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ISRAELI MEDIA CONTINUING THEIR PROBE INTO THE BEIRUT MASSACRE: FIND SHARON AND EITAN CONTRADICT EACH OTHER ON MANY POINTS

By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, Sept. 23 (JTA) -- Israeli papers continued their investigation today into the events at the Sabra and Shatila refugee camps in west Beirut, with a comparison of statements by Defense Minister Ariel Sharon -- especially in his Knesset speech yesterday -- and Chief of Staff Gen. Rafael Eitan, on the one hand, and on the spot interviews with Israeli officers and soldiers, Lebanese army officers and refugee camp residents, on the other hand.

The general feeling is that many questions arise from the statements of Sharon and Eitan, which contradict each other on many points. Thus, Sharon told the Knesset that Phalangist forces had entered the camps from the west and south, and nothing had been learned of what went on until Friday afternoon. But Eitan said the Phalangists entered from the east (where there were no Israeli forces) and the Israelis only learned what was happening on Saturday morning.

These contradictions may be the reason for opposition by both Sharon and Eitan to the establishment of an independent legal committee of investigation. Eitan is said to have threatened to resign if such a committee was appointed.

But the descriptions of both men appear to be at variance with information obtained by Israeli journalists in conversations with Israeli soldiers from units near the camps.

According to these conversations published in many papers, the Phalangists had entered the camps in full coordination with Israeli officers, who had, indeed, stressed that their mission was to seek out terrorists and not to harm civilians.

But news of the slaughter came back to Israeli soldiers early Friday morning. They in turn passed the information on to their superior officers. But somewhere in the higher echelons of authority the early reports were dismissed as "hysterical reactions."

Focus On An Earlier Massacre

Much of the discussion in the press today centered around Sharon's charge in the Knesset yesterday that Labor Party leader Shimon Peres, when he was Defense Minister in the government of Yitzhak Rabin, knew of the Tel El-Za Atar refugee camp massacre in 1975, at which he hinted that Israeli officers were present.

At that time, Christian militia supported by Syrian troops surrounded the camp for months and ultimately slaughtered between 6,000 and 10,000 of its Palestinian residents.

Peres immediately denied the report in the Knesset after Sharon's speech, terming it a libel and a lie. Labor Party Knesset member Chaim Herzog told members that, as Israel's Ambassador to the United Nations at the time, it was he who had drawn attention to the massacre undertaken by the Syrian invaders of Lebanon. The camp was located in Beirut.

Rabin, himself, remained silent yesterday when Sharon levelled his charge. He said today that he had not spoken out because he wanted to refresh his memory from documents covering that period. Having done so, Rabin today described Sharon's charge that Israel was implicated at the time as "completely untrue" and a "despicable libel."

The afternoon newspaper Yediot Aharonot today quoted officers involved at that time in Israeli-Lebanese affairs as also denying the Sharon statement.

They said that while Israeli political and other leaders had paid secret visits to Beirut, at the start of Israeli-Christian relations, and liaison officers from Israel were posted to Lebanese Christian units, no Israeli officers were present at the camp in Beirut or aware of what was happening inside the surrounded camp area.

One officer was quoted as saying that if statements such as those made by Sharon had been made by an Israeli officer, civilian or journalist outside the Knesset, he would be liable for criminal proceedings as having given away state and army secrets, if true.

SEVERAL PROMINENT JEWISH LEADERS CALL ON BEGIN GOVERNMENT TO SET UP COMMISSION OF INQUIRY

By Kevin Freeman

NEW YORK, Sept. 23 (JTA) -- Several prominent leaders in the American Jewish community have called on the government of Premier Menachem Begin to create an independent, impartial commission of inquiry to investigate last week's massacre of Palestinian civilians at the Sabra and Shatila refugee camps in Beirut.

These calls for an inquiry came in the wake of the Knesset vote yesterday to defeat a motion by the opposition Labor party for the creation of such a commission. Begin has strongly opposed an official inquiry on the grounds that it would be an admission of Israeli guilt for the blood bath.

Here in the U.S., the leaders of the American Jewish Congress and the American Jewish Committee issued a joint statement urging the appointment of a commission of "Israelis of outstanding stature to investigate" the massacre.

"For a government to do this is not an admission of guilt," the statement said. "It is an affirmation that a democratic Israel is always ready for a full and free investigation to put accusations to rest and fix responsibilities. It is an act that transcends internal and political considerations."

