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SHARON BLAMES U.S. FOR IMPASSE IN ISRAELI-LEBANESE NEGOTIATIONS

By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, Dec. 15 (JTA) -- Defense Minister Ariel Sharon blamed the United States for the impasse in negotiations between Israel and Lebanon.

Addressing a gathering of West Bank settlers yesterday, Sharon contended that while the U.S. and Israel had "identical interests," Washington was hindering the peace process by linking the Lebanon problem with implementation of President Reagan's plan for the West Bank. The Reagan plan, announced last September, called for a Palestinian entity associated with Jordan and urged Israel to freeze its West Bank settlement activities.

Sharon, for his part, urged massive Jewish settlement in the territory, especially in the mountainous areas where the bulk of the Arab population is concentrated. He stressed that the West Bank would not be annexed to Israel but intimated that it would not be necessary. If the rate of settlement is increased, "by the end of the decade tens of thousands and possibly hundreds of thousands of Jewish settlers will live here," he said.

According to Sharon, Israel and Lebanon are close to an agreement on security problems. But these, as well as the question of a peace agreement and normal relations can only be solved by direct negotiations between the two countries, he said. He believed, however, that shuttle diplomacy with the U.S. acting as go-betweens, could achieve the withdrawal of all foreign forces from Lebanon.

POLICE ON ALERT FOR POSSIBLE TERRORIST ACTS

By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, Dec. 15 (JTA) -- Police have warned residents of the Tel Aviv area to be on special alert for suspicious parcels, on the basis of intelligence information received about possible terrorist attempts in the coming days.

A small explosive charge went off yesterday in a bus in Herzlia north of Tel Aviv. Some damage was caused to the vehicle but no casualties, as passengers had been evacuated from the bus seconds before it went off.

A passenger noticed a parcel left under a rear seat and called the driver, who, against all regulations, opened the parcel himself. On seeing a clock and wires inside he ordered all passengers off the vehicle. It exploded before police engineers could arrive to defuse the bomb. Half a dozen bomb parcels have been left in Tel Aviv area bus stations in the past three weeks.

ARGENTINE RABBI HOPES SHAMIR'S VISIT THERE WILL CAST LIGHT ON THE FATE OF MISSING JEWS

By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, Dec. 15 (JTA) -- Rabbi Marshall Meyer, a leader of Argentina's Jewish community, expressed cautious hope today that Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir's current visit to Argentina would cast some light on the fate of the hundreds of Jews among the thousands of other Argentine citizens who have disappeared in recent years during that country's political turmoil.

The Conservative rabbi, a delegate to the 30th World Zionist Congress now in session in Jerusalem, indicated in a Voice of Israel Radio interview that he expected Shamir to make public a list of missing Argentine Jews. Before leaving for Buenos Aires last Sunday, Shamir promised to raise the issue of missing Jews with Argentine officials, though he stressed it was a delicate matter which he preferred not to discuss in public before his departure.

Meyer said he hoped Shamir's expected announcement would help in some way. "I would hope that other foreign ministers of countries whose co-religionists or co-nationals have disappeared would make similar announcements," he said, adding that he was concerned not only with the fate of Jews but of all persons who have disappeared in Argentina.

Meyer noted that the names of 6,000 missing persons have been registered and published by the Human Rights Commission of the Organization of American States (OAS) but with no real effect up to now. "I am rather dubious and sceptical as to whether the forthcoming announcement by the Minister (Shamir) will have any effect," he said. He observed, however, that the publication of the OAS list and other lists might have a cumulative influence.

Reports from Buenos Aires said that Shamir met yesterday with President Reynaldo Bignone and Foreign Minister Aguirre Lanari. According to an Israel Embassy spokesman there, Shamir stressed Israel's ties to Argentina which has the largest Jewish population in the western hemisphere outside of the United States. Diplomatic sources said the aim of Shamir's visit was to counter Argentina's increasingly close relations with many Arab countries.

REVEAL SARTRE DEFENDED MASSACRE OF ISRAELIS AT MUNICH OLYMPICS

By Arnold Ages

TORONTO, Dec. 15 (JTA) -- French literary and political circles were stunned recently when it was revealed that in a little known article written in 1972 the eminent French philosopher and novelist Jean-Paul Sartre had defended the massacre of Israeli athletes at the 1972 Olympic Games in Munich.

