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EGYPT SUBMITS WEAPONS SHOPPING LIST TO GERMANY
By David Kantor

BONN, May 1 (JTA) -- The Egyptian government has submitted a weapons shopping list to West Germany and would also like to manufacture German tanks in Egypt under a licensing agreement, it was reported here today.

The official request was made by the Egyptian Defense Minister, Abu Ghazala at a meeting in Cairo with Bonn's Deputy Foreign Minister, Juergen Moelleman last week. Moelleman told reporters on his return that the government has not yet decided to approve the arms sales to Egypt. It is understood, however, that it is giving favorable consideration to the Egyptian requests.

Cairo would like to purchase Gepard anti-aircraft armored vehicles, Roland anti-aircraft systems, Marder armored troop-carriers and scores of electronic systems for military use.

They are also seeking license to assemble a new West German light tank, which they would call "Fahd" (Leopard) at a plant near Cairo. The tank is not identical to West Germany's Leopard I or Leopard II -- the latter regarded by military experts as the best tank extant -- but would be built in cooperation with the Krauss Maffei Co. which builds the two Leopards at its Munich plant.

Ghazala visited Bonn last year to negotiate directly with the manufacturers concerned and to meet his West German counterpart, Manfred Woerner.

FAMILIES OF SIX SUSPECTS IN ARAB OWNED BUSES SABOTAGE APPEAL TO HIGH COURT TO EASE CONDITIONS OF DETENTION
By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, May 1 (JTA) -- The families of six of the suspects detained over the weekend in connection with the attempted sabotage of Arab-owned buses in East Jerusalem appealed to the Supreme Court today to ease the conditions of detention.

The families protested that the detainees have not been allowed to contact their lawyers or their relatives and that some were not given needed medical treatment. The court will hear the appeals tomorrow.

Interior Minister Yosef Burg, meanwhile, ordered the police to permit the detainees to receive medication and religious ritual articles. But those materials were not to be delivered directly by family members but sent through police channels. Families were informed that they could not be told where the suspects are being held, in compliance with court orders.

News Blackout Remains In Effect

A news blackout on the investigation remained in effect today. Voice of Israel Radio reported that there are now only 19 detainees in Jerusalem, Ashkelon and near Yagur in northern Israel. According to media reports earlier in the week, at least 30 persons were rounded up, most of them residents of the West Bank and Golan Heights, including some leaders of the Jewish settlement movement.

According to some sources, only three of the suspects were directly involved in planting bombs in the Arab-owned buses early last Friday morning. The others are reportedly being questioned about their alleged roles in the sabotage attempt which has been attributed to a Jewish underground terrorist gang based in the West Bank.

JEWISH LAWYERS AND JURISTS ASK GEORGIA STATE LEGISLATURE TO ADOPT A LAW EXONERATING LEO FRANK

WASHINGTON, May 1 (JTA) -- The American Section of the International Association of Jewish Lawyers and Jurists is calling on the Georgia State Legislature to adopt a law exonerating Leo Frank, a young Jew who was lynched by a mob in Milledgeville, Ga. in 1915, two years after his unjust conviction for the murder of a young woman, Mary Phagan.

The resolution, addressed to the Georgia lawmakers, called on them to override the decision of the Georgia State Board of Pardons and Paroles on December 22, 1983 to refuse to grant Frank a posthumous pardon on grounds that his innocence could not now be proved.

By so doing, "the state compounded its early transgressions," the resolution stated, pointing out that in the American system of justice, a defendant is presumed innocent until proved guilty in a "fair trial."

'Could Not Have Been a Fair Trial'

Inasmuch as the "atmosphere" at Frank's 1913 trial was "charged with prejudice in hysteria" it "could not have been a fair trial," the resolution stated.

It noted that "in Atlanta, Ga. on February 10, 1984, the Black-Jewish Coalition ... of which Atlanta City Councilman John R. Lewis is the co-chairman and Georgia State Senator Julian Bond is one of 37 members, declared: '... In order to refuse the application for a posthumous pardon the State Board of Pardons and Paroles had to invent a new standard of proof ... requiring that Frank's innocence be proved 'beyond any doubt' instead of beyond 'a reasonable doubt'.'"

The resolution noted further that the Board of Pardons took its decision despite the fact that "the trial judge himself, Leonard S. Roan, is on record as having stated his belief in the innocence of Leo Frank" and "William M. Smith, lawyer for the chief prosecution witness, is on record as having informed Judge Roan that in his opinion, Leo Frank was innocent."

