

SHAMIR PROPOSES UN TROOPS AS BUFFER BETWEEN ISRAEL, SYRIA IN BEKAA VALLEY; UN SECRETARY GENERAL REJECTS IDEA

By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, June 10 (JTA) -- Premier Yitzhak Shamir has proposed that troops of the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL) be deployed as a buffer between the Israel Defense Force and the Syrian army in the Bekaa valley of eastern Lebanon. But UN Secretary General Javier Perez de Cuellar, who was in Lebanon today on his Middle East tour, and will be in Israel tomorrow, doesn't think much of that idea.

Shamir said on an Israel Radio interview yesterday that he would offer his suggestion to de Cuellar when they meet. He maintained that UNIFIL, while not effective in preventing terrorist infiltrators from attacking Israeli border towns from Lebanon, could be employed as an international force separating two regular armies.

Perez de Cuellar told an Israel Radio reporter in south Lebanon today that UNIFIL could not be deployed in the manner proposed by Shamir. He suggested instead that the UN troops take up positions to be evacuated by Israeli forces in south Lebanon. Israel is not, at the moment, contemplating further withdrawals in south Lebanon. The UN Secretary General said UNIFIL could be enlarged only if the contributing countries increase the size of their contingents.

No Great Expectations For UN

Shamir said he did not have any great expectations on the UN role in the Middle East or the world at large, considering its record. But he promised that Israel would make the most of de Cuellar's visit which is his first to the region since taking office.

Shamir also expressed hope that the Lebanese government will not demand that Israel close its liaison office, which is located in a Beirut suburb. He said the office could be helpful in negotiations for withdrawal of the IDF from south Lebanon and if it is forced to close, those negotiations only would be postponed.

Five attacks were launched on the IDF in south Lebanon over the weekend without causing casualties. An Israeli military spokesman said the attacks were with small arms and rocket-propelled grenades.

SHAMIR'S ECONOMIC ADVISOR NAMED TO TOP FINANCE MINISTRY POST

By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, June 10 (JTA) -- Recent ferment in the Treasury over what critics call "election economics," emerged today with the surprise announcement that the Cabinet has appointed Nissim Baruch, Premier Yitzhak Shamir's economic adviser, as the new Director General of the Finance Ministry.

He will replace Dr. Emanuel Sharon who resigned suddenly over policy differences with Finance Minister Yigal Cohen-Orgad. Sharon joined the Ministry only a few months ago. Treasury sources said he quit because he was unable to adapt himself to Cohen-Orgad's "disorderly work habits."

It was Sharon who leveled the charge of "election economics" and his criticism is said to be shared by other Treasury officials who are disturbed by what they perceive to be deviations from tough economic

policies by the government in order to appease voters in the upcoming Knesset elections. Cohen-Orgad, who replaced Finance Minister Yoram Aridor earlier this year, undertook an austerity program to fight Israel's soaring inflation rate, its widening balance of payments deficit and dwindling foreign currency reserves.

So far this year, inflation has been rising at an alarming rate. Nevertheless, the government has recently taken decisions that the budget division considers costly.

Immediately after today's Cabinet session, Shamir met with Cohen-Orgad and the new Director General of his Ministry to discuss economic policy in light of the election campaign. The voting is little more than a month away and Cohen-Orgad has already promised to submit a bill in the Knesset to ban a proposed economy move that would affect personal savings.

Nevertheless, most observers are convinced that after the elections, should the Likud government still be in power, it will have to initiate drastic measures to avoid an economic catastrophe.

INQUIRY TEXT SOUGHT BY HIJACKERS' FAMILIES

By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, June 10 (JTA) -- The families of four young Arab bus hijackers killed last April 13, have appealed to the Supreme Court to force the Defense Ministry to release the full text of the official inquiry into the incident.

The inquiry was conducted by a panel headed by Maj. Gen. (res.) Meir Zorea who was appointed by Defense Minister Moshe Arens for the task. It confirmed media reports that two of the four hijackers were taken alive after Israeli forces stormed the bus to free its passengers. They were beaten to death by Israeli security men while undergoing interrogation in a nearby field, the panel found.

