

# **15 SOLDIERS WOUNDED, CIVILIAN KILLED AND 3 CIVILIANS WOUNDED IN TWO SEPARATE INCIDENTS IN LEBANON** By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, March 4 (JTA) — Fifteen Israeli soldiers were wounded in Lebanon today, 11 in the coastal city of Sidon and four near Baloul village in the eastern sector of the front. A local resident was killed and three other civilians were wounded in Sidon.

The first incident occurred this morning when three explosive charges were detonated by remote control near an Israel Defense Force post in the Sidon port area, wounding 11 soldiers, one seriously. An Israeli military spokesman said two of the explosions were on the quay and the third on a fishing boat moored alongside.

Four other soldiers were wounded this afternoon when their armored personnel carrier struck a mine near Baloul.

Beirut Radio gave a different account of the incident in Sidon. A rifle grenade was fired at an IDF vehicle on the quay and an IDF armored personnel carrier rushing to the scene was damaged by an explosion at the roadside, according to the radio report. The Sidon port area was sealed off by a phalanx of Israel army trucks and seaward entry to the port was blocked by a fishing boat.

The Sidon quay has been the scene of four other attacks against IDF personnel in recent weeks and Israeli military sources said they may be intended to create unrest among residents of Israel-occupied south Lebanon. According to the sources, the local populace is resentful of the widespread searches which follow such incidents and the possible closure of the Sidon port through which they receive shipments of food and other supplies.

**KOHL: GERMANY HAS A SPECIAL  
HISTORICAL RESPONSIBILITY TO  
ISRAEL BUT ALSO A TRADITION OF  
FRIENDLY TIES WITH ARAB STATES**  
By David Friedman

WASHINGTON, March 4 (JTA) — West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl, while maintaining his government has not decided whether to sell arms to Saudi Arabia, stressed today that although Germany has a "special historical responsibility" to Israel, it also has a "tradition" of friendly ties with Arab states.

"It is not a question of either/or, it can only be a question of both/and," he said in an appearance on NBC-TV's "Meet the Press." But while saying the arms deal with the Saudis has not been decided, Kohl stressed he has ruled out selling the Saudis the Leopard II tanks.

The arms agreement, which is strongly opposed by Israel, is expected to be one of the topics of discussion when Kohl meets with President Reagan at the White House tomorrow. It will certainly be discussed during a meeting later tomorrow between Kohl and Jewish leaders led by Edgar Bronfman, president of the World Jewish Congress.

Kohl, who is a Christian Democrat, pointed out that he is a successor to Conrad Adenauer, West Germany's post-war Christian Democratic Chancellor who he noted "initiated compensation" to Israel. "I come from a family which was anti-Hitler so I have no personal problem," he added. "I have always been in sympathy with the State of Israel and for the Jews who have made a greater contribution toward German history, toward the German people than ...."

But Kohl added that Germany also has an "old tradition of friendship toward the Arab countries," he said that while the Federal Republic of Germany, as the successor of the Third Reich, has a special historical responsibility to Israel, Germany's future generation has "a duty and a right to establish and maintain reasonable relations with our friends."

## **Concern About Mideast Developments**

Kohl expressed concern about developments in the Mideast, particularly what he said was Syria's ambitions for a Greater Syria and the Iran-Iraq war which he said may have "terrible consequences."

He said that while Germany wants Israel to live behind secure boundaries, the best way to ensure that was for it to establish agreements with moderate Arab governments. "What was possible with Egypt under (the late President Anwar) Sadat should also be possible with King Hussein, and I hope will be possible with the Saudis," he added.

Kohl noted that it was the Saudis who asked the Germans for the arms and not a German initiative. He stressed that Britain and France are already selling arms to Saudi Arabia. He did not mention the source of most of Saudi Arabia's arms, the United States. "Saudi Arabia will not attack Israel," Kohl argued. "Everybody knows that who has seriously gone into this question."

**HUSSEIN-ARAFAT TALKS TERMED  
AN EXERCISE IN FUTILITY**  
By David Landau

JERUSALEM, March 4 (JTA) — Israeli officials today characterized the five days of talks between King Hussein of Jordan and Palestine Liberation Organization chief Yasir Arafat as an exercise in futility, punctuated by "the empty phrases" of the joint communique they issued in Amman at the end of last week.

