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**ARENS CATEGORICALLY DENIES
ISRAEL SUPPLIES IRAN WITH
ARMS OR SPARE PARTS**
By David Friedman

WASHINGTON, May 31 (JTA) -- Israeli Defense Minister Moshe Arens flatly denied yesterday that Israel has been supplying Iran with arms or with spare parts for the weapons that country received from the United States under the Shah.

Arens, answering questions from reporters at a press conference, also denied that there are any flights between Israel and Tehran carrying weapons to Iran directly or through a third country. He repeated the denial when asked the same question in Hebrew by Israeli reporters.

Arens, who met for 45 minutes earlier in the day with Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger at the Pentagon, said he expressed Israel's opposition to President Reagan's decision to send 400 Stinger anti-aircraft missiles to Saudi Arabia.

"Our concern is that these missiles could fall in the hands of terrorist groups," he explained. He said Israel feared the terrorists would use the easily affordable weapon against civilian aircraft and this "could be a danger to us, but not only to us."

Saudis Not 'Effective' Defenders Of Gulf

But Arens also stressed that in the "escalating" situation in the Persian Gulf in which ships are under attack from Iran and Iraq the shoulder fired Stinger would not be effective since its range is only three miles.

The Israeli official suggested that the Saudis will not be "effective" in defending the Gulf as the U.S. is counting on them to do. He noted that the Iran-Iraq war has been going on for nearly four years and while the Saudis have a great deal of American equipment, they don't have the "capability, the desire or maybe the motivation" to use them.

Arens, however, ruled out any Israeli military involvement in the Gulf. This is "not at all being considered," he said.

In another matter Arens said that while he was on the scene April 13 when Israeli troops killed two Palestinian bus hijackers, and captured two others, he did not know that the two captured Palestinians had been beaten to death.

"I was in the area during the entire night while the bus and passengers were held hostage," he said. "I was in the area when the bus was taken over by the Israeli armed forces and I left the area thereafter." He added that just before he left he told reporters that two Palestinians had been killed and two captured.

Arens reportedly believed that the two captured terrorists had died on the way to the hospital, according to an Israeli official.

A special Israeli investigating commission set up by the Defense Ministry ruled Monday that the two captured terrorists had been beaten to death with blunt instruments. Arens, who said yesterday "the report does not make pleasant reading," said the incident was a "clear deviation from Israeli rules, regulations and standards." He stressed that those responsible will face criminal charges.

Some in Israel have charged that Arens bears some responsibility, too.

**ANTI-SEMITISM STILL GRAVE PROBLEM
IN ARGENTINA, DAIA LEADER WARNS**
By Yitzhak Rabi

NEW YORK, May 31 (JTA) -- An Argentine Jewish leader warned here last night that the phenomenon of anti-Semitism in Argentina continues and incidents of hatred against Jews still take place.

"In Argentina, virulent anti-Jewish slogans are fomented at every opportunity," Jose Camji, vice president of the Delegation of Argentine Jewish Associations (DAIA), the representative body of the Jewish community in Argentina, told the 71st National Commission meeting of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith which opened yesterday at the Grand Hyatt Hotel.

Camji noted, for example that on April 2, the anniversary of the Malvinas (Falklands) war, "demonstrators of the extreme right sang 'down with the radical synagogue.'"

"Let us not be fooled," Camji urged, "Jewish hatred continues. For this reason, we believe that the DAIA in Argentina and the ADL here must outline a strategy to fight our common enemies -- anti-Semitism and anti-Zionism linked to a campaign of defamation against the State of Israel, to destroy and deform its image."

Joint Action Called For

Calling for a joint campaign with American Jewry to fight anti-Semitism, which he said is the "eternal enemy" of the Jewish people, Camji said that "The DAIA's fight against anti-Semitism, anti-Zionism and defense of human rights is recognized by the Argentine democratic society. The respect that its conduct deserves is endorsed by the attitude of political, social and cultural personalities in the country that come into contact with the DAIA or refer to it."

Camji said that the actions of DAIA against anti-Semitism "are based fundamentally on responding to any anti-Semitic aggression, and demanding and denouncing any anti-Jewish outbreaks." He noted that last April the entire executive body of DAIA went to the city of Rosario in order to participate in protests to repudiate two anti-Semitic incidents against synagogues in that Argentinian city.

In addition, Camji said, DAIA has proposed a law which is presently under study in Argentina's Congress, banning racial discrimination. He added that his organization believes that legal means must be accompanied by education if anti-Semitism is to be eliminated.

