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BEGIN'S JULY 27 WHITE HOUSE VISIT TO BE PRECEDED BY REAGAN-GEMAYEL MEETING JULY 22

By Helen Silver

WASHINGTON, June 21 (JTA) -- The White House announced today that Israeli Premier Menachem Begin has accepted President Reagan's invitation to visit him in Washington July 27. The White House also announced that President Amin Gemayel of Lebanon will visit President Reagan a week earlier, on July 22.

Meanwhile, U.S. special envoy Philip Habib continued his consultations at the State Department today on "overall tactics and strategy in the Middle East," State Department spokesman John Hughes reported. "Ambassador Habib is playing an important role in those consultations," Hughes stated.

He said he had no information on Habib's future travel plans. "I think the kind of discussions and consultations he is presently engaged in would have a bearing in determining that ... At the end of those discussions, his plans will be clear and will be made fairly soon," Hughes said.

Responding to speculation that Habib may be leaving his post, Hughes said "The President has total confidence" in Habib, adding that Habib "has done long and enduring work and I assume that at some stage he will want to go back to California, but he has also made it clear that he remains at the disposal of the President."

Shultz Not Going To Damascus

Hughes stressed that "it is baseless to suggest that there are any pressures on him (Habib) to stand down." He also said the role of special envoy Morris Draper and his future travel plans are also being discussed in today's consultations.

According to Hughes, there are no plans for Secretary of State George Shultz to visit Damascus or the Middle East in general when he returns from his visit to the Far East June 24-July 6. But Hughes added, "never rule anything out."

He reiterated the Administration's position on the possible redeployment of Israeli troops in Lebanon. "We are in favor of the complete and total withdrawal of all foreign forces from Lebanon. What contributes to that is what we are pursuing," Hughes said.

BEGIN CALLS EHRLICH BOTH 'FRIEND' AND 'RIVAL' AS MINISTER IS BURIED

By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, June 21 (JTA) -- Simcha Ehrlich, Israel's Deputy Premier who died Sunday night, was buried at the Nahlat Yitzhak cemetery in Givatayim this afternoon. He was eulogized by Premier Menachem Begin as "a dear friend" who was "both a friend and a rival."

Begin was the only speaker at the graveside, by request of Ehrlich's family. "We all benefitted from his wisdom and experience. We remained friends through the most trying times and there was never a misunderstanding between us," he said of Ehrlich who was a founder of the Likud coalition and a close personal friend of Begin despite their occasional political and ideological differences.

Attendance at the memorial service was small for a major public figure, apparently in keeping with the family's wishes and the fact that Ehrlich was not a flamboyant politician who commanded popular attention. Nevertheless it was a State funeral. The late minister's body lay in state in front of the Binyanei HaOma, the Jerusalem convention center, where mourners filed past.

Prayers were said by the army chief chaplain. Ehrlich's son, Avraham, recited the kaddish. Cabinet ministers, Knesset leaders, the two chief rabbis and Arab and Druze notables in their traditional robes paid final tribute. The coffin was borne to the grave by an Air Force honor guard. Women soldiers placed wreaths on the grave.

Ehrlich was a leader and elder statesman of the Liberal Party wing of Likud. The party's current internal strife was underlined when its executive committee found it necessary to pass a resolution today calling on members to avoid a leadership struggle during the 30 day mourning period.

OUTRAGE IN WEST GERMANY OVER BOARD GAME FEATURING HOLOCAUST

By David Kantor

BONN, June 21 (JTA) -- West German authorities and the Jewish community have expressed outrage over a dice-and-board game being circulated by rightwing and neo-Nazi groups, the objective of which is to get pawns representing Jews into squares marked with the names of Nazi death camps.

Werner Nachmann, chairman of the Jewish community of West Germany, has demanded that those responsible for the game be brought to trial. He said the community was awaiting the results of a police investigation. Rafael Schier, chairman of the Jewish community in Bonn, said the game was "simply disgusting."

Justice Minister Hans Engelhard said the game, which has appeared here and in other cities "exceeds in perversity everything that has previously come from neo-Nazis." He said his Ministry is working around the clock to close loopholes in the present laws forbidding the circulation of Nazi propaganda.

The game called "Jews, Don't Get Angry," is hand drawn. It consists of a large star of David, each of the six points of which contains a square with the names Auschwitz, Treblinka, Maidanek and other camps where Jews were exterminated during World War II. Players move pawns according to the role of dice; each pawn represents one million Jews. The winner is the first to fill all six squares and get the "Jews" into a "central gas chamber."