The resolution was adopted at the annual meeting of the American Section here last Sunday. It stated: "The American Section, consisting of 760 members of the International Association of Jewish Lawyers and Jurists, appeals to both houses of the Georgia State Legislature at their next session to pass legislation that would exonerate Leo Frank of the charge of having murdered Mary Phagan, thus belatedly restoring his good name and thereby removing from the State of Georgia the stain of having been a party to the gross injustice done to Leo Frank."

The International Association of Jewish Lawyers and Jurists was established in Jerusalem in 1969. French Nobel Laureate Rene Cassin was named honorary

president and former U.S. Supreme Court Justice Arthur Goldberg was elected president.

TWO MORE MAJOR ISRAELI BANKS ANNOUNCE HEAVY LOSSES FOR LAST YEAR By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, May 1 (JTA) -- Two more major Israeli banks announced heavy losses for last year and the heads of both blamed government policies for their predicament.

The Bank Leumi, Israel's largest bank, published its balance sheet Friday, showing a loss in 1983 of 7,750 billion Shekels (\$43 million). On Sunday, the Bank Hapoalim released its balance sheet showing a 10.9 billion Shekel loss in 1983 compared to a profit the previous year. It was the most severe loss of any of the major banks so far.

Last week the Mizrahi Bank announced that it had lost 948 million Shekels (\$5.4 million) in 1983 in contrast to a 1.3 billion Shekel (\$7.7 million) profit in 1982.

All of the losses announced were adjusted for inflation. The Bank Hapoalim's figures showed a nominal decline of 28 percent and a real drop of 74 percent compared to the previous year.

Government Held Responsible

Giora Gazit, chairman of the Bank Hapoalim board, held the government responsible for the adversity but was less outspoken than his colleagues at the other two banks. Bank Leumi chairman Ernst Jafet said the government's economic and fiscal policies caused the public to lose confidence in the Shekel and in bank stocks, resulting in the mass dumping of bank securities and withdrawal of deposits in order to buy U.S. Dollars. This resulted in severe liquidity problems for the banks, he said.

A similar statement was made by Aharon Meir, president of the Mizrahi Bank, when its losses were announced. The fourth major bank, the Israel Discount Bank, has not yet released its 1983 balance sheet.

MAY DAY CELEBRATED IN ISRAEL

By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, May 1 (JTA) -- May Day, the traditional workers' holiday, was observed in Israel today. Many schools were closed as were post offices and the Histadrut-owned Bank Hapoalim. Other banks remained open.

Histadrut and Labor Party leaders headed a May Day parade in Haifa. The slogan was "Stop the Collapse," a reference to Israel's economic woes. There were May Day rallies in other parts of the country.

The pro-Moscow Rakah (Communist) Party organized a parade in Nazareth with slogans calling for the establishment of a Palestinian state to exist alongside Israel. But May Day observances planned on the West Bank were cancelled at the last minute because of what the organizers called the "situation." No further explanation was given.

Nevertheless, Communist-backed trade unions held meetings where the appeal was for unity. Supporters of Palestine Liberation Organization chief Yasir Arafat urged support for the PLO. No incidents were reported.

May Day is one of two alternative public holidays allowed government employees. The other is Tisha B'Av. Orthodox Jews employed by the postal system take both. Today, as on past May Days, all Histadrut-owned and labor-related enterprises were closed.

BLUM: OPEN ANTI-SEMITISM AT THE UN HAS REACHED 'ALARMING PROPORTIONS' By Yitzhak Rabi

NEW YORK, May 1 (JTA) -- Yehuda Blum, Israel's Ambassador to the United Nations, warned here last night that the phenomenon of open anti-Semitism at the United Nations has reached "alarming proportions" and charged that it "must be ascribed to a large degree to the shocking complacency displayed in this regard in recent years" by most members of the UN.

Blum, who spoke at the Park East Synagogue here, where he received the Human Dignity Award of the synagogue's Men's Club, said that "the absence of reaction to the numerous anti-Semitic outbursts at the United Nations has been construed by many an anti-Semite, as indifference amounting at best to acquiescence."

