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**FOCUS ON ISSUES****A HATE-MONGERING RADIO STATION  
MAY GET A NEW LEASE ON LIFE**By David Friedman (Washington)  
and Kevin Freeman (New York)

Oct. 4 (JTA) -- The move in Congress to deregulate broadcasting could result in destroying the current efforts aimed at persuading the Federal Communications Commission to deny the renewal of the license to the owner of a Dodge City, Kansas, radio station accused of broadcasting anti-Semitic and other racist programs, according to a Washington attorney specializing in communication law.

The attorney, James Weitzman, who has spearheaded the efforts to deny renewal of the license of Nellie Babbs, owner of K TTL-FM, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that this is because the bills now before the House would eliminate the comparative renewal process.

This process, which allows a challenger for a license to demonstrate why the present station is unfit to continue broadcasting, has already been eliminated in the deregulation bill adopted by the Senate.

Weitzman said that after Babbs' license was challenged last spring, she dropped the two hours of nightly anti-Semitic, anti-Black and anti-minority taped programs supplied by the Rev. William Potter Gale and James Wickstrom, described as paramilitary evangelists associated with Posse Comitatus, the small extremist right wing anti-government, anti-tax group that has been active in the Midwest and the West, and believes all government power is rooted at the county level.

But now, Weitzman believes, encouraged by the expected Congressional action, Babbs reintroduced the racist tapes on September 15, this time not just at night, but labelling them as news broadcasts airing throughout the day and aimed entirely at Jews. The current tapes being aired are by Wickstrom of Togerton Dells, Wis., reportedly the national director of counter-insurgency for Posse Comitatus, in Latin, Posse Comitatus means "power to the county."

**Urges Strong Effort By Jewish Groups**

Weitzman urged that a strong effort be made by Jewish organizations and influential local Jews in various Congressional districts to persuade the Telecommunications Committee, where the deregulation bill is now being considered, and the full House Committee on Energy and Commerce, not to eliminate the comparative renewal process. The Jewish Community Relations Committee of Wichita has also urged Jews to contact members of the House Committee.

Failure will not effect just a small country and western station in Dodge City, Weitzman asserted. He said if Babbs wins, "This is going to telegraph a message to other broadcasters in the country who are similarly inclined toward the fringe" and similar type of programs may appear across the country.

In explaining how he became involved in the K TTL issue, Weitzman said that earlier this year he received a letter from Pluria Marshall, chairman of

the board of the National Black Media Coalition, who said he had been receiving complaints from small towns in Kansas complaining about K TTL's broadcasts.

**The Identity Movement**

Weitzman said the station was playing tapes supplied by Wickstrom and Gale, the latter being the founder of the California-based Ministry of Christ Church and the virtual leader of what is known as the Identity movement.

The Identity movement, which adopts its name from a quarterly newsletter published by Gale, shares an "ideological thread of bigotry" with extremist groups including the Christian Defense League, the Aryan Nations, the Christian Patriots Defense League and elements of the Ku Klux Klan and the Nazi Party, according to the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith.

In a 16-page report released last summer titled, "The 'Identity Churches': A Theology of Hate," the ADL described the Identity "Churches" as a "pseudo-Christian movement which holds to the belief that white Anglo-Saxons, not Jews ... are God's chosen people."

The ADL reported that the Identity movement espouses the belief that minority groups are on the same "spiritual level as animals and therefore have no souls." The ADL report added: "Vicious hostility toward these non-white races and relentless vilification of Jews are major components of this movement's theology of hate."

**Common Bond of Bigotry**

Wickstrom and Gale, meanwhile, are not strangers to one another and their ties are more extensive than simply sharing a common bond of bigotry. They have appeared together in farm protest demonstrations in the Midwest and have worked together in the Midwest and the West conducting paramilitary training exercises, formally sponsored as "counter-insurgency seminars," according to press reports.

For example, in a three-day session in Weskan, Kansas, it was reported in The New York Times, as described by the office of Kansas Attorney General Robert Stephan, that 56 participants were trained as "killer teams in hand-to-hand combat techniques, the administration of poisons, night combat patrol and murder by ambush."

Gale draws on his past military career which included service on Gen. Douglas MacArthur's staff and supervision in guerrilla operations in the Philippines in World War II. He maintained in an interview that he is not a member of the Posse Comitatus because he believes his status as a retired military man was in conflict with that. But he did say he supports the views of the Posse.