The game has been circulated by rightwing youth groups to at least two schools, a dance school and two discotheques. It has also been mailed to Jewish families. According to Schier, this latest manifestation of anti-Semitism in West Germany should not be seen as an isolated case. He reported on a radio interview that at recent soccer games, youths have shouted "Juden Raus" (Jews Out) and "Send him to Auschwitz" at unpopular players.

GOP GROUP IS 'SOUNDING BOARD'

By Kevin Freeman

NEW YORK, June 21 (JTA) -- Richard Fox of Phil-

Philadelphia, the newly elected chairman of the National Republican Jewish Coalition, said today that one of the roles of his organization will be to act as a "sounding board" between the Reagan Administration and the American Jewish community.

The coalition is part of the "continued efforts to help the Administration know and understand the goals of the American Jewish community and to help the community understand the policies of the Administration," Fox said in a telephone interview with the Jewish Telegraphic Agency.

The 55-year-old Fox, who is an active supporter of President Reagan and also a Jewish community leader, was elected to the position last Sunday at a meeting in Washington. Serving with him will be Gordon Zacks of Columbus, Ohio, and George Klein of New York City, vice chairmen, and Max Fisher of Detroit, honorary chairman. Fox is a member of the executive committee of the Federation of Jewish Agencies of Greater Philadelphia.

The coalition, as explained by Fox, consists of some 60 Jewish activists who are also strong Republican supporters of Reagan. He said the coalition's membership, which he will seek to enlarge, consists of broad based representation from throughout the country.

No Conflict With Jewish Groups

Fox said that as an organization with close ties to the Administration, he does not expect any conflict with the objectives of other national Jewish organizations. He noted that the coalition does not have exclusive representation of Jewish community interests.

"Our role is to help the Administration help the Jewish community and for the Jewish community to help the Administration," Fox said. He added that one of the ways that this could be achieved is for the Administration and the Jewish community to remain cognizant of each others interests and concerns.

Fox pointed out however that the position of the coalition is developed through a consensus opinion of its membership and that despite its support of Reagan's policies in the Middle East, Central America and domestic economic issues, this does not amount to a "blank check" for all Administration policies.

The coalition, he said, "is not a lobbying organization for the Administration." He asserted that policies which are deemed either detrimental to the Jewish community or inappropriate to the community would be indicated to the Administration.

Fox said that he viewed the Administration's policies toward the Middle East as "consistent" with "a step by step approach" to the problems there. He also noted that the coalition "applauded" the efforts by Secretary of State George Shultz who last month successfully concluded the Israel-Lebanon agreement after two weeks of arduous shuttle diplomacy in the region.

Coalition Will Discuss Broader Issues

The coalition will also be concerned with broader issues, beyond the Middle East problems. Fox said, for example, that the coalition will issue a statement later this week supporting the Administration policies in Central America. The statement is expected to call on Congress to support the President's policies there and also alert the Jewish community to among other things, the activities of the Palestine Liberation Organization and the Sandinista government in Nicaragua.

Fox said he expects to have close contact with Reagan and the Administration although he could not predict what circumstances would precipitate sudden

meetings between the coalition and the Administration. He said he, along with Zacks, Fisher and Klein, had a "cordial" meeting with the President last week.

Fox will not maintain the unofficial, unpaid post as Reagan's advisor on Jewish affairs as did Albert Spiegel, the Los Angeles businessman and long time supporter and close friend of the President. Spiegel resigned last April from the unofficial position and as chairman of the coalition because of what some observers maintain was a result of his "frustration" over not having any input in Administration policy toward Israel.

Believes Reagan Will Run Again

Fox said he had "no promise" that the coalition would have any input in policy decisions but said he would seek to have Reagan come to decisions that would be received in a positive light from the American Jewish community.

Reagan received an estimated 40 percent of Jewish votes in his 1980 Presidential election and Fox said that if the Republicans could match that kind of vote again in 1984, it would be a "significant accomplishment." He said Jewish voters support in 1984 could be enhanced if Reagan is able to achieve a lasting peace in the Middle East.

While Reagan has not made any formal announcement of his intentions whether to seek re-election, Fox's personal view is that "I would expect that he is going to run."

CANADIAN QUILTS PARTY AFTER 3 OUSTED ANTI-SEMITES REINSTATED By Ben Kayfetz

TORONTO, June 21 (JTA) -- Martin Hattersley has resigned as leader of the Social Credit Party in Alberta, charging that the party was headed in the direction of Nazi Germany.

Hattersley, 49, quit in anger after a 33-31 vote by members to reinstate three party officials recently ousted for publicly making anti-Semitic statements. One of them, Jim Keegstra, Mayor of the village of Eckville, was restored to the office of first vice president from which he was removed after his dismissal from the local high school. Keegstra, a teacher for 14 years, had been preaching to his classes that Jews are the root of all evil in the world and that the Holocaust never occurred.

A Queens court upheld his dismissal which resulted from complaints by parents that their children were being indoctrinated with anti-Semitism. There are no Jews in Eckville. Tom Erhart, another Social Credit Party official, was reinstated as second vice president. He had been quoted widely as saying, "We're tired of listening to this Holocaust. It is totally impossible for six million Jews to die in concentration camps." The third official, cited for anti-Semitic statements was reinstated as a regional supervisor.

Hattersley, commenting on his party's action, said "We cannot be successor party to the Nazi party of Germany and we are heading in that direction." His position was strongly supported by Sen. Ernest Manning who was Premier of Alberta for 20 years when the Social Credit Party governed the province. He said he would have reacted the same way as Hattersley because "there is no room for anti-Semitism" in the party.

GENEVA (JTA) --The International Committee of the Red Cross in Geneva said here Tuesday that their delegates in Syria had visited the three Israeli POWs held by the Syrians.

SLUM RESIDENTS PROTEST AGAINST CHEAP HOUSING ON WEST BANK

By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, June 21 (JTA) -- Residents of the Ir Ganim quarter protested today against the government's policy of providing cheap housing on the West Bank in its drive to increase the Jewish population of that territory, allegedly at the expense of slum neighborhoods in Jerusalem which are in dire need of improved housing.

To dramatize their demand for equal treatment with West Bank settlers, about 50 Ir Ganim residents set up an "illegal" settlement on a nearby hilltop with several tents and an electric generator borrowed from Kibbutz Negba. They were mimicking the tactics used by the Gush Emunim who establish outposts on the West Bank without government approval. The demonstration was mounted with the help of the Peace Now movement and kibbutz volunteers.

The protestors distributed leaflets explaining that "Most of them came from Arab countries, where they lived in friendly relations with the Arab population, to live in a Jewish State and were forced to live across the Green Line through occupation of and deprivation of rights." The Green Line is the unofficial boundary between Israel and the West Bank.

MOST YORDIM ARE SABRAS

By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, June 21 (JTA) -- A survey of yordim, Israelis who live permanently or semi-permanently abroad, has shown that 60 percent of them were born in Israel, according to Prof. Aharon Fein of the Hebrew University who based his study on interviews with 8,662 yordim who came to Israel for brief visits.

The number of yordim who were immigrants to Israel but left because they were unable to adjust successfully, is secondary, Fein reported. He said that 28 percent of the yordim were in the 22-30 age bracket; 24 percent were between 31-34; 26 percent between 35-39; and 22 percent over 40. Fein found that 31 percent of the yordim were single and 60 percent married.

According to the survey, about 30 percent of those interviewed said they planned to return to Israel within two years; 31 percent were uncertain that they would return; and 38 percent said they would not return within two years.

N.J. WOMAN HONORED AS 'RIGHTEOUS GENTILE' FOR SAVING BERLIN JEWS

By Rifka Rosenwein

NEW YORK, June 21 (JTA) -- Elisabeth Bornstein, a resident of North Plainfield, New Jersey was honored yesterday for helping Jews escape Nazi persecution in Berlin at the risk of her own life.

Naphtalie Lavie, Israeli Consul General here, presented Mrs. Bornstein with a certificate and medal upon her being named a "Righteous Gentile" by Yad Vashem, the Holocaust memorial in Jerusalem.

"The very fact that we are marking this event shows the tragedy," said Lavie, the ceremony held at the Israeli Consulate. "One person is being honored for being righteous," a fact that emphasizes how few there were like her, he said.

Mrs. Bornstein kept Ilse Lowenberg and her husband hidden for one and a half years in her "very small apartment," according to Mrs. Lowenberg, who nominated Mrs. Bornstein for the award. "She had very little food, but she shared it with me and my husband," Mrs. Lowenberg said.