Critical Of European Silence

Without mentioning their names, Blum was especially critical of the "silence" of the European countries at the UN. He stated: "In particular, it is difficult to refrain from giving expression to a sense of profound dismay at the studious silence observed at the United Nations by those representatives whose countries in the 1930's and 1940's were directly involved in the anti-Jewish persecutions of the Nazi-Fascist era."

"It is also somewhat difficult to comprehend the silence of those representatives whose countries, during that period either directly experienced or otherwise witnessed the pernicious effects of such anti-Semitic behavior and who surely must know the terrible dangers to the very fabric of civilized society inherent in a permissive attitude towards such manifestations of racism and religious intolerance."

Consequences Of Anti-Semitic Rhetoric

Blum charged that the escalation of anti-Semitic rhetoric at the UN in recent years, is largely responsible "for the recrudescence of anti-Semitism worldwide and for the numerous acts of anti-Jewish violence resulting therefrom in recent years."

"Indeed," the Israeli Ambassador continued, "through the barrage of 'anti-Israel' and 'anti-Zionist' resolutions adopted at the UN in recent years -- culminating in the obscene proposition contained in the infamous General Assembly resolution of November 10, 1975, that Zionism was a form of racism -- the UN, to its lasting shame, has been converted into one of the foremost contemporary forums of international anti-Semitism."

"The endless broadsides of hate and vituperation launched against Israel and the Jewish people from platforms of the UN, or under its aegis, have found their echo and their mainstay in the official pronouncements of governments and in distortions of the media in many countries."

HERZOG TELLS SAMARITANS THEY WILL NEVER AGAIN BE SEPARATED FROM THEIR BRETHREN IN ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, May 1 (JTA) -- The Samaritans, an ancient, isolated Jewish sect whose centers are on Mt. Gerizim overlooking Nablus and in Holon, south of Tel Aviv, were visited by President Chaim Herzog today. He pledged that they would never again be separated from their brethren in Israel.

Herzog was greeted at the rehabilitated synagogue on Mt. Gerizim by a group of Samaritan children. He was escorted by the Great Cohen, the leader of the community and was briefed on aspects of Samaritan religious practices.

The President recalled that the Six-Day War in 1967 ended the separation of the Samaritans on the West Bank from those in Holon. "Whatever the nature of a political settlement between ourselves and our neighbors, I can promise you that never again will you be cut off from your brothers," Herzog said.

REAGAN DISASSOCIATES HIMSELF FROM THE KU KLUX KLAN; SAYS THEY AND OTHER HATE GROUPS HAVE NO PLACE IN AMERICAN POLITICAL LIFE

By David Friedman

WASHINGTON, May 1 (JTA) — President Reagan dissociated himself today from the Ku Klux Klan, declaring that they and other hate groups have no place in American political life. But the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights called on Reagan to directly repudiate the endorsement of his candidacy by the Ku Klux Klan and for the Rev. Jesse Jackson to reject the support of Black Muslim leader Louis Farrakhan.

The Commission made these statements after its vice chairman, Morris Abram, read a letter from Reagan to him saying the President has "no tolerance for what the Klan represents and would have nothing to do with any group of that type."

Abram noted that Mary Berry, a member of the Commission, brought to the attention of the Commission an April 17 news story in which neither White House spokesman Larry Speakes nor the Reagan-Bush re-election committee headquarters would comment on Reagan's endorsement by Imperial Wizard Bill Wilkinson, leader of the Louisiana based Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. At a Georgia rally April 14, Wilkinson told Klan leaders that the Administration shares some of the same beliefs as the Klan and the Republican Party platform "is pure Klan."

At the time, Berry said that if Reagan did not comment, she would bring up the issue at today's meeting. Abram said that he inquired of the White House and received today the President's letter, dated April 30 from China, where Reagan was on a state visit.

Statement By Reagan

Reagan's letter to Abram said: "While in China, I have been distressed to learn that some individuals back home have questioned whether my views on the Ku Klux Klan have somehow changed since 1980. Nothing could be further from the truth."

"In 1980, I said that I have no tolerance for what the Klan represents and would have nothing to do with any groups of that type. If anything, my feelings on this subject have only grown stronger. The politics of racial hatred and religious bigotry practiced by the Klan and others have no place in this country, and are destructive of the values for which America has always stood. Those of us in public life can only resent the use of our names by those who seek political recognition for the repugnant doctrines of hate they espouse."

