

**COURT NAMES 2 ARMY OFFICERS HELD
IN BOMBING OF ARAB MAYORS' CARS;
OFFICERS MUST REMAIN IN CUSTODY**

By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, June 3 (JTA) — A Jerusalem district court today named two Israel Defense Force officers who are being held in custody in connection with the June, 1980 car bombings that maimed two West Bank Arab mayors and injured a police sapper attempting to dismantle a bomb intended for a third mayor.

The suspects are Maj. Shlomo Livyatan, 34, of Shilo on the West Bank and Capt. Aharon Gilla, 35, of Jerusalem. They were arrested last week in the ongoing investigation of a Jewish terrorist underground believed responsible for acts of violence and planned acts against Arab civilians during the past four years. So far 27 persons have been indicted for offenses ranging from attempted murder and sabotage to membership in an illegal organization.

Judge Yisrael Weiner ruled that despite their clean military records, the two officers should remain in custody for the duration of the legal proceedings. According to Weiner, evidence presented so far could lead to the conviction of Livyatan for placing explosives in the cars of Mayors Bassam Shaka of Nablus and Karin Khallaf of Ramallah. Both were crippled. If convicted, Livyatan would face a maximum penalty of 14 years' imprisonment.

Gilla is accused of having accompanied a Druze police sapper to the garage of Mayor Ibrahim A-Tawil of El Bireh. Although he was fully aware that a bomb had been placed in the mayor's car, he failed to warn the sapper who was permanently blinded when the bomb exploded. Gilla was not injured.

**SOUTHERN COMMANDER REPRIMANDED
IN BEATINGS OF BUS HIJACKERS**

By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, June 3 (JTA) — A ranking army officer and a senior officer of the secret service (Shin Bet) have been reprimanded by their superiors in connection with the fatal beatings of two bus hijackers after they were taken alive by Israeli forces last April 13.

Maj. Gen. Moshe Bar Kochba, commander of the Israel Defense Force southern command, was cited for negligence by Chief of Staff Gen. Moshe Levy. The Shin Bet officer was reprimanded on the same grounds by the chief of the secret service. The law forbids identifying members of Shin Bet.

Both reprimands were issued on the recommendation of the special committee, headed by Maj. Gen. (res.) Meir Zorea, which conducted an investigation into the deaths of the two terrorists. The men were killed by blows to their heads, presumably while undergoing interrogation in a field after soldiers stormed the hijacked bus to free its passengers. Two other hijackers were killed in the shoot-out.

Apart from reprimands, the Zorea committee recommended no further disciplinary action. The charges of negligence arose, presumably, from the absence of any clear orders that captured prisoners should not be killed. Neither Bar Kochba nor the Shin Bet official was directly implicated in the incident.

The press reported today that the reprimands were made public after both officers complained that the media was implying unfairly that one of them was the "senior officer under investigation for direct involvement" in beating the terrorists to death. The Zorea committee reportedly recommended that legal action be taken against three men, none of whom has yet been identified.

ISRAELI SOLDIER INJURED IN LEBANON

TEL AVIV, June 3 (JTA) — An Israeli soldier suffered minor injuries today when his vehicle was shaken by a remote-controlled explosive charge near the coastal town of Sarafand, a Shiite Moslem stronghold in south Lebanon. The soldier was treated for bruises on his cheek.

An Israeli armored personnel carrier was damaged today when it struck a mine three kilometers south of Kamed E-Luz near Syrian lines in the eastern sector of the front. There were no casualties. Observers noted that the number of incidents has increased in this sector but the number of casualties has decreased. (By Hugh Orgel)

**PORUSH, AGUDA MK, BEATEN BY HASIDIM
IN APPARENT DISPUTE OVER ELECTION**

By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, June 3 (JTA) — Menachem Porush, a veteran Knesset member of the Aguda Israel party, was beaten senseless by a group of Hasidim in a synagogue last night. He was rushed to Bikur Holim Hospital for treatment of bruises and concussion and later transferred to the Hadassah Medical Center for an encephalogram. Doctors described his condition today as "fair."

Premier Yitzhak Shamir angrily condemned the attack on the 68 year-old MK which he called "criminal and shocking." He sent a telegram to Porush wishing him a speedy recovery.

Porush's assailants were described as disciples of the Gerrer Rebbe, leader of a Hasidic sect that originated in Lithuania. Their motive apparently was a dispute between Porush and the Rebbe over Porush's decision to stand for re-election to the Knesset in July which is opposed by the Gerrer Hasidim.

They were said to have been aroused by an article in Haaretz last Friday which contained certain remarks about the Rebbe believed to have originated with Porush. Dozens of Hasidim stormed the MK's "Merkaz" hotel, found him alone in the synagogue and began beating him. Relatives and employees summoned by his outcries were unable to rescue Porush. His attackers left only after Porush lay unconscious on the synagogue floor.

ARENS DESCRIBES U.S.-ISRAELI TIES

By Yitzhak Rabi

NEW YORK, June 3 (JTA) — Defense Minister Moshe Arens declared here that relations between Israel and the United States have significantly improved and continue to get better. He said that in the last two years the "differences between the two countries have been fewer and the gaps smaller."

Arens was the keynote speaker at a special tribute dinner Thursday night celebrating the 80th birthday of Jack Weiler, a realtor and dean of New York's Jewish

Community, sponsored by the Israel Bond Organization. Some 500 Jewish leaders from all parts of the United States and Canada attended the event, the largest of its kind held in North America in terms of financial support for Israel. Max Fisher of Detroit, the chairman of the dinner, announced that \$80 million in Israel Bonds and securities were raised during the affair.

Arens, who arrived from Washington where he met with Administration officials, said that the improved relations between the United States and Israel are demonstrated by "the larger than ever" military and economic aid from Washington to the Jewish state this year. He noted that most of the aid would be in the form of grants, additions that the aid is "a good investment" on the part of the U.S. in view of the common strategic interests of both countries.

The Israeli Defense Minister also said that the good ties between Washington and Jerusalem are manifested by the closer personal relations of officials of the two countries. He said that it is demonstrated during the "strategic consultations" that representatives of Israel and the United States currently hold.

Arens said that there is growing understanding on the part of American officials that Israel will harm its security if it gave up territories in the West Bank and the Golan Heights. He said that American Congressmen, Senators and Administration officials who visit Israel these days no longer call for Israeli withdrawal. "I have not met a single U.S. Senator or Congressman that said that Israel can afford giving back the Golan Heights," Arens said to the applause of the audience.

Lavie Called World Best

Arens hailed the Israel defense industry, which he said "has reached maturity." He claimed that the defense systems produced in Israel today "can be counted among the best in the world and some even the very best in the world."

He said that the Lavie jet fighter, which is under development by Israel's defense industry, is the "symbol" for the high technology achievements of Israel. He said that the Lavie, which will be completed by the end of the decade, is "going to be one of the best jet-fighters in the world." He thanked the U.S. for the financial assistance it gives for the Lavie's development.

President Reagan, President Chaim Herzog of Israel and Premier Yitzhak Shamir sent special telegrams congratulating Weiler and praising his devotion and dedication to Israel and the Jewish people in the last 40 years.

ARAB-JEWISH KNESSET LIST CHALLENGED AS SUBVERSIVE, SUPPORTING PLO

By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, June 3 (JTA) -- Controversy has developed over the "Progressive List for Peace," a newly formed faction of Israeli Arabs and Jews which seeks to participate in the July 23 Knesset elections.

Security sources have branded it subversive and Premier Yitzhak Shamir has outlawed it in his capacity as acting Defense Minister. Defense Minister Moshe Arens, presently in the U.S., was notified of the action last Friday. It was reported today that he will meet with representatives of the new group on his return later this week and will decide then whether or not to outlaw it. Under the law, only the Defense Minister may outlaw a political group on grounds that it poses a security threat to the State.

Security sources have charged that the faction constitutes an attempt to introduce supporters of the Palestine Liberation Organization into the Knesset. They noted that its platform refers to a future independent Palestinian state without defining its borders. It recognizes the existence of the State of Israel, but only within the borders of June 4, 1967, before the Six-Day War.

The participation of Jews in the election list is an attempt to camouflage the real purpose of the new faction, according to Moshe Kochanovsky, legal advisor to the Defense Ministry.

The main Jewish component is "Alternative," a splinter faction of the leftist Sheli party headed by Gen. (Res.) Matityahu Peled. Peled has the No. 2 spot on the list. The top spot is occupied by an Arab attorney, Mohammad Miari. Miari was, in the 1950s, a member of the outlawed Arab group Al-Ard. The Supreme Court ruled at that time that Al-Ard "totally negated the existence of the State of Israel, particularly in its present borders."

