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ISRAEL LABOR PARTY DEMANDS ARMY LEAVE SHOUF MTS., BEIRUT NOW; ALL OF LEBANON IN 2 OR 3 MONTHS

By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, June 2 (JTA) -- The central committee of the opposition Labor Party and members of its Knesset faction voted unanimously today to demand the immediate withdrawal of Israeli forces from the Shouf Mountain and the Beirut areas, and the withdrawal of all Israeli forces from Lebanon "within two or three months."

In its first major decision on Lebanon since the early days of the war party spokesmen stressed that Israel should take unilateral action to avoid further casualties, taking into consideration only its own security and defense needs and not the welfare of Lebanon itself or the immediate strategic interests of the United States in the Middle East.

The Israeli moves should be undertaken even if the Syrians did not agree to withdraw their forces from Lebanon.

The Labor resolution said that the multinational force should move into the Shouf and Beirut areas to replace the Israeli army in the first and immediate stages, and the Lebanese army and Maj. Saad Had-dad's forces should replace Israeli troops in the security belt north of the Israeli border in the second stage, with multinational forces ensuring the safety of Palestinians in the camps near Tyre and Sidon.

Party spokesmen stressed that every effort should be made to get the Americans, the Lebanese and even the Syrians to agree to the Israeli moves. But these steps should be taken even without international assent, to reduce the continuous Israeli troop casualty rate.

ARENS WARNS SYRIA NOT TO START WAR OF ATTRITION

By Edwin Eytan

PARIS, June 2 (JTA) -- Israel's Defense Minister Moshe Arens warned Syria today that if it wages a war of attrition in Lebanon "Israel will not reply in kind but will choose the time and the most appropriate manner in which to respond."

Arens, who came here as the guest of French Defense Minister Charles Hernu to attend the Paris Air Show at Le Bourget, indicated however that Israel would wait only a matter of weeks before it takes its next step if Syria continues to reject the Israel-Lebanon agreement and refuses to pull its forces out of Lebanon. "No useful purpose can be served by giving time ultimatums" but "it is a question of weeks," Arens said in reply to questions from reporters.

He also made it clear that before taking any steps in Lebanon, Israel would call for urgent consultations with the United States and Lebanon, as provided in the Israel-Lebanon agreement signed May 17. The "agreement is a valid document and we want Syria to comply and start withdrawing its forces," Arens said.

According to Arens, Israel does not consider a new war in Lebanon "inevitable" and "will do its best to avoid a confrontation with Syria." But should war break out, "The Israeli army is ready for any event-

uality," he said. He maintained that neither Syria nor the Palestinians, who are returning to Lebanon in violation of the cease-fire agreement, can sabotage the Israel-Lebanon agreement. "What they can do is make its application more difficult," he said.

Franco-Israeli Arms Discussed

Arens conferred with Hernu for nearly an hour today. He said later he had discussed the possibility of Franco-Israeli arms cooperation and "both sides are in favor." He explained that they had discussed the possibility of technological cooperation between their respective defense establishments but not arms purchases. According to other Israeli officials here, the subject may come up in concrete form at the Franco-Israeli mixed commission which is scheduled to meet in Jerusalem June 13.

Arens said France and Israel "agree on a number of subjects," including the positive value of the Israel-Lebanon agreement and the need for cooperation. He said Hernu welcomed the agreement as a "positive step," the first time any French government official has expressed approval of the accord.

Israel and France enjoyed a long period of close cooperation, during which France was Israel's chief supplier of military aircraft and other weapons. But relations soured when President Charles DeGaulle clamped an arms embargo on Israel in 1967 at the time of the Six-Day War and remained chilly ever since. Arens said today that he hoped Franco-Israeli relations will become better in time, "even better than they had ever been" in the past.

HABIB RETURNING HOME

WASHINGTON, June 2 (JTA) -- Special envoy Philip Habib is on his way to his home in California from Jerusalem, State Department deputy spokesman Alan Romberg said today. Habib is expected to be in Washington next week. Romberg said no date has been set for Habib's return to the Middle East. Habib's latest trip to the Mideast was an effort to get Syria to agree to withdraw its troops from Lebanon but the Syrian government refused to allow him to come to Damascus.