"I firmly believe there is no room for partisanship on this question. Democrats and Republicans

alike must be resolute in disassociating ourselves from any group or individual whose political philosophy consists only of racial or religious intolerance, whose arguments are supported only by intimidation or threats of violence."

"We must and will, continue our unified rejection of such elements of hate in our political life, for while there are many issues which divide us, it is fundamental principles such as this which will always draw us together."

'Flat-Out' Repudiation Sought

Berry said that Reagan, by referring to his 1980 statement, did not specifically repudiate the current endorsement by the KKK. She said she would like to see a statement to the Commission rejecting Wilkinson's endorsement "flat-out." Abram and the other Commission members agreed. They also agreed that Jackson should repudiate Farrakhan. They said that all candidates should disavow support from individuals who espouse racism, bigotry, intimidation or threats of violence.

Meanwhile, Nathan Perlmutter, national director of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, last week called upon the Republican Party to issue "a prompt and unequivocal repudiation" of the Klan's endorsement of Reagan.

He said he was distressed by "the unfortunate stalling, buck passing and refusal to comment" by White House aides when asked by reporters whether the President planned to repeat his 1980 renunciation of Klan support.

Perlmutter said "it is a disservice to the President when his aides pussyfoot the issue and, indeed, pay his own statements of record no heed."

He added: "All candidates for public office, but especially those who aspire to the highest office in the land, must hold themselves to the ethical principles of our democratic heritage as an example and inspiration to their fellow Americans. Whatever else a President may be, he must be a role model."

YESHIVA U. MUSEUM TO RECEIVE MAJOR GIFT OF ISRAELI ART

NEW YORK, May 1 (JTA) — Thirty-five pieces that span 50 years of Israeli art history will be given to the Yeshiva University Museum in celebration of the 36th anniversary of Israel, Monday, May 7, it was announced today. The exhibition, from Joseph and Rebecca Meyerhoff of Baltimore, includes the largest single collection given in the museum's history.

The collection, which consists of paintings, sculptures, woodcuts, represents a wide range of art from Israel's first artists and it reflects the spirit of Israeli art, according to Sylvia Herskowitz, director of the museum. The collection will be permanently housed at the museum.

The unique collection was gathered by Yurika Mann, founder of the Jerusalem Art Center and the Mane Katz Charity Foundation for Invalid Soldiers. For 36 years, Mann has been roaming the world, organizing and exhibiting the work of Israeli artists and lecturing on Israeli art internationally.

According to Herskowitz, the history of Israeli art is usually dated from the founding of the Bezalel School in 1908 in what was then Palestine. The Meyerhoff gift includes work by Boris Schatz, founder of the Bezalel School, and other noted Israeli artists, such as Mane-Katz, Jacob Steinhart, Ludwig Blum, and Moshe Tamir.

FONDA MEETS WITH NUDEL

By Yitzhak Rabi

NEW YORK, May 1 (JTA) — Ida Nudel, the Jewish refusenik who has been denied an exit visa to emigrate to Israel since 1972, celebrated her 53rd birthday last Friday in her exile city of Bendery. But unlike recent previous years, when she marked her birthdays in solitude, she had a guest this time: actress Jane Fonda.

"We were the first Westerners to have visited her in six years," Fonda said in a press conference at the Hilton Hotel yesterday, two hours after she returned from a five-day trip to the Soviet Union. She was accompanied to the USSR by her press secretary, Stephen Rivers, and a Los Angeles attorney, Marshall Grossman, who is familiar with Soviet law.

Fonda said she went to the Soviet Union to meet with Nudel and to try to discuss her case with Soviet officials. She said that while she was in Moscow, she met with V. V. Kuznetsov, head of Ovir, the Soviet emigration agency, and asked for Nudel to be allowed to emigrate to Israel to be reunited with her sister, Elena Fridman, who lives in Jerusalem.

The Soviet official said that Nudel's case is an "internal affair" and that it is not different than many other cases, Fonda said.

The world famous actress, who has been taking a personal interest in Nudel's case since 1980, after she met with Nudel's sister in Jerusalem, said that she and her escorts spent three days with Nudel. Fonda said Nudel lives alone in a simple, "very small" house with her dog.

'A Woman Of Great Courage'

"Ida Nudel is a woman whose case has deeply touched my heart, a woman of great courage and determination. She has risked much to stand up to the Soviet authorities, to practice her faith and to celebrate her Jewish heritage. She continues to be a source of spiritual support for many other refuseniks and Prisoners of Conscience," Fonda stated.