Federal officials have noted the similarities of the extremist groups but are hesitant to say to what extent they operate together. One official was quoted as saying "there's some overlap in members and some similarity of views. But not every member and every chapter of the Posse has the same views as the Klan."

Meanwhile, according to the ADL report on the Identity movement, in 1983, K TTL broadcast a taped message by Gale which stated in part: "Yes, we're gonna cleanse our land. We're gonna do it with a sword. And

we're gonna do it with violence ... You're damn right I'm teaching violence. God said you're gonna do it that way, and it's about time somebody is telling you to get violent, whitey.

"You better start making dossiers, names, addresses, phone numbers, car license numbers, on every damn Jew rabbi in this land, and every Anti-Defamation League leader or JDL (Jewish Defense League) leader in this land, and you better start doing it now. And know where he is. If you have to be told any more than that, you're too damn dumb to bother with. You get these roadblock locations, where you can set up ambushes, and get it all working now."

#### Says FCC Won't Deal With Racist Issue

From his experience with the FCC, Weitzman said he knew it would not deal with the racist issue since it would consider this a First Amendment issue. He hoped to find someone to challenge the license which was to expire June 1.

A Jewish resident of Dodge City, who was sales manager for a competing radio station, agreed to try to seek the license, but a week-and-a-half before his application was to have been filed, he withdrew because his wife was afraid of the Posse Comitatus, which has conducted paramilitary activities in Kansas, according to Weitzman.

#### Committees Have Been Formed

A local lawyer had been obtained, Naomi Kaufman Gunderson, who along with her husband, was also one of the few Jews in Dodge City, and by May 2, the deadline for applications, she helped organize a committee of 14 persons, known as Community Service Broadcasting, Inc., which was willing to challenge Babbs and have the KTLF frequency assigned to it, proposing public interest programming.

In addition, a much larger group called the Dodge City Citizens for Better Broadcasting, Inc., was formed to aid in the effort to challenge the license. Weitzman said that his investigations have uncovered numerous FCC violations by the station.

Babbs, in taking a stance common among Posse adherents, has repeatedly been in violation of court injunctions based on her refusal to pay taxes, send her children to school and her general disregard of state and local regulations, Weitzman said.

He complained that national Jewish organizations did not at first demonstrate interest in his effort. But now he believes that the National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council has promised its support. The ADL and the American Jewish Committee have both urged the FCC not to renew the license to Babbs. The National Conference of Christians and Jews has also urged the FCC to reject the broadcast license renewal application to KTLF.

In addition, if the FCC does hold hearings, there will be costs to cover. Both Weitzman and Gunderson have volunteered their services up to now but the FCC hearing will take a great deal of work, Weitzman said. Meanwhile, although her license expired June 1, Babbs can continue operating the station until a hearing is held. But if Congress ends the procedure she can hold the license forever, Weitzman warned.

**ARENS SAYS EGYPT HAS 'BLATANTLY' VIOLATED ITS PEACE ACCORD WITH ISRAEL**  
By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, Oct. 4 (JTA) -- Defense Minister Moshe Arens accused Egypt of "blatantly" violating its peace agreement with Israel. Had Israel known

in advance how the Egyptians would behave it might never have signed the treaty, Arens said at the dedication yesterday of the new Nevatim Air Force base in the Negev.

The Defense Minister, who as a Knesset member had opposed the 1979 Israel-Egyptian peace treaty and the Camp David accords which preceded it, angrily reproached Cairo for not returning its Ambassador, Saad Mortada, to Tel Aviv since he was called home for "consultations" after the Sabra and Shatila refugee camps massacre more than a year ago.

"Had we been told (during the treaty negotiations) that this was how the Egyptian government planned to act in cases of difference of opinion between the two states, it is doubtful we would have gone that far in making concessions for the peace agreements," Arens said. He enumerated the "concessions" as giving up the Yamit area settlements, the oil rich areas in Sinai, the air bases Israel built there and an important security area.

"In return, Egypt undertook to maintain normal relations with us, including the exchange of Ambassadors," Arens said. "Some try to explain that Egypt took this step (recalling Mortada) as an expression of dissatisfaction with our policy. But there is no escaping the conclusion that Egypt is violating the agreement it signed and is violating it blatantly."