PRO-ISRAELI, ANTI-ISRAELI GROUPS GREET SHARON IN MONTREAL

By Michael Solomon

MONTREAL, June 2 (JTA) -- Angry pro-Israel and anti-Israel demonstrations took place in downtown Montreal yesterday on the occasion of the visit of former Israeli Defense Minister Ariel Sharon, now a Minister-Without-Portfolio in Premier Menachem Begin's government.

The controversial general was denounced as a "war criminal" by Canadian Arabs and their supporters who protested outside the Ritz Carlton Hotel where Sharon was speaking at a fund-raising dinner for the Shaare Zedek Hospital in Jerusalem. Even larger numbers of Jews and other friends of Israel hailed the visitor with chants of "Sharon, Sharon, Sharon." About 100 police with riot-control gear and gas masks kept the two groups well apart.

Sharon castigated the protestors as a "mob" and said their presence showed "how wise we were when we liquidated the kingdom of terror in Lebanon by the PLO because if we lose a single war we will be exterminated." He emerged from the hotel briefly to salute the friends of Israel and the "wonderful Jewish community ready to defend the honor of the Jewish people and the State of Israel."

The protestors numbered several hundred people, mostly Arabs with a sprinkling of members of the pro-Arab Montreal teachers union and some Communist Party members. Yvon Charbonneau, president of the teachers union was not at the anti-Sharon rally. He said he had received telephone threats from Jewish groups. The pro-Sharon rally drew about 1,500 people.

Charbonneau, whose union has been distributing an anti-Israel poster and pamphlets to provincial schools, was the target of another mass protest rally by about 1,000 Jews outside of union headquarters yesterday. He was reviled as "an enemy of the Jewish people," a "trouble-maker" and "an evil hate-monger" by speakers and demonstrators who shouted "Long live Israel." He is "an abomination of Canadian civilization," declared Bernard Feinstone, president of the Quebec region of the Canadian Jewish Congress, one of the organizations sponsoring the protest. The others were the Canadian-Israeli Committee, the Canadian Zionist Federation, B'nai B'rith and Herut.

Sharon, in his address to the 500 dinner guests marking the 100th anniversary of the Shaare Zedek Hospital, defended the war in Lebanon. He said it was "a legitimate defensive war against the PLO kingdom of terror in Lebanon. One year later, we can state affirmatively that kingdom of terror was destroyed and Lebanon is no more the center of local, regional and international PLO terrorism."

Sharon Urges Jews To Fight Back

Sharon declared that Jewish generals, himself included, hate war and make every effort to prevent war. "I have been here 24 hours now and I have found here a wonderful Jewish community ready to defend the honor of the Jewish people and the State of Israel." He said "the PLO is waging a war of verbal terror" and expressed hope that "Canadian public opinion will reject all villainous accusations and slander." He said, "I am not afraid of any kind of terror and Jews should fight back smear and anti-Semitism."

Sharon arrived in Montreal yesterday on a Swissair flight and was escorted to his hotel by eight Canadian Royal Mounted Police cars. His visit engendered intense controversy. The general was forced to resign as Defense Minister last year after a judicial commission of inquiry found him indirectly responsible for the massacre of Palestinian civilians in the Shatila and Sabra refugee camps in Beirut last September by units of the Israel-backed Christian Phalangist militia.

Another bitter controversy was generated by the distribution of the poster and pamphlets accusing Israel of "genocide" against Palestinian Arabs to teachers in the province by Charbonneau's union. Three Liberal members of the federal Parliament -- David Berger, Pierre Deniger and Celine Hervieux-Payette -- accused the union leader of anti-Semitism. The same charge was made by Herbert Mark, a Liberal member of the Quebec Assembly. Charbonneau said he would sue the legislators for slander.

The issue of the poster and pamphlets was raised in the Quebec Parliament Tuesday. Education Minister Camille Laurin said the Quebec government cannot prohibit the freedom to express political opinions in the province's schools because that is the direct responsibility of the school commissions. Laurin noted that the Quebec government is opposed to discrimination of a racial character but it cannot prevent any group from expressing its own views on the Israel-Arab conflict.