Until his death two years ago, Sartre was internationally recognized as one of the world's greatest figures in literature and philosophy. A playwright, essayist, journalist and critic, Sartre was also deeply involved in leftist circles. After World War II Sartre wrote "Anti-Semitism and Jews," a seminal work on the psychodynamics of anti-Semitism.

Sartre was always meticulously fair in his discussions about the Mideast. He had been to Israel, had many Israeli friends and on one occasion used the pages of Le Temps Moderne, a French monthly to bring together Arab and Israeli intellectuals for a symposium on the elusive search for peace in the Mideast.

While critical of certain aspects of Israeli politics, Sartre was always careful to eschew the extreme rhetorical modes of some of his leftist allies. Until 1972.

Then, in an issue of a little known Maoist publication called "Cause de Peuple - J'accuse," Sartre wrote an article which, for reasons that are unknown, aroused virtually no comment and which disappeared quickly from public scrutiny. The article

has now surfaced as a result of Sartre specialists in France who are collecting everything which the "master" ever wrote. The explosive piece was reprinted in toto in a recent number of the Paris weekly "Les Nouvelles Littéraires."

In his article in the Maoist review Sartre justified the massacre of the Israeli athletes at Munich by arguing that a state of war existed between Israel's "establishment" and the Palestinians.

Sartre said that in this uneven combat the only effective weapons which the terrorists can muster is terrorism. In his polemic on behalf of the assassins, Sartre made the comparison between the revolutionary forces that fought the French in Algeria and the Palestinian struggle against Israel. One cannot support the first, he said, without the second.

Sartre admitted that the terrorism weapon is execrable but that it is the only thing which "poor and oppressed people" have recourse to. The Palestinians, he argued further, chose the Olympics as a venue for their deed because it had world significance. "Denied representation at the UN, they were forced to choose this method to publicize their cause," he wrote.

After castigating the Israeli government for its inflexibility in the Munich affair, Sartre said: "Thus the Olympic Games attack showed everyone the despair of the Palestinian fighters and the horrible courage which this despair gives them. It does not tactically advance their cause but it demonstrates it and proves better than any UN speeches that the Palestinian problem must be resolved immediately and that the Palestinian problem has become everyone's problem."

Article Called A 'Dirty Surprise'

The response to Sartre's 10-year-old article has been swift.

Michel-Antoine Burnier, an essayist, writing in the same periodical which featured Sartre's piece, called the latter "a dirty surprise." Burnier pointed out that the Maoists themselves were embarrassed by the Munich massacres and disassociated themselves from the Arab attack. He also stated that Sartre's rationale is an explanation of why there is now an open hunting season on Jews in France today.

Of Sartre, Burnier wrote: "Sartre himself taught us that to be quiet is a form of speaking and one is responsible for one's writings, even the consequences thereof. Those sentences have tarnished the image of a man."

THREE ISRAELI SOLDIERS INJURED

TEL AVIV, Dec. 15 (JTA) -- Three Israeli soldiers were injured in Lebanon yesterday when a truck carrying ammunition caught fire at about midnight last night. The blaze occurred in the Shouf mountain area near Deir El-Kamr. An army investigation committee is looking into the cause of the fire. Meanwhile, heavy fighting was reported still raging in the Tripoli area in north Lebanon, where parts of Lebanon's second largest city are under artillery fire from Syrian gun batteries.

Some 200 local residents, Palestinian refugees and others, have been killed and over 50 injured in the recent clashes with Syrians, according to reports from Beirut. Syrian gunners have reportedly been firing point-blank into Palestinian refugee camps in the Tripoli area, the reports say.

ISRAEL'S C.O.L. ROSE BY 6.5 PERCENT IN NOVEMBER

By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, Dec. 15 (JTA) -- Israel's cost of living index rose by 6.5 percent during November, bringing the inflationary increase since the beginning of the year to just over 119 percent, the Central Bureau of Statistics announced today.

If the December increase is similar, the annual inflationary rate will be the highest ever in Israel's history -- over 130 percent. At the beginning of the year Finance Minister Yoram Aridor had promised to reduce inflation to below 100 percent.

As the Bureau was issuing its cost of living index data today, representatives of the Treasury and the Histadrut were going into another session of negotiations on salary increases and wage policy, designed to prevent another strike by 400,000 government employees tomorrow.

Both sides admitted that agreement was possible but neither expressed much optimism that the crippling work stoppage could be prevented. The atmosphere in the Histadrut building where the talks were taking place was described as "near crisis." A similar number of civil servants -- 400,000 or a third of the total work force -- observed a two-day strike last week. If the workers strike tomorrow, the stoppage may last longer.

GOP SENATOR-ELECT RULES OUT PLO IN MIDEAST PEACE NEGOTIATIONS

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 15 (JTA) -- Republican Senator-elect Pete Wilson, in what is believed to have been his first major policy address on the Middle East conflict since defeating Governor Jerry Brown in the general elections runoff last month, has indicated here that he will be a strong supporter of Israel when he takes office in Washington as a member of the 98th Congress.

Describing Israel as a "great ally" of the United States, Wilson said it was time for negotiations toward settlement of the Mideast conflict. But he rejected the idea that peace negotiations should involve the Palestine Liberation Organization.

"Those who now say we must enter a time of negotiations are right, but let us be clear that we will not negotiate with gangsters, that either the U.S. nor Israel should ever be expected to entreat with the PLO," Wilson told some 500 persons attending the annual Chanukah dinner of the San Francisco region of the Jewish National Fund.

Wilson accused Israel's friends in the United States of being too quick to blame Israel for involvement in the massacre of Palestinian civilians in the Shatila and Sabra refugee camps last September. Calling the massacre "tragic," the Senator-elect declared: "Quite properly, Jews and non-Jews in Israel and in the U.S. called for an investigation. It was not and is not proper to prejudge the evidence It would not make sense for this country to react or over-react by saying we will cut military and financial aid to Israel."

Says U.S. Should Stick By Israel

"For those who counsel that unwise course, I would simply say they are ignorant of history, that they are ignorant of the nature of this lone democracy in that part of the world," he said. "It is clearly in the interest of the U.S. to honor a moral obligation."

"It is also in our naked, cold blooded, selfish interests to see to it that our great ally continues to offer to the U.S. only real hope that we enjoy of a strong determined ally -- one that has bested the Soviets in tactics and weaponry in the hands of their Syrian and PLO deputies in Lebanon," Wilson, who will step down from his position as Mayor of San Diego on January 2 to be sworn into office the following day, told the audience.

As a member of the Armed Services Committee, a position he was named to last week by the Senate Republican leadership, Wilson also indicated he is interested in hearing how the Israel Defense Force was able to destroy Soviet-made weaponry used by the Syrians and "deal a smashing defeat to the PLO."

**At The 30th World Zionist Congress:
PERES: SETTLEMENT POLICY IS
LEADING ISRAEL TOWARD A MILITARY,
RATHER THAN A POLITICAL FUTURE**
By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, Dec. 15 (JTA) -- Labor Party chairman Shimon Peres charged today that the government's settlement policy was weakening Israel and leading it toward "a military future rather than a political future."

Addressing the 30th World Zionist Congress, Peres maintained that the settlements did not add Jews to Israel but only dispersed them in a different form. A settlement policy should give priority to those places which could attract potential immigrants, he said, mainly the capital, Jerusalem.

Peres stressed that no one wants a compromise that would weaken Israel. But, he warned, "In the absence of a solution to the Palestinian problem, in the absence of Israeli readiness for compromise and in the absence of aliya, Israel faces a military future rather than a political future."

If the present policy continues, he said, "We shall become either equal or a minority in our own country because of the rate of birth, because of the lack of aliya and because we shall devote too much of our energies to control the Arabs instead of investing in the development of our own country."

Peres' speech was one of the few delivered in its entirety without the partisan heckling or other disorders that have marred this Congress almost from its opening a week ago. The opposition leader placed the greatest emphasis on the economy and aliya.

Emphasizes Economy And Aliya

Israel's economy must be advanced and made more independent. Science and technology should focus on developments that will attract more young educated Jews from the diaspora, Peres said. Declaring that "Israel is not a business, it is a human experience," he called on every Jewish family around the world to send at least one member to Israel. Aliya must be a priority and the Jewish people must be involved in determining Israel's future, he said.

Peres agreed with the view expressed by Leon Dulzin, chairman of the World Zionist Organization Executive, in his keynote speech to the Congress last week that the Zionist movement should be re-organized on a geographical rather than a partisan basis. Party politics are an obstacle to achieving Zionist goals, Peres said.

Issue Of Anti-Semitism

The Congress devoted its plenary session yesterday to the alarming increase of anti-Semitism all over the world. The delegates resolved to express their disgust over the "shocking incidents of anti-Semitism that have taken place abroad recently" and called on all governments and nations to speak out against anti-Semitism as well as other forms of discrimination based on race, religion or political differences.

One speaker, Prof. Yehuda Bauer of Tel Aviv University, contended that the United Nations was currently the center of world-wide anti-Semitism. Bauer also warned of the motives behind the strong pro-Israel stand of Protestant fundamentalists in the United States. "They want the Jews to return to Zion in fulfillment of Biblical prophecy. They don't want Jews in America. They won't banish the Jews, but the intent of their beliefs is clear," he said.

The Congress delegates, who had more than their share of excitement this week, including a bout of fistcuffs during a heated political debate Monday, got another jolt today, of a non-partisan nature. The

plenary session, broadcast over a closed circuit television system to all parts of the vast Binyanei Ha'oma convention center, was suddenly replaced by a porno movie. The "adult" flick was on for some time before the screens were blacked out. Security officers launched an investigation to find the culprits.

Resolutions Being Drafted

As the Congress moved toward adjournment tomorrow, its various committees were at work drafting resolutions. The aliya and absorption committee approved a proposal calling on all Zionist leaders and Congress delegates to immigrate to Israel. The committee also recommended that the Congress demand the establishment of an aliya and absorption authority. Such a recommendation was made seven years ago but was never acted upon by the Jewish Agency or the government.

YUGOSLAV JEWS PROTEST ANTI-SEMITISM

NEW YORK, Dec. 15 (JTA) -- The Jewish community of Yugoslavia has issued a protest against recent acts "inciting open demonstrations of anti-Semitism" which are contrary to "the constitutional and social order of Yugoslavia and her basic political determinations," it was reported here by the World Jewish Congress.

The protest appeared as a front-page editorial in the most recent issue of "The Jewish Review," the official organ of the Federation of Jewish Communities in Yugoslavia, the central representative body of Yugoslav Jewry.

According to the editorial, entitled "Discrimination or Threat," in the last few weeks "Jewish citizens found themselves in a situation of being singled-out and made the target of discriminatory practices which could not but disturb them and awake a feeling of bitterness." Given as the direct cause of this situation "were some aspects of reporting on Near East developments and excesses which occurred ..."

Various articles and incidents were cited by the editorial. A recent article in the Belgrade daily "Politika" stated that "the nation which a few decades ago was the victim of merciless extermination is now diligently busying itself with similar deeds toward new victims." A poster at a meeting in Belgrade on July 9 carried the slogan "Sons of Judah - we shall avenge Beirut." The Jewish Community also reports receiving anonymous letters and threatening phone calls.

The editorial concludes that "such occurrences can be guarded against and averted only by resolute protection of what are the common achievements of the Yugoslav social revolution and of the anti-fascist War of National Liberation in which, in a relatively great number, Jews also participated to defend human freedoms, dignity and equality."

Since the founding of the WJC in 1936, the Federation of Jewish Communities has been a full member of the Congress. Its president, Dr. Lavoslav Kadelburg, is a vice chairman of the WJC European Branch.

JERUSALEM (JTA) -- Army Chief of Staff Rafael Eitan and three other military officials Wednesday notified the commission investigating the massacre of Palestinian refugees in Beirut that they wanted to bring fresh evidence before it. Defense Minister Ariel Sharon informed the commission that he did not want to appear again and would not cross-examine witnesses unless new testimony was presented which required his response.

FOCUS ON ISSUES **STUDY CLAIMS THAT VANDALISM** **AGAINST SYNAGOGUES IS NOT** **ISOLATED IN ONE PART OF THE U.S.** By Ben Gallob

NEW YORK, Dec. 15 (JTA) -- Nearly 600 rabbis in five states, polled recently on the extent of anti-Semitic vandalism against their synagogues, generally indicated caution in suggesting such vandalism was a problem in their communities, even in the face of specifics to the contrary.

The poll was made by Penn and Schoen Associates, a New York public relations firm, on commission from the Simon Wiesenthal Center in Los Angeles. A summary of the poll was published in the fall/winter issue of the Wiesenthal Center's "Social Action Update." The summary was checked out by the Jewish Telegraphic Agency with the polling firm, partly to amplify specifics of the polling procedure and partly to clarify elements of the Wiesenthal Center's newsletter summary.

The summary declared that "those who view vandalism against synagogues as a phenomenon isolated in one part of the country are sadly mistaken." The newsletter asserted that, in the past three years, 57 percent of New York City synagogues had been vandalized, as were 49 percent of synagogues throughout New York State.