**'Sick, Distorted' Minds
HERZOG BLASTS JEWISH
TERRORIST UNDERGROUND**
By Gil Sedon

JERUSALEM, May 31 (JTA) -- President Chaim Herzog forcefully denounced the Jewish terrorist underground currently under investigation for acts of violence carried out or planned against Arab civilians.

Addressing a group of Bnei Akiva youth from abroad yesterday, he said this phenomenon must be rooted out with an iron hand because it threatens Israel's

national existence and provides Israel's enemies with propaganda weapons. There are presently 27 suspects under indictment for a variety of criminal acts ranging from attempted murder to membership in a terrorist organization.

Could Have Been Civil War

Herzog attributed the emergence of a Jewish underground that employed violence to "a horrible failure in education." He said that "only a sick and distorted mind would have thought any good could come out of such terrible crimes."

The President's remarks were sharply criticized by the Action Committee on behalf of the Jewish underground suspects. The group, mainly West Bank settlers, accused Herzog of creating a lynch atmosphere. A Jerusalem magistrate meanwhile extended until Sunday the remand of two Israeli army officers arrested yesterday in connection with underground activities.

JACOBSON REGRETS FAILURE OF ISRAEL'S RELIGIOUS LEADERS TO SPEAK AGAINST JEWISH TERRORIST UNDERGROUND By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, May 31 (JTA) -- Charlotte Jacobson, chairman of the World Zionist Organization-American Section, expressed deep regret that religious Jews seem to have been involved in the Jewish terrorist underground now under investigation. She was especially disappointed, she said, that religious leaders in Israel have not spoken out against this phenomenon which she called "a very sad chapter."

Jacobson was interviewed by the Jewish Telegraphic Agency aboard the plane carrying members of the Jewish National Fund National Leadership Council Mission to the dedication of the Timna Mines National Park, a JNF project north of Eilat.

Problems Neglected

Referring to the July 23 Knesset elections, Jacobson was critical of Israeli governments, past and present, which, she said, never squarely faced such problems as housing for young couples and the single olim who comprise about 40 percent of Jews immigrating to Israel. Which ever party wins the elections, they are going to face these and similar problems, she said. "Single olim have a terrible time and they are the best olim," Jacobson said.

She said she did not believe American Jewry was less proud of Israel than in the past. But whereas in the past, pride was focussed on the Israel Defense Force and its performance, that is now taken for granted. Today, more pride is focussed on Israel's technological and scientific achievements, she said.

SHAMIR CHARGES NATIONS CONDUCT 'LIBELOUS CAMPAIGN' AGAINST DESIGNATION OF JERUSALEM AS ISRAEL'S CAPITAL

By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, May 31 (JTA) -- Premier Yitzhak Shamir charged yesterday that the nations of the world are conducting a "libelous propaganda campaign" against Israel's designation of Jerusalem as its capital. He spoke at a rally marking the 17th anniversary of the city's reunification.

This will end, just as "the fences and barricades dividing the city disappeared," Shamir said. The Knesset devoted part of its session today to the anniversary. Knesset Speaker Menachem Savidor praised

Mayor Teddy Kollek of Jerusalem for urging cooperation among the many communities that live in the capital.

Jerusalem Day festivities ended this evening with a song fest at the Sultan's Pool outside the Old City walls. Dozens of other events were held during the day, including a memorial ceremony for soldiers who died in the 1967 Six Day War.

ATTACKS ON IDF IN LEBANON WON'T END SOON, INTELLIGENCE CHIEF SAYS

By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, May 31 (JTA) -- Gen. Ehud Barak, Chief of Military Intelligence, said today that attacks on Israel Defense Force personnel in south Lebanon will continue for some time. He said most of the recent attacks have been carried out by local Lebanese residents, either for money or ideological motivation.

Barak said in a radio interview that some of the groups attacking IDF personnel acted on orders from Lebanese influenced by Iran and others affiliated with the Palestine Liberation Organization. The attacks will continue, he said, until a Lebanese armed force capable of preventing terrorist activity is formed to replace the IDF in south Lebanon. That will take some time, he said.

PARENTS OF FALLEN SOLDIERS DEMAND SHARON REMOVE HIMSELF FROM LIKUD ELECTION LIST

By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, May 31 (JTA) -- Former Defense Minister Ariel Sharon has been put in charge of special projects for the Likud election campaign, it was announced today. The announcement came only a day after a group of parents whose sons were killed in the Lebanon war, demanded that Sharon remove himself from the Likud election list.

