

**RED CROSS REPORTS VISIT TO
3 ISRAELIS HELD BY SYRIANS**
By Tamar Levy

GENEVA, June 19 (JTA) — The International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) announced here yesterday that its representatives in Syria visited three Israeli civilians imprisoned there since their capture while touring Lebanon early last month.

The visit took place last Thursday, June 14 and was the first time Red Cross representatives were permitted to see these prisoners. Diplomatic circles here believe that the recent visit to Syria by United Nations Secretary General Javier Perez de Cuellar may have had something to do with it.

According to the ICRC, their representatives were accompanied by a medical doctor and were allowed to speak to the prisoners without witnesses. The Israelis filled out Red Cross forms attesting to their health and other personal matters and describing the circumstances of their capture.

Three Israeli soldiers held captive by the Syrians were last visited by the Red Cross in April. When Perez de Cuellar was in Israel last week he met with the parents of Israeli prisoners in Syria and promised to see what can be done to obtain their release when he returns to New York.

'PROGRESSIVE LIST' BARRED FROM BALLOT
By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, June 19 (JTA) — The Central Elections Committee voted 17-12 late last night to bar the "Progressive List For Peace," a coalition of Israeli Arabs and Jews, from participation in the July 23 Knesset elections.

The vote, taken at about midnight after hours of debate, followed by a day the Election Committee's decision to exclude Rabbi Meir Kahane's extreme rightwing Kach party from the elections. Supreme Court Justice Gavriel Bach, chairman of the Committee, abstained in the voting as did three members of the Labor Alignment. Bach said that material about the faction submitted with its application was ambivalent.

He said he was influenced to abstain by the Progressive List representative's statements to the committee critical of Israel's proclamation of independence, its Law of Return and his equivocal position toward the Palestine Liberation Organization. On the other hand, Bach said, there were factors in favor of the new faction. The National Religious Party and the Aguda Israel, which had supported Kahane's list, voted to bar the Progressive List.

The list, headed by an Arab nationalist attorney, Mohammed Miari, has been under scrutiny by security agencies for some time because of its advocacy of a Palestinian state. But Defense Minister Moshe Arens has declined to outlaw it, which he could do on national security grounds under the emergency regulations of the old Palestine mandate which have been retained in Israeli law.

LABOR LEADS IN NEW POLL
By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, June 19 (JTA) — With less than six weeks to go before election day, the Labor Alignment is leading Likud by a 44-28 percent margin,

according to the results of a poll released today by the Hanoch and Rafi Smith Public Opinion Research Center.

The figures showed Labor's lead up from 41 percent in April. Likud's 28 percent represented no change since then.

The two religious parties — National Religious Party and Aguda Israel — declined from 12 percent to 10.5 percent. Other parties in the Likud-led coalition held steady at 5.5 percent. Former Defense Minister Ezer Weizman's new Yahad party was up to 3.5 percent from three percent in the earlier poll.

The smaller opposition parties showed a gain from 4.5 to five percent. The number of undecided voters dropped from six percent to 3.5 percent.

The pollsters cautioned that much can happen and much can change before the voters cast their ballots on July 23.

**DEMOCRATS PLAN STRONG PRO-ISRAEL
PLATFORM FOR SAN FRANCISCO; URGE
MOVING U.S. EMBASSY TO JERUSALEM**
By Helen Silver

WASHINGTON, June 19 (JTA) — The Democratic Party has issued a draft of its platform to be presented at its National Convention in San Francisco next month which is strongly pro-Israel and includes a call for official recognition of Jerusalem as the capital of Israel and the transfer of the U.S. Embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem.

The draft, which will be subject to further review within the next few days by the 184-member platform committee, also includes a blistering attack on the Middle East policies of the Reagan Administration. The draft assails the current Administration's sale of advanced weapons to "avowed enemies of Israel," and points specifically to the recent sale of Stinger surface to air missiles to Saudi Arabia.

While the platform can conceivably be challenged at the convention, it is unlikely that the section on the Middle East will be changed. The Rev. Jesse Jackson, one of the three Democratic Presidential hopefuls, has suggested in the past that he would seek what he termed a more balanced position toward the Middle East conflict, particularly on the issue of the Palestinian question.

No Negotiations With PLO

The draft called for "a resolution of the Palestinian issue" but does not go into specifics. It rules out any negotiations with the Palestine Liberation Organization "unless the PLO abandons terrorism, recognizes the State of Israel" and adheres to United Nations Security Council Resolutions 242 and 338.