The officials said the communique holding out the prospects of further talks in the months ahead was "a smokescreen" to cover the failure of Hussein and Arafat to reach agreement on any basic issues and predicted "months and months" of further dialogue between the two would not guarantee success.

Nevertheless, Premier Yitzhak Shamir was reportedly involved in high level consultations on reaction to the Amman talks. Government sources said the "issue was under examination." Only last week, Shamir reiterated his invitation to Hussein to enter into peace talks with Israel and reminded him that the "address" was Israel, not Arafat.

Publicly, Israeli officials flatly deny that they are pleased or relieved that the Hussein-Arafat round of

talks—like their previous one which broke off last April—produced no tangible results and no significant breakthrough. But independent observers here believe that the Shamir government cannot help but be gratified by this failure.

Had Hussein and Arafat reached a "meeting of minds" it would inevitably have triggered powerful and embarrassing pressures on Israel from the U.S. and other friendly countries to negotiate with some sort of Jordanian-PLO combination, the observers said.

A true reflection of the thinking in at least some government circles was, these observers say, the warning last week by Science Minister Yuval Neeman, hardline leader of the ultra-nationalist Tehiya Party, that any Hussein-Arafat agreement would pose a mortal danger to Israel.

#### Won't Deal With Arafat

The Israelis, in any event, have reiterated their refusal to have dealings of any kind, direct or indirect with the PLO, under any circumstances. At the same time, they stressed Arafat's adamant position in his talks with Hussein.

The PLO leader is still balking at public acceptance of UN Security Council Resolution 242 which is a key condition for the U.S. to open a dialogue with the PLO; he is still unwilling to allow Hussein to represent the Palestinians in peace talks, they say.

#### Issue Of A Confederation

With respect to some sort of confederation between Jordan and a future Palestinian state on the West Bank — an element of President Reagan's September 1, 1982 peace proposals — Hussein is not prepared to contemplate such a scheme based on equality between the two entities. Similarly, Arafat is not prepared to agree to Hussein's long advocated confederation scheme in which Jordan would be the dominant partner, the Israelis said.

They dismissed the assertion by a PLO diplomat, Khaled el-Hassan in Paris last Thursday, that the PLO and Jordan had agreed to confederation. There was no mention of this in the Amman joint communiqué, the Israeli officials noted.

#### West Bank Leaders Claim Successful Talks

In contrast to the Israeli view, several West Bank leaders who were in Amman and met with Arafat and Hussein, characterized their talks as "very successful." According to Hikmat Al-Masri, a respected Palestinian member of the Jordanian Senate, the events in Amman constituted "a historic turning point."

He noted that this was the first time that a large, high level delegation from the West Bank conveyed the views of West Bank residents directly to Hussein and Arafat.

Maumoud Abu-Zuluf, editor of the pro-Jordan East Jerusalem Arabic daily Al Kuds, said the fact that Arafat and the King agreed to continue to pursue a peace settlement jointly indicated the importance they give to public opinion in the occupied territories.

Rashad A-Shawa, the deposed Mayor of Gaza who was not permitted by Israeli authorities to go to Amman, said yesterday that the Hussein-Arafat talks were "a good prelude toward ending Israel's occupation" of the territory. A-Shawa spoke at the Labor Party's conference here to which he was invited as a key speaker. He suggested that if the Labor Party returned to power, there would be a positive change in the government's attitude toward the Palestinians.

Meanwhile, the Council of Jewish Settlements on the West Bank demanded today that punitive measures be taken against the West Bank notables who met with Arafat in Amman in defiance of the government's ban on such meetings. The settlers sent a telegram to the State Attorney insisting that Arabs as well as Jews must obey the law.

Their message was an indirect reference to the report by Deputy Attorney General Yehudit Karp, recently made public, which blamed Jewish vigilantism in part for the deteriorating situation on the West Bank and charged that Jewish settlers who violated the law almost always went unpunished.

But the government is not considered likely to take any action against the 38 West Bankers who went to Amman last week. All of those who met with Arafat are considered moderates and to punish them could touch off an international uproar against Israel.

#### CONGRESS AND THE ADMINISTRATION HEADED FOR ANOTHER BATTLE OVER PENTAGON'S ANNOUNCEMENT OF SALE OF 1,600 MISSILES TO JORDAN

By David Friedman

WASHINGTON, March 4 (JTA) — The Reagan Administration is expected to get into another confrontation with Congress over the Pentagon's announcement that the United States will sell 1,600 shoulder-fired heat-seeking Stinger anti-aircraft missiles to Jordan. The Stingers would replace the Redeye missiles now in Jordan and would be delivered over a six-year period.

