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## PARATROOP OFFICER TELLS INQUIRY PANEL EITAN ALLOWED PHALANGISTS TO OPERATE IN CAMPS AFTER IT WAS REPORTED CIVILIANS WERE BEING HARMED By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, Nov. 7 (JTA) -- Gen. Amos Yaron, commander of Israeli forces in Beirut during the refugee camps massacres, told the commission of inquiry today that Chief of Staff Gen. Rafael Eitan permitted the Phalangists to continue their operations in the camps a day after it was reported that civilians were being harmed and had congratulated them for doing "a good job."

Yaron, a paratroop officer testified at an open session of the commission and then continued his testimony in closed session. Premier Menachem Begin is scheduled to testify before the panel tomorrow.

At the open session of the panel, Yaron said that "alarming reports began to come in" by Thursday night, September 16, that Christian Phalangists who entered the camps earlier in the day were going beyond their mission to round up suspected terrorists. The report of civilian casualties increased on September 17 whereupon Yaron telephoned his superior, Gen. Amin Dori, commander of the northern front. Yaron testified that on his recommendation, Dori ordered a halt to the Phalangists operation and summoned Eitan to Beirut.

### Says Eitan Congratulated Phalangists

They accompanied Eitan to Phalangist headquarters where, according to Yaron, the Israeli Chief of Staff told the Phalangists that they had "done a good job" and said their operation could continue until Saturday morning.

Yaron was the first witness to appear before the commission accompanied by two lawyers whom he described as his "advisors." He said that he learned on September 16, that the Phalangists would be allowed to enter the Sabra and Shatila refugee camps in west Beirut and that his orders, from the northern command, were to "coordinate" their entry. Yaron said that on the basis of his orders he treated the Phalangists as "a foreign force with which the Israeli forces should "coordinate operationally."

Yaron explained that the purpose of the coordination was to make sure that the Phalangists did not enter areas under control of the Israeli Defense Force and that they did not shoot at each other. He said that during the "coordination session" with the Phalangists he warned them specifically not to hurt civilians because he knew "their patterns of behavior" which were different from those of the IDF.

"In the back of my mind I remembered that it was just after the murder of Bashir," Yaron told the commission. He was referring to the assassination of Lebanon's President-elect, Bashir Gemayel, leader of the Christian Phalangists, on Tuesday, September 14.

"As long as the operation took place in cooperation with us, I told them, they should be warned not to hurt the civilian population and those who gave themselves up," Yaron said.

He said that at the first stage, it was agreed that the Phalangists should enter only the southern part of the Shatila camp. In addition to warning them against mistreating civilians, Yaron said he took other precautionary measures to make sure the Phalangists did not deviate from their mission which was to seek out suspected terrorists hiding in the camps.

He said he posted observers at points overlooking the camps and made sure that the IDF listened in on Phalangist radio communications. By the night of September 16 he began receiving reports of civilian casualties and other indications that the operation was exceeding its limits. One such indication, he said, was a Phalangist radio order to its forces in the camps to "do what God has ordered us to do."

### Says He Had His Orders

Yaron testified that on the night of September 17 he was still receiving reports that refugees were fleeing the camps because murders had been committed. But he told the officers who brought him the reports that he had his orders that the Phalangists should remain in the camps until Saturday morning, September 18.

Asked when he understood for the first time that "something serious" had happened in the camps, Yaron replied "not until Monday (October 20). I did not follow the TV and radio reports. The first indication of the scope of the case I received only Friday morning and Saturday night -- but from journalists."

### REPORT CONTACTS UNDER WAY FOR SOME TIME BETWEEN ISRAEL LABOR PARTY AND WEST BANK NOTABLES By David Landau

JERUSALEM, Nov. 7 (JTA) -- Contacts have been under way for some time between leaders of the opposition Labor Party and prominent West Bank public figures. The latter have also been in contact with King Hussein of Jordan in an apparent effort to lay the groundwork for possible negotiations between Israel, Jordan and Palestinians aimed toward a peace settlement.

Spokesmen for Premier Menachem Begin's government have taken a strongly negative view of these developments and are chastizing the Laborites. The latter are cautiously hopeful but stress that positions are still very far apart.

Mayor Elias Freij, of Bethlehem, the leading Palestinian moderate on the West Bank, just returned from Amman where he was received by Hussein and Jordan's Crown Prince Hassan. In an interview published in the Jerusalem Post today, he expressed great optimism over the prospects for progress toward negotiations and predicted that there could be a settlement by early next year. Freij played down Hussein's reported comment last month that he would never negotiate with the Begin government, noting that the Jordanian ruler had made no such statement in his interview with the BBC in London last Thursday.

The Jordanian monarch, in an interview with the BBC, said that PLO recognition of Israel "would re-

an obstacle in the way of having all the doors open to us -- and I'm not talking just about Israel but the United States, too." The U.S. has repeatedly said it will not talk with the PLO until that organization recognizes Israel's right to exist and accepts United Nations Security Council Resolutions 242 and 338. Freij, in referring to the BBC interview, told The Jerusalem Post that the Jordanian-PLO rapprochement indicated that things were "moving in the right direction." He said that Hussein was focussing on President Reagan's Middle East peace proposals, noting that the Jordanian monarch is scheduled to visit Washington later this month. He confirmed reports that a prominent West Banker, Bassam Kanaan of Nablus, has been in separate contacts with Labor Party chairman Shimon Peres and King Hussein.

This was reported by Israel television last Thursday night. Kanaan reportedly was told by Hussein that while the Allon plan was unacceptable, Jordan would be prepared to negotiate security arrangements with Israel along the Jordan River. The Allon plan, proposed years ago by the late Laborite Foreign Minister Yigal Allon, called for a string of Israeli security settlements along the river while the heavily Arab-populated West Bank hinterland would revert to Arab control.

#### Reactions To Hussein's Remarks

According to the TV report, Hussein, despite his reservations, urged Kanaan to continue his contacts with the Laborites. Gad Yaacobi, a former Cabinet minister in Labor-led governments, said Hussein's remarks were positive but still fell short of an expression of readiness by Jordan and the West Bank and Gaza Palestinians to negotiate with Israel.

He said a Labor government would be prepared to negotiate on the basis of two states -- Israel and Jordan -- but not on the basis of three -- Israel, Jordan and a Palestinian state between them. He said there was no basis for negotiations between Israel and the PLO even if the latter repudiated terrorism. Speaking for the government, Deputy Agriculture Minister, Michael Dekel, contended that Hussein and the PLO were still plotting the destruction of Israel in stages. Hussein was urging the PLO to recognize Israel in its 1948 boundaries, not in defensible boundaries, Dekel claimed.

Another senior government official told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that he knew nothing of indirect contacts between Labor leaders and Hussein, through Kanaan, until the TV report. The official accused Peres of "hawking Israel's wares cheaper than the government."

But Peres warned on television last night that Israel must move "fast" to negotiate with Jordan. He said if the PLO were to adopt a moderate stance, the United States would insist that it be brought into the negotiating process.

#### ARENS QUESTIONS TIMING OF U.S. BLAST AGAINST ISRAEL ON THE ISSUE OF WEST BANK SETTLEMENTS

By David Friedman

WASHINGTON, Nov. 7 (JTA) -- Ambassador Moshe Arens of Israel, in an hour-long meeting with Secretary of State George Shultz, questioned the timing of a Reagan Administration public denunciation of Israel's West Bank settlement policy.

Arens, who met with Shultz last Thursday afternoon, asked him why the State Department

had issued a statement earlier in the day based on remarks by Israeli Deputy Premier and Housing Minister David Levy that five to eight new settlements would be set up soon. Levy made the remarks during a visit to the West Bank.

The U.S. statement called the announcement "unwelcome" and charged that "Israel persists in a pattern of activity which erodes the confidence of all and most particularly the Palestinians of the West Bank and Gaza in the possibilities for a just and fairly negotiated outcome to the peace process." President Reagan, in the peace proposals for the Middle East he announced September 1, called for a freeze on settlements.

Arens pointed out that only the Israeli Cabinet can decide on new settlements and that no decision has yet been made. The Shultz-Arens meeting was chiefly devoted to a discussion of the situation in Lebanon and Egyptian-Israeli relations, the Israeli envoy said.

At the State Department Friday, spokesman John Hughes said the Department statement issued Thursday was based on Levy's remarks. "We were responding to what we understood was to be the announcement of new and additional settlements," Hughes said.

#### Prospects For Negotiations

On other matters, Hughes said the U.S. has agreed to a request by Foreign Minister Kamal Hassan Ali of Egypt that the U.S. join Egypt and Israel in talks about the Tabá region, a small parcel of land near Eilat which has been in dispute between Israel and Egypt since Israel completed its withdrawal from Sinai last April. Israel has said it will not enter negotiations on the Tabá issue unless the negotiations include the issues of autonomy and the normalization process.

Meanwhile, former Secretary of State Henry Kissinger said in New York last Friday that he supports a moratorium on new Israeli settlements on the West Bank. He also expressed optimism, at a meeting of the Association for a Better New York, that conditions for Mideast peace negotiations "have never been better."

Those conditions, Kissinger said, include the border security Israel feels it achieved following the war in Lebanon, the recognition by Palestinians and their supporters that Soviet support is "meaningless in a crisis," and an awareness that American weapons "seems to be technologically ahead of the new generation of Soviet weapons."

#### ARAB-SPONSORED ATTEMPT TO OUST ISRAEL FROM ITU FAILS

PARIS, Nov. 7 (JTA) -- An Arab-sponsored attempt to oust Israel from the International Telecommunications Union (ITU) for its actions in Lebanon this summer failed as the six-week meeting of the ITU in Nairobi, Kenya concluded yesterday with Israel remaining a member of the United Nations technical agency.

The Arab-inspired resolution, which sought to exclude Israel from the UN agency "as long as Israel does not fulfill its international obligations," was thwarted in part by the efforts of the Reagan Administration.

Secretary of State George Shultz issued a stern warning against any attempt to bar Israel's participation from any UN agency and said the U.S. would walk out of the ITU conference and withdraw all U.S. funding should such a move succeed. The U.S. provides \$3.2 million, or seven percent of the ITU's current \$46 million budget.

Nevertheless, an amended version of the Arab-sponsored resolution was adopted during the meeting by a vote of 84-31 with 13 abstentions, condemning the "continuing violation by Israel of the international law and the massacres of Palestinian and Lebanese civilians."

The amendment was sponsored by Australia, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg,

Norway and England. The U.S. voted against the amended version of the resolution because it was "objectionable and unbalanced."

#### FOREIGN MINISTER OF ECUADOR REASSURES JEWISH COMMUNITY FOLLOWING ANTI-SEMITIC INCIDENTS

NEW YORK, Nov. 7 (JTA) -- The Jewish community of Ecuador has been given assurances by Foreign Minister Luis Valencia Rodriguez that its safety and well-being will be protected in the wake of a recent number of anti-Jewish incidents described as "unprecedented" in that South American country, the World Jewish Congress reported.

Valencia met in Quito with a delegation consisting of Manuel Tenenbaum, director of the Latin American Jewish Congress, Pedro Steiner, president of the Asociacion Israelita, and Manuel Grubel, president of the B'nai B'rith in Quito. According to Tenenbaum, who flew to Ecuador for the meeting, the Foreign Minister stressed the "firm determination of President Hurtado's government to guarantee the security and tranquility of the Jewish community."

The 1,000-member Jewish community of Ecuador, living mainly in the capital, was shaken in recent weeks by a series of anti-Semitic incidents in the country. On September 22, stones were thrown at the home of the Honorary Consul of Israel in the coastal city of Guayaquil, smashing windows. On the same day, the Israel Embassy in Quito was stoned and its windows broken. A day earlier, a bomb exploded in front of the Asociacion Israelita's community center.

In addition to the violence, harsh anti-Israel statements with anti-Semitic connotations have appeared in the local press and anti-Israel demonstrations have been held in the streets. The Foreign Minister linked those events to general agitation in the country which he ascribed to "leftists." He also expressed "great friendship toward Israel," the WJC reported.

#### ACCUSED WARTIME MURDERER ORDERED EXTRADITED TO WEST GERMANY

By Ben Kayfetz

TORONTO, Nov. 7 (JTA) -- An order for the extradition to West Germany of a former gestapo officer accused of the wartime murder of more than 11,000 Jews in occupied Lithuania, the first Canadian action to extradite a war criminal, was issued here last Thursday against Albert Helmut Rauca by Chief Justice Gregory Evans of the Ontario Supreme Court.

The reading of the order, to send Rauca, 74, back to West Germany to face trial on the war crimes charges, took 30 minutes. Justice Evans dismissed arguments of Rauca's defense counsel that Canada's new Charter of Rights has a section which guarantees that "every citizen of Canada (has) the right to enter, remain in and leave Canada."

The defense counsel did not, at a hearing three weeks ago, challenge the evidence presented of the killings of the Jews in Kovno, relying on the contention that trials of Canadian citizens should be held not abroad but in Canada under the War Crimes Act and Geneva Convention.

Justice Evans ruled that under the Canadian Constitution an individual's rights and freedoms were not absolute. He cited a clause which makes individual rights in Canada "subject only to such reasonable limits prescribed by law as can be demonstrably justified in a free and democratic society."

Rauca has 15 days before the extradition order is to be implemented. His attorneys have indicated that they may appeal the extradition order to the Canadian Federal Court and, if that fails, possibly to the Canadian Cabinet.

Under a separate proceeding, Rauca could be stripped of his Canadian citizenship if authorities can prove he lied about his past when he migrated to Canada more than 30 years ago, becoming a Canadian citizen in 1956. Rauca was arrested here June 17 at the request of the West German government, which has sought him since 1961. Canadian law enforcement agencies began searching for him, and found him last June.

#### UJA DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION PROGRAMS WINS 2 MEDALS FOR FILMS

NEW YORK, Nov. 7 (JTA) -- Two films, written, composed, directed and produced by Issachar Miron, a winner of Israel's coveted "Engle Music Award" and a laureate of the American Society of Composers, Authors and Producers "Deems Taylor Award" for creative writing, won two honors at the 25th International Film and TV Festival, held in New York. The films were chosen out of some 4,000 entries submitted by filmmakers from over 40 countries. Miron, best known for his Israeli, international hit, "Tzena, Tzena, Tzena," serves as the national director of creative and educational programs of the United Jewish Appeal, in which capacity he has created over 100 dramatic-musical productions designed to enhance UJA/Federation campaigns.

"San Francisco, My San Francisco, Is Jerusalem By The Golden Gate," a cinematic five generation oral-history feature won the Silver Medal in three categories: history and biography, social welfare, and fundraising documentary. The film reveals why early Jewish settlers in the west were accepted into the highest strata of society without sacrificing their history-making zeal to be in the forefront of every humanitarian, philanthropic and business activity benefitting the evolving San Francisco community. Maurice Carrier, major gifts director of the UJA, was the film's executive producer.

"Casting Light," a cinematic introduction to Israel for the UJA missions starring Herschel Bernardi, won for Miron a Bronze Medal in three categories: education, social welfare, and documentary. Howard Stone, director of the overseas programs department, was the film's executive producer.

Miron served during the Israeli War of Independence as the officer-in-chief of arts, humanities and entertainment programs of the Israel Defense Forces. He was Israel's first national deputy director of music education, and the chairman of the music faculty of the Jewish Teachers Seminary and the Herzliyah Institute of New York. Miron has been elected a fellow of the Jewish Academy of Arts and Sciences and the American National Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences.

#### ZIONIST LEADER SEEKS KLM APOLOGY

NEW YORK, Nov. 7 (JTA) -- Mrs. Charlotte Jacobson, chairman of the World Zionist Organization-American Section, has criticized the large KLM Royal Dutch Airlines display advertisement in The New York Times of October 28 that erased Tel Aviv from the list of Middle East, Far East and African cities to which KLM flies.

Mrs. Jacobson in her letter to Sergio Orlandini, President of KLM Royal Dutch Airlines, said, in part:

"If Tel Aviv does not exist for KLM, perhaps the Jewish people should be advised that KLM should not exist as an airline for Jews. I believe an apology and a correction are in order." A copy of this letter was also sent to J.J. Dekker, general manager for North America, for KLM Airlines.

## RUMANIA PROMULGATES NEW REGULATIONS THAT MAKE IT MORE DIFFICULT FOR JEWS TO EMIGRATE

By David Landau

JERUSALEM, Nov. 7 (JTA) -- Jewish Agency chairman Leon Dulzin vowed today to "fight with all our strength" against newly promulgated regulations in Rumania that threaten drastically to curtail Jewish emigration from there. "As we succeeded in the past against the Russians, so too we will succeed again," Dulzin said in a sharp statement issued in Jerusalem.

The new Rumanian rules require would-be emigrants to pay back to the state, in hard currency, everything spent on them over the years for health, education and other state welfare cares. According to top Israeli experts, the regulation will mean in practice a very substantial sum in dollars to be paid by each and every Rumanian seeking to leave the country.

### Caught By Surprise

The new regulations caught both Israel's government and the Jewish Agency entirely by surprise, it is reliably learned here. There was no word of their impending promulgation mentioned during recent contacts, through intermediaries, between Premier Menachem Begin and Rumanian President Nicolae Ceausescu.

Israel Radio reported today that a senior Rumanian minister had visited Jerusalem recently on a mission from the President to the Premier. Some weeks ago, Begin's Director-General, Mattityahu Shmuelievitz, undertook a similar mission--unpublished at the time -- to Bucharest.

These quiet diplomacy contacts are understood to be in the context of Ceausescu's long-standing and ongoing efforts to play a role in Mideast peacemaking, and especially to act as middle-man between Israelis and Palestinians.

Dulzin in his statement today noted that in 1982 some 1,500 Rumanian Jews are making aliya to Israel. "But there are thousands more waiting to leave," he added. "We will not rest until all Rumanian Jews who wish to do so are enabled to come home."

## MITTERRAND TO INTERCEDE WITH SOVIETS ON BEHALF OF SHCHARANSKY

By Edwin Eytan

PARIS, Nov. 7 (JTA) -- President Francois Mitterrand has promised to intercede with Soviet authorities on behalf of Jewish Prisoner of Conscience Anatoly Shcharansky who began an indefinite hunger strike on the eve of Yom Kippur. Government sources said that Mitterrand was "deeply moved" by the plea of Shcharansky's friends in France and also fully realized the "symbolic importance" of the case.

The President last week met with some of Shcharansky's supporters, a group of scientists and intellectuals led by mathematician Laurent Schwartz, who described in detail the condition of Shcharansky's imprisonment, his hunger strike and his rapidly deteriorating health.

Several French political parties, including the Socialists, the Gaullists and the main trade unions, have appealed to Mitterrand to inform the Soviet Union of France's concern about Shcharansky. The Catholic Church and the Protestant Federation joined France's Chief Rabbi in asking for the French government's intervention on the Jewish prisoner's behalf.

At the same time, the Communist Party Secretary General Georges Marchais announced that

he is "fully conscious" of Shcharansky's serious condition and said that he and the party are acting on behalf of Shcharansky. It is believed that Marchais has personally appealed to Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev, warning him that the Shcharansky case is seriously harming the Communist cause in France and in the rest of Western Europe.

Meanwhile, Soviet human rights advocate Andrei Sakharov has appealed to Pope John Paul II, Italian Communist Party leader Enrico Berlinguer and Mitterrand to assist in saving Shcharansky's life. The open letter, which was given to foreign journalists in Moscow on October 30 by Sakharov's wife, Yelena Bonner, said that Shcharansky's life is in "extreme danger" because of his hunger strike but that he could be saved by world public pressure exerted on Soviet authorities.

## SHCHARANSKY SOLIDARITY FAST-ENDS

NEW YORK, Nov. 7 (JTA) -- A fast in solidarity with Soviet Jewish Prisoner of Conscience Anatoly Shcharansky ended here last Friday after six days. The fast was held in front of the Soviet Mission to the United Nations by students and faculty members from Yeshiva University and Stern College. Hundreds of students from both institutions demonstrated each day of the fast and participated in "sidewalk classes."

The fast ended with Rabbi Avraham Weiss, of Stern College and the Hebrew Institute of Riverdale (N.Y.), reading Psalm 27, which Shcharansky has indicated he recites often in Chistopol Prison where he began a hunger strike on the eve of Yom Kippur. The Psalm says, in part: "The Lord is my light and salvation; whom shall I fear? ... When evildoers drew near to eat my flesh, they stumbled and fell ... Deliver me not over to the will of my adversaries, for false witnesses have risen against me."

Weiss, who conducted classes daily in front of the Soviet Mission, said he undertook the fast as a personal gesture "to feel some of Shcharansky's pain. We must all carry some of his burden." The six-day solidarity fast was organized by the Student Struggle for Soviet Jewry (SSSJ) as part of a daily vigil in front of the Mission for Shcharansky which began October 1. A spokesman for the SSSJ said that although the solidarity fast has ended, the vigil will continue.

Meanwhile, the SSSJ reported that the Canadian Parliament passed a resolution in support of Shcharansky last Thursday. The measure was sponsored by former Foreign Minister Flora MacDonald. Two months ago, members of a delegation she headed to the Soviet Union were beaten by KGB agents as they attempted to visit a Leningrad refusenik, the SSSJ reported.

## ANTI-SEMITIC INCIDENTS REPORTED

PARIS, Nov. 7 (JTA) -- Swastikas and anti-Semitic slogans were daubed on Jewish-owned stores in the Paris suburb of Garges-les-Gonesse last week. Police said that nine Jewish store owners filed complaints last Friday after they found their shop windows marked with anti-Semitic slogans. At the same time, a three-foot-high swastika and the slogan "France for Frenchmen only" were drawn on the walls of the small city's underground parking garage.

Several non-Jewish local political personalities also had their walls daubed with hostile slogans and a workshop belonging to the city's Socialist mayor was burned down as a result of criminal arson. There have been no arrests up till now and police say they have few clues in their investigation.

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There will be no Daily News Bulletin dated November 11, Veterans Day, a postal holiday.