The 13,000 acre Nevatim Air Base is one of three built or being built in the Negev to replace the bases Israel gave up in Sinai. It is the only one built entirely by Israel. The other two were financed by the U.S.

#### ISRAEL ASSURED THE U.S. STANDS BEHIND ISRAELI-LEBANESE ACCORD

JERUSALEM, Oct. 4 (JTA) -- U.S. special envoy Robert McFarlane assured Premier-designate Yitzhak Shamir today that the U.S. remains "forcefully" behind the withdrawal and security agreement Israel signed with Lebanon last May 17 and would oppose any attempts to alter or cancel it.

The American diplomat returned to Israel from Lebanon last night to brief Israeli leaders on the cease-fire and efforts to achieve national reconciliation there. Sources said he offered Shamir a fairly hopeful assessment of the chances for a political arrangement to be worked out in Lebanon.

He also sought to lay to rest Israel's fear of what some circles here see as a U.S. tilt toward support for a stronger Syrian role in Lebanon. Shamir expressed his country's concern over increased Syrian involvement in Lebanese affairs.

Observers here believe they detect a greater willingness in Washington to come to terms with the aggressive and pervasive Syrian influence in the Lebanese political process. They also felt that the cease-fire and reconciliation efforts reduced the chances of the May 17 agreement which was orchestrated by the U.S.

#### CONGRESSMEN PRESSING MUBARAK TO RETURN EGYPTIAN ENVOY TO ISRAEL By David Friedman

WASHINGTON, Oct. 4 (JTA) -- Members of both houses of Congress have mounted a drive to convince President Hosni Mubarak of Egypt to change his attitude about returning an Egyptian Ambassador to Israel. Mubarak left Washington yesterday after making it clear that he will not be sending back an Ambassador to Israel any time soon.

Sen. Charles Percy (R. Ill.), chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, during the committee's meeting with Mubarak yesterday, urged him to have the

Egyptian Ambassador returned to Israel. Mubarak replied that it was not possible at this time, according to a Percy aide.

Meanwhile, Senator Howard Metzenbaum (D, Ohio) is circulating a letter urging Mubarak to send the envoy back to Israel. An aide to Metzenbaum said 22 Senators have signed the letter and at least 30 signatures are expected before the letter will be given to the Egyptian Embassy here to be forwarded to Mubarak.

Rep. Lawrence Smith (D, Fla.), a member of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, presented Mubarak with a similar letter signed by 22 Congressmen during the House Committee's hearing with the Egyptian President yesterday. An aide to Smith said additional signatures are being sought for a second letter to be sent to Mubarak through the Embassy here.

U.S. officials said that Mubarak gave no new assurances on the Ambassador when he met with President Reagan at the White House last Friday. The Egyptian President told a delegation from the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations yesterday that Egyptian public opinion was not yet ready to accept the Ambassador's return to Israel.

#### Urges Homeland For Palestinians

Prior to leaving Washington, Mubarak also met with leaders of the House and the House Foreign Affairs Committee. House Majority Leader James Wright (D, Texas) told reporters after the closed-door luncheon with the House members that Mubarak said that the efforts to bring peace to the Middle East and to achieve a lasting solution in Lebanon will fail if the question of a homeland for Palestinians is not resolved.

Mubarak also rejected the notion of a partitioned Lebanon and endorsed the removal of all foreign forces from that country, Wright said. He also said that the Egyptian leader generally supports the role of the U.S. marines in the multinational peacekeeping force.

#### SHAMIR EXPECTED TO WIN KNESSET APPROVAL FOR NEW COALITION GOVERNMENT By David Landau

JERUSALEM, Oct 4 (JTA) — Premier-designate Yitzhak Shamir is expected to present his new coalition government to the Knesset next Monday and to win its approval by a majority of at least 61 and possibly 64 votes.

This is the view of seasoned political observers here who note that Shamir has apparently satisfied six Likud and independent MKs who made their support of a Shamir government contingent on his allowing more time for efforts to bring the Labor Alignment into a national unity coalition. Shamir also appears to have ironed out his difficulties with the Orthodox Aguda Israel party.

The six dissenters had warned that they would not support Shamir's new coalition if he brought it before the Knesset for a vote this week. The six are Knesset Speaker Menachem Savidor; Yitzhak Berman; Dror Zeigerman; and Dan Tichon, all of Likud's Liberal Party wing; and Mordechai Ben-Porat and Yigael Hurwitz, independents. All are members of the outgoing coalition.

