

**SHAMIR AND HERZOG UNDER FIRE  
FOR THEIR REFERENCES TO AN  
UNDERGROUND JEWISH TERRORIST GROUP  
By Hugh Orgel**

TEL AVIV, May 8 (JTA) — President Chaim Herzog came under attack from the rightwing and Premier Yitzhak Shamir from the left for their references yesterday to a suspected underground Jewish terrorist group based on the West Bank.

Both men made their remarks in the course of Independence Day broadcasts. Herzog, who forcefully condemned the "mad minds" of "unbalanced men" under investigation for the attempted sabotage of Arab owned buses and other acts of violence against Arab civilians, was assailed by Gush Emunim militants for pre-judging suspects against whom no formal charges have been filed yet.

Shamir was accused by the Peace Now movement of playing down the dangers posed by Jewish vigilantism when he referred to the underground as only a "small group" of suspects. The Premier stressed that "the faults of individuals must not be exploited to stain a large group of settlers, pioneers and fighters, people who dedicate themselves to the Land of Israel."

Shamir's plea was on behalf of the West Bank settlers and advocates of "Greater Israel" who complained they were smeared by media reports that most of the suspects in the bus sabotage attempt were residents of the West Bank and Golan Heights.

Shamir cautioned the media and political groups not to depict what he called scattered instances as a general phenomenon. Peace Now charged that Shamir was minimizing the significance of the underground and urged the government to draw the correct conclusions from recent disclosures by the police.

Herzog did not impugn the settlement movement as such but characterized the sabotage attempt, for which more than 20 suspects are being held, as "treasonous acts" that could compromise Israel's independence. The Gush Emunim claimed it was unseemly for the President to have expressed himself in that manner on Independence Day.

**POLICE REBUKED BY HIGH COURT FOR  
ALLEGEDLY LEAKING INFORMATION TO  
MEDIA ABOUT PROBE OF SUSPECTS IN  
ATTEMPTED SABOTAGE OF ARAB BUSES  
By Hugh Orgel**

TEL AVIV, May 8 (JTA) — The Supreme Court rebuked the police today for allegedly leaking information to the media about the investigation of suspects in the attempted sabotage of Arab-owned buses in East Jerusalem last month.

A total news blackout has been imposed by the courts, pending completion of the investigation. Twenty-five suspects are in custody and under interrogation. The high court ruled today that those who have been detained for seven or more days may contact their lawyers now and the others will be allowed to consult with counsel beginning Thursday.

The court, which ruled on an appeal by the family of one of the detainees, stipulated that a security agent must be present at the meetings between lawyers and suspects.

One justice remarked, "There appear to be two bodies investigating this matter — the police and another organization (a reference to the Shin Bet, Israel's secret service) — and the police appear to be talking to the press."

**Media Reports And Speculations**

When the first suspects were rounded up after the sabotage attempt was uncovered and foiled by security forces on April 27, little information was released to the media apart from the fact that the suspects may belong to an organized Jewish underground based on the West Bank. The identities of the suspects were withheld, in accordance with the law.

The media reported subsequently that most of the men being held were residents of the West Bank and Golan Heights, that they were linked to the Gush Emunim and include army officers. According to some press reports, several of the suspects confessed to earlier attacks on Arab civilians and re-enacted those crimes for the police and also disclosed plans for future attacks.

Other media reports claimed that the police were acting on inside information when they discovered time-bombs planted in six Arab-owned buses. Some newspapers said the informant was a security agent who infiltrated the ring; others said he was a member of the underground who turned informer.

There has been no official confirmation of any of these reports which the Supreme Court says stemmed from leaks from the police.

**LEBANESE SHIITE LEADER WARNED  
NOT TO ENCOURAGE ATTACKS ON  
ISRAELI FORCES IN SOUTH LEBANON  
By Gil Sedan**

JERUSALEM, May 8 (JTA) — David Kimche, Director General of the Foreign Ministry, warned Shiite leader Nabih Berri, the newly appointed Minister in charge of South Lebanon in the government of Rashid Karami, not to encourage attacks on Israeli forces in south Lebanon.

Addressing the Foreign Press Association here today, Kimche said he hoped that Berri, the 44-year-old leader of the Shiite Amal militia, had sense enough not to support such attacks. If he did, he would not achieve his goals as a minister in the new Lebanese government, Kimche said.