"The Democratic Party believes that the security of Israel and the pursuit of peace in the Middle East are fundamental priorities for American foreign policy," the draft states. "Israel remains more than a trusted friend; a steady ally and a sister democracy. Israel is strategically important to the United States, and we must enter into meaningful strategic cooperation."

The draft faults the Reagan Administration for agreeing to strategic cooperation with Israel and for having later taken "it away to punish Israel as if it were not an ally." The Administration cancelled its strategic cooperation agreement with Israel after Israel

annexed the Golan Heights in December, 1981. Furthermore, among other criticisms of the current Administration, the Democratic Party said Reagan "undercut American credibility" throughout the Middle East when he at first said Lebanon was a "vital interest" to the U.S. and then soon afterwards withdrew the U.S. Marines who were participating in the four nation peacekeeping force in Beirut.

Continuing the draft states, "The Democratic Party opposes this Administration's sales of highly advanced weaponry to avowed enemies of Israel, such as AWACS aircraft and Stinger missiles to Saudi Arabia. While helping to meet the legitimate defensive needs of states aligned with our nation, we must ensure Israel's military edge over any combination of Middle East confrontation states."

Condemns Lack of Mideast Negotiator

It added, "Jerusalem should remain forever undivided with free access to the holy places for people of all faiths. As stated in the 1976 and 1980 platforms, the Democratic Party recognizes and supports the established status of Jerusalem as the capital of Israel. As a symbol of this stand, the U.S. Embassy should be moved from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem."

"The Democratic Party condemns this Administration's failure to maintain a high level special negotiator for the Middle East and believes that the Camp David peace process must be taken up again with urgency," the draft said. "No nation in the Middle East can afford to wait until a new war brings even worse destruction. Once again, we applaud and support the example of both Israel and Egypt in taking bold steps for peace."

"We believe," the draft continued, "that the United States should press for negotiations among Israel, Jordan, Saudi Arabia and other Arab states. We re-emphasize the fundamental principle that the pre-requisite for a lasting peace in the Middle East remains an Israel with secure and defensible borders, strong beyond a shadow of doubt that the basis for peace is the unequivocal recognition of Israel's right to exist by all other states, and that there should be a resolution of the Palestinian issue."

JEWISH TERRORIST SUSPECTS NAMED; MOST LINKED WITH GUSH LEADERSHIP

By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, June 19 (JTA) — The Justice Ministry disclosed yesterday the identities of 22 suspected members of a Jewish terrorist underground presently on trial, confirming what has long been known to the media and others — that most of the men are closely connected with the leadership of the militant Gush Emunim on the West Bank, in some cases through family ties.

All of the accused, whose photographs were published for the first time today, have been indicted on a variety of charges ranging from murder and attempted murder to membership in a terrorist organization. They have been implicated specifically in the attack on the Islamic College in Hebron in July, 1983 in which three Arab students were killed and 33 wounded; the June, 1980 car bombing that maimed two West Bank Arab mayors; a plot to blow up Islamic shrines on the Temple Mount in East Jerusalem; and the attempted sabotage last April 27 of five Arab-owned buses in East Jerusalem.

Meir Indor, a spokesman for the Gush Emunim whose brother, Yossi, is still being sought by police as a suspect, told reporters yesterday that leading Israeli politicians and military figures had encouraged settlers "to take actions that a democratic state

cannot do," against West Bank Arabs. He said this was done "before and after" the attacks on the mayors.

Indor said he was speaking for the Prisoners Actions Committee, a Gush Emunim group providing legal aid and other assistance to the suspects. The Jerusalem Post claimed today that Indor was "closely associated with former Chief of Staff (Gen.) Rafael Eitan and Minister-Without-Portfolio Ariel Sharon," the former Defense Minister.

Indor was quoted as saying he had been present at meetings with "military and political figures of the highest ranks" at which they encouraged Jewish settlers to "take action" against what Indor described as "the PLO in Judaea and Samaria."

The alleged leader of the Jewish terrorist underground, described as the mastermind behind all acts of violence and planned acts against Arabs was identified as Moshe Livni, 37, who lives among a small group of militants in the old Jewish quarter of Hebron.

He moved there from Kiryat Arba, the all-Jewish township and Gush Emunim stronghold that overlooks Hebron. He is a graduate of the Haifa Technion, an electronics engineer by profession and commander of a reserve battalion of army engineers.