The families of the dead hijackers, all residents of the Gaza Strip claim that the edited version of the Zorea report which was made public concealed the full circumstances of the incident. They also contend that the Defense Minister's "behavior" raised suspicions that the investigation was intended to "whitewash" the truth in order to defuse local criticism and protect Israel's image abroad.

The father of one of the dead youths has also demanded an official investigation of reports that his son's body was mutilated after his death.

THOUSANDS MARCH IN TEL AVIV TO PROTEST ISRAEL STAYING IN LEBANON

By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, June 10 (JTA) -- Tens of thousands of people marched through the main thoroughfares of Tel Aviv last night and assembled in Malchei Israel Square, opposite the town hall, to protest Israel's continued presence in Lebanon and the Jewish terrorist underground on the West Bank, currently being investigated for acts of violence against Arabs.

The Peace Now movement, which organized the demonstration, claimed a turn-out of 100,000. Opponents of Peace Now said there were no more than 30,000. Most observers estimated the crowd at between 70-80,000. The rally, heavily guarded by police, was peaceful and unmarred by incidents. Speakers noted that "Two years have passed since the start of what was supposed to be a 24-48 hour cleans-

ing operation (in Lebanon) and there are now nearly 600 deaths with casualties continuing." Whatever impact the demonstration may have, the Israel Defense Force will not be pulled out of south Lebanon in the near future. Chief of Staff Gen. Moshe Levy made that clear when he briefed military correspondents and appeared on radio interviews over the weekend.

He said the IDF's stay in Lebanon may be a long one and while he would not rule out further redeployments, he stressed that the decision to stay in Lebanon or bring the IDF home would be made on the political level, not by the military high command.

Levy also said that every effort was being made to keep casualties at a minimum. But he emphasized that there is no alternative force in south Lebanon that could guarantee the safety of Israel's northern border. Levy did not think there was any immediate danger of a confrontation with Syria in Lebanon or on the Golan Heights. He blamed the press for exaggerating the dangers posed by Egyptian military preparations in Sinai.

The Peace Now rally in Tel Aviv was not televised. The Central Elections Committee and the State-owned Broadcast Authority decided that television coverage would amount to electioneering because advance advertisements for the rally had an anti-Likud tone. The Supreme Court rejected a Peace Now appeal against that decision.

GERMAN COURT REJECTS APPEALS FROM JAILED EX-NAZI DEATH CAMP GUARDS

BONN, June 10 (JTA) -- The Karlsruhe federal court has rejected the appeals of Hermine Ryan-Braunsteiner and six other former Nazi guards and functionaries at the Maidanek death camp against sentences imposed by a Duesseldorf court in 1981 after a trial that lasted five years.

The Austrian-born Ryan-Braunsteiner, who received a life sentence, is the best known of the group because she was brought to trial in West Germany after being extradited from the United States. The former Queens, N.Y., housewife who obtained U.S. citizenship by marriage to an American after World War II, was denaturalized for lying about her Nazi past. Witnesses at her denaturalization trial identified her as one of the most brutal of the Maidanek guards.

She appealed her sentence in Germany on grounds that the Duesseldorf court had no jurisdiction over an American national. The Karlsruhe judges ruled however that she was a German national during her tenure at Maidanek and therefore could be tried by a West German court.

The others convicted for atrocities at Maidanek -- five men and a woman -- received sentences of from 3-12 years. The Karlsruhe court has yet to rule on a prosecution appeal for harsher sentences for some of them. Originally there were 15 defendants at the Maidanek trial. Several were released for lack of evidence and others have died.

KIBBUTZ CALLED IDEAL FOR CLOSING SOCIAL GAP, INTEGRATING YOUTH

NEW YORK, June 10 (JTA) -- The kibbutz is the ideal supportive setting for a long range program aimed at closing the social gap in Israel and integrating Oriental Jewish youth into Israeli society, according to Dr. Ivan Frank, a Ph.D. who is an education specialist in Pittsburgh.

Frank, who has worked with high risk and juvenile delinquents at Kibbutz Nachal Oz in Israel, is the author of "The Cycle of Learning: A Unique Educational Approach in Kibbutz" just published by the Project for Kibbutz Studies at Harvard University.

He states that "The kibbutz can create constructive citizens of what we call welfare cases or slum youth." He added that various American programs are initiating unique peer group methods such as the ones employed on the kibbutz to further integration of underprivileged cases in American urban environments.