Mrs. Lowenberg was at one point caught and sent to Auschwitz, but was able to escape from the train and return to Mrs. Bornstein, who took her back, Mrs.

Lowenberg said. Mrs. Bornstein continued to shelter them even after her own husband was arrested and shot in the leg for harboring Jews, Mrs. Lowenberg added.

Mrs. Lowenberg, now a resident of New York City, said Mrs. Bornstein had also helped other Jews, giving them food and shelter whenever she could. "I would do it again," Mrs. Bornstein said at the end of the ceremony.

The designation "Righteous Gentile" was set up by the Israeli government to recognize the deeds of individuals and communities during World War II, according to Lavie. "Unfortunately, no communities have been found," he added.

The purpose of the award is "not just to express our gratitude" to people like Mrs. Bornstein, "but to remind the world of what happened and what can be," Lavie said.

Gov. Thomas Kean of New Jersey sent Mrs. Bornstein a telegram lauding her heroism and congratulating her on receiving the award.

Along with yesterday's ceremony, a tree will be planted in honor of Mrs. Bornstein on the Mountain of Remembrance in Jerusalem.

"There should not be an alley (of trees) for the righteous gentiles, but forests," said Menachem Rosensaft, chairman of the International Network of Children of Holocaust Survivors and present at the ceremony. "If there were forests, there would not be six million dead."

PLO FIGHTING AMONG THEMSELVES

By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, June 21 (JTA) -- Palestine Liberation Organization dissidents opposed to Yasser Arafat have captured a section of the Beirut-Damascus highway between the Lebanese mountain resort of Shtaura and the Syrian border, it was reported today. They are now in a position to block the passage of men, food and equipment to El Fatah forces near Beirut.

Heavy fighting was reported between El Fatah, the PLO faction loyal to Arafat, and the dissidents in the Bekaa valley of eastern Lebanon today. Syria was reported to be sending in tanks in support of the anti-Arafat forces.

A meeting of the Fatah Revolutionary Council, called by Arafat in Damascus yesterday to heal the widening breach within the PLO, made no progress because anti-Arafat elements refused to attend. The embattled PLO chief left Damascus for Tripoli in northern Lebanon, taking the long route via Homs in northern Syria instead of the more direct Bekaa valley route, apparently out of fear for his life. Arafat is expected to try to rally his followers in Tripoli.

But that city is embroiled in fighting between pro and anti-Syrian elements. Seven Syrian soldiers, including two colonels, were killed in a gun and bomb ambush in Tripoli yesterday. Three Syrian soldiers were killed earlier when their munitions truck blew up, reportedly an accident.

A roadside bomb exploded near an Israel army post at Shuafat on the outskirts of Beirut yesterday but caused no casualties. The civil war within the PLO has greatly reduced the incidence of attacks on Israeli troops in Lebanon.

GENEVA (JTA) -- El Al will resume direct flights from Ben Gurion airport to Geneva July 3. It will operate one flight a week every Sunday.

LONG-STANDING DISPUTE BETWEEN LUBAVITCHER, SATMAR HASIDIM SEETHES OVER BEARD-CUTTING

By Ben Gallob

NEW YORK, June 21 (JTA) -- Long-standing and deep-seated differences between the two largest Hasidic movements, the Lubavitcher and the Satmar, reached a peak in recent weeks with the cutting off of the beards of two Lubavitch rabbis and Lubavitch accusations that Satmar Hasidim were responsible.

Rabbi Mendel Wechter, 36, was attacked yesterday morning on his way to the synagogue by several men who forced him into a van and cut off his beard. Wechter, a resident of the Boro Park section of Brooklyn, was pushed out of the van, suffering a fractured left ankle and neck lacerations.

Wechter was taken to Maimonides hospital, where he was treated and his condition reported as satisfactory. Police said they did not know who was responsible, but Rabbi Yehuda Krinsky, a Lubavitch spokesman, asserted the attack was committed by Satmar Hasidim.

He said that Satmar Hasidim also were responsible for the first beard-cutting act on May 27, when Rabbi Pinchas Korf, who was reportedly teaching the son of a Satmar Hasid in a store in the Williamsburg section of Brooklyn, the major center of the Satmar movement.

Five or six young men burst into the store and pinned Korf to the floor before cutting off his beard.

Arrest In First Incident

In the only arrest in the two incidents to date, police arrested Yakov Kohn, 28, a resident of Williamsburg. He was indicted on three counts in the attack on Korf, and faces trial in Brooklyn court on June 29.

Krinsky told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that Kohn is an assistant administrator in the Satmar office in Williamsburg. Rabbi Krinsky reiterated his statement that the attackers in both incidents were Satmar Hasidim and contended that leaders of the Satmar movement knew about the attacks but chose not to act.

Attack Condemned By Satmar Rebbe

He was asked for comment on a JTA report from Jerusalem that the Satmar Rebbe, Moishe Teitelbaum, condemned today the attack on Rabbi Wechter "by four Satmar Hasidim." According to the JTA report, Teitelbaum, making his first visit to Israel as the Satmar Rebbe, sent his son as the head of a Satmar delegation to the United States with instructions "to find the attackers and oust them from the Satmar community."

In response, Krinsky cited the comment of a young man who identified himself as a Satmar Hasid and as a "friend of Rabbi Wechter," who visited Wechter yesterday in the hospital. Krinsky quoted the hospital visitor, who asked that his name not be used, as saying that the Satmar leaders "condemn it but that they don't do anything about it. They know who these people are but by doing nothing, they encourage it."

In response to the attack on Korf, the Lubavitch judicial council called for a boycott of foods certified as kosher by the Central Rabbinical Congress, a Satmar agency which certifies as kosher a wide range of foods.

Clashes between the two groups, based on deep-seated differences or religious philosophy, have been frequent. Satmar spokesmen have complained, in connection with the two attacks on Lubavitch rabbis, that the Lubavitch are trying to proselytize Satmar youth.

Krinsky ridiculed the claim of alleged proselytizing, declaring that this "rationale" for Satmar hostility was "baseless."

He asserted that Lubavitch "is not at war with anyone. It is not feuding with anyone. It has no rivals. It is not competing with anyone. In the recent incidents, it has been a case of a villain and a victim." He said the situation is "not a two-way street but a one-way street of violence and terrorism that was completely unprovoked and senseless."

Asserting that "the Satmar record of terrorism goes back more than 50 years," he said he felt "the Jewish world should be alerted to this potential lurking danger."

Krinsky said he did not consider the situation as "a Lubavitcher problem but one that should enrage and involve the entire Jewish community."

Rabbi Ephraim Stein, a Satmar spokesman, said he could not comment on the arrest of Kohn for legal reasons but he added that an individual was innocent till proven guilty.

Satmar Order Violence Halted

Stein also told the JTA that the Central Rabbinical Congress, the umbrella agency in Williamsburg for all Satmar groups, issued a proclamation yesterday condemning all violence in the Jewish community, stemming from "a recent rash of violence during the past week, around the world, that is unbecoming to an observant Jew and to Halacha."

He said the proclamation called for "an immediate cessation of all violent activities and a return to the principles of Torah-true Judaism and observance of the Torah as prescribed by rabbinical authorities."

Stein said the proclamation had been distributed in poster form throughout Jewish sections of Brooklyn, including Williamsburg and Crown Heights, the center of the Lubavitch movement, and all other Hasidic and Orthodox Jewish areas.

He also told the JTA he did not believe that Satmar Hasidim were responsible for the attacks on the two Lubavitch rabbis, as charged by Krinsky. He added that "the police have not made a determination that there has been Satmar involvement and we cannot accept such charges."

ISRAELI NAMED EDITOR OF YEAR

NEW YORK, June 21 (JTA) -- The World Press Review announced today the selection of Gershon Schocken, editor and publisher of the Israeli daily, Haaretz, as international editor of the year.

Alfred Balk, editor of the Review, an independent monthly digest of world press opinion, said Schocken was the first Middle East editor to receive the designation since the selection program was started in 1975.

The Review lauded the 70-year-old editor for the "forthright reporting" of the Israeli invasion a year ago of Lebanon, and for its role in exposing the massacre at the Palestinian refugee camps at Sabra and Shatila by Christian Phalangists.

Balk said the award was a plaque which will be presented to Schocken, as it has been to earlier awardees, at a time of the winner's convenience, at a ceremony in New York City. Balk said he expected Schocken would come to New York for the award in the fall.

AMSTERDAM (JTA) -- Nazi-hunter Simon Wiesenthal believes that the mass media could help bring war criminals to justice despite the fact that many of them are now nationals of countries far from the scene of their crimes.