The joint statement was signed by Maynard Wisniewski, president, and Donald Feldstein, executive vice president, of the American Jewish Committee; and by Howard Squadron, president, and Henry Siegan, executive director, of the American Jewish Congress.

Urges Thorough, Impartial Investigation

A "thorough and impartial" investigation by the Israel government into the massacre was also urged by Jack Spitzer, B'nai B'rith International president. In urging the investigation, he suggested that it be conducted by a panel of distinguished jurists from a cross-section of Israeli political opinion "whose conclusions will be accepted and honored not only by their own countrymen but by fair minded people around the world."

Kenneth Bialkin, national chairman, the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, said he was

not overly concerned with the "legalisms" involved in a commission to investigate the incident at the Palestinian refugee camps as long as the investigation is "honest ... and gives the public the feeling that the information is accurate." Begin reportedly did not rule out "some sort of investigation of the facts," despite the Knesset decision yesterday.

The president of the Association of the Reform Zionists of America (ARZA), Rabbi Roland Gittelsohn, in joining the call for an "impartial and independent inquiry," pointed out that such an investigation was an "urgent necessity ... to establish the truth and to restore the credibility of the government of Israel." Gittelsohn said that, once Israel had made the decision to enter west Beirut, it could "no longer completely absolve itself of all responsibility for the massacre which ensued."

Cranston Cautions Begin

Meanwhile, one of Israel's strongest supporters on Capitol Hill, Sen. Alan Cranston (D. Calif.), yesterday released the text of a letter he sent to Begin stating that "recent behavior of your military forces in Beirut is causing deep concern and expressions of outrage among many of Israel's friends."

"The concern threatens to erode support for Israel in the United States and among the American people," Cranston, the assistant Senate Democratic leader, wrote. "To critics and friends of Israel alike, it increasingly appears that you and General (Ariel) Sharon have substituted naked military force for a balanced foreign policy which should reflect a decent respect for the opinion of mankind."

REPORT UN OBSERVERS KNEW OF MASSACRE EARLY LAST FRIDAY

By Yitzhak Rabi

UNITED NATIONS, NY, Sept. 23 (JTA) — Brian Urquhart, United Nations Undersecretary General for political affairs, said today that UN observers stationed in Beirut obtained the first indication about the massacre of Palestinians in the two refugee camps at 8:30 a.m. Friday, last week. It was the first time that a UN official gave such an early date for knowing about the massacre. There are only 10 UN observers in Beirut.

According to Urquhart, some of the observers saw "some of the corpses" of the massacred Palestinians as early as Friday morning. When asked why the information was not passed on by the observers immediately to UN headquarters in New York, or to the press, Urquhart blamed difficulties in transatlantic communication.

ITALIAN UNIONS BOYCOTTING ISRAELI AIR AND SHIPPING FACILITIES FOLLOWING MASSACRE IN BEIRUT

ROME, Sept. 23 (JTA) — Two Israeli container ships were stranded today in the Livorno port and 76 passengers on an El Al flight had to fend for themselves yesterday at the Rome airport because of a boycott by the powerful federation of Italy's three major trade unions as an aftermath of the massacre of Palestinian refugees in two camps near Beirut.

Normal airport service to transport El Al passengers from the landing point of the planes to the airport terminal and in handling of luggage of passengers has been suspended until October. A spokesman for one of the three unions said the

unionized workers "refuse to furnish any sort of assistance to these flights, with the purpose of boycotting contacts with Israel."

One result of the boycott was to leave Israeli ships with no facilities for loading or unloading cargo. The first ships hit by the boycott were the "Zim Tokyo" and the "Zim Marseilles."

There was no indication how long the ship boycott would last, or what would happen to handling of El Al flights to Rome after October, but the union federation said it would meet again this week to consider widening the boycotts against Israel on a nationwide scale. The unions include members of the Socialist, Social Democratic, Christian Democratic and Communist Parties.

Pierre Carniti, head of the Christian Democratic Union, demanded that the Italian government act promptly to recognize the Palestine Liberation Organization and to establish an embargo on all Israeli air flights and ship travel between Israel and Italy. Because of the airport boycott, the crew of the El Al plane yesterday had to handle the baggage of the 76 passengers.

Meanwhile, the union federation, together with the Communist Mayor of Rome and the PLO representative in Rome, Nemer Hammad, organized a pro-PLO march and rally in Rome yesterday.