The percentages of vandalized synagogues, reported in the newsletter for other states, were: 32 percent in California, 32 percent in Florida, 38 percent in Illinois, and 19 percent in Texas.

Effort To Gain Better Perspective

A polling firm official said the telephone calls to 568 rabbis were made between the fall of 1981 and the summer of 1982. He said 332 rabbis were polled in New York State, 77 in Florida, 76 in California, 62 in Illinois and 21 in Texas.

The official also told the JTA that the rabbis were selected for polling on a weighted basis related to the size of their congregations in an effort to get as representative a sampling for each state polled as the limited nature of the survey permitted.

The Wiesenthal Center newsletter reported that the poll was commissioned "to gain a better perspective on how rabbis evaluated 'the seriousness of anti-Semitic manifestations in their communities.'" The newsletter declared that "during the past few years there has been a noticeable increase in anti-Semitic incidents throughout the United States."

Rabbis Are 'Exceedingly Cautious'

In declaring that the findings showed that the responding rabbis were "exceedingly cautious" in suggesting that anti-Semitism was a problem in their communities, the newsletter summary asserted that "invariably, rabbis were more likely to say that anti-Semitism was a problem in the country as a whole than in their home cities or communities. Indeed, the closer one gets to the rabbi's home communities, the less likely they are to suggest that anti-Semitism is a serious problem."

Far from any problem of rabbis "obsessed with the issue of anti-Semitism," the newsletter said that the poll findings suggested that the rabbis "tend to de-emphasize rather than emphasize its occurrence in their home communities."

Despite the tendency, the newsletter declared, "26 percent of the rabbis in New York City, 24 percent in New York state, 22 percent of those in California, 18 percent of those in Illinois, 10 percent of those in Florida and five percent of those in Texas said there had been attacks of a specifically anti-Semitic nature on their institutions in the last three years."

The newsletter stressed that the polling firm had been asked to instruct its telephone interviewers to define as anti-Semitic attacks "only those where a specifically anti-Jewish action was taken," such as "painting a swastika" on the synagogue building.

Rabbis Claim It's Worse Elsewhere

The newsletter, in its summary, reported that rabbis in California, Florida and Illinois "were much more willing to acknowledge that other synagogues had been vandalized than they were willing to acknowledge that their own institutions had been vandalized. While 32 percent of California and Florida rabbis and 38 percent of Illinois rabbis said their synagogues had been attacked in the last three years, the numbers were much higher when these same people were asked to comment on other synagogues."

The newsletter also declared that the polled rabbis "were much less cautious in ascribing anti-Semitic intention to vandals at other synagogues than they were in their own institutions." Ninety percent of the vandalism in California was described as anti-Semitic, (and) about three-quarters of the vandalism in Florida was described as anti-Semitic."

The newsletter also reported, from the poll findings, that reporting of incidents of anti-Semitic vandalism against synagogues by their rabbis varied across the country, referring to reporting incidents to "Jewish organizations."

Asked about the poll questions on that point, the public relations official said that almost all of the rabbis reported such incidents to local police and that the "Jewish organizations" mentioned in the newsletter summary usually referred to local Jewish Community Relations Councils.

The newsletter summary said that "Jewish organizations" in New York State were informed in only about 20 percent of the incidents, while in California, 62 percent of incidents were reported; in Florida, and in Illinois 50 percent of the incidents were reported; "and in Texas all (incidents) were reported."

Other Findings Reported

Another finding, according to the newsletter summary, was that California "is the only state to report a large number of attacks on other Jewish institutions in the last three years."

The polling firm official was asked to elaborate on the comment in the newsletter summary that, "given these statistics, programs on anti-Semitism are not as extensive as they might be." He confirmed that the poll had sought to determine how many of the rabbi respondents had reported programs to cope with anti-Semitic vandalism.

The newsletter summary, declared, on that point, that "New York City synagogues only had programs in 37 percent" of problem situations. The polling findings, as described in the newsletter summary, gave these statistics for the other states; programs in 70 percent of California synagogues; 60 percent in Florida synagogues; 61 percent in Illinois synagogues and 57 percent in Texas synagogues.

TEL AVIV (JTA) -- Israel naval vessels recently confiscated two tons of hashish valued at about \$24 million, discovered aboard three vessels intercepted on their way from Lebanon to Egypt. It was the biggest haul of the drug ever found by Israeli agents.

The police of various countries and Interpol, the international police organization, have been informed of the find along with the identities and details of 10 Turks, two Lebanese and an Egyptian found aboard the ship.