Three Labor MKs who strongly support a national coalition have taken the same position. They are Arik Nehamkin, Yehezkel Zakkaï and Rabbi Menachem Hacohen, all representatives of the Moshav movement.

Four of the six coalition members have now made it clear that if efforts for a national unity government produce no results by the end of this week, they are prepared to support a Likud-led coalition in the Knesset next week. The other two are likely to go along.

#### Compromise Formula Drafted

The Likud-Labor talks collapsed last Friday over issues of foreign policy and West Bank settlements. The nine MKs who insist that further efforts be made have drafted a compromise formula for the divisive settlements issue which they think might be acceptable to both sides.

Under their formula, decisions on settlements made by the Cabinet until now would be implemented but new settlement decisions would require approval by two-thirds of the Cabinet, giving the Labor members of a unity government an effective veto.

Likud's rightwing and the ultra-nationalist Teihiya party oppose any such compromise. But according to Meron Benvenisti, a leading authority on the settlements issue, it would hardly constrain the settlement drive.

Benvenisti, a former Deputy Mayor of Jerusalem who has done an exhaustive study of the West Bank situation for the American Enterprise Institute, explained to reporters that existing government settlements projects call for upwards of 200,000 Jewish settlers in the territory in the next few years.

In Benvenisti's view, the proposed compromise would in no way secure for Labor any modification of Likud's plans for the West Bank. Benvenisti himself believes that those plans are already a fait accompli, that the West Bank is already annexed to Israel in fact if not officially, and that this will result, in a relatively short time, in a bi-national state or dual society with the gravest consequences for Israel's future.

#### The Present Scenario

In any event, the argument over the compromise formula is academic, observers believe, because neither of the major parties seem prepared to accept it.

According to the present scenario, if some of the six coalition dissenters oppose Shamir in the Knesset next week, or abstain, he will have to rely on the vote of Premier Menachem Begin and Tami party leader Aharon Abu Hatzera for an absolute majority. Begin has been confined to his home for the past four weeks with a skin ailment but aides say he would appear in the Knesset if his vote is crucial to Shamir's success.

Abu Hatzera is serving a three-month sentence for embezzlement as a day worker at the Beit Dagan prison. The work day ends at 4:30 p.m. giving him ample time to cast a vote in the Knesset. But under the circumstances, Likud would prefer to do without it.

Shamir spent several hours closeted with the four Aguda Israel MKs today after the party threatened to withhold its support unless its demands for religious legislation are met by the new government. One of the MKs, Shlomo Lorincz, told reporters that his party made no new demands but was insisting on the implementation of promises made to it when the Aguda agreed to join the Likud coalition in 1981.

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TEL AVIV (JTA) — Over 500 manufacturers of agricultural machinery and equipment from all over the world will be displaying their wares to an estimated 150,000 farmers and specialists during "Agritech 83" here this week.

## SOME 4,000 PEOPLE JOIN LARGEST SOVIET JEWRY PROTEST IN SF HISTORY

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 4 (JTA) -- More than 4,000 linked arms and surrounded the Soviet Consulate here last Sunday in the most massive demonstration for Soviet Jews in the history of northern California. At each of the four corners of the block where the Consulate is located, a shofar was sounded.

Rep. Barbara Boxer, a Democrat, announced a new proposal at the rally. She suggested to the Soviet government that, as a goodwill gesture to the West, the Soviets release 269 Jewish Prisoners of Conscience and long-term refuseniks, one for each person who died in the Korean plane that was shot down by the Soviets.

Prior to the rally, activists set up a Soviet Jewry street fair, with an exhibition of underground Soviet Jewish art, photographs of Jewish POCs and of Soviet Jewish communities.

The rally and street fair were organized by the Jewish Community Relations Council of San Francisco, Marin and the Peninsula, and the Bay Area Council on Soviet Jewry which is a member of the Union of Councils for Soviet Jews. It was co-sponsored by many other northern California Jewish organizations.

## WOMAN CHARGED WITH HARASSING JEWS DURING ROSH HASHANAH SERVICES

NEW YORK, Oct. 4 (JTA) -- Criminal charges were lodged here yesterday against a 57-year-old Brooklyn woman for interrupting religious services and harassing congregants during Rosh Hashanah services at an Orthodox synagogue. If convicted, she could be sentenced to a year in prison.

Brooklyn District Attorney Elizabeth Holtzman announced that according to the complaint, Marie Iannelli was charged on September 30 with disruption or disturbance of a religious service, discrimination and criminal trespass. Iannelli approached the synagogue, Congregation Chevra Shaff, and yelled abusive epithets at the congregants, the complaint said.

"Crimes which are motivated by religious bias must not be tolerated in our multi-ethnic society," Holtzman declared. "People who commit such crimes in Brooklyn will be prosecuted and punished."

Holtzman said that Iannelli's actions were in violation of the New York State civil rights laws and the disruption or disturbance of religious services are misdemeanors punishable by up to a year in jail. A court appearance for Iannelli has been set for October 28.

## NEO-NAZIS IN GERMANY RECRUITING YOUTH GANGS TO SPREAD HATE PROPAGANDA

By David Kantor

BONN, Oct. 4 (JTA) -- Neo-Nazis are successfully recruiting youth gangs and members of soccer fan clubs to spread their propaganda, daub walls with slogans and generally engage in acts of hooliganism, two officials of the City State of Hamburg warned.

Alfons Pawelczyk, Interior Minister, and Christian Lochte, head of internal security, reported that 300 followers of the neo-Nazi leader Michael Kuehnert, a former army officer, have been assisted by various youth groups to pass out leaflets and display propaganda material. According to the officials, Kuehnert regards these groups, which are in principle non-political, as a "reserve" from which to draw new members.

They singled out a gang called "Skinheads" and a soccer fan club called "The Lions" as the ones which have cooperated most frequently with Kuehnert's followers. Another gang, "Savage Amy", was disbanded last year but is attempting to re-organize and establish contact with the neo-Nazis, the officials said.

## Possibility Of Violence

They noted that in recent months, many young soccer fans displayed Nazi symbols during and after matches and shouted Nazi slogans. But these incidents have been played down as irrelevant to political extremism. Nevertheless, there is a possibility of violence, the officials warned.

They are particularly concerned that this might occur when the West German and Turkish soccer teams meet in Berlin October 26. Neo-Nazi groups are said to be preparing a major propaganda demonstration at the match which could lead to violence.

According to a report from Kaiserslautern, a member of the "Skinheads" was arrested for participating in attacks on Turks after a soccer game there last weekend. The gang members daubed Nazi slogans on walls and demolished several stores owned by non-Germans.

## SURGE OF DEMAND FOR FOREIGN CURRENCY

JERUSALEM, Oct. 4 (JTA) -- The rapid devaluation of the Shekel has triggered a surge of demand for foreign currency, chiefly the U.S. Dollar, as the public becomes increasingly aware of the country's dire financial condition. Bank branches all over the country were jammed.

The Treasury yesterday reduced the Shekel by 0.9 percent against the Dollar and 1.5 percent against European currencies. Only last month it was devalued by 11.5 percent against the Swiss Franc; 11 percent against the German Mark; 8.5 percent against the Pound Sterling; and 8.1 percent against the Dollar.

These urgent moves are intended to improve Israel's balance of payments abroad. The Bank of Israel announced yesterday that Israel's foreign currency reserves decreased by \$98 million last month. They now total \$2,954 billion. The public expects further devaluation to ease the foreign debt and is buying Dollars before they become even more expensive.

Government controlled prices were increased Sunday night by six percent for food products, mainly bread and milk and 10 percent for gasoline.

## TWO ISRAELI SOLDIERS INJURED

TEL AVIV, Oct. 4 (JTA) -- Two Israeli soldiers were injured slightly yesterday when a booby-trapped car exploded near their jeep on a road southeast of Tyre in south Lebanon, the army reported today. Two other remote control explosive charges were detonated near Jeb-Jenin in eastern Lebanon yesterday without causing injuries to an Israeli patrol passing by at the time.

Meanwhile, Israeli army officers took credit for effecting the release of a group of Shouf mountain Druze kidnapped by Christian Phalangists in an area under Israeli control. The officers summoned the local Phalangist leaders and informed them that kidnapping would not be tolerated.

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REMINDER: There will be no Daily News Bulletin dated October 10, Columbus Day, which is a postal holiday.