ARAB VILLAGES IN ISRAEL RETURN TO NORMAL AFTER THREE DAYS OF MASS DEMONSTRATIONS AND RIOTS

By Hugh Orgel and Gil Sedan

TEL AVIV, Sept. 23 (JTA) — Arab villages throughout Israel returned to normal today after three days of mass demonstrations and riots. Municipal and village employees were clearing up and repairing roads, and removing roadblocks and burned tires. Shops and schools reopened today, and cafes were filled with Arab men playing their traditional and seemingly endless backgammon games.

According to senior police sources, 146 instances of breaking the peace were registered in the three days of demonstrations and riots which reached a peak yesterday. Most of Israel's 680,000 Arabs staged a general strike to protest the massacre in Beirut. The strike, called by Arab mayors, was one of the worst the country has known since its establishment.

Unlike previous eruptions of political violence, this time the demonstrations spread like wild-fire from northern villages all the way down to the politically low key Bedouin areas in the Negev. The worst demonstrations were in Nazareth. At least 130 persons were wounded, some of them by police fire, in the various demonstrations. A total of 46 policemen were wounded by rocks thrown at them by youths, and nine police vehicles and 27 civilian vehicles were wrecked by rioters, and 91 rioters were arrested.

Many Jewish settlements which depend on Arab labor were affected by the general strike. Plants and businesses were forced to slow down their operations or halt them altogether because workers failed to show up.

EL AL GROUNDED FOR 30 DAYS

By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, Sept. 23 (JTA) — El Al's government appointed Board of Directors voted last night to continue the shutdown of the national airline for another 30 days, during which plans will be drawn up for the probable closing down of the airline.

El Al has been grounded since early this month when management reacted to a wildcat strike by halting all passenger flights. The strike was sparked by the dismissal of stewards after they refused to sell tax-free goods to passengers unless they were given higher commissions for the sales. The airline's difficulties in addi-

tion to declining revenues, were compounded when the government banned Sabbath and Jewish holiday flights. The airline Board's plan now is to restructure the company, reopening it on a different basis and possibly even under a new name. The new airline will presumably also not have any Sabbath or holiday flights.

Employees have been told they are now on their annual vacations and will therefore receive wages or salaries at basic rates, without overtime benefits. The Board was reported to have wanted to dismiss many workers but was instructed by the government not to take such drastic steps as the Cabinet is not interested in increasing the unemployment rolls at the present juncture.

A NEW SOURCE OF CONTENTION BETWEEN THE U.S. AND ISRAEL

By David Friedman

WASHINGTON, Sept. 23 (JTA) -- The disposition of the large amounts of weapons found by the Israeli army in west Beirut has become another source of contention between the United States and Israel. State Department spokesman John Hughes said today that if Israel is turning the weapons over to the Christian militias in Lebanon, as has been reported, "we do not think that is a good move." He said the issue is being discussed with Israel.

Hughes explained that under the terms of the agreement worked out by U.S. special Ambassador Philip Habib, the PLO was to have turned over all of its weapons, except personal arms, to the Lebanese government when it left west Beirut last month for other countries. He said that to the extent this was not done, it was a violation of the agreement.

The State Department spokesman said that the arms caches now found by the Israelis in west Beirut could either have belonged to the PLO or to the various militias there. Yesterday, Hughes implied that the arms had belonged to the PLO, although he conceded that was only an assumption.

"In either case, the spirit of the agreement would seem to require that the arms either be turned over to the Lebanese army or removed from Lebanon with the concurrence of the Lebanese authorities," Hughes said.

He said he had no details about the arms except that they were primarily munitions although some weapons were involved. Hughes said he knew nothing about reports from Israel that the Israelis found a helicopter packed in a crate from Libya near the former headquarters of PLO chief Yasir Arafat in west Beirut.

Hughes said that about 800 of an available contingent of 1,200 U.S. marines will enter west Beirut some time this weekend. He said he expected Israeli forces will be out of west Beirut by then although this was not a condition. He noted that French troops are already there.

At the Pentagon today, spokesman Henry Catto said details of the deployment of the multinational force troops are still to be worked out with France, Italy and Lebanon. He indicated that they might be deployed at the Beirut airport. Catto noted that while the U.S. does not "anticipate violence," it cannot rule out the possibility.

At the State Department, meanwhile, Hughes denied vigorously a report that the U.S. has urged Israel's National Religious Party to leave Premier Menachem Begin's governing coalition. "It's absolutely clear that the U.S. is not involving itself in any shape or form in the internal affairs of Israel," Hughes said. "We just want to underscore

that and make that absolutely clear. Any suggestions contending that the U.S. is meddling or interfering in Israel's domestic affairs are absolutely without foundation," Hughes said.