The Bereaved Parents Association is asking for a special inquiry into two incidents in the Lebanese war. They contend that Sharon was directly responsible for orders which led to the deaths of 40 soldiers.

MITTERRAND URGED TO LAUNCH NEW INITIATIVE ON BEHALF OF SOVIET JEWS, OTHER DISSIDENTS

LOS ANGELES, May 31 (JTA) -- President Francois Mitterrand of France was urged, prior to his first meeting in Moscow with Soviet President Konstantin Chernenko, to undertake a new initiative on behalf of Soviet Jews and other dissidents in the USSR, the Simon Wiesenthal Center reported here yesterday.

Rabbi Marvin Hier, Dean of the Center, who met with Mitterrand at the Elysee Palace in Paris, asked him to personally take up the plights of human rights activist Andrei Sakharov and Jewish refusenik Anatoly Shcharansky with the Soviet leadership.

Hier headed a 25-member North American delegation of the Wiesenthal Center. The meetings with Mitterrand and with French Foreign Minister Claude Cheysson, were held in conjunction with the Center's 1984 "Mission of Remembrance and Renewal" to West Germany, Czechoslovakia, Hungary and France. Mitterrand was presented with the Center's Humanitarian Award for his lifelong friendship to the Jewish people and his commitment to human rights.

Hier told the French President that the delegation had just come from Budapest where they honored the heroic mission of Swedish diplomat Raoul Wallenberg, responsible for saving the lives of some 100,000 Hungarian Jews in the closing months of World War II, who disappeared after the Red Army entered Budapest in 1944 and may still be alive in a Soviet prison.

Hier urged Mitterrand "to do all you can on behalf of these two great people to see that the Soviets will not be able to do to Sakharov and Shcharansky what they succeeded in doing to Raoul Wallenberg."

He added, "We hope you will confront President Chernenko with the cultural genocide which characterizes the official Soviet policy toward its Jewish citizens. Ask him why his country virtually prohibits the study of the Bible, silences teachers who want to teach, considers it a crime to speak the language of Isaiah and Jeremiah -- all this while the USSR seals its borders with artificial restrictions and continuously harasses the nearly one-fifth of the world Jewish population that lives there with a relentless barrage of official inspired anti-Semitism."

At a meeting later at the Foreign Ministry with Cheysson and chief Political Counselor Jacques Andreani, the delegation spokesman Ira Lipman of Memphis, Tenn., urged that France follow the U.S. lead and openly assign French diplomats in Moscow and Leningrad to attend services at synagogues there.

The French diplomats promised to consider the request. They agreed that some additional concrete gestures toward the Jewish community in the Soviet Union should be undertaken, the Wiesenthal Center reported.

EZRA DANIN OF HAGANAH DEAD AT 82

TEL AVIV, May 31 (JTA) -- Ezra Danin, a veteran Arabist and former Haganah intelligence officer, who escorted Golda Meir on her famous secret visit to King Abdullah of Jordan, has died here at the age of 82.

Danin was born in Jaffa and at the age of six moved to one of the first houses built in Tel Aviv by his father who was among the founders of the Ahuzat Bayit suburb which became Tel Aviv. Danin studied agriculture and was active in the new citrus industry. But his main activity was his secret work for Haganah intelligence, which he helped establish.

The Danin family had been friendly with the Emir Abdullah and paid several secret visits to the Trans-Jordanian leader. It was Danin who arranged for Meir's meeting with Abdullah, in an effort to stave off fighting between the young State of Israel in the making and Trans-Jordan, and accompanied her on her visit.

NRP AVERTS SPLIT, PRESENTS SINGLE LIST FOR JULY ELECTIONS
By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, May 31 (JTA) -- The National Religious Party presented its list for the July 23 elections to the Central Elections Committee just before the midnight deadline tonight, averting a crisis that threatened to split the party's already diminished Knesset faction.

The list represented a last minute compromise between Interior Minister Yosef Burg who heads the NRP's Lamifne faction and Education Minister Zevulun Hammer, leader of its "young guard." Burg, the senior party leader, tops the list, followed by Hammer, Prof. Avner Sciaki of Tel Aviv University and David Danino, co-chairman of the NRP's organization department, in that order.

They are considered fairly certain of election unless the NRP's Knesset representation which was reduced by half in the 1981 elections, suffers further losses in the July voting.

The religious party was threatened by a split earlier this week when Hammer and former Deputy Foreign Minister Yehuda Ben-Meir announced they were quitting the NRP to form a new faction, "Geshet", which would stand for election on its own. The two men had the approval of the Knesset House Committee and would have qualified for election campaign subsidies from the government.

Israel's other religious party, the Aguda Israel, also reached a last minute agreement on its election list after weeks of wrangling. Veteran Avraham Shapiro will head the Aguda list, followed by Menachem Porush, Shimon Siroka and Shmuel Halpert. Another veteran, Shlomo Lorincz, who has been an Aguda MK for 33 years, announced he would retire.

FIRST FRENCH TOWN LIBERATED BY ALLIES HONORS COMMANDER OF SS DIVISION THAT OCCUPIED IT

By Edwin Eytan

PARIS, May 31 (JTA) -- Bayeux, the first French city liberated by Allied forces in June, 1944, has presented its Medal of Honor to the former commander of the Waffen SS division that occupied it at the time, Gen. Heinz Harmel. The gesture this week raised a storm of protest in France.

Government sources told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that the decision by Bayeux to confer the honor was taken independently and the government was not consulted in advance.

The ceremonies were held at the town hall Tuesday where Harmel, now 78, led a group of 90 SS veterans who came to visit the German war cemetery at La Cambe where 21,160 German soldiers are buried.

During the last months of World War II, Harmel commanded the 10th Waffen SS "Frunsborg" Division which had been stationed earlier in Poland and was part of the 2nd SS Panzerkorps commanded by SS Obergruppenfuhrer Eric Hauser.

Dr. Andre Benamou, director of the Bayeux city museum defended the presence of the former SS men, now mostly in their sixties, balding and paunchy. "The visit is strictly routine. There is nothing exceptional about it. Many German visitors who belonged to the (10th Waffen SS) Division regularly come to visit us. They feel at ease as the museum is reputed to be both neutral and objective," said Benamou who, according to the Jewish community of Bayeux, is of Jewish origin.

He added, "We regret they have not been invited to attend the (June 6) Normandy celebrations," the 40th anniversary of the Allied landings on the Normandy beaches.

Much of the French public is incensed over Bayeux playing host to the SS veterans, especially since France and the other wartime allies have persistently refused to invite West Germany's Chancellor, Helmut Kohl, or any German representative to the Normandy celebrations. Despite official French and German denials, diplomatic sources confirm that Kohl had sought an invitation to attend the event which will be attended by Queen Elizabeth II, President Reagan, the Kings of Norway and Belgium, the Queen of The Netherlands, Prime Minister Pierre Elliott Trudeau of Canada and President Francois Mitterrand of France.

CORRECTION

The second paragraph of the story on page 3 of the May 25 JTA Daily News Bulletin, "The Jews of Salonika" should read "The 50,000 Jews, who comprised about a third of its population" not 5,000.

BEHIND THE HEADLINES WALLENBERG MAY STILL BE ALIVE

By Maurice Samuelson

LONDON, May 31 (JTA) — The Chief Rabbi of Hungary has publicly indicated that Swedish diplomat Raoul Wallenberg could still be alive nearly 40 years after his imprisonment in the Soviet Union. Rabbi Laszlo Salgo referred to Wallenberg two weeks ago at a crowded service in the main synagogue of Budapest commemorating the 40th anniversary of the massacre of 600,000 Hungarian Jews.

In the course of an emotional 40-minute sermon delivered in Hebrew, Salgo recounted Wallenberg's daring rescue of thousands of Budapest Jews and described him as a "tzaddik" and "chassid umot ha'olam" — one of the righteous among the nations.

Then in a key passage which startled his thousand-strong congregation, he exclaimed: "If Raoul Wallenberg is alive, we wish him all the best wherever he may be. If not, may his soul be forever interred with the souls of the living."

Since 1957 the Soviet Union has maintained that Wallenberg died in the Lubyanka Prison in Moscow on July 17, 1947, of a heart attack. Suggestions that Wallenberg was still alive, based on later sightings of him in prison, have been bitterly attacked by the Soviet Union as cold war propaganda, and Hungary, as a loyal member of the Soviet bloc, has previously made no attempt to question the Soviet view.

Official Hungarian Interest in Wallenberg

Prof. Israel Singer, New York-based executive director of the World Jewish Congress and a participant in the Budapest ceremonies, said he believed that Salgo's statement on Wallenberg had been made at the behest of the Hungarian government. The sermon is the second recent sign of official Hungarian interest in the case of Wallenberg and his activities in wartime Budapest.