Relatives Of Militant Rabbis

Two of the suspects are related by marriage to militant rabbis in Kiryat Arba. Uzi Sharbat, 24, is the son-in-law of Rabbi Moshe Levinger, political and spiritual leader of the Gush Emunim. He is implicated in the Islamic College murders and the bus sabotage plot. Menachem Neuberger, 28, is the son-in-law of Rabbi Eliezer Waldman who heads a yeshiva where religious studies alternate with military exercises. Both Levinger and Waldman have been detained by police for questioning and later released. No charges have been filed against them.

Other suspects identified are Natan Nathanson, secretary general of the Gush Emunim, who is implicated in the attacks on the mayors; Zeev Friedman, former deputy chairman of the Kiryat Arba settlement council; Yehuda Ezion, a founder of Ofra settlement on the West Bank; Yeshua Ben Shusan, 34, an army captain; Yaacov Heiman, 46, an Air Force pilot from the Golan Heights; his brother, Ben-Zion Heiman, 48, and his son Boaz Heiman, 23, who is the youngest of the suspects; also Moshe Zar, 47, a land dealer and builder on the West Bank.

One of the suspects, Dan Be'er, 40, who lives in East Jerusalem is a French-born Jewish convert from Catholicism who settled in Israel 15 years ago and presently is director of a yeshiva in Kiryat Arba.

The State originally indicted 27 suspects. Three, who confessed to lesser charges in a plea bargaining process, were identified earlier. One is Noam Yinnon from the Golan Heights who was tried separately and sentenced to 18 months' imprisonment. Two others, Gilad Peli and Yosef Zuria, who confessed last week, are awaiting sentence. Two army officers, Maj. Shlomo Levytan and Capt. Aharon Gilla, have pleaded not guilty and will be tried separately.

The trial of 22 suspects which began Sunday is expected to be recessed for three months by mutual agreement of the Prosecution and Defense. The court will decide shortly whether to release on bail those suspects not charged with actual murder.

TEL AVIV (JTA) — An Israel Defense Force patrol killed three Arabs in south Lebanon Monday when they were caught planting a bomb on a roadside south of Sidon.

POSTAL UNION REJECTS ARAB MOVE TO EXPEL ISRAEL, U.S. HAD ISSUED STRONG WARNING

By David Kantor

HAMBURG, June 19 (JTA) — Delegates to the 19th Congress of the Universal Postal Union (UPU) voted 73-32 in a secret ballot here today to reject an Arab initiative to expel Israel from the organization. There were 15 abstentions.

The vote was on a West German motion to remove the Arab proposal from the agenda. Western diplomats said later that the outcome was a major political success for Israel which was strongly supported by the West, especially the United States.

State Department spokesman John Hughes warned in Washington last week that if Israel was expelled from the UPU the U.S. would "immediately" pull its delegation out of the Congress, suspend its participation in the UPU and withhold payment to the organization. The vote by secret ballot was considered another factor in Israel's favor.

The expulsion move was initiated by the 16-member Arab Postal Union because of Israel's continued occupation of south Lebanon and its "refusal to implement UN resolutions concerning the Palestinian question." Egyptian diplomats indicated before the vote that they would not support the ouster of Israel.

But the Israelis and their friends had been deeply concerned by the attempt. The expulsion of South Africa from the UPU was a precedent and while the same treatment of Israel would have few if any practical effects on its international mail contracts, it would have been a major political and diplomatic blow.

Israelis Lobbied Vigorously

The Israelis feared furthermore that if the Arab move succeeded it would encourage new Arab initiatives to have Israel expelled from other international forums and organizations. The Israelis lobbied vigorously before the Congress opened here Monday. Its delegation, headed by Eytan Lachman, director of postal services at the Communications Ministry, was beefed up by the presence of Pinchas Ellav, deputy director general of the Foreign Ministry and Ambassador Efraim Dubek, the Israeli representative to the various UN organizations based in Geneva where UPU headquarters are located.

Before the Congress opened, West Germany's Deputy Minister of Communications, Wilfried Florian, warned that attempts were being made to politicize the UPU.

The UPU, with a membership of 166 nations, is the world's largest international organization. Only 120 of them participated in today's vote. Forty-three countries did not send delegations to the Congress.

B'NAI B'RITH LEADERS MEET WITH UN SECRETARY GENERAL TