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## SYRIA HAS REPLACED THE 600 TANKS ISRAEL DESTROYED OR CAPTURED

By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, Oct. 27 (JTA) -- Syria has replaced the 400 tanks destroyed by Israel and the 200 captured during the war in Lebanon from reserve tanks they had held in emergency stores, according to Maj. Gen. Moshe Bar-Kochba, commander of the armored corps.

In an address today on Israel Radio, on the occasion of Tank Day tomorrow, he said that more than 900 of the Syrian tanks of a total of some 1,400 are now stationed in the Bekaa valley in eastern Lebanon, an area which the Syrians consider essential to their national defense.

Bar-Kochba expressed satisfaction with the performance of the Israeli-designed and built Merkava tank. He said additional funds should be spent on its local production rather than using the same amount of money for the purchase of tanks abroad.

## GEMAYEL RAPS ISRAEL FOR PRESSURING HIM TO SIGN A PEACE TREATY

By Judith Kohn

CAIRO, Oct. 27 (JTA) -- Lebanese President Amin Gemayel, in his meeting with Egypt's Foreign Minister in Rome last week, bitterly criticized Israel for pressuring his country to conclude a peace treaty with the Jewish State, according to a report in Egypt's semi-official news daily Al-Ahram.

According to Al-Ahram, a report received by President Hosni Mubarak from Egyptian Foreign Minister Kamal Hassan Ali on the meetings in Rome quotes the Lebanese President as accusing Israel of applying "foolish pressures which demonstrate a total lack of foresight." Gemayel reportedly charged that Israel was attempting to achieve "full normalization of relations on the basis of ensuring the security and interests of Israel alone."

## WEST BANK REFUGEE CAMP UNDER CURFEW

TEL AVIV, Oct. 27 (JTA) -- A curfew was imposed on the Balata refugee camp on the West Bank today after several stone throwing incidents by Arab youths against Israeli army and civilian vehicles. The incidents were sparked by the fatal shooting of an Arab teenager by an Israeli civilian yesterday. The Balata camp is located between Hebron and Bethlehem, south of Jerusalem.

Other stone-throwing incidents were reported throughout the West Bank today in connection with the 40th day of mourning for the victims of the refugee camp massacres in west Beirut last month. Armed escorts in civilian vehicles fired into the air on several occasions to disperse youthful demonstrators.

## THOUSANDS OF EL AL WORKERS AND THEIR FAMILIES SHUT DOWN AIRPORT

By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, Oct. 27 (JTA) -- Thousands of El Al employees and their families forced Ben Gurion Airport to shut down today when they swarmed through the terminal buildings, workshops and hangars and blocked the runways with aircraft and buses which could not be moved because the air

had been let out of their tires. All incoming air traffic was diverted to a military airfield in the Negev.

The non-violent but determined blockage of Israel's only international airport was the El Al workers' response to the government's decision to liquidate the airline unless its employees agree to far-reaching concessions in labor-management relations. Economics Minister Yaacov Meridor called it "pure sabotage."

Histadrut Secretary General Yeruham Meshel said that while he deplored the workers' tactics, they had been "pushed into a corner" by the contradictory statements of government spokesmen with respect to El Al's future and their jobs.

## Scene Resembles A State Fair

The airport resembled a state fair today. El Al workers, accompanied by their wives and children, some of them in prams, strolled along the runways dodging careening fire engines, tractors and oil tank trucks. Children played on the escalators inside the terminal building. Emergency evacuation chutes were dropped out of aircraft doors and used by youngsters as sliding ponds while their parents sat on the aircraft wings.

But the carnival atmosphere masked the calculated sabotage of vital equipment which may keep Ben Gurion Airport immobilized for several days. Workers dismantled runway landing lights and deflated the tires of three jumbo jets and several smaller 707 aircraft which had been taxied athwart the runways.

According to some reports, fluid was bled from some aircraft hydraulic systems. Extensive maintenance work will have to be done before the planes can be returned to service.

## All Cargo Flights Grounded

The police seemed to be helpless, apparently, because of the large numbers of women and children. The situation today was far worse than yesterday when the workers blocked the airport approaches with barriers of burning tires. That kept the passengers of all airlines from reaching their flights. Today's action grounded El Al cargo flights, the only branch of service that continued to operate when management suspended operations six weeks ago in the wake of a wildcat strike by flight attendants.

Without the cargo flights, farmers were unable to export their perishables to European markets. Their loss has been estimated at millions of dollars. The produce and flowers that Israel sells in Europe must be shipped within hours of harvesting.

## Negotiations Scheduled To Be Resumed

The workers said today they would occupy the airport until a minister or other senior government official showed up to answer their questions about El Al's future.

According to the Cabinet decision, the airline would be placed in voluntary liquidation unless the workers agreed to negotiate its reorganization on management terms. A three-week deadline was set. Histadrut and six of the eight El Al workers committees have agreed but the flight attendants and pilots asked more time to consider the ultimatum.

But late this afternoon, the pilots announced their assent and the government followed with an announcement that it would resume negotiations with Histadrut this evening on the future of El Al. The workers hailed that announcement as a victory which justified their disorderly actions at the airport. A government spokesman claimed that the decision to resume talks was made before the airport disruption.

#### EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT ASKS BREZHNEV TO IMMEDIATELY FREE SHCHARANSKY

By Edwin Eytan

PARIS, Oct. 27 (JTA) -- The President of the European Parliament, Piet Dankert, has cabled Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev to ask for the immediate release of Soviet Jewish activist Anatoly Shcharansky who is currently serving a 13-year prison sentence in the Soviet Union. The young Jewish scientist has been on a hunger strike since the eve of Yom Kippur to protest against the conditions of his detention and Jewish sources say his life is in danger.

The European Parliament also denied that its relations with Israel had been "frozen" as a result of the Lebanese war. An official spokesman said the Assembly's Executive has approved the renewal of contacts with Israel's Knesset and that a joint meeting is to take place in early 1983.

This indicates, observers here say, that even if relations have not been completely "frozen" the next meeting between representatives of the two parliamentary bodies has been postponed by a year-and-a-half. The decision to postpone the joint session was reportedly taken to show the European Parliament's "displeasure" and its protest over the Sabra and Shatila camp massacres, last month.

The European Parliament represents the 10 European Economic Community member-states. It used to hold occasional joint working sessions with Israeli parliamentarians. The Knesset has an observer status and Israeli MKs regularly attend the Parliament's session.

The Parliament traditionally adopted strong pro-Israeli resolutions but in recent weeks it has passed a number of motions calling for the creation of a Palestinian homeland and rapping Israel for its intervention in Lebanon.

#### MOSCOW ACTIVIST HARASSED

NEW YORK, Oct. 27 (JTA) -- Soviet KGB officers detained a Jewish activist from Moscow, Inna Speranskaya-Shelmova, after they searched her apartment for seven hours last week, according to reports reaching here from the Soviet capital. The KGB officers confiscated 100 items, including tape recorders, a radio, several copies of the now-banned "samizdat" journal, Jews in the USSR, and 450 Rubles (about \$630). Police also seized two documents related to Dr. Iosif Begun, a friend of Speranskaya-Shelmova.

Begun, a former Soviet Prisoner of Conscience and a refusenik since 1971, who happened to be visiting Moscow and walked into her apartment as it was being searched, was also detained by the KGB. Whatever money Begun had in his pockets was also confiscated, according to the reports. Begun was banished to Siberia in the late 1970's for his Hebrew-language activity. He now lives in the town of Strunino, 60 miles from his former home in Moscow.

In another development in Moscow on Monday, police refused to allow a group of Jewish chess players to join hunger-striking refusenik and International Grandmaster Boris Gulka in a "blitz tournament" to publicize his plight. The group was detained and questioned and later released. Gulko and his wife Anna, both former national Soviet chess champions, began their fast for exit visas October 20.

#### BILL IN KNESSET CALLS FOR END OF CENSORSHIP OF CULTURAL ACTIVITIES IN THE COUNTRY

By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, Oct. 27 (JTA) -- A private members bill calling for the end of censorship of cultural activities in Israel passed its first reading in the Knesset today by a vote of 44-33. Four members of Premier Menachem Begin's coalition joined the opposition in the vote.

The Knesset announced, meanwhile, that it will hold a full scale debate tomorrow on a new satirical production "The Patriot" which the Neve Zedek Theater Group is performing in Tel Aviv in defiance of a ban by the government-appointed film and theatrical censorship board. The debate will also include another controversial anti-establishment play, "The Jewish Soul," now being performed in Haifa. It has annoyed Orthodox and nationalistic groups.