The official Budapest historical review "Historia," recently investigated in a long feature article the mysterious disappearance shortly after the war, of a statue commemorating Wallenberg's exploits which had been erected on the banks of the Danube.

The statue depicting a man striking a snake, now adorns a pharmaceutical factory in the city of Debrecen. It has been stripped of its inscription to Wallenberg and now officially symbolizes the fight against disease.

The article has sparked speculation that the Hungarian authorities are considering transferring the statue to its original Budapest site and consecrating it to its original purpose. More references to Wallenberg may be heard during the World Lutheran Conference which is to be held in Budapest in the first week in August and coinciding with the 72nd birthday of Wallenberg.

Hungary's growing readiness to discuss this hitherto embarrassing subject is partly a response to worldwide interest in Wallenberg outside the Communist bloc which culminated in him being made an honorary citizen of the United States.

However, it also coincides with greater official readiness to examine the Nazi Holocaust in Hungary which caused the deaths of three quarters of the country's pre-war Jewish population between March 1944 and the Russian conquest of Budapest nearly a year later.

Singer, who headed the WJC delegation at the Hungarian commemorations, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency they were unique in Eastern Europe to the extent that they mourned the Jews as the

principal victims of Hitler. This contrasted particularly with Poland and the Soviet Union where the Jewish experience in the last war is usually submerged in that of the nation as a whole.

In one of his own addresses during the Budapest ceremonies, Singer berated Hungary's Roman Catholic church for its silence during the Holocaust. He said that his comments went down well with the Hungarian Communist leaders.

Widely Reported In The Media

He also was struck by the strong Israeli representation at the ceremonies even though Hungary and Israel do not have diplomatic relations. The ceremonies were covered by Israeli television and the newspaper Maariv, Singer said.

Spread over three days, from May 13-16, they were also reported daily on the home and overseas services of Hungarian radio. According to the Hungarian Radio monitored in London, the events of May 13 included a service at the Jewish cemetery in Kozma Street, attended by representatives of the Hungarian Jewish community, Hungarian churches, and foreign Jewish organizations, and of state and social bodies.

In the synagogue service the same day the speakers were Chief Rabbi Salgo; Gyula Kallai, chairman of the Patriotic Peoples Front; Catholic Cardinal Laszlo Lekai; Singer; as well as the chairman of the Moscow Jewish community; the Council of the Association of Jewish communities, and the American Section of the World Federation of Hungarian Jews. The meeting had been opened by Imre Heber, president of the Board of Hungarian Jews.

On May 14, Deputy Prime Minister Istvan Sarlos met the visiting World Jewish Congress delegation led by Singer. The same day saw the ceremonial opening of the newly renovated Jewish Museum in Budapest by Budapest Deputy Mayor Richard Nagy.

It included an exhibition of photographs and memorabilia of the "Tragedy of 40 Years Ago."

(The building is on the site of the birthplace of Theodor Herzl, whose effigy appears on a mural there.)

On May 15, Hungarian Jewish leaders laid wreaths at memorial plaques in the city to commemorate the deported Jews.

On May 12, the newspaper Magyar Hirlap carried an article by history Professor Gyula Juhasz on the start of the Jewish deportations and on Hungarian public reaction to it.

The article, entitled "The Necessity of Suffering," was quoted by Hungarian radio as saying that 40 years had to be long enough for Hungarian society to face objectively the events of the past "without false self-acquittal and excessive, repeated accusations."

It was only in this way that "purification" could be achieved, which was in everyone's interests. Exceptions could not be made in seeking historical truth, it said.

SOVIET PAPER SAYS N.Y. RALLY CAUSED MOSCOW TO QUIT OLYMPICS

LONDON, May 31 (JTA) — "A separate column of armed police marched with the Zionists through (New York's) streets under anti-Soviet posters," according to Komsomolskaya Pravda, the official Soviet youth newspaper, in an apparent reference to the solidarity with Soviet Jewry rally in New York on May 6.

"Can you imagine these people defending Soviet athletes?" the newspaper asked in its May 25 edition, the Institute of Jewish Affairs, the World Jewish Congress research arm here, reported. The article, titled "From Fascists to Gangsters" apparently cited the rally as one reason why Moscow decided to withdraw from the summer Olympics in Los Angeles.