The \$133 million transaction, announced by the Pentagon late last Thursday, followed the Pentagon's announcement earlier in the week that it plans to sell to Saudi Arabia 1,200 Stinger missiles along with spare parts. The price tag for that weapons system is \$141 million.

Only hours before the Pentagon notified Congress of its sale to Jordan, Sen. Robert Kasten (R., Wisc.), chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee's subcommittee on foreign relations, told Secretary of State George Shultz he believed the Stinger "is an ideal terrorist weapon" and "will simply add to the problem of Israel's defending itself."

Shultz, who was testifying before the subcommittee, said Jordan would not use the weapons against Israel. He stressed that King Hussein was seeking ways to form a joint Jordanian-Palestinian delegation to negotiate with Israel and if he was successful, Jordan would come under pressure from Syria. But Kasten and nearly all the Senators present at the subcommittee hearing reportedly said they would fight the sale.

Last Monday, the House Foreign Affairs subcommittee on Europe and the Middle East adopted an amendment by a vote of 7-2 that would forbid such sales unless the President "has certified to the Congress that Jordan is publicly committed to the recognition of Israel and to prompt entry into direct peace negotiations with Israel."

Congress has 30 days in which it can reject the sale, by majority vote of both Houses. For the last year, there has been a strong feeling in Congress against any arms for Jordan unless it joins the Mideast peace talks.

#### BUS TRANSPORTING ARAB WORKERS TO ISRAEL ATTACKED BY GUNMEN

JERUSALEM, March 4 (JTA) — A bus transporting 18 Arab laborers to Israel was attacked today by unidentified gunmen at the outskirts of the village of Mazraat A-Sharkiya, near the West Bank town of Ramallah.

Six passengers were slightly wounded and were rushed to a nearby hospital. The attack took place shortly before 6:00 a.m. local time as the bus rounded a curve in the road. According to the driver, Zuhdi A-Shalabi, a group of persons appeared on the road and began firing at the front of the vehicle.

Two bullets went through the front windshield, barely missing the driver and the passengers sitting next to him. Security forces began an intensive investigation and instituted a news blackout on all information. "Since 1967, I have been going on the same route daily," A-Shalabi said, "and never has a thing such as that happened before."

#### BURG'S EFFORT TO WIN BACK DEFECTORS FROM NRP EVOKES ANGRY REACTIONS

By David Landau

JERUSALEM, March 4 (JTA) — Efforts by Interior Minister Yosef Burg to bring MK Hanan Porat and other defectors back to the National Religious Party fold has triggered angry reactions from the Tehiya Party of which Porat is presently a member and from the "young guard" of the NRP.

Burg and Avraham Melamed of the NRP's Lami-fine faction reportedly held secret discussions with Porat and with members of the new Matzad group, headed by NRP defector Haim Druckman, at Ofra on the West Bank last Tuesday. Further meetings were held later in the week and an agreement reportedly was near.

Porat's colleagues in Tehiya expressed outrage when reports of these meetings were published over the weekend. Burg accused "persons anxious to torpedo" his efforts to revitalize the flagging NRP of leaking the reports. He was apparently referring to members of the "young guard" who were left out of the secret talks and fear they would be overwhelmed if rightwingers such as Porat and Druckman return to the NRP.

Porat told reporters that he had informed his Tehiya colleagues, Science Minister Yuval Neeman and MK Geula Cohen, that he was negotiating with Burg. Cohen disputed this. Porat also promised that if he returned to the NRP he would relinquish his Tehiya seat in the Knesset.

#### Effort Indicates Urgency

The episode indicated the urgency with which Burg, now 74, is trying to revive the NRP before the next Knesset elections. The party lost half of its 12 Knesset seats in the 1981 elections and its mandates were reduced to five when Druckman walked out last year.

Burg, a moderate, appears willing to negotiate with hardliners like Druckman and Porat if he can leave his party in a stronger condition when he retires. He is also reportedly in contact with the Tami Party whose leader, Aharon Abu-Hatzeira, and others once belonged to the NRP.

#### NEW ISRAELI NEWSPAPER APPEARS AMID PROTESTS, DEMONSTRATIONS

By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, March 4 (JTA) — A new Israeli afternoon newspaper, Hadashot (News), made its appearance on newsstands today, amid protests and demonstrations by journalists and printers.

The 32-page tabloid, published and owned by the Shochen family, owners and publishers of Haaretz, is the first daily paper to use color photographs on nearly all its pages. It will compete with Maariv and Yediot Achronot.

The Israel Journalists Association objects to the new publication because its publisher, Amos Shochen, has refused to sign the collective labor contract with the Association, insisting, instead, on personal contracts with each staff member. The Association claims this will lead to loss of individual freedom of expression by journalists. The paper is edited and printed in premises away from the main Haaretz operation.

When the first issue was published today, journalists and pressmen massed outside the building where Hadashot is published, preventing its delivery. The publishers summoned a helicopter which landed on the roof of the building and flew copies away for distribution to newsstands.

At the request of the Journalists Association, Israel Radio barred its entire news staff from participating in the new newspaper, which had hoped to recruit staff from the radio and television newsrooms.

Haaretz experienced problems some months ago when its printers sought to prevent the introduction of new offset printing and electronic tape typesetting. Hadashot may afford the Haaretz publishers a means of circumventing any further shutdowns due to internal opposition in the future.

#### BEVERLY DAVIS ELECTED

B'NAI B'RITH WOMEN PRESIDENT

NEW YORK, March 4 (JTA) — Beverly Davis of Jamaica, N.Y., was elected president of B'nai B'rith Women (BBW) at the organization's international biennial convention here last week. She has been active in B'nai B'rith Women, the 125,000-member international Jewish women's service and advocacy organization, for 35 years.

She has served as BBW non-governmental representative to the United Nations, as membership chairman, as a member of the allocations and budget committees, and on the Hillel, Career and Counseling, and B'nai B'rith Youth Organization commissions.

New York Governor Mario Cuomo recently appointed Davis to the State Commission on Domestic Violence. She is also a member of the New York Conference of Soviet Jewry, the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, and the Women's Leadership Conference.

Honored as a Woman of Achievement by the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, Davis continues to serve on the ADL Commission, and was elected to its national executive committee. She is vice chairman of the ADL Women's Division and a member of the New York ADL regional and executive boards. She received the William S. Stachenfeld Award from the B'nai B'rith Career and Counseling Agency for outstanding services, and continues to serve as chairperson of the New York Advisory Board for the B'nai B'rith Career and Counseling Service.

Jamaica, Queens bestowed its "Woman of the Year" award on Davis for her many contributions to the community, including planning mental health seminars, volunteering at the Queens Shelter for Children, and working with Jamaica senior citizens groups. Davis is vice president of the Senior Citizen Housing Development of Queens Council, and is a member of the advisory board of the "Metropolitan Star," a B'nai B'rith district newspaper.

The State of Israel honored Davis with its "Shalom Award" for her sale of Israel Bonds. She has served as an officer of both the Hillel Foundation of Queens College and of the Queens B'nai B'rith Youth Organization Regional Board. She is also a member of the Hillcrest Jewish Center.

# **CANADIAN M.P., ONE OF 7 LAWMAKERS WHO MET WITH ARAFAT, REJECTS PROTEST BY CANADIAN JEWISH GROUPS**

By Michael Solomon

MONTREAL, March 4 (JTA) -- Ian Watson, one of seven members of Parliament -- Liberal and Conservative -- on an Arab League-sponsored tour of the Middle East, has reacted sharply to protests by Canadian Jewish groups against their meeting with Palestine Liberation Organization chief Yasir Arafat in Amman, Jordan last week.

Watson, a Liberal from Quebec, said in a telephone interview from Baghdad on Thursday that the Jewish groups should ask themselves what their priorities are. "Are the Jews in favor of Canada's international policies on the Middle East or are they in support of the present Israeli regime's policies, a regime which has a former terrorist as Prime Minister?" Watson asked. He was referring apparently to Premier Yitzhak Shamir's leadership of the underground Stern group in pre-State Palestine.

An aide to Watson said in Ottawa that the MP does not consider himself to be representing Canada on this trip. "I want to stress that Mr. Watson is taking the trip as a representative of the Canada-Arab World Parliamentary Group, not as a representative of Canada or the Arab League," the aide said.