In another development, Hughes said the U.S. plans to sell the Persian Gulf state of Bahrain six jet fighters as part of a \$180 million arms deal. They include two Northrop F-5-E fighters which can be used for training or combat and four Northrop F-5-G Tigershark jet fighters. In addition, six pilots and 100 mechanics from Bahrain will be trained in the U.S. Delivery of the aircraft is scheduled to start in 1986. Hughes noted that the Administration had notified Congress of the sale to Bahrain last April but is sending a new notification because it is substituting F-5-Gs for the F-5-Es which it had originally planned to sell Bahrain.

LATE NEWS BULLETIN

UNITED NATIONS (JTA) -- Brian Urquhart, Undersecretary General for political affairs, issued a correction Thursday afternoon, contending he made "a mistake" when he said earlier in the day that UN observers in Beirut first learned of the massacre of Palestinians by 8:30 a.m., last Friday. They learned of it by 8:30 a.m. last Saturday, Urquhart said in his correction. (Earlier story P. 2.)

SPECIAL SESSION OF UN ASSEMBLY TO SEEK INQUIRY PANEL ON MASSACRE

By Yitzhak Rabi

UNITED NATIONS, Sept. 23 (JTA) -- The special session of the General Assembly on the massacre in Beirut, which is scheduled to open here tomorrow, will seek the establishment of an international panel to investigate the tragedy, sources said today. But, they added, Israel is expected to be condemned for sharing responsibility for the massacre.

The special session which is convening at the request of the non-aligned group at the UN will take place simultaneously with the regular session of the Assembly which opened here Tuesday.

The convening of the special session tomorrow was announced last night by Imre Hollai of Hungary, the newly elected president of the 37th General Assembly. Hollai succeeded Ismat Kittani of Iraq. Unlike Kittani, who refused to meet Israeli Ambassador Yehuda Blum, in violation of UN rules, Hollai told reporters he would see any Ambassador that requests a meeting in his capacity as Assembly president.

3 ISRAELI SOLDIERS MURDERED

TEL AVIV, Sept. 23 (JTA) -- The army magazine, Bamahane, reported in today's issue that the three soldiers who were first reported missing after their tank was hit in west Beirut last week, and later declared dead, had been taken away and shot by unidentified persons. They had first been believed to have burned inside the overturned tank, but a tank crew survivor, who was injured, later reported that they had been alive when he crawled away for help. A search party later found their bodies, shot at close range, hidden in a cellar.

Meanwhile, the army spokesman announced today that four soldiers were wounded last night in west Beirut when two bazooka rockets were fired at an IDF checkpoint southeast of the El Hamra quarter of west Beirut.

WASHINGTON (JTA) -- Vice President George Bush said Thursday that the Arab states must go beyond their "implicit recognition" of Israel contained in the Fez declaration and "state with clarity, as Egypt has, that Israel has a right to exist." Speaking at the National Press Club, he also urged Israel to recognize the legitimate rights of the Palestinian people.

DEPORTATION HEARING FOR TRIFA TO BEGIN IN DETROIT OCTOBER 4

NEW YORK, Sept. 23 (JTA) -- Deportation proceedings against Rumanian Archbishop Valerian Trifa of Grass Lake, Mich. will begin in Detroit on October 4, according to Allen Ryan, director of the Justice Department's Office of Special Investigations. The hearings are expected to last 2-3 weeks. This information was given by Ryan to Dr. Charles Kremer of New York who has been urging the U.S. government to move against Trifa since the archbishop came to the U.S. in the early 1950's.

Ryan said that if the judge finds Trifa is deportable, the judge will ask at the end of the proceedings which country Trifa would like to go to. Government attorneys can also make a recommendation at that time.

Trifa, who was a leader of the Iron Guard in war-time Rumania, is accused of inciting a pogrom in Bucharest in January, 1941. He voluntarily consented to denaturalization in September, 1980 and then appealed that decision to the U.S. Court of Appeals and the Supreme Court. The Appeals Court denied his petition and the Supreme Court refused to hear the case. If Trifa is ordered deported and returns to Rumania, he could face trial there for war crimes.

HEARING ON EXTRADITION OF FORMER NAZI POSTPONED UNTIL OCTOBER 12

By Ben Kayfetz

TORONTO, Sept. 23 (JTA) -- A hearing on extradition of Albert Belmut Rauca, sought by West Germany for war crimes as a former SS Nazi camp commandant, was postponed from September 20 to October 12 in federal court here.

