in the past before he was elected to his present position. His predecessor, Secretary General Kurt Waldheim, visited Israel while in office.

ABC DENIES PLANS TO PRODUCE FILM TO GIVE 'ISRAELI VIEWPOINT'

NEW YORK, Feb. 8 (JTA) — ABC News denied today that it has plans to produce a new television film on the West Bank giving the "Israeli viewpoint." The denial was issued following reports from Israel that an ABC production crew was due there shortly.

A segment on the West Bank titled "Under the Israeli Thumb," which appeared on the ABC-TV "20-20" program last Thursday night, was strongly criticized for pro-Arab bias by Israeli officials and friends here and abroad. It reportedly drew expressions of intense displeasure from Premier Menachem Begin in Jerusalem and the Israeli Embassy in Washington. Shmuel Moyal, press attache at the Israel Consulate in New York, called the segment "entirely unbalanced" and a "gross distortion of history."

According to the reports from Israel today, the network proposed to produce a new film on the subject and the Prime Minister's Office offered

it "every facility and aid." ABC News, in issuing its denial, noted that during the preparation of the segment for last week's "20-20" program, repeated requests were made for a responsible Israeli official to address the issues raised in the report.

ABC News said it stands by this broadcast and invites the questions and comments of the Israeli government or any other concerned party.

Meanwhile, Ivan Novick, president of the Zionist Organization of America, urged the American public today to join in protesting the "20-20" segment on the West Bank broadcast February 4. In a letter to Roone Arledge, president of ABC News, Novick urged that it immediately schedule another segment showing "the positive side of the issue and the point of view of the government of Israel."

Last Thursday's program was also sharply attacked by the Jewish Community Relations Council of New York. George Klein and Jack Friedgut, chairmen of the JCRC's Commission on International Concern, termed the documentary biased and misleading. In a letter to Arledge, they said the program was "a pre-packaged presentation that amounted to little more than a restatement of Arab propaganda and accusations."

ORT OFFICIAL TO PROVIDE JOB RETRAINING FOR BRITAIN'S JOBLESS

By Maurice Samuelson

LONDON, Feb. 8 (JTA) — The job of providing industrial retraining for many of Britain's three million unemployed has been given to David Young, chairman of the administrative committee of World ORT, the Jewish organization which operates vocational schools in many parts of the world.

Young, 49, will become head of the government's Manpower Services Commission in succession to Sir Richard O'Brien who is being replaced in April because he does not see eye to eye with the government.

In defending Young's appointment, which has sparked off a political row, Norman Tebbit, Employment Secretary, referred to his involvement with ORT.

Young has aroused the hostility of the opposition Labor Party because of his rightwing political associations. He is a director of the Center for Policy Studies, set up several years ago by Sir Keith Joseph, Education Secretary.

Young, a lawyer, has been an assistant of Sir Isaac Wolfson, head of Great Universal Stores, and chairman of a real estate company. His brother, Stuart, who is deeply involved in fund-raising for Israel, was recently appointed a governor of the British Broadcasting Corporation.

JERUSALEM, Feb. 8 (JTA) — Poets Yehuda Amichai and Amir Gilboa are this year's recipients of the Israel Prize for poetry, it was announced by the Education and Culture Ministry. The awards will be presented on Independence Day, April 26. Amichai's poetry was cited for revolutionizing lyrical Hebrew by combining lyrical and day-to-day language to express the world of a disillusioned generation. He was born in Germany in 1925 and immigrated to Palestine in 1936. Gilboa's poetry was cited for its originality, combining a distinctive personal style with elements of Jewish culture to express the joys and pains of his generation. He was born in the Ukraine in 1919 and immigrated to Palestine in 1937.

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"Israel has seen U.S. willingness to fully support them against overwhelming opposition when we believe they are right," Percy said. "But Israel cannot expect the United States to continue isolating itself from the world community to defend questionable and/or objectionable actions in policies. The Israelis must stop 'surprising' the international community and the United States with preemptive acts that are viewed by the community of nations as violations of international norms, harmful to U.S. interests and damaging to the peace process that must now proceed in the Middle East."

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At the same time, Percy decried a lack of communication between Israel and the United States, noting that the Israelis "have been honestly surprised by the harsh response" of the Reagan Administration's response to some of their actions. He said: "The Israelis should have been aware in advance to what extent the U.S. would react and we should have been aware of the imminence of Israeli intention to apply their law to the Golan Heights."

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SPECIAL TO THE JTA ALLEGED WAR CRIMINAL IDENTIFIED

By Rochelle Sidel-Wolk

NEW YORK, Feb. 8 (JTA) -- A noted expert on Nazi war criminals said here today that the federal government "has an open and shut denaturalization-deportation case" against an alleged Nazi war criminal who has been identified by the Justice Department's Office of Special Investigations (OSI) as Vladimir Sokolov but whose real name, according to Charles Allen, Jr., is Vladimir D. Samarin.

Allen, who for some 20 years has been investigating war criminals living in the United States, said that the press reported a week ago that the Justice Department had filed a complaint in the U.S. District Court in New Haven, Conn. against a former Yale University faculty member named Vladimir Sokolov.

But while the man, Allen told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, "entered the United States in 1951 under the name Sokolov, his wife's name, his birth-date registry at Oriel in the USSR shows D. Samarin as his father." The Justice Department filed technically under the name he used to enter the U.S. -- Sokolov.

Background Of The Research

In research for the first American in-depth article on Samarin, which appeared in the progressive monthly magazine, "Jewish Currents," in November, 1976, Allen discovered that Samarin listed his name in the Yale University Directory as Sokolov-Samarin, and used various combinations of those two names for other public listings.

Samarin's name and alleged Nazi past were first mentioned in a February, 1976 official Soviet Communist Youth Journal, then in the April, 1976 Moscow Yiddish monthly, "Sovietish Heimland," Allen said. In May, 1976, the New York-based leftwing Yiddish "Morning Freiheit" carried an article on Samarin.

In some press reports January 28, Samarin (Sokolov) was described as a former "instructor" of Russian at Yale from 1959 to 1966, and quoted Yale officials that "they did not know the circumstances under which he left." These officials "must have very short memories," Allen told the JTA.

"Samarin was, in fact, a Yale lecturer and senior lecturer in Slavic languages and literature from 1949 to 1976. He was allowed to elect early retirement in 1976 at the age of 63, when his Nazi past was exposed. He was then given what was in effect 18 months of paid leave, through 1978."

Allen said "Yale has never publicly faced up to the issue, nor fired nor dismissed him, despite media exposure in 1976. I even gave an extremely well-attended lecture about Samarin at Yale that year."

According to some press reports last month the government charged Samarin (Sokolov) with being a Nazi propagandist, writer and editor from December, 1942 to August, 1944. These reports, including one in the JTA Daily News Bulletin January 29, referred to the Justice Department's charges that Samarin (Sokolov) "advocated the annihilation of all Jews and called for the conquest of the United States and imposition of Nazi rule throughout the world."

Allen fleshed out these charges as follows: "Samarin was a Nazi propagandist and collaborator, as deputy editor-in-chief of the Nazi publication

"Rech" -- Russian for 'word' -- (not Reich, as was erroneously reported) in the city of Oriel, Russia. During the Nazi occupation of that city, he wrote signed articles and editorials under his real name, Vladimir D. Samarin, calling for genocidal murder of the city's Jews.

"But his editorship was not his only task. He also made frequent trips to Germany, as the guest of Joseph Goebbels' Ministry of Propaganda, and returned to Oriel to sing the praises of Hitler's 'paradise.' He insisted that the youth of the Soviet Union 'volunteer' for 'work' in greater Germany -- actually a campaign to drag them into slave labor contingents. For his service to the Third Reich, he was awarded gold and silver medals, as well as commemorative personally inscribed by Hitler."

Continuing, Allen said: "Samarin also voluntarily joined the so-called All-Union Anti-Bolshevik League. On his application for membership, he swore under oath that no one in his family was of Jewish origin, and that he believed in racial purity."

The Justice Department's complaint was a move to revoke Samarin's (Sokolov) citizenship because of his alleged Nazi past and because he withheld his Nazi background from American authorities when he entered the U.S. in 1951 and when he obtained his citizenship in 1957. "It will be interesting to see whether the government honors our commitment to the Nuremberg war trials processes, and sends Samarin back to stand trial in Oriel where he committed his crimes," Allen said.

CONVICTED WAR CRIMINAL LOSES HIS APPEAL AGAINST A PRISON SENTENCE

By Henriette Boas

AMSTERDAM, Feb. 8 (JTA) -- Pieter Menten, a convicted Nazi war criminal, has lost his appeal to the European Human Rights Commission in Strasbourg to intervene against the 10-year prison sentence given him by a Rotterdam district court in July, 1980. The court also fined him 100,000 Guilders.

Menten, 82, was found guilty of complicity in the murders of 30 persons, mostly Jews, in the village of Podhorozde in eastern Galicia in June, 1941 where he served with the SS. He appealed to the Strasbourg court on grounds that his trial was conducted in contravention of the United Nations Declaration on Human Rights. The panel ruled that it was not authorized to hear his complaint and in effect rejected it.

That decision ended the appeal process for the Dutch-born Nazi collaborator who was once an art dealer and was described as a multi-millionaire. His arrest in 1977 marked the beginning of one of the longest and most complicated war crimes prosecutions ever held in Holland. In December, 1977, Menten was sentenced to 15 years imprisonment by an Amsterdam district court. He claimed immunity, however, on grounds that the Netherlands Justice Minister had promised in 1952 that Menten would not be prosecuted for his wartime activities.

Although the minister, long since deceased, could not confirm this, The Hague district court quashed the sentence. The public prosecutor appealed that decision and Menten was brought to trial a second time in Rotterdam and convicted again.

TEL AVIV (JFA) -- In a ceremony unmatched in its 26-year history, Bar-Ilan University last month awarded 409 scholarships valued at \$300,000 through the Lady Edith Wolfson Memorial Scholarship Fund. The fund was established by Sir Isaac Wolfson, the 84-year-old British business leader and philanthropist, in memory of his wife, who died a year ago.