BARBIE ASKS FOR RELEASE

By Edwin Eytan

PARIS, June 2 (JTA) -- Klaus Barbie has formally asked to be released claiming that his arrest was "illegal" and that France had used "irregular methods" to obtain his expulsion from Bolivia. One of his attorneys, Jacques Verges, presented the request yesterday to Investigating Magistrate Christian Riss in Lyon, where Barbie has been held since being brought to France Feb. 5. Riss announced today that he will take a decision by June 8. But sources close to the Ministry of Justice said it is "highly unlikely" that Barbie, once known as the "Butcher of Lyon" for his activities as gestapo chief during the city's occupation by the Germans, will be set free after all the trouble the current administration took to bring him to trial.

ISRAELIS GET INDONESIAN VISAS

NEW YORK, June 2 (JTA) -- Three Israeli representatives are attending the annual international realtors conference this week, after months of being denied permission to enter Indonesia, where the conference is being held.

The Jewish Week, of Washington, D.C., reported that the Israelis were granted the visas "as a result of pressure" from The National Association of Realtors, an American organization. The Israeli Mission to the United Nations confirmed the report.

The American organization, one of 41 being represented at the annual world congress of the International Real Estate Federation, was guaranteed four years ago, when Jakarta was chosen as the conference site, that the Israelis would be granted visas, according to sources cited in the Jewish Week. Indonesia does not have diplomatic relations with Israel.

In recent weeks, however, when the Israelis' visas were being held up, the U.S. organization sent letters of protest to the Indonesian embassy in Washington and to the Indonesian representative to the UN expressing its "concern and displeasure over the delay," according to the Jewish Week. The visas were to be issued through the Israeli embassy in Singapore, according to the Jewish Week report.

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JERUSALEM (JTA) -- A demonstration against former Chief of Staff Gen. Rafael Eitan erupted into a near riot at the Hebrew University Thursday when pro and anti-Eitan students battled each other in a meeting hall where Eitan had just mounted the podium to speak.

University security guards, unable to break-up the melee, summoned police who dragged some of the demonstrators outside and arrested two, one Jewish student and one Arab student.

The controversial former Chief of Staff, who retired last month under the shadow of criticism by the committee of inquiry into the Sabra and Shatila refugee camp massacres in Beirut last September, was about to address some 400 students. Eitan criticized Jews who supported "the other side" in the struggle for the "Land of Israel." "If the other side ever wins, nothing will be left of us," he warned.

SILOVAK JEWISH SURVIVORS CHARGE EFFORT BEING MADE TO GLORIFY MEMORY OF NAZI PUPPET LEADER

By Ben Gallob

NEW YORK, June 2 (JTA) -- Slovak Jewish Holocaust survivors charge that a group of Slovak emigres are trying to persuade an estimated two million Slovak immigrants in the United States and Canada to join their campaign to glorify the memory of Josef Tiso, the wartime "puppet president" of the Slovak "republic."

That campaign, it is also charged, involves dissemination of the anti-Semitic and pro-Nazi philosophy of Tiso, a Catholic priest, who was installed by Hitler after the Nazi dictator dismembered Czechoslovakia.

The charge was made in an interview with the Jewish Telegraphic Agency by John Ranz, executive secretary of the Holocaust Survivors Association; and Mark Neuman, president of the Slovak Survivors branch of the national association.

The two New York City residents produced a reproduction of the text of a prayer, in the Slovak language, to be recited in memory of Tiso in Slovak Catholic churches throughout the United States and Canada. Tiso was arrested as a war criminal by the Allies, after the defeat of Nazi Germany, and hanged on April 17, 1949, after a trial by the Czechoslovak National Court.

A photocopy of a blowup of the memorial prayer printed in a Slovak-language newspaper, shows the phrase "cum approbatione ecclesiastica" (with ecclesiastical approval), and, under the word "Imprimatur," the name of Msgr. Joseph T. O'Keefe, identified in the prayer text, in Slovakian, as the Vicar General of the New York Archdiocese.

Charge American Slovaks Misled

Ranz pointed out that, according to an English translation of the prayer, Catholic Slovak worshippers pray that Tiso, "this tireless defender of the faith," be given "to our faithful Slovak nation as a heavenly saint." One sentence in the prayer appeals to the Catholic church specifically that Tiso "be canonized as a saint." The prayer is meant for recitation on April 19, Tiso's birthday.