Move Is Condemned

Although the "Progressive List for Peace" clearly differs from Al-Ard insofar as it recognizes the Israeli State, that, Kochanovsky charges, is only "a tactical move" intended to meet the criteria of the Central Elections Committee. Miari retorted that the platform reflects the honest opinions of all of the participants. He admitted however that various opinions had been expressed before the platform was adopted.

The spokesmen of several other parties have condemned moves to outlaw the list. Notable among them was Interior Minister Yosef Burg of the National Religious Party who is opposed to government intervention in the electoral process. Labor Alignment MK Amnon Lin said his party will take no stand on the issue until it receives relevant information from the security sources.

Meanwhile, demands have been made to outlaw Rabbi Meir Kahane's radical rightwing Kach party which occupies the other extreme of the political spectrum. The Central Elections Committee indicated it will consider these demands shortly. Kach spokesmen claimed the outlaw move was an indication that the party has "good prospects" of winning Knesset representation in the upcoming elections, something it has failed to do in the last two elections.

ISRAELI LIAISON OFFICE IN DOUBT

By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, June 3 (JTA) -- Israel has had no official notice from the Lebanese government of the possible closure of the Israeli liaison office maintained in a northern suburb of Beirut, the Cabinet was informed today by Uri Lubrani the coordinator of Israeli affairs in Lebanon.

The Cabinet decided to discuss the issue only if and when an official request is made by the Lebanese authorities to shut down the office. According to Lubrani, the Lebanese have a greater interest than Israel in keeping the office open because it is the only channel of communications between the two countries.

He noted that Israel has stressed to the Beirut government that the issue of Israel's continued presence in south Lebanon can be resolved only through direct negotiations.

NEW YORK (JTA) -- The National Conference on Soviet Jewry said that 109 Jews left the Soviet Union in May, a slight increase over this year's monthly average of 80.

300,000 WATCH 50,000 MARCH IN SUPPORT OF ISRAEL DESPITE RAIN; LARGEST PRO-ISRAELI GATHERING By Yitzhak Rabi

NEW YORK, June 3 (JTA) -- More than 300,000 spectators and 50,000 marchers braved unseasonably cold, rainy weather today to attend and participate in the 20th annual Salute to Israel parade on Fifth Avenue, marking the 36th anniversary of Israel's independence.

The parade, consisting of 26 colorful floats, 30 bands and marching representatives of more than 100 schools, youth groups and organizations from the New York area, extended from 57th to 86th streets, a mile and a half. It was organized and sponsored by the American Zionist Youth Foundation around the theme "At 36 We Are Together." The number 36, which is twice "Chai" -- the Hebrew numeral 18 -- symbolizes growth and development.

The parade organizers had anticipated a half million spectators and although they fell considerably short of that number due to inclement weather, the parade was nevertheless "the largest assembly of people in support of Israel anywhere in the world outside of Israel," as the sponsors claimed.

The reviewing stand, at 69th St. was packed with city, state and national dignitaries. Israeli Defense Minister Moshe Arens was guest of honor. President Reagan was represented by White House Counselor Edwin Meese. Others on the stand included the President's special assistant for liaison with the Jewish community, Marshall Breger; Sen. Alfonse D'Amato (R. NY); Mayor Edward Koch of New York; Meir Rosenne, Israel's Ambassador to the U.S.; Yehuda Blum, Israel's Ambassador to the United Nations; Naphtali Lavie, Israel's Consul General in New York and former Israeli Foreign Minister Abba Eban. Another guest who was warmly received was former Sen. Jacob Javits (R. NY) who attended the parade in a wheelchair.

Arens spoke briefly, saying that he brought greetings from the people of Israel to the people of America and hailed the solidarity and friendship between the two countries.

Meese Calls Israel Ally Of West

Meese enlarged on that theme. Israel-American relations "are close and continuing to grow closer," he said, adding that these are not short term relations but rather long term, based on shared moral values and democracy. He described Israel as an ally not only of the U.S. but of all the West and stressed the common strategic interests between Israel and the U.S. He warned that if Israel were ever to be expelled from the UN, Washington would also leave the world organization.

Koch declared: "You don't have to be Jewish to love Israel. All you have to be is American."

Only one incident marred the event. Shortly before Arens rose to speak, four individuals tried to storm the reviewing stand shouting "Leave the settlers alone." They were swiftly subdued by scores of police. No arrests were made. One of the four who identified himself to reporters as Joseph Alter of New York, said he was protesting the treatment of Jewish settlers on the West Bank by the Israeli government and specifically the treatment of 27 suspected members of a Jewish terrorist underground in that territory who were indicted last week for a wide range of criminal offenses against Arab civilians. According to Alter, "they are not terrorists, they are heroes."

SHIFTER URGES ENDING 'FINGERPOINTING' OVER HOLOCAUST, AIDING SOVIET JEWRY By David Friedman

WASHINGTON, May 31 (JTA) -- Richard Shifter, a newly appointed United States deputy representative to the United Nations, has urged Jews to stop "fingerpointing" on what American Jewry did or did not do during the Holocaust and concentrate their efforts on helping Soviet Jewry.

"I for one believe that rather than spend time now to second guess what could or should have been done 45 years ago, we should focus on what it is we can do now for the two million Jews in the Soviet Union," he said in receiving the Washington Jewish Week's first annual Leadership Award last Thursday.

Shifter, who has been U.S. representative to the UN Commission on Human Rights in Geneva since 1981, said that during the last ten years Soviet anti-Semitism has not just been aimed at restricting emigration or in arresting activists but "has engulfed all Jews, activists and non-activists." He said the situation today is "what it was during the days of the Czars."

The 61-year-old Shifter was born in Vienna and lost both of his parents in the Holocaust. Now a Washington lawyer and Jewish activist, he said today that he left Germany at the age of 16 for the U.S. shortly after Kristallnacht.

Israeli Ambassador Meir Rosenne, who noted that he served on the Israeli delegation to the Human Rights Commission, praised Shifter's efforts there on behalf of Soviet Jewry.

Dr. Leonard Kapiroff, publisher; Charles Fenyvesi, editor; and Clara Gordon, general manager of the Jewish Week, hosted the leadership luncheon at the Washington Hilton attended by some 100 rabbis and Jewish leaders from the Washington area.

NAVON MEETS WITH MITTERRAND

By Edwin Eytan

PARIS, June 3 (JTA) -- Former Israeli President Yitzhak Navon has asked President Francois Mitterrand to bear in mind Israel's economic interests in Western Europe after Spain and Portugal formally join the European Economic Community (EEC).

Navon, on a private visit in France, also asked the French President to help obtain the release of Israeli prisoners of war held by Syria and by Palestinian organizations.

Foreign Minister Claude Cheysson called on Navon at his Paris hotel later. French sources said the minister apparently sought to put in concrete terms the matters Navon discussed with Mitterrand.

Navon told a press conference that the Labor Party of which is a leader, would be prepared to accelerate the Palestinian clauses of the Camp David agreements. The former President, who may be Israel's next Foreign Minister if Labor wins the election next month said his party is willing to skip the 3-5 year transition period provided for by the Camp David agreements and open negotiations at once with Jordan and representative Palestinians, on the future status of the West Bank.

Navon also said that future agreements in Lebanon should provide for a UN buffer force between Israel and Syria. He said he and his party are opposed to a permanent Israeli presence in south Lebanon and want a time-table for an Israeli withdrawal.

JACKSON'S 'HYMIE' REMARK DEPLORED BY 58 PERCENT OF BLACKS, POLL SAYS; ADL LEADER DENOUNCES CANDIDATE

NEW YORK, June 3 (JTA) -- The Rev. Jesse Jackson's references to Jews as "Hymies" and to New York City as "Hymietown" was deplored by 58 percent of Blacks in the U.S., pollster Lou Harris revealed over the weekend. The remarks were condemned by 76 percent of Jews indicating that there is substantial agreement between Blacks and Jews that Jackson was "dead wrong when he made his Hymie remark," Harris told a luncheon session of the National Commission meeting of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith at the Grand Hyatt Hotel here.

The pollster and political analyst said his surveys reveal a "remarkable agreement" between Blacks and Jews on many political and social issues. He noted that according to one poll, 43 percent of Blacks agreed with the proposition that Jews are "more sympathetic than most other non-Black Americans with the aspirations of Blacks to achieve equality." Only 23 percent disagreed.

Jackson, who is campaigning for the Democratic Presidential nomination, was strongly condemned by ADL director Nathan Perlmutter in his annual report to the National Commission. Jackson's rhetoric, he said, has been "indistinguishable from that of anti-Semites." Another ADL report released at the meeting found that Jackson's close associate, Black Muslim leader Louis Farrakhan, whose support the Presidential aspirant has refused to disavow, has a record of racism, anti-Semitism and intimidation going back 20 years.