This applies to the six other MPs on the trip, as was pointed out last week when the Canada-Israel Committee denounced the meeting with Arafat as "an embarrassment to all Canadians." Frank Diamond, executive vice president of B'nai B'rith in Canada said he was distressed that MPs "who represent Canada would meet with a terrorist." (See March 1 Bulletin.)

The office of Prime Minister Pierre Elliott Trudeau, leader of the Liberal Party (who announced his resignation last week) said Trudeau had not sanctioned the trip. A spokesman for Brian Mulroney, leader of the opposition Conservative Party, said Mulroney was not aware of it.

The seven MPs are still in the Middle East. In addition to Jordan and Iraq, they are visiting Syria, Tunis and the West Bank.

## **RABIN SAYS ISRAEL IS THE STRONGEST MILITARY POWER IN THE MIDDLE EAST BUT 'WE HAVE PROBLEMS IN LEBANON'**

MIAMI BEACH, March 4 (JTA) -- Former Israeli Premier Yitzhak Rabin said here that Israel is the strongest military power in the Middle East, but that "right now we have problems in Lebanon."

Rabin, addressing more than 500 leaders of Jewish communities from the United States, Canada, South America, Europe and south Florida at an international dinner marking the beginning of the 1984 State of Israel Bond campaign, stated that Israel faces the problem of security on its northern border.

"The government of Israel and the government of the United States wanted the people of Lebanon to decide their own fate and future by themselves," he said. "For that, it was necessary to withdraw all foreign forces in Lebanon, including the PLO, the Syrians, the Israeli army and the American marines. But we failed. We didn't achieve our goals. The United States decided to evacuate the marines from Beirut and I look upon this positively because it means the end of illusions and it means that our goals are now obtainable."

Rabin declared: "We have never asked an American soldier to shed one drop of blood for the defense of Israel."

Rabin said that Israel is looking for the continuation of the peace process with the most important issue being how to make Israel stronger economically and more important in the world community. "We hope the Lebanese situation will be off the agenda of the Middle East in the near future. It will be better for all of us and it will bring a warmer peace between Israel and Egypt, and Israel and her other Arab neighbors," he said.

## **'We Shall Overcome... Difficulties'**

Brig. Gen. (Res.) Yehudah Halevy, president of the International Israel Bond Organization, said that he was an immigrant to Israel many years ago and only because of the opportunities in the Jewish State was he able to achieve an education at Bar Ilan University and to achieve greatness as a general in the Israel Defense Forces.

"I am a unique product of the success of Israel and tonight I report to the shareholders and tell them that we shall overcome whatever difficulties we have and we are marching forward," Halevy said. "Our weapons are skilled people and our Jewish values and our sophisticated weapons are the loyalty of the Jewish people the world over."

Claude Kelman, chairman of the executive committee of the Israel Bond Organization in Europe, speaking in French, noted that the European Jews, especially those in France, are dedicated to the economic support of Israel and have devoted themselves since the end of the Holocaust to ensuring the future of the Jewish homeland for our children and grandchildren.

David Hermelin, national campaign chairman of the Israel Bond Organization, who served as chairman for the international dinner at the Fontainebleau Hilton Hotel, announced that "more than \$15 million in Israel Bond sales was achieved" at the international dinner here last Thursday.

## **U.S. NAVY BATTLESHIP NEW JERSEY ANCHORED OFF HAIFA PORT FOR A WEEK**

TEL AVIV, March 4 (JTA) -- The U.S. Navy battleship New Jersey, the only battleship in the world now on active duty, is spending a week anchored off Haifa port, to allow its 2,500 crew members seven days of rest and shore recreation.

The Israel Druze community today appealed to the Mayor of Haifa to cancel arrangements made for official receptions for the officers and crew.

They complained that the 16-inch guns of the 45,000-ton warship, which has been stationed off Beirut for the past three months, have fired on and killed many innocent Druze during bombardments to protect American marines in Beirut and against anti-Lebanese government forces in the hills overlooking Beirut.

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TEL AVIV (JTA) -- Norwegian soldiers of the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL) on Friday discovered and deactivated an explosive charge they found on a roadside east of the south Lebanese town of Marjayoun. It was the second such charge found by UNIFIL in that area during the last week. During the past month, six attempts at sabotage were made near the Lebanese-Israeli border.