According to Frank, new programs and reforms must continually be initiated and evaluated in order to close the social gap in Israel. The drive for social integration of Oriental youth "is a means to strengthen the democratic institutions of the young Israeli state, since assimilation and acculturation have not yet succeeded as witnessed by fears of growing violence in Israeli society," Frank said.

STUDENTS PROTEST SS REUNION

By David Kantor

BONN, June 10 (JTA) -- Students and faculty of Marburg University protested to the university authorities today over the reunion of Waffen SS veterans at a hostel owned by the university in Walsertal, near the town of Hirschegg.

About 100 former officers of the SS "Heinrich Himmler" tank battalion and their families are currently ensconced in the hostel which is normally used for seminars and as a vacation resort for university employees. There have been no public demonstrations but students are circulating leaflets calling for a mass protest rally. One professor, who asked not to be identified, accused the president of the university, Prof. Walter Kroll, of direct responsibility for this "scandal." He told reporters that this was the second time Kroll made the hostel available to SS veterans.

BRITISH EXTRADITE 2 NEO-NAZIS

By David Kantor

BONN, June 10 (JTA) -- Two West German neo-Nazis, just extradited from England, were ordered held in custody by a Karlsruhe federal judge today pending trial.

The accused, Walter Kexel and Ulrich Tillmann, spent 11 months in a British jail before they were extradited to stand trial in West Germany for politically motivated acts of violence. They are charged specifically with participation in a series of bomb attacks on residential quarters of American service personnel in the autumn of 1982. Two U.S. soldiers were seriously wounded in the bombings which took place in Butzbach, Frankfurt, Giessen and Darmstadt.

The two men also stand accused of violent acts during or after meetings of rightwing extremists and of displaying and circulating Nazi propaganda material. Three other neo-Nazis who allegedly took part in attacks on U.S. servicemen have been in custody since last year. They are Dieter Aporleder, Hans-Peter Fraas, and Helge Karl-Wulf Blasche.

LONDON (JTA) -- The World Zionist Organization is considering publishing the diaries and private papers of Nahum Sokolow, one of its most gifted thinkers and diplomats, his grandson, Joseph Razieli, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency. The diaries, covering Sokolow's activities over 40 years until his death in 1936, are mostly lodged in the central Zionist archives, Jerusalem.

ARENS DECIDES NOT TO BAN NEW PARTY MADE UP OF JEWS AND ARABS ALTHOUGH HE BELIEVES KEY MEMBERS ARE SUBVERSIVE By Gil Sedon

JERUSALEM, June 10 (JTA) — Defense Minister Moshe Arens has taken no action to outlaw the Jewish-Arab Progressive List for Peace which hopes to participate in the July 23 Knesset elections, even though he believes it to be subversive.

According to Muhammed Miali, the Arab lawyer who heads the list, the party's platform calls for an independent Arab state to exist alongside of Israel, the latter reduced to its pre-June, 1967 borders.

A Defense Ministry communique said Arens was convinced that there were subversive elements in the joint Arab-Jewish list and that key persons on the list have conducted themselves in a way that identifies with enemies of the State.

The No. 2 spot on the list is held by Gen. (res.) Matityahu Peled who has long been involved in anti-war movements and has met, outside Israel, with Palestinians associated with the Palestine Liberation Organization. The Progressive list is a combination of Israeli Arab nationalists and Jews of a leftist political orientation.

The Defense Minister is permitted, under the law, to ban any political faction he deems to be a threat to national security. But Arens, on his return from a visit to Washington last week, decided not to take any action while the Central Elections Committee is considering the application by the Progressives to appear on the ballot.

Cabinet Did Not Discuss Issue

The issue did not arise at today's Cabinet session, as it had been expected to do. Arens did not discuss his decision not to ban the new faction and Science Minister Yuval Neeman, of the ultranationalist rightwing Tehiya party did not demand to know why.

Arens briefed the Cabinet on his talks with Secretary of State George Shultz and Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger. He said there was a basic understanding between Israel and the U.S. that Israel could not withdraw its forces from south Lebanon until there were iron clad security guarantees. He also discussed strategic cooperation between Israel and the U.S.