"I think that Mr. Berri is an intelligent man and I believe he realizes that whatever happens, the fact will remain that Israel and south Lebanon are neighbors. Whether we leave Lebanon and when we leave Lebanon, we shall still have an influence in south Lebanon," Kimche said.

He warned that it would not be to the advantage of the Shiites, who are the majority population in south Lebanon, to take a position of confrontation with Israel. "If Mr. Berri wants to talk to us, we shall not say no. But this depends entirely on him," Kimche stressed. He added that it would also depend to a large extent on whether Berri's Syrian mentors allow him to talk to Israel.

The Israeli official was skeptical of the Karami government's chances to survive because, he said, it reflects the age-old rivalries among the various factions that brought civil war to Lebanon.

On another, more distant issue, Kimche categorically denied that Israel was supplying arms to the Contras, the anti-Sandinista rebels supported by the U.S. who are trying to overthrow the Nicaraguan government.

#### ISRAEL AT 36 MARKED IN NEW YORK ... By Yitzhak Rabi

NEW YORK, May 8 (JTA) -- More than 1,000 guests -- diplomats, Jewish leaders, city officials, and representatives of the media -- attended a festive reception here last night, marking the 36th anniversary of Israel's independence.

The reception, held at the Park Avenue Atrium, was jointly given by Yehuda Blum, Israel's Ambassador to the United Nations, and his wife Moria, and Naphtali Lavie, Israel's Consul General in New York, and his wife Joan.

Ambassadors from the United Nations mingled with the rest of the guests who were sipping champagne and eating strawberries, slices of cantaloupe, cheese and Israeli dates. UN Secretary General Javier Perez de Cuellar could not attend but he was represented by a number of high-ranking UN officials.

One of the highlights of the reception came when Mayor Edward Koch arrived with a small entourage and delivered a short speech congratulating Israel on its day of independence.

The Egyptian Ambassador to the UN, Ahmed Khalil, was invited to attend but he did not show up. Instead, an official of the Egyptian Mission to the UN attended. He shook hands with Blum and Lavie and their wives, stayed briefly and left.

The reception by Israel's Ambassador and Consul General is by now a "tradition," held annually on Israel's Independence Day.

#### ... AS WELL AS IN WASHINGTON By David Friedman

WASHINGTON, May 8 (JTA) -- The Egyptian Ambassador to the United States, Ashraf Ghorbal, was among some 1,000 persons who attended an Independence Day reception at the Israel Embassy here yesterday, marking the 36th anniversary of the Jewish State.

Others present included Secretary of Energy Donald Hodel, Richard Murphy, Assistant Secretary of State for Near East and South Asian Affairs, and Elliott Abrams, Assistant Secretary of State for Human Rights and Humanitarian Affairs. Also attending the event, hosted by Israeli Ambassador Meir Rosenne and his wife Vera were foreign diplomats, members of Congress, Administration officials and representatives of the Washington area Jewish community.

#### ISRAEL'S POPULATION IS 4,170 MILLION

TEL AVIV, May 8 (JTA) -- Israel's population increased by two percent over the past year, according to figures released by the Central Bureau of Statistics on the eve of Independence Day.

The population totals 4,170 million, of which 3,452 million (83 percent) are Jews; 552,000 (13 percent) Moslems; 97,000 (2.3 percent) Christians; and 69,000 (1.7 percent) Druze and others.

#### A DISTURBING ANNOUNCEMENT FROM USSR

NEW YORK, May 8 (JTA) -- A terse Soviet announcement will soon cause untold misery to many tens of thousands of Jews and others in the USSR.

According to the Student Struggle for Soviet Jewry (SSSJ), agencies in the West which ship packages to Russian citizens with the high duty fees prepaid have received official notice that Vnesheposyltorg, the department that oversees this operation, will shut down as of August 1st.

The parcels often contain clothing and other articles of great importance to recipients denied basic consumer goods, and especially vital to Jews dismissed from their jobs for seeking to emigrate.

The SSSJ pointed out that another option now remains open -- sending packages for which the recipient must pay the fees. However, many potential recipients do not have the money to pay the duties, and must under any circumstances first pay the amount, then only find out from whom the package was sent and what it contains.

#### HEBREW UNIVERSITY SCIENTIST INVITED TO SUBMIT PROPOSALS FOR EXPERIMENTS IN SPACE

JERUSALEM, May 8 (JTA) -- Prof. Shmuel Shoshan, a Hebrew University scientist, has been invited by the European Space Agency (ESA) to submit proposals for bio-medical experiments in space related to the phenomenon of weightlessness.

Shoshan, head of the Connective Tissue Research Laboratory of the Department of Oral Biology in the Hebrew University-Hadassah School of Dental Medicine, was a participant in a recent planning meeting conducted by the ESA.

The meeting, in which Shoshan was the only Israeli present among a number of scientists from Europe and the United States, was called to prepare for the sending of a space laboratory into space in 1986 which will be sponsored both by the European and U.S. space agencies.

Shoshan, whose major recent research is devoted to the healing process of wounds, believes that an understanding of what occurs under conditions of weightlessness in space will assist scientists in understanding the healing process and the relationship between the force of gravity on earth and the wound healing process.

The scientist is recognized as an expert in the field of connective tissue, of which the body's bone tissue is a part, and for his research on collagen, which is one of the major materials comprising connective tissue in the body. Collagen and connective tissue play an important role in the body's process for healing of wounds.

#### SUPPORT GROWING FOR JEWISH COMMUNITY'S CALL TO DECLARE WALLENBERG CANADIAN HONORARY CITIZEN

TORONTO, May 8 (JTA) -- Support for the Jewish community's call on the government to declare Raoul Wallenberg an honorary citizen of Canada is growing, it was reported by the League of Human Rights of B'nai B'rith Canada which initiated the call.

The Canadian Council of Christians and Jews, the Swedish-Canadian Chamber of Commerce, the Chinese-Canadian National Council, and the Federation Internationale des Droits de L'homme (International Federation for Human Rights) have added their voices to the request, in separate letters to Secretary of State Serge Joyal. The League of B'nai B'rith had asked the government to honor Wallenberg for his heroic efforts in rescuing 100,000 Jews in Hungary from death at the hands of the Nazis during World War II.

Wallenberg, a Swedish diplomat, was arrested by the Soviet Union after it routed the Germans from Budapest. Despite a Soviet claim in 1957 that Wallenberg died of a heart attack in prison 10 years earlier, reports that he is alive have surfaced as recently as 1978.

"We believe Wallenberg's devotion to the highest humanitarian ideals, ideals which Canadians fought and died for, warrants such a recognition," said George Preger, chairman of the Swedish-Canadian Chamber of Commerce whose member organizations do more than one billion dollars worth of business each year. The Chamber of Commerce also sent a telegram to the Soviet government requesting that Wallenberg be set free.

Dr. Lillian Ma, president of the Chinese-Canadian National Council, said, "As Chinese Canadians, we support the call to have Raoul Wallenberg named honorary citizen of Canada, and believe such a move will help to affirm the principles of peace and equality in Canadian society."

Wallenberg was declared an honorary citizen of the United States in 1981, only the second foreigner accorded that honor. The first was Winston Churchill. Wallenberg, who has also been nominated several times for the Nobel Prize since Albert Einstein first nominated him in 1948, is up for this year's Nobel Prize as well.

#### BILL MAKING IT ILLEGAL FOR THE U.S. TO EMPLOY OR COMPENSATE NAZI CRIMINALS IS INTRODUCED IN CONGRESS

By David Friedman

WASHINGTON, May 8 (JTA) -- A bill making it illegal for the United States government to employ or compensate Nazi war criminals in any form has been introduced by Rep. William Lehman (D. Fla.).

Lehman said his legislation was prompted by disclosure that American intelligence agencies paid Nazi war criminal Klaus Barbie and frustrated France's efforts to extradite Barbie.

The U.S. role was revealed after Barbie was expelled from Bolivia last year to France where he awaits trial in Lyon, where he was chief of the Gestapo during World War II.

"It is outrageous that the U.S. supported and protected Nazi war criminals with tax dollars," Lehman said. "But it is even more unconscionable that these immoral actions were apparently within the law. Our bill is designed to close this loophole once and for all."

Adele Liskov, a legislative assistant to Lehman, said while the bill may be "symbolic" since the U.S. government claims to no longer have ex-Nazis on the payroll, she said it is still possible that some Nazi war criminals living abroad are being used by American intelligence. She said that even if it's a bill that prevents one Nazi from being paid from the U.S. it will be worthwhile.

Lehman's bill was referred to the House Government Operations and the Post Office and Civil Service Committees. Liskov said that if the bill is not taken up in the current session it will be reintroduced by Lehman in January.

#### ISRAELI FILM FESTIVAL IN CHICAGO

CHICAGO, May 8 (JTA) -- Seven recent feature films from the emerging Israeli film industry will be spotlighted at the Israel Film Festival from May 13 through May 17, it was announced here by the Consulate General of Israel, a co-sponsor of the event. The other sponsor is Facets Multimedia, Chicago's not-for-profit film and theater organization.

The festival is part of the Israeli arts celebration at the Multimedia Center. The films, made by Israel's most innovative and exciting young film directors, reflect the diversity and complexity of Israeli life and culture, and include the American premiere of several films, including this year's Berlin Film Festival entry, *Fellow Travellers*, and *Noa* at 17, the Consulate General said.

The festival is part of an ongoing effort by the Consulate General of Israel "to present to the public here another Israel -- that of a country that, in spite of military, political and economic difficulties, has an emerging dynamic and creative art and culture."

The organizers of this event were consulted by Meir Fenigstein, executive director of the Israel Fest Foundation, who has produced in recent years the annual Israeli Film Festivals in New York and Los Angeles.

The endeavor here is also co-sponsored by other Israeli institutions in Chicago, including the Israel Tourism Office, the Government Investment Authority and Bank Hapoalim, the Consulate General said.

#### NUREMBERG TRIBUNAL DOCUMENTS REDISCOVERED IN AN ALBANY BASEMENT

By Rochelle Saidel

ALBANY, N.Y., May 8 (JTA) -- A total of 144 crates of documents from the Nuremberg Tribunals on Nazi war criminals, which had been gathering dust since the late 1940's in the basement of the State Cultural Education Center here, was recently rediscovered.

Preliminary investigations have established that the documents are one of some 20 mimeographed sets now housed in libraries, documentation centers and universities in the United States and Europe, according to Martin Sullivan, the State Education Department's Assistant Commissioner for State Museum Science and Historical Services.

The documents here consist of 12 trial manuscripts of major war criminals. Included are minutes books, official court files, order and judgement books, clemency petitions, prosecution and defense exhibits, and prosecution and defense document books.

According to John Mendelsohn, one of the Nuremberg experts at the National Archives, only a thorough examination can determine whether there is anything unique in the set of documents. Such an examination has been requested by the State Education Department and State Senate Democratic Leader Manfred Ohrenstein.

The future of the documents was discussed here earlier this month at the first meeting of the advisory board of the State Holocaust Memorial Resource Center/Exhibit whose chairman is Ohrenstein and whose honorary chairman is Elie Wiesel. Some 50 Holocaust survivors, professors, teachers, and other concerned citizens from throughout the state met to discuss the disposition of the Nuremberg documents, progress to date, and proposed plans for the exhibit and resource center.

The presence of the material in the basement of the Cultural Education Center for the past 40 years remains somewhat of a mystery. One theory is that one of the Nuremberg trial jurists was from Albany and had the crates shipped to the education center for safe-keeping and future reference. Recently, in an effort to clear up the clutter of stored material in the basement, the crates were discovered and opened by a custodial worker who reported their contents.

## SPECIAL TO THE JTA A TREASURE TROVE OF YIDDISH BOOKS By Aviva Cantor

NEW YORK, May 8 (JTA) -- The National Yiddish Book Center of Amherst, Mass., will be moving the 250,000 Yiddish books it has rescued from all over North America in the past four years into a new and spacious haven next week.

The new headquarters for the Yiddish books is a renovated old paper mill in Holyoke, Mass., with 17,000 square feet of fire-protected space. The Center is currently seeking to raise \$75,000 to enable volunteers to move the books, and install lighting and humidity controls, and steel library shelving in their new home.

The books, all but 25,000 of which are still in the boxes they were mailed or carried in originally, have been temporarily stored for the past two years in a warehouse near Amherst, the lease on which expires in June. Every week 2,000 additional books, many of them rare, continue to arrive there.

### Project Began Several Years Ago

The project began when Aaron Lansky, the Center's founder and executive director, was a graduate student of Yiddish Literature at McGill University in Montreal, in 1978-79. "We had no books to use—most were out of print," he told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency. "We went to Jewish neighborhoods, ringing doorbells, asking to borrow books."

"Meanwhile," he continued, "it was becoming obvious that Yiddish books were being thrown out or routinely destroyed, for example, when Jews moved out of old neighborhoods. We were at a point of transition: the grandparent generation was dying, and the grandchildren were abandoning their books. We realized that if nothing was done, within a few years the books would all be lost."

Lansky started to collect old Yiddish books. They "inundated" his parents' apartment in New Bedford, Mass. to a point where the floors began to sag under their weight. In 1979, he and several other young Jews in their 20's decided to move the operation to the Amherst area, which Lansky knew as an artistic and literary center, having been an undergraduate student at Hampshire College.

After acquiring a factory loft in Northampton, and the cooperation of five colleges in the area, Lansky mailed out an announcement to all the Jewish papers in North America. It read: "Send books."

### Thousands of Yiddish Books Sent

Within weeks, he said, "thousands of Yiddish books came in. It was a deluge. One day I remember, 125 boxes arrived. It became a big problem with the post office!" The Center was offered a school building in Amherst rent-free. Within two years, that, too, was overflowing with books.

"Our original idea was that books would come to us," Lansky told the JTA. "We soon realized it could not work entirely that way -- too many people were old and unable to send them." The Center then set up a system of 200 "zamlers" -- volunteers who travel around their areas of North America collecting books -- from abandoned buildings in the South Bronx to garages in Beverly Hills.

"We put our energy into collecting because the books were in danger of being destroyed" just at a point when interest was growing in Yiddish culture, Lansky said. The Center's goal is to "get the books back into circulation -- to match old books with new readers."

The Center has already put many of the books it has collected into libraries in 20 countries, "including Japan and Scandinavia and into the hands of individuals, who learn of the available books through a catalogue published by the Center. The YIVO Institute for Jewish Research and the Library of Congress each get a copy of every book not already in their library."

### Possible Rare And Precious Volumes

Once the Center moves into its new headquarters, "we will finally be able to unpack and shelve all of our quarter of a million books," Lansky said. "Some have not been opened in decades. There may be rare and precious volumes among them." He looks forward to the discoveries the Center's volunteers will be making. "It's a real treasure trove," he said. "One thousand years of Jewish history and culture is tied up in these books."

Lansky said that anyone interested in helping the project can do so by writing to the National Yiddish Book Center, P.O. Box 969, Old East Street School, Amherst, Mass. 01004.

### ISRAELI YESHIVA STUDENT WINS BIBLE QUIZ; NEW YORK STUDENT BECOMES FIRST 'DIASPORA CHAMPION' By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, May 8 (JTA) -- Binyamin Moskowitz, an 18-year-old yeshiva student from Ashkelon, won the annual international youth bible quiz here yesterday with a perfect score of 100 points. But popular sentiment was with the runner-up, Hillel Novetsky, 14, of New York, who came within four points of becoming the first non-Israeli bible quiz winner in 10 years. There were 21 contestants from 11 countries.

Novetsky had a perfect score in the preliminary written examination, the first diaspora youngster ever to accomplish this. He ran neck-and-neck with Moskowitz during the cliff-hanger contest until he was stumped by the final question put by Premier Yitzhak Shamir.

The question was: Identify the Biblical sources for the descriptions of Jerusalem as "the city of truth", "the gate of my people", "the city of our God", and "the Mount of his holiness." Novetsky named some, but not all of the sources. "There is a sense of disappointment, but I will take it," he said afterwards.

Novetsky has the consolation of being "diaspora champion." Moskowitz, asked the secret of his brilliant showing, replied, "There's no secret. I believe in God."

### \$1.2 MILLION RAISE FOR ISRAEL'S SOLDIERS WELFARE COMMITTEE

TEL AVIV, May 8 (JTA) -- The Army Radio station raised 220 million Shekels (\$1.2 million) for the Soldiers Welfare Committee in a day-long Independence Day radio "marathon" yesterday. The committee provides recreational and sports facilities for service personnel.

Listeners telephoned pledges during the program of songs and other entertainment. Contributions were also made by many of the fans who attended the Independence Day soccer match between the National Football Team and the Army Team at Ramat Gan Stadium.

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TEL AVIV (JTA) -- More than 1,500 government-employed laboratory workers went on strike Tuesday for wage increases. The walk-out affects laboratories at government hospitals and clinics. The strike was described as open-ended.