Rauca was arrested here June 17 for alleged participation in the wartime murders of 10,500 Jews in the Kovno ghetto in Lithuania. He was arrested at the request of the West German government.

Rauca's defense attorneys said they would rely, in their efforts to bar his extradition, on a section of Canada's new rights charter, which states that every Canadian citizen has a right to remain in Canada. They said they will contend at the deportation hearing that this means a Canadian citizen cannot be extradited to another country.

David Matas, a Winnipeg attorney active in the Canadian Jewish Congress, which had joined in a futile appeal for denial of bail to Rauca, said his case represented the first time Canada has acted to help extradite an alleged war criminal.

BRUSSELS CONFERENCE ON SOVIET JEWRY DELAYED UNTIL NEXT YEAR

By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, Sept. 23 (JTA) -- The presidency of the Brussels Conference on Soviet Jewry will meet at the end of October in Jerusalem. Leon Dulzin, chairman of the presidium and of the World Zionist Organization Executive, informed members of the presidium. The meeting will take place instead of the Third Brussels Conference for Soviet Jewry which was scheduled to have been held in Versailles, France, at the end of next month.

The new date for the Third Brussels Conference has been set for not later than the spring of 1983, according to a WZO communique. The precise date will be decided at the presidium meeting. Dulzin stressed that the campaign on behalf of

Soviet Jewry should continue at a greater pace, to maintain the continuity of the efforts to help Soviet Jews.

The decision to postpone the conference was taken after telephone consultations between Dulzin and Jewish leaders throughout the world, according to the communique. "The main purpose of the conference was to focus world public opinion on the tragic situation of Soviet Jewry," the communique explained. "The success of the conference, in the short and longer range, depended on the right timing and the ability to secure full success."

In view of world events, the timing of the conference was wrong. "World public opinion is presently occupied with events in Lebanon, in debates around President Reagan's new (Middle East) plan, and the negative position of Arab countries, as it was expressed in the Fez conference."

JEWISH DOCTOR RECEIVES AWARD FOR WORK ON EARLY DETECTION OF CANCER

By Michael Solomon

MONTREAL, Sept. 23 (JTA) -- Dr. Phil Gold, chief physician of the Montreal General Hospital, has been awarded the prestigious Ernest Manning Award for his discovery of carcinoembryonic antigen, a substance secreted by certain cancerous tumors. The \$75,000 award is the first by the Calgary, Alberta-based Manning Foundation.

Gold's discovery, the result of many years of research, lead to the possibility of detecting some types of cancer up to three years earlier than previously possible. Gold, who is also associate director of the McGill Cancer Clinic and a professor of medicine at McGill University, was selected for the award from a list of 172 nominees across Canada.

Gold was born in Montreal in a Jewish family of merchants in the Saint-Laurent area of the city. The Manning Foundation was established to stimulate and recognize innovation in Canada by honoring persons who have created a new concept, process or product.

JOSEPH FRIEDMAN DEAD AT 75

NEW YORK, Sept. 23 (JTA) -- Funeral services were held last Tuesday for Joseph Friedman, long-time financial secretary of the Newark Sholom Aleichem branch of the Farband-Labor Zionist Alliance in Spring Valley, N.Y. Friedman was 75 years old when he died September 13. He is the father of David Friedman, Washington bureau chief of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency.

Born in Poland, Joseph Friedman lived in Newark, N.J. where he operated a clothing store for 25 years before moving to Nanuet, N.Y. 15 years ago. He was active in the Histadrut, Israel Bonds and the Jewish National Fund.

GENEVA (JTA) -- The oil rich Arab states officially boycott Israel and call on Western states to follow suit. But affluent Arabs are not averse to buying goodies from Jewish merchants when the urge seizes them. Thus, Arab sheikhs who cavorted here this summer dropped a royal bundle, a great part of which wound up in Jewish or Israeli-owned shops. Their favorite jeweller was Golay's. Fur coats were purchased at Tiger Royal, owned by the Rabbi brothers, one of whom is married to an Israeli. Clothes were bought at the Anita Smaga Boutique or at the Bon Genie. Medicines were gotten at La Pharmacie Principals. Cigars came from David-off's. One of their very favorite stores for antique jewelry is Aviva's, whose owner is an Israeli. There is of course, the possibility that the Arabs were not aware that these stores were owned by Jews or Israelis, but then...