RESEARCHER FINDS SOCIAL GAP NARROWS, ETHNIC TENSIONS RISE

HAIFA, June 10 (JTA) — Although tension between ethnic communities in Israel became more acute in the past few years the actual social gap narrowed, according to Professor Yohanan Peres, a lecturer in the University of Haifa's Department of Sociology. Peres made this claim during a recent forum marking the tenth anniversary of the Unit for Bridging the Gap at the University of Haifa.

The Unit helps students from development towns and disadvantaged neighborhoods throughout northern Israel complete the basic requirements needed to enter the University. It also provides grants and tutors to those requiring help after admission.

According to Peres, the social gap in economic and educational areas narrowed considerably in the last ten years. A greater awareness of ethnicity and improved education is credited with much of the success.

In line with these changes, the difference in income levels -- between Ashkenazim and those whose origins lie in Middle Eastern, African or Asian

countries -- dropped from a high of 35 percent in the 1960's to 19 percent today. In addition, 36 percent of those with oriental origins now complete their high school education. This is double the 1960's figure.

Following these trends, the gap in birth rates between communities is also closing. Today, families of oriental origin have an average of 3.6 children per family. Ashkenazim have 2.8.

Levels of employment are also improving for those of Middle Eastern, African, and Asian origin, as many unskilled jobs are being filled by Arabs from the West Bank and Gaza.

Unfortunately, Peres said, these improvements have not stopped ethnic tension from growing. He pointed out that Israel's communities are not equally represented in government or in large corporations.

There, he said, Ashkenazim still hold power. According to Peres, most management posts are held by Ashkenazim, which is a primary cause of friction between ethnic groups.

RED CROSS COMPLAINS ABOUT ISRAEL

By Tamar Levy

GENEVA, June 10 (JTA) — The International Committee of the Red Cross has complained that Israel still has not freed a number of Arab prisoners who were to have been released under an agreement it reached with Israel last November 23. The agreement called for the exchange of six Israelis held prisoner by the Palestine Liberation Organization for 4,400 Palestinians imprisoned in Israel or in detention camps in south Lebanon.

The ICRC said, in its bulletin published here, that it continues to urge the Israeli authorities to take the appropriate action. It also stated that ICRC representatives have not had access to all detention centers in Israel and Israel-occupied south Lebanon. The bulletin reported that the Ansar prison camp in south Lebanon, from which 4,000 Palestinians were released in November, now has more than 450 new inmates. ICRC representatives have resumed weekly visits to the camp to register the latest internees. Some of the prisoners are allowed weekly visits from their families.

The ICRC also reported continued concern for the safety of local civilians in south Lebanon who are targets of intimidation and attacks by armed elements in the area.

ISRAEL SEEKS SOCIAL WORKERS

NEW YORK, June 10 (JTA) — The Israeli government, responding to the country's increasing need for qualified social workers, will offer a special orientation course this fall for those interested in emigrating to Israel.

The course, scheduled to begin in September and last eight months, is open to individuals with a master's degree in social work, according to Yitzhak Ganor, acting director of the Israel Aliyah Center.

"The program is designed to place immigrant social workers on the same footing as their Israeli-born counterparts by acquainting them with the practice of their profession in Israel," Ganor said.

"Participants also will have had the benefit of meeting a good number of contacts, in part, through field placements with social agencies." The course includes a five-month Hebrew uplan for those requiring further study in the language. There will also be up to four months of lectures about the profession and practical work experience through field placements.

CONGRESS URGED TO BACK JOINT U.S.-ISRAEL AID PROGRAM FOR THIRD WORLD COUNTRIES AS 'ENHANCEMENT OF HUMAN CONDITION'

By Helen Silver

WASHINGTON, June 10 (JTA) -- A House subcommittee was urged to support proposed legislation for future joint United States-Israeli development assistance projects in Third World countries since "the results should be an enhancement of the human condition at a very modest cost to the United States."

"Considerable benefit will rebound to Israel, developing Third World nations, and the United States, potentially establishing a model for trilateral development assistance and cooperation for other nations to follow," said Dr. Jeffrey James, an adjunct professor at the American University here, with wide experience in development assistance in Third World countries.

James testified last Thursday along with two other experts on the subject before the House Foreign Affairs Committee's subcommittee on Europe and the Middle East. The proposed \$20 million joint project is aimed at programs in Black African and Central American nations.