Ranz said the majority of the two million American Slovak immigrants are being "misled" by the "fascist-minded immigrants" who conceived the campaign. He said the survivors also feared the campaign might "poison" the American-born children of the Slovak immigrants with "unimaginable" consequences for the future.

The Slovak Jewish survivor leaders first sent a letter July 12, 1982, to Terence Cardinal Cooke at the New York Archdiocese, asserting that Tiso "guilty of sending to death 56,000 Jewish men, women and children in Auschwitz," is being "honored with a special prayer in the Catholic churches, approved by you."

Accompanying the letter was a memorandum, documenting Tiso's role as the puppet president of Slovakia installed by Hitler after the Nazi dictator dismembered the Czechoslovak nation, and Tiso's collaboration with Nazi Germany. The letter was signed by Ranz; Neuman; Tibor Capla, Survivors Association vice president; and Martin Zapletal, founder of the Brooklyn branch.

Bishop O'Keefe, to whom the Cardinal apparently turned over the letter, replied on October 12, declaring "there is no trend on the part of the Catholic Church or Cardinal Cooke to honor Dr. Josef Tiso."

Several Meetings With Bishop

Ranz said that, after several more communications with Bishop O'Keefe, a meeting was held at the Archdiocese office on October 18. At the meeting, Ranz said, the delegation presented documentation on Tiso's "enthusiastic" participation in the roundup and deportation to Nazi death camps of Slovak Jews.

In another letter to Bishop O'Keefe, dated December 14, the survivors asserted that the Bishop had promised them, at the October 18 meeting, that the Archdiocese would "distance" the church from Tiso and arrange to withdraw O'Keefe's approval of the Tiso memorial prayer, which the Bishop said had been done with neither his knowledge nor approval. In the December 14 letter, the survivors wrote that "we have not heard from you or received any letter from you rectifying this incredible situation."

Bishop O'Keefe, replying January 25, declared he had written to Josef Kovac in Paris, asking that "my name be removed from the (prayer) card honoring Dr. Tiso. As I explained to you in October, I was not aware that my name had been used until you sent a photocopy of the card to me. Further, I have no knowledge of any movement in the Catholic church to honor Dr. Tiso."

He reiterated "categorically" that his name was used without his knowledge on the memorial prayer. In reference to the criminal record of Tiso, Bishop O'Keefe made the ambiguous comment that "even in our own day there are those who are regarded as criminals and terrorists by some, who are honored as heroes by others."

Ranz told the JTA that the "Josef Kovac," to whom the Bishop asserted he wrote, asking removal of his name from the Tiso memorial prayer, is a Paris priest, who prepared the memorial prayer and whose name appears at the end of the prayer brochure -- which Bishop O'Keefe refers to as a "card." Ranz said the prayer was approved in January, 1981.

Ranz said the survivors group has no information as to whether Kovac -- who uses the letters S.J. after his name, on the prayer, meaning he is a Jesuit -- acted for any group in preparing the prayer or acted on his own, as a Slovak emigrant.

In a November 1981 article in "Slovak," a Slovak language weekly published in Middletown, Pa, by "Jednota," an organization of Slovak immigrants organized for mutual aid, Kovac wrote that the memorial prayer was supported by Bishop O'Keefe and

that it would be published in five languages -- French, German, English, Slovak and Spanish -- for distribution in the United States, Canada, Argentina, Australia and other countries, with an initial printing of 25,000 to 30,000 copies in each language.

Ranz cited, as an example of the effectiveness of the pro-Tiso propaganda campaign in this country, the issuance by American public officials of proclamations for "Slovak Independence Day," notably one by Gov. Dick Thornburgh of Pennsylvania.

That proclamation lists Slovak Independence Day as March 14. Ranz said this was the day, during the Nazi period, when Hitler made Tiso his puppet head of state for Slovakia. Ranz said he had been informed of other similar proclamations, including one by the Mayor of Cleveland. He cited such proclamations as evidence that public officials were being misled by "fascist Slovak immigrants" in North America.