Expressions Called Anti-Semitic

Perlmutter, delivering his report to some 500 Jewish community leaders, declared with reference to Jackson: "Let us say it plainly. We are dealing with a person whose recorded expressions are those of an anti-Semite. How else view a man who when annoyed by the press, attributes it to 'Jewish' domination of the press? And when critical of labor, blames it on 'Jewish' control of labor unions? When displeased by a boxing match between a white South African and a Black American, condemns 'Jewish' promoters?"

Perlmutter noted further that Jackson "has attributed President Nixon's venality to his 'Jewish' advisers, 'Ehrlichman and Haldeman.'" Neither is Jewish.

The ADL director found further cause for concern in a poll he said showed that the younger, more educated and wealthier Blacks are, the more favorably disposed they are to Jackson. While the figures do not reflect the degree of the respondent's awareness of Jackson's anti-Semitic statements, the fact that these groups "esteem a person with such prejudice is sobering," Perlmutter said.

Nevertheless, he found that "many Black legislators have been supportive of Israel on important issues" and that Jews have supported Black candidates for city and state office to a far greater degree than other white voters.

Blacks, Jews 'Not Far Apart'

Harris told the ADL audience that some of the political and social matters on which Blacks and Jews agree are "perceived discrimination against both Blacks and Jews, the need to end such discrimination and the old Ben Franklin admonition that we either hang together or hang separately."

He said his findings showed that despite Jewish concern over some of Jackson's statement, Blacks and Jews are "not that far apart" in recognizing that Jackson is becoming an important force in politics. "Where Jews and Blacks really part company is in their overall positive/negative assessment of Jesse Jackson. What worries Jews most about Jackson is their concern that he has made remarks that appear to them to reflect anti-Semitism."

Meanwhile, Jackson who was campaigning in California over the weekend, said in an interview published in the Los Angeles Times Friday that he identifies closely with the Jewish people. "I'm Judeo-Christian. My ethos is Jewish," the Times quoted him as saying. "My identification with the Jewish people and their struggles is in my bloodstream and in my religion."

Farrakhan's Hostility Cited

Farrakhan, who heads the Nation of Islam, a breakaway from the American Black Muslim movement, was little known outside the Black community until his recent threats of violence to Jews if they harmed Jackson and similar threats on the life of Milton Coleman, a Black reporter for the Washington Post, who first exposed Jackson's "Hymie" remarks.

Seymour Reich, head of the ADL's National Civil Rights Committee, said Farrakhan's public utterances are of concern to all Americans "because of the dangers to society when bigotry and racism are injected into the political process."

The ADL report cited several examples of Farrakhan's hostility toward Jews and Israel ante-dating by many years the emergence of a Black as a Presidential hopeful. In 1972 and 1973, a bookshop run by the Nation of Islam carried "The Protocols of the Elders of Zion," a notorious forgery that first appeared in Czarist Russia and the more recent book, "A History of Jewish Crimes" published in Pakistan.

During the 1970's, according to the ADL, anti-Semitic and anti-Israel propaganda was commonplace in the Nation of Islam "Muhammad Speaks" publication. In 1972, it ran an article justifying the murder of Israeli athletes at the Munich Olympics on grounds that they represented an "oppressive" society and that "cannot be regarded as innocent."

In recent months, the report stated, Farrakhan has described Jews as "enemies" of Jackson; made several allegations about Jewish "control" of the media and told Jews that unless they accepted Jesus "then maybe the angel of death will stop at your doors and kill the firstborn out of your house."

CONCERT FOR TEL AVIV'S 75th BIRTHDAY

By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, June 3 (JTA) -- A crowd estimated at between 400,000 and 500,000 crowded into the grassy area surrounding the orchestral shell in Tel Aviv's Hayarkon Park Thursday night for an open-air concert to mark the city's 75th birthday.

Zubin Mehta conducted the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra, beefed up by the Tel Aviv Philharmonic Choir and the Israel Defense Force Orchestra for the concert's finale, Tchaikovsky's 1812 Overture complete with fireworks.

Birthday greetings to the city were brought by Mayor Shlomo Lahat who had made a special appeal to the political parties not to use the mass affair for electioneering or the distribution of election campaign material. The only literature distributed, despite his appeal, was by Lahat's own Likud alliance.