In urging passage of the legislation, H.R. 5425, James said, "Our identification with and support for Israel's development activities, and importantly our approval of such activities by the Secretary of State, are appropriate and of fundamental importance. The linkages establishing this development fund would be positive, in America's interest, and likely to be of great potential value to us in other areas of cooperation with Israel in the future."

Israel Experience in Third World

Yitzhak Abt, director of the Center for International Development, a division of Israel's Agriculture Ministry, told the subcommittee that Israel has carried out in the past projects in Third World nations. "Israel is asked to offer specialized training in many fields," he said. "Some programs have been carried out in the Caribbean, Latin America, Africa, and Asia. Israel also participated with many developing countries in sharing applied research activities."

Abt noted that courses have been given in Israel on 24 different subjects and that 500 to 800 people are trained in agriculture in Israel yearly. Israel also conducts on the spot training courses in different countries on subjects chosen by these host nations, Abt told the Congressional panel.

"The thrust of our assistance is obviously connected to our environment, our conditions, and to our limitations," Abt said. "Perhaps the most important aspect of Israel's assistance will be in the field of agricultural development in those regions that need to apply irrigation."

Private Sector Encouraged

He noted that the private sector will be encouraged to participate in these projects as well so that greater sums than the proposed U.S. funding for the project will be generated, and also that such projects will stimulate greater local employment where they are conducted.

Dr. Myman Gitelson, president of International Consultants, Inc., an independent consulting firm, said that in her evaluation and academic work in Third World nations, she met with many Africans and others who have benefited in the past from Israel's agricultural aid. Citing the poverty, malnutrition and disease in many countries, she stated:

"We in the United States are fortunate that we can help to alleviate such problems by reaching out to people in developing countries with assistance programs. We have enormously capable Americans who are assisting in developing projects. In addition, we can operate with support projects by drawing on the expertise of those with specific knowledge and ability for people of particular needs in the developing countries."

RESIDENTS FLEE TOXIC FUMES

By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, June 10 (JTA) -- Some 200 residents of the western suburb of Herzlia, just north of Tel Aviv, were evacuated from their homes in the early morning hours when a fire in the town's Industrial zone sent toxic fumes into their homes.

The blaze in a chemical warehouse was quickly brought under control, but the fumes led the municipality to decide to move residents away. They were housed temporarily in the nearby Sharon Hotel on the Herzlia beach.

The residents were allowed back home this morning, but two beaches have been temporarily closed because toxic waste, swept down by the water used to put out the blaze, may have temporarily contaminated the beaches.

RABBI BERNARD SEGAL DEAD AT 76

NEW YORK, June 10 (JTA) -- Rabbi Bernard Segal, who served as a major official in all of the institutions of Conservative Judaism, died June 4 in a Jerusalem convalescent home at the age of 76. He was buried in Jerusalem.

Rabbi Segal, who had lived in Jerusalem since 1977, was executive director of the United Synagogue of America, the association of Conservative congregations, from 1953 to 1970 and its executive vice president until his retirement in 1976.

He had been assistant to the president of the Jewish Theological Seminary (JTS), the educational and rabbinical school of the Conservative movement from 1949 to 1951. He was a founder in 1957 of the World Council of Synagogues, the international agency of the movement. He was executive vice president of the JTS until 1953.

He was executive vice president of the Rabbinical Assembly of America, the association of Conservative rabbis, from 1945 to 1949.

Born in Lipno, Poland, he came to the United States in 1922. After graduation from Columbia University, in 1931, he studied at the JTS and was ordained in 1933.

He was in the Army from 1940 to 1946 and was the first Jewish chaplain called to active duty during World War II. As a colonel in the Army reserves, he was founding president of the Association of Jewish Chaplains.

DUTCH CONGREGATION DECLINES

AMSTERDAM, June 10 (JTA) -- According to the annual report of the Netherlands Ashkenazi Congregation which has just been published, its membership decreased slightly during the past year by over 200 people, to 11,345. Nearly nine thousand of them live in Amsterdam, The Hague and Rotterdam. The other 500 members live scattered all over the country in 35 congregations. The Netherlands Liberal Congregation has about 2000 members and the Sephardi congregation about 800. (By Henriette Boas)