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## ARENS SAYS THERE IS CAUSE FOR CONCERN THAT SYRIA MIGHT ATTACK ISRAELI FORCES IN LEBANON

By David Landau

JERUSALEM, April 14 (JTA) -- Defense Minister Moshe Arens contended last night that there is "cause for concern" that Syria might attack Israeli forces in Lebanon. He said this does not mean that war is imminent but that Israel has to be on guard on that front.

Arens said Israel does not want hostilities with Syria but warned that Damascus has always been so hostile toward Israel that its policy could, with justification, be called "wild" especially as the Syrians may be emboldened by the installation of Soviet SAM-5 anti-aircraft missiles on their soil.

### Says U.S. Action Is Unprecedented

Arens made his remarks on a television interview, his first since taking office as Defense Minister six weeks ago. The former Israeli Ambassador to Washington castigated President Reagan for delaying the sale of 75 F-16 jet fighter-bombers to Israel until Israel pulls its forces out of Lebanon.

"I'm afraid there is no precedent to such a statement in relations between Israel and the United States during 35 years," Arens declared. "It never happened that an American President has said that the supply of aid to which the United States obligated itself is conditioned on concessions on policy. Today in Lebanon, tomorrow on another front," Arens said.

In that connection he urged greater stress on the development of Israel's domestic arms industry to reduce its dependence on American weaponry. Arens also denounced Reagan's recent promise to King Hussein that the U.S. would prevail upon Israel to freeze its settlement activities on the West Bank if Jordan joined the peace process.

Arens confirmed that Israel's insistence on a commanding role for its ally, Maj. Saad Haddad in Lebanon remains the principal obstacle to an agreement with Lebanon over the withdrawal of Israeli forces from that country. He said Israel will not waver from its demand that Haddad be placed in command of a "territorial brigade" composed of his own 2,000-man Christian militia and Lebanese army regulars to control security in south Lebanon after Israeli forces are pulled out.

The Lebanese government, backed by the U.S., has refused to assign Haddad such a role although Beirut reportedly is now willing to give him some degree of authority in the region.

### Delegations Continue To Meet

Meanwhile, the Israeli, Lebanese and American delegations convened for their fourth consecutive day this week, at Khalde in Lebanon, to continue the negotiations aimed at the withdrawal of foreign forces and political and security arrangements between Lebanon and Israel. The U.S. delegation was headed by President Reagan's special Ambassador to the Middle East, Philip Habib, who returned to the region from Washington this week, reportedly with fresh proposals.

Habib met with top Lebanese leaders last night and the chief of the Israeli delegation, David Kimche, also spent the evening in Beirut meeting with Lebanese politicians. Voice of Israel Radio reported today.

At The Gathering Of Jewish Holocaust Survivors: 15,000 SURVIVORS AND THEIR CHILDREN ARE ADMONISHED TO INSURE THAT 'OUR STORY IS NOT FORGOTTEN'  
By David Friedman

WASHINGTON, April 14 (JTA) -- The American Gathering of Jewish Holocaust Survivors ended three days of emotional reunions and remembrances last night with the sound of the shofar and the admonition to the some 15,000 survivors and their children who were here that they must insure that "our story is not forgotten."

"We came here as individuals but we must leave together as determined as never before that our experiences will become volumes in history, not mere footnotes," declared Roman Kent, chairman of the national executive of the Gathering.

Benjamin Meed, president of the Gathering, stressed again the major theme of the survivors' meetings: "Each of us has a story to tell and it is important that we tell it soon because our numbers are steadily dwindling. We must ensure that our own children and the Jewish community as a whole with the whole nation should carry on our remembrance."

Dr. Helen Fagin, professor of Judaic Studies at the University of Miami, in urging her fellow survivors to continue telling about what happened to them during the Nazi period, declared, "Please go out and tell the truth for they do not believe us."

### Most Urgent Reason For The Gathering

But Meed also noted that "perhaps the most urgent reason for our Gathering" was the private individual reunions between relatives and friends, many of whom had not seen each other for some 40 years, or had believed each other dead.

The Survival Village at the Washington convention center seemed to be one long search as people wandered through the huge halls with signs seeking lost relatives or fellow concentration camp inmates, or people from their former towns and cities. Many used the computer system set up for this purpose.

The survivors held memorial candles during the closing outdoor ceremony in the shadow of the Washington Monument. The wind carried cherry blossom petals over the participants who were assembled near the site of the future Holocaust Memorial Museum to be built by the United States Holocaust Council.

Miles Lerman, chairman of the Council's national campaign cabinet, stressed that while the government donated two empty buildings for the museum, it must be renovated and operated entirely by private donations. He estimated that \$75 million to \$100 million would be needed.

The speech that drew the loudest applause from the survivors last night was made by Mayor Edward Koch of New York City. He denounced the officials of the American and Canadian governments who had

refused to admit Jews to their countries after Hitler came to power. "The murderers are not only those who did the killing but also those who stood by and did nothing," Koch declared.

"The world knew and the world did nothing," he said. "What we remember, the world will remember whether it wants to or not, because remembering is a personal obligation and an international obligation."

Koch also delivered a blistering attack on the PLO, declaring that the organization's "greatest dream is to finish what Hitler started." He also criticized President Reagan for blaming "radicals" within the PLO for scuttling Jordan's King Hussein from entering the peace talks with Israel. By singling out the "radicals" in the PLO, Reagan implied that the majority of the PLO is non-radical, Koch said. The fact is, the Mayor added, that the PLO as a whole "want(s) to destroy Israel, the Jewish people and our entire memory."

Rep. Tom Lantos (D. Cal.) also urged the survivors to remember those who tried to save Jews, particularly Raoul Wallenberg, the Swedish diplomat who saved thousands of Jews from the Nazis, including Lantos, and was arrested by the Soviet Union in 1945. He is believed by many to still be alive in a Soviet prison or labor camp.

Calling the Gathering a "reaffirmation of life," Sen. John Danforth (R. Mo.) said the Holocaust Memorial Museum will be of "vital significance to Jews but it also must be of vital significance to all Americans."

#### The Realization Of A Dream

The Gathering was ended by Ernest Michel, who was chairman of the World Gathering of Holocaust Survivors in Jerusalem in 1981, and who organized the first Gathering. He said the two events realize "a dream" that he and some other young inmates of Auschwitz had on Passover in 1943. This was the same time as the Warsaw Ghetto uprising was occurring, the 40th anniversary of which the three-day Gathering here also marked.

Michel said the dream was that, if they survived, they would meet again "in freedom." He said that none of them believed, at that time, that any of them would survive.

But Michel noted 6,000 survivors from 23 countries met in Jerusalem and 15,000 from throughout the United States and Canada were here this week. "This dream has now come," he declared.

#### ISRAELI SOLDIER KILLED IN AMBUSH

TEL AVIV, April 14 (JTA) -- An Israeli soldier was killed yesterday and another was wounded when two army vehicles came under small arms fire from an ambush in the Dier-el-Kamar region of the Shouf mountains in Lebanon. The attack brought the number of Israeli casualties since the war in Lebanon began last June to more than 470 killed and about 2,600 wounded.

Meanwhile, Defense Minister Moshe Arens paid a visit today to Maj. Saad Haddad at the latter's home in Marjayoun in south Lebanon to discuss "matters of mutual interest," according to aides. Arens was accompanied by the incoming Chief of Staff, Gen. Moshe Levi and Gen. Amir Drori, commander of the northern region. Haddad's Christian militia put on a military display for the visitors.

Haddad reportedly told Arens he was stepping up his recruitment drive for the militia which

Israel insists must control security in south Lebanon after Israeli forces are withdrawn.

#### MKS DEMAND EITAN BE REPRIMANDED FOR HIS SLUR AGAINST WEST BANK ARABS

JERUSALEM, April 14 (JTA) -- About 18 opposition members of the Knesset demanded yesterday that Defense Minister Moshe Arens reprimand outgoing Chief of Staff Gen. Rafael Eitan for remarks likening West Bank Arabs to "drugged roaches." Arens has indicated he will not.

Eitan, due to retire later this month, was quoted as telling the Knesset's Foreign Affairs and Security Committee Tuesday that for every stone-throwing incident by Arab youths on the West Bank, 10 new settlements should be built, and "When we have settled the land all the Arabs will be able to do about it is to scurry around like drugged roaches in a bottle."

In a telegram to Arens, the MKs charged that "The Chief of Staff caused considerable damage to the image of the Israel Defense Force when he compared Arabs to 'drugged cockroaches'." These comments constitute a shocking and severe phenomenon which cannot be ignored by whoever has concern for the image of society in Israel and the image of the IDF."

Likud MK Dror Seigermann said he was shocked. He said he had returned an invitation to attend a "salute" for Eitan event because the general's comments made him unworthy of such a salute.

Arens, in a television interview last night, refused comment except to say that Eitan was a "national hero" and he did not want to mar his last days in the army.

#### RESERVISTS REFUSING TO ACCEPT CAMPAIGN RIBBONS FOR LEBANON WAR

TEL AVIV, April 14 (JTA) -- "Thousands of army reservists" have signed a petition expressing their refusal to accept campaign ribbons for the war in Lebanon, an ad hoc group called "Le'ot" (No to Campaign Ribbons) claimed today. The organization said that none of the signatories is presently on active duty.

But a reserve sergeant who refused to accept his ribbon at an army presentation ceremony last week was sentenced to 10 days' imprisonment and reduced to the ranks by a military court martial. The Le'ot group has asked the Attorney General to rule on whether it was a soldier's right or duty to accept a campaign ribbon. If it is a right, refusal is not a punishable offense, they say.

#### KREISKY WON'T DISMISS ARMY CHIEF WHO WAS A MEMBER OF A NAZI GROUP

VIENNA, April 14 (JTA) -- Chancellor Bruno Kreisky has refused to dismiss Gen. Ernest Bemadiner, commander-in-chief of the Austrian army who was recently exposed as having been a leader of an outlawed Nazi military group which helped pave the way for the Anschluss before World War II.

Bemadiner, 63, admitted joining the Nationalsozialistische Soldatenring (National Socialist Soldiers Ring) in 1937, the year before Hitler annexed Austria, after the conservative news weekly Wochenpresse found his name on an old membership list. The name was misspelled, which apparently accounts for the fact that Bemadiner's affiliation was unknown to the public until now, although it was known to the Austrian authorities after the war.

The Soldatenring consisted of Nazi-minded army officers and cadets who spread Nazi propaganda in the Austrian army. Bemadiner held the rank of "Gruppenfuhrer." He claims now that it was only an honorary title. Of 2,128 officers in the Austrian army at the time, only 219 belonged to this group which was branded illegal by the pre-war Austrian government.

Article 12 of the Austrian State Treaty after World War II bars former members of the Soldatenring from serving in the army. Bemadiner said he received an exculpation certificate in 1950 from the city of Salzburg and that the amnesty extended for former Nazis in 1957 nullified Article 12.

This is legally correct but morally questionable, according to Wochenblatt which noted that Bemadiner was responsible for drilling and indoctrinating recruits to the Nazi group and observed that a man with such a past cannot set a good example for democracy.

Kreisky said at a press conference last Friday that he had not been aware of Bemadiner's membership in the Soldatenring when he was named commander of the army two years ago but "I admit it wouldn't have bothered me if I had known it." He noted that the general was only 18 when he joined the group and that he had been pardoned by law after the war.

Bemadiner admitted to the Wochenpress that he had found Nazi ideas attractive when he was 18. "But in 1942, at the latest, I realized the whole background of the Nazi story and I had a different view about it," he said.

Kreisky's position on the matter recalled his defense of Friedrich Peter, a leading Austrian politician and former member of a notorious SS brigade, when he was exposed by Nazi-hunter Simon Wiesenthal in 1975. Bemadiner is a member of Peter's rightist Freedom Party.

#### ADMINISTRATION WARNS CONGRESS NOT TO TAKE ACTIONS TO DISCOURAGE HUSSEIN FROM JOINING PEACE TALKS

By David Friedman

WASHINGTON, April 14 (JTA) -- The Reagan Administration warned Congress today not to take any actions that might discourage King Hussein of Jordan from joining in Middle East peace talks.

"It is important to the U.S., including the Congress, to encourage the King in his efforts to move the area towards peace," State Department spokesman John Hughes said. "Above all, we must avoid giving the impression that we do not understand the real risk he is running or that we might not support him in facing these risks. Such a posture is common sense as well as good policy."

Hughes' remarks were made in commenting on the action yesterday by the House Foreign Affairs Committee's subcommittee on Europe and the Middle East. While approving the Administration's request for \$115 million for Jordan, the subcommittee stipulated that Jordan could not buy advanced weapons from the U.S. unless President Reagan certified that it was ready to enter negotiations with Israel and to recognize Israel's right to exist.

#### Says Jordan Has Not Requested Arms

Hughes said no weapons request had been received from Jordan. However, while Jordan has been known to be seeking to buy U.S. planes and missiles since January, 1982, it has held up an official request because of Congressional opposition.

"Jordan does accept Israel's right to exist," Hughes maintained. "It is obvious that Jordan has been doing everything it can to move the peace process forward," he said. He noted that Hussein accepted President Reagan's "peace propos-

als" as enunciated in the President's September 1 Middle East peace initiative.

A spokesman for Rep. Lee Hamilton (D. Ind.), chairman of the subcommittee, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that while Hamilton was not "surprised" by the State Department's statement, he did not wish to comment at this time.

#### Time For Talking Is Over

Meanwhile, Hughes maintained that Reagan's peace initiative is still alive despite Jordan's announcement Sunday that it will not enter talks. He said that since then, Reagan has talked with Kings Fahd of Saudi Arabia and Hassan of Morocco, President Hosni Mubarak of Egypt and the Sultan of Oman, Qaboos Bin, in addition to King Hussein.

But, Hughes said, the U.S. feels the time for talking is over. "We feel there has been enough talks" and the issue "has been discussed sufficiently," he said. He added, "What is needed is decisions from the Arabs which clearly support the entry of King Hussein with representative Palestinians" into negotiations. Hughes stressed that only through "direct negotiations with Israel will the Palestinian people receive their legitimate rights."

Hughes continued to maintain that Shultz has not decided on a trip to the Middle East. He reiterated the Secretary's remarks that he would go there at an "appropriate time." But there was some indication today that the appropriate time could come during or after Shultz's trip to Europe later this month.

#### Economic Aid To Israel Increased

Meanwhile, Hughes also said the State Department "remains committed to the President's budget proposals" despite an increase in aid to Israel by the House Middle East subcommittee yesterday.

The subcommittee increased economic aid to Israel for fiscal 1984 from the \$785 million recommended by the Administration to \$850 million, all a grant. The grant portion of the \$1.7 billion in military aid to Israel was increased to \$850 million from the \$550 million the Administration requested.

When Nicolas Veliotis, Assistant Secretary of State for Near East and South Asian Affairs, appeared before the subcommittee earlier this year, the Administration was castigated by members for reducing the grant amount from that approved by Congress last year, even though the Administration maintained the amount it was proposing for a grant was more than it had proposed for fiscal 1983.

#### APPEAL PLANNED ON EXTRADITION OF WAR CRIMINAL FROM CANADA

TORONTO, April 14 (JTA) -- Attorneys for Albert Helmut Rauca, a naturalized Canadian charged with the wartime murders of thousands of Jews in Lithuania, said today they may appeal a ruling by the Ontario Supreme Court ordering his extradition to West Germany to stand trial.

The unanimous decision upheld a lower court ruling holding Rauca, 74, should be extradited to face trial on five indictments charging he murdered 11,864 Lithuanian Jews in a Nazi camp in Kaunas. Rauca came to Canada legally in 1950, became a citizen in 1956 and was arrested last June after witnesses identified him as a former Nazi enforcer in Lithuania.

The Ontario Supreme Court agreed that Rauca's constitutional rights, under Canada's new Charter of Rights, would be violated by extradition but held that the prosecution had succeeded in demonstrating that such a violation was justifiable in a democratic society on such charges.

# At The Gathering Of Jewish Holocaust Survivors; HOMAGE PAID TO AMERICANS WHO LIBERATED THE CONCENTRATION CAMPS

By Helen Silver

WASHINGTON, April 14 (JTA) — The last day of the American Gathering of Jewish Holocaust Survivors yesterday was one of ceremonies, beginning with a wreath-laying at Arlington Memorial Cemetery in appreciation of the American liberation of the concentration camps at the conclusion of World War II. The wreath was placed on the grave of PFC James King who was picked as a symbol of liberation because he died in the Normandy landing.

The ribbon on the wreath bore the words: "In memory of the American soldiers who gave their lives in the struggle against Nazi tyranny, who liberated the survivors from Nazi death camps." Miles Lerman of Vineland, N.J., vice chairman of the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Council, delivered the tribute. He said, "We came to your gravesite to pay tribute to you and to the thousands of others who fought and died in an effort to put an end to Nazi tyranny." Taps were played at the end of the ceremony.

Two hours later under a beautiful spring sky, thousands of Holocaust survivors and others assembled at the west front of the capitol for the ceremony in which Vice President George Bush presented a symbolic cardboard key to the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum to Elie Wiesel, chairman of the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Council.

## Recalling An Unprecedented Historical Period

The first speaker was Mark Talisman, Vice chairman of the Memorial Council, who said: "This year is the 40th anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto uprising. Together we retell and we will hear anew the history of this unprecedented period and the courage against unbelievable odds so that our children and theirs will not forget, but will learn the story to tell to their children.

"These days are a vital link with civilization. These days allow our nation to understand how governments can collapse — how sanity and reason can dissolve, how government can go berserk, setting up killing machinery against a whole people simply because of their origin and against millions of others in brutal acts of war."

Bush told the gathering, "The Holocaust Memorial Museum which we dedicate represents a promise that you have kept ... the commission that your loved ones left you was to remember, and you have remembered." Continuing, he said:

"Through these annual days of remembrance, the Holocaust Memorial Museum and the work of the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Council you will be providing continuing redemption for the lives that were sacrificed. And today all of humanity is called upon again to remember the short step from civilization and compassion to chaos, from subjugation to annihilation, from anti-Semitic slogans to the death industry."

Bush added: "Although all Jews were victims, not all the victims were Jews so at this biggest gathering in Jewish history, we are pilgrims joining together in mutual trust, a trust that we believe in the ultimate triumph of good over evil. Never again in the history of man will we allow human rights to be so viciously abused."

In accepting the key from Bush, Wiesel stressed that the museum will be a center of collection and learning. He said that names will be collected in all languages, including Yiddish and Ladino

for those killed, and that the museum will be used for studying the histories that were secretly written in the various camps.

Wiesel also swore that "we shall avoid cheapening of the experience, cheap slogans, simplistic conclusions and vulgar spectacles." He said "It is a great day and a great event and both will be remembered by future generations. We shall write about this event with words of gratitude." He thanked "members of Congress and Senate and the Administration and the American people for having given us this museum."

## 'A Chilling And Stark Reality'

House Speaker Thomas O'Neill (D, Mass.) told the thousands gathered that "for those of us who lived through the Holocaust years, the Holocaust occurred as a chilling and stark reality, but to more distant generations it may seem impossible that a civilized society could degenerate so completely."

O'Neill added: "We are not here to simply memorialize those who did not survive; our concern is with the future as much as the past. We must make certain that the people of our nation never close their eyes to persecution and to the violations of basic human rights. This is not simply a Jewish issue. This is not alone a Jewish museum. This is an issue that is of concern to all who enjoy the privileges of freedom. It is a museum that must teach all visitors that citizens pay a price for this privilege — moral responsibility."

Although it was not mentioned yesterday, the museum will be funded entirely from private contributions.

## TEACHER BLAMES WORLD'S EVILS ON JEWS

By Ben Kayfetz

TORONTO, April 14 (JTA) — A federal judge is considering an appeal against the dismissal of a teacher in the hamlet of Eckville in central Alberta who taught his public school classes that Jews are responsible for virtually all the evils in the world.

The appeal was filed by Jim Keegstra, 48, who doubles as Mayor of Eckville, a village of 900 in the heart of Alberta's "Bible Belt." Several parents had complained when their children came home with remarks such as "all Jews are bad" and Jews are "an evil group spreading an evil religion."

The local school board warned Keegstra to stick to the curriculum but eventually fired him when he continued to preach anti-Semitism to his pupils. The hearing on his appeal, held in Edmonton, lasted five days and was attended by Hillel Boroditsky, executive director of Edmonton's Jewish Community Council, and Sheldon Chumir, a civil rights lawyer who flew in from Calgary. The judge reserved decision.

According to witnesses at the hearing, some of Keegstra's gems delivered in the classroom were: There is an international conspiracy to rule the world by Freemasons, international bankers, Khazars, the Fabian Society, Bolsheviks, Communists, but above all the Jews; Jews enter a country with the sole purpose of gaining mastery over its economy in order to seize political power; six million Jews were not killed in World War II; Jesus Christ was not a Jew; Zionism is a plot to brainwash Christians; inflation, wars and revolutions are caused by Jewish controlled banks, lawyers and universities.

Shortly after his dismissal last December, a group of pupils circulated a petition for his re-instatement because he "taught the Bible." His principal also wants him restored because he was a "stimulating teacher" who "provoked discussion." The Alberta Teachers Federation has defended Keegstra's right to keep his job. No Jews live in Eckville which is 60 miles from Edmonton, the nearest Jewish community.