Eight faculty members of various colleges and universities sent a letter of protest to Thornburgh April 25. They said "the fascist regime in Slovakia" was "one of the very few regimes in Europe that took the initiative in the Jewish question," introduced "far-reaching anti-Semitic legislation" and, in 1940, "became the first European state that agreed to the deportation of its Jewish citizens."

Dr. Mikulas Ferjencik, president of the Czechoslovak National Council of America, declared in a letter to Gov. Thornburgh, published in the English-language Sokol Times, on April 21, that Slovaks in the United States "decidedly deserve the honor you are ready to bestow on them for their contributions to the building of this country" but "to associate Slovak Day with March 14, however, would not only indicate anti-Semitism and anti-Americanism but besmirch the Slovak name by linking it in the minds of every knowledgeable person with crimes against humanity and enmity to the United States."

Jewish Group Wants Public Renunciation

Ranz said the Holocaust Survivors Association was not satisfied with the positions taken by Bishop O'Keefe. He said the survivors group was preparing another letter to the bishop insisting that the Archdiocese publicly and openly distance itself from Tiso and his government. He said "we want a document, a public statement. We want the Archdiocese to repudiate publicly the activities of a man who was a close and willing collaborator with Hitler" in the murder of Slovak Jews.

"We want the Archdiocese to publicly condemn Tiso and his record as a Nazi collaborator and to condemn the actions of fascist Slovak immigrants who now seek to perpetuate the memory of Tiso as a liberator and a hero of the Slovak 'republic'," Ranz added.

He said the association had yet to see "anything in this direction. On the contrary, the glorification of Tiso and his Nazi government is

penetrating among the Slovak immigrants living in the United States," as well as deluding public officials, he said.

B'NAI B'RITH URGES JEWS TO PRESS FOR NUCLEAR ARMS REDUCTION

WASHINGTON, June 2 (JTA) -- The Board of Governors of B'nai B'rith recommended at its annual spring meeting here yesterday a call to all Jews to intensify efforts for human rights and for reduction of nuclear weapons stockpiles.

The board specifically appealed to anti-nuclear weapons groups to stop their "one-sided" protests and push for Soviet, as well as American, nuclear arms reductions. The board said, in one of a series of resolutions, that "concentration of efforts on only one side will embolden the other side and cannot contribute to a safer world."

The board called on the United States and the Soviet Union to enter immediately into a "bilateral and verifiable agreement on the testing, production and deployment of nuclear weapons and delivery systems, followed by mutual reductions on both sides," to diffuse what the board called "mankind's most dangerous stalemate." The board also called on all nations to sign a new test-ban treaty that would eliminate any future nuclear tests.

A resolution on strife-torn Latin America said that "support of democratic institutions is the best guarantee of human rights," and called on all countries to deny aid to any Latin American government that has not demanded respect for human rights. The Reagan Administration is currently supplying the Government of El Salvador with millions of dollars in economic and military aid and has asked Congress for additional funds.

The board asserted that Jews have a "special responsibility" to speak out against violations of human rights because "anti-democratic governments pose a threat to them, to other minorities, and to all outspoken citizens."

The board also reaffirmed its strong support of the Jackson/Vanik amendment; it called on President Reagan to make it "unequivocally clear to the Arabs that they, not Israel, are the obstacle to peace." It asked the United Nations General Assembly to "cancel the international conference on Palestine," scheduled to be held in Paris in August under UNESCO auspices; it urged the U.S. to continue to support the Helsinki Commission and commended Max Kampelman, the U.S. representative to the commission, for his efforts to reunite family and promote freedom of emigration, and the board declared opposition to prayer in public schools as well as tuition tax credits for parents of children who attend private and religious schools.

In another resolution, the board noted that the Ethiopian government was allowing greater access to Jewish citizens but asked that government to allow emigration of Jews who wish to be reunited with families in Israel. The board also said it would call on B'nai B'rith members around the world to ask their governments to help "rescue Ethiopian Jewry from their appalling condition."

PARIS (JTA) -- The oldest Jewish monument ever found in France is today threatened with decay after its discovery seven years ago. It was during excavation in the courtyard of the law courts of Rouen, the Normandy town where Joan of Arc was burned to death after her trial, that the vestiges of what appeared to be a yeshiva were unearthed. The small building, built around the year 1100 was in the Jewish quarter of Rouen in a street that is still called the street of the Jews today.