Fonda said that her visit gave Nudel "strength and the proof that she is not forgotten." According to Fonda, Nudel told her that the visit made her "safe" and will probably prevent the Soviet authorities from harassing her.

Vows To Continue On Behalf Of Soviet Jewry

Fonda vowed to continue her activity on behalf of Soviet Jewry in general and Nudel in particular. She stated: "Those of us who speak and work for peace and for a climate of better relations between the two superpowers cannot turn a blind eye to the abuse of human rights in the Soviet Union, abuses which are unworthy of a powerful nation. I plead, in the name of peace, for a relaxing of restrictions on Soviet Jews who wish to emigrate, and for a humanitarian gesture towards Ida Nudel."

Nudel's sister also participated in yesterday's press conference. In brief remarks she thanked Fonda for her efforts on behalf of Nudel, and said that the actress' trip to the Soviet Union has made her hopeful regarding her sister's case.

RABBI OF MOSCOW SYNAGOGUE ON TWO-WEEK VISIT TO THE U.S.

NEW YORK, May 1 (JTA) — For the first time in nearly a decade, the rabbi of Moscow's main synagogue is coming to the United States. He is scheduled to arrive in New York on Thursday, it was announced by the Appeal of Conscience Foundation.

Rabbi Adolph Shayeich of the Chorale Synagogue in Moscow will spend two weeks in the United States as part of an ecumenical delegation of religious dignitaries from the Soviet Union. Their visit will be hosted by the National Council of Churches.

Shayeich will be the special guest in New York of Rabbi Arthur Schneier, senior rabbi of Park East Synagogue in Manhattan and president of the Appeal of Conscience Foundation. The Foundation is a coalition of Catholic, Protestant, Jewish and Greek Orthodox religious and business leaders that works on behalf of religious freedom for believers of all faiths around the world.

The Moscow rabbi will preach at Sabbath services in Park East Synagogue Saturday, May 5 at 10:30 a.m. He will speak in Hebrew, with consecutive translation into English.

Shayeich will also attend a luncheon honoring the ecumenical delegation given by the Appeal of Conscience Foundation at noon Monday, May 7 in New York. Metropolitan Juvenaly of the Russian Orthodox Church heads the Soviet delegation.

A native of Birobidzhan, Shayeich is 48 years old. He was trained at the rabbinical assembly in Budapest (there is no Jewish seminary in the USSR) and ordained in 1980 under a 1974 agreement reached by Schneier with Soviet government authorities to alleviate the shortage of rabbis serving the Jewish community. Last year he succeeded the late Rabbi Yakov Fishman as spiritual leader of the Chorale Synagogue on Moscow's Arkhipova Street. This is the larger of two left in Moscow. It is the center of Jewish religious life in the Soviet capital.

The last Soviet Jewish religious figure to visit the United States was Fishman, who came to New York as a guest of the Appeal of Conscience Foundation in 1976.

BRAZILIAN OFFICIAL WARNS AGAINST REVIVAL OF FASCISM WORLD-WIDE

By David Markus

RIO DE JANEIRO, May 1 (JTA) — Tancredo Neves, Governor of Minas Gerais State, and a probable candidate for the Presidency of Brazil next year, delivered an impassioned warning against the revival of fascism in many guises all over the world.

Neves spoke at the annual observance of Yom Hashoah — Holocaust Remembrance Day — at the Chaim Nachman Bialik Library here. Referring to Jewish resistance against the Nazis, he said the heroism of the Warsaw Ghetto uprising 41 years ago was much greater than that of the defenders of Stalingrad.

Neves is a leader of the opposition PMDB party and is expected to be the compromise Presidential candidate when Gen. Jaoa Baptista de Oliveira Figueiredo steps down in March, 1985.

During the religious ceremonies at the Bialik Library, the Governor politely refused a yarmulka offered him and pulled one out of his pocket to cover his head. He said a friend had bought it for him in Jerusalem.

NEW YORK (JTA) — The National Conference on Soviet Jewry's Research Bureau reported Tuesday that 74 Jews left the Soviet Union in April, continuing the bare trickle of emigration at its lowest rate in 20 years.

TEL AVIV (JTA) — Four Israeli soldiers suffered slight wounds when a bomb exploded on a roadside east of Tyre in south Lebanon Monday.