Odded Kotler and Dan Tracz, the artistic and organizational directors respectively of the Neve Zedek group were summoned to police headquarters today to explain why they staged "The Patriot" despite orders to cancel the performances.

A police officer attended the banned performance last night but did not try to stop it. The police are not expected to take any further action. Police sources explained that there are certain contradictions in the artistic censorship law originally promulgated by the British Mandate authorities in 1926.

#### MONTREAL JEWS CONFRONT EDITOR OF ENGLISH DAILY ON BIASED REPORTING

By Michael Solomon

MONTREAL, Oct. 27 (JTA) -- Some 200 members of the Jewish community, angered by a four-month anti-Israel campaign in the form of biased reporting in the city's only English-language newspaper, the Montreal Gazette, invited Mark Harrison, the editor, to participate in a public discussion. The meeting, which took the form of a seminar, was held in the headquarters of the Allied Jewish Community Services.

Harrison conceded that "a few blunders" crept into the newspapers' columns with regard to Israel's incursion into Lebanon but insisted that "most of the reports came from reliable sources and, whatever erroneous reporting was printed, has been subsequently corrected and amended."

Aaron Pollack, a lawyer and president of the Jewish community's task force, disproved Harrison's contention by quoting excerpts from numerous articles published by the Gazette and from its editorials, demonstrating the bias of the newspaper. Harrison insisted that the Gazette did its duty but noted that "the audience was hostile to the Gazette."

#### BEGIN'S DESIRE FOR MILITARY PARADE ON ISRAEL'S INDEPENDENCE DAY STIRS A CONTROVERSY

By David Landau

JERUSALEM, Oct. 27 (JTA) -- Israel's Independence Day is more than six months away but a controversy is already boiling over Premier Menachem Begin's desire for a military parade next April 18 to celebrate the 35th anniversary of the Jewish State. Opinion is split along party lines.

Sources close to the Premier say he wants a parade to boost national morale and create stronger identification between the people and the army.

Opponents argue that the cost would be prohibitive and the display of armed might would allow Israel's enemies to accuse her of militarism.

Begin has pointed out that Independence Day military parades were the rule rather than the exception during the 30 years when the Labor Party governed the country. Labor Party Secretary General Haim Barlev, a former Chief of Staff, said he thought Israel was mature enough to dispense with such spectacles. Barlev stressed that he spoke for himself, not his party. Former Premier Yitzhak Rabin, a Labor MK, said he saw no reason to oppose a parade.

Treasury circles have been quoted anonymously as saying a parade would cost about 400 million Shekels which Israel's staggering economy can ill afford. Begin wants the parade in Jerusalem. Mayor Teddy Kollek, a Laborite, is opposed for both national and urban reasons. A Begin aide, Deputy Minister Dov Shilansky, accused the Laborites of wanting to deprive Begin of the honor of taking the salute at a parade that will be televised nationally and overseas. The opponents hotly deny this.

#### **BENVENISTI WARNS THAT A COMPROMISE OVER THE WEST BANK MUST BE MADE IN THE NEXT 36 MONTHS** By David Friedman

WASHINGTON, Oct. 27 (JTA) -- Meron Benvenisti, former Deputy Mayor of Jerusalem, warned here today that there are about 36 months left to reach a territorial compromise over the West Bank before the Jewish population there becomes so large that such a solution is impossible.

Benvenisti's remarks were made at a meeting sponsored by the American Enterprise Institute at which he discussed his study, "The West Bank Data Project," an analysis of Israel's government policy on the West Bank, expected to be completed soon.

There are 25,000 Jewish settlers on the West Bank now, according to Benvenisti. He said the government of Premier Menachem Begin wants to increase this to 100,000, a number they call the "critical mass." He said the government believes that if there are 100,000 Jewish settlers on the West Bank, no Israeli government would be able to make a territorial compromise because of the large number of Jews living there.

#### Outlines Growth Of Jewish Population

Benvenisti said he believes the 100,000 mark could be reached by 1986 or 1987. "If anything should be done it should be done now," he said. He said it was pointless to quote public opinion polls showing that a majority of Israelis are opposed to territorial compromise on the West Bank.

He recalled that before Camp David, most Israelis opposed giving Sinai back to Egypt. But once Begin brought back the completed accords, a majority of Israelis supported the Sinai withdrawal. If the Israelis are given a "clear choice," they might support territorial compromise on the West Bank, he said.

Benvenisti said the government's method of reaching 100,000 population is to concentrate not on agricultural settlements such as were set up on the West Bank in the past but to build 10 urban centers with a potential for thousands of people. He said the government is providing economic incentives for Israel to go to the territory.

In that connection, Benvenisti noted that the settlements are close to Tel Aviv and Jerusalem and Israelis can obtain housing in them from one-fourth to one-half of what they would pay in Israel proper. He reported that one settlement is advertising

three-level villas for \$90,000 for which a government mortgage covers half. In Israel, such housing would not even be available and if it were it would cost about \$200,000, he said.

Some 3,000-4,000 units are being built each year, housing about 12-15,000 people, Benvenisti said. He noted that even Histadrut companies are building some of the houses. He said that 55-60 percent of the land on the West Bank is now in Jewish hands or is available for Jewish settlement under various laws. He said the government is "in no rush" to take over land still available to it and does so only when the land is needed.

The government does not need to annex the territory because it has established a "quasi-permanent system," Benvenisti said. He said it has created a dual system to govern the West Bank, with Jewish settlers subject to Israeli law and the Arab residents under a new civilian law which has replaced the former military government.

The new civilian law, Benvenisti said, left the military with the powers that Israel has refused to give up to the autonomy authority envisioned under the Camp David agreements. It has abolished the military commander of the West Bank and replaced him by the commander of Israeli forces in the Judea and Samaria regions who is also commander of the Tel Aviv region where his headquarters are located. Benvenisti said that since Camp David, Israel has accelerated this process to create a "fait accompli" for the autonomy negotiations.

#### Lists Some Significant Figures

Benvenisti's study is a pilot project sponsored by City University of New York's Institute for Middle East Peace and Development. Benvenisti listed some significant figures today. He said he found there are some 700,000 Arabs on the West Bank and 500,000 in the Gaza Strip. He said that while the Arab birth-rate on the West Bank is high, the actual increase of Arab population has been only 1.4 percent. The reason is because many Arabs leave the area to work in other countries. He put their number at about 100,000 since 1968.

Benvenisti said that about 50 percent of the West Bank Arab work force works in Israel. Unlike Gaza Arabs who can work in Israel but are restricted from leaving, West Bank Arabs may go abroad to find work when there is a lack of it in the region. Benvenisti also noted that the Jewish growth rate in Israel is 2.3 percent against 3.9 percent for Israeli Arabs.

He said that while the argument in Israel has been over whether to locate Jewish settlements near or away from Arab population centers, the greatest growth of the Arab population on the West Bank has been just outside of Jerusalem rather than in the more distant Samaria's region.

Benvenisti said Israel has not done much to develop the West Bank economically even though 20 percent of its exports go there. He noted that the annual budget for agricultural settlements in the territory is 644 million Shekels while the military development budget is 437 million Shekels.

Benvenisti also pointed out that water is no longer an issue in the territory. He said that Israel is concentrating on urban settlements whose water needs are infinitesimal compared to those of agricultural settlements.

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WASHINGTON (JTA) -- A delegation of Lubavitch Hasidim presented President Reagan with a book of writings on the importance of education by the Lubavitcher Rebbe, Menachem Schneerson.

## BEHIND THE HEADLINES ISRAEL'S FOUR OBJECTIVES IN ITS 'PEACE FOR GALILEE' OPERATION By David Friedman

WASHINGTON, Oct. 27 (JTA) — An Israeli military analyst gave the unique view of the Israeli military toward the "Peace for Galilee" operation at a recent question-and-answer session sponsored by the American Enterprise Institute, a Washington think tank. The analyst, whose name cannot be used, said Israel had accomplished two of its four objectives in Lebanon.

The first objective was to provide security for its northern border and for south Lebanon from the Palestine Liberation Organization terrorists, the analyst said. He noted that the PLO was moving from just terrorism to a force that was developing military capability. Because of this, Israel would have had to act eventually even if the assassination attempt on the Israeli Ambassador in London, Shlomo Argov, had not been made last June, the analyst said.

Israel's second objective was the destruction of the infrastructure created by the PLO and used as military and terrorist bases.

Israel's last two objectives have not been accomplished but Israel has created the conditions for them to be carried out, the analyst said. To accomplish them requires the help of others, especially the United States, he stressed. One is the withdrawal of the Syrian and PLO "foreign occupying forces" and the other is to help Lebanon establish a government that can exercise sovereignty over the country.

### Cites Two By-Products

The analyst said he saw two "by-products" from the Israeli action. He pointed out the first was in superpower influence. During the last decade Soviet influence increased in the Mideast while American influence declined, according to the Israeli. But he said that in Lebanon not only were two Soviet clients Syria and the PLO — defeated, but the Soviets did nothing to help them.

He said the U.S. is perceived as the only country that can "exert influence or pressure" on the situation in the Middle East and get results. He said whether the U.S. will benefit from this situation depends on whether it uses its influence to bring about positive results in Lebanon and in the general Mideast peace effort.

The second by-product, according to the analyst, was that the PLO has lost its independent base which it had in Lebanon and is now subject to host countries. He said while the PLO is now enjoying popularity because of Western feelings for the underdog, it will eventually realize it has lost stature and influence.

The analyst said as a result of this change in status the PLO might return to terrorism, in which case it would be a "pain in the neck" to Israel but even a greater one to the Arab countries; or it might try to work out a new policy. He said the first sign of a change may be the recent meeting PLO chief Yasir Arafat had with his long-time enemy, King Hussein of Jordan.

### Basis For Israel's Victory

The analyst rejected the argument that has been voiced in the United States that the Israeli victory in Lebanon proved the superiority of American weapons over Soviet arms. He noted the Israeli victory was due to the equipment, the excellent training of the Israeli troops and their motivation.

He said the Soviets did not give their "top grade" arms to the PLO and the Syrians. But at the same time, he pointed out that the Soviet tanks are in many ways superior to Western tanks and the Soviet planes are

good, although their electronic systems for missiles are not as good as the U.S. systems.

The official noted that the Arab countries receive top grade equipment from the West as well as from the Soviets. He said the case of Iraq has shown that some of these countries given large quantities of arms will be tempted to use them.

The analyst warned against U.S. sales of arms to Jordan which is expected to occur late this year. He said an F-15 or F-16 could be over Israel in a minute after leaving a Jordanian base. There has been opposition here to giving Jordan mobile missiles. But, the analyst noted that a fixed missile placed on top of one of the Jordanian mountains could endanger Israel from Jerusalem to Eilat.

### BRONFMAN LAUDS JEWISH DEMOCRACY IN ISRAEL AND IN THE DIASPORA

TORONTO, Oct. 27 (JTA) — Edgar Bronfman, president of the World Jewish Congress, told the delegates at the B'nai B'rith International convention here last week that recent events "have marked a watershed in Israeli-diaspora relations" and that the Jewish people have responded in the best tradition "of democracy, humanitarianism, and decency."

Declaring unrelenting "support for the idea and the State that is Israel," Bronfman said "we take pride in its commitment to the democratic process and its determination to examine, question and even criticize itself." He noted that "this process places on us an obligation to examine in a constructive and critical way government policies or actions which affect Jewish life in the Diaspora as well as Israel."

Bronfman asserted that "our approach has never been selective, aimed solely at one party or one government — whether it be the government of David Ben Gurion, Levi Eshkol, Golda Meir, Yitzhak Rabin, or Menachem Begin."

### Sees Fresh Momentum For Peace

Bronfman stated that he had joined with B'nai B'rith in welcoming President Reagan's initiative of September 1 and commended it "for giving fresh momentum for the search for Middle East peace." He cautioned against the view that initial reactions signaled an impasse in the peace process: "Total rejectionism, whether it comes from the Arabs in Foz or the Israelis in Jerusalem must be regarded as opening bargaining positions in a renewed set of progressive negotiations."

Expressing belief that "signs are pointing in the right direction," Bronfman referred to the positive process of self-examination that organized Jewry is undergoing: "We are asking ourselves whether it makes sense defensively to organize our lives and plans around a few anti-Semitic outlaws who do terrible things, rather than walking proudly among the free people of the world, most of whom deplore as much as we do these outrages."

On the subject of Soviet Jewry, Bronfman stressed the close cooperation of the WJC and B'nai B'rith in adopting a position "opposing neo-cold-war gestures and yet equally opposing the misled, if not soft-headed, approaches of the Billy Grahams."

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TEL AVIV (JTA) — A new exhibit of the Jews of Poland has been prepared in the framework of the Ichhak Grunbaum Center for Research of the History of Polish Jewry at Tel Aviv University. The exhibit, including 60 photographs, depicts those synagogues in Cracow that survived the Holocaust and other facets of the dwindling Jewish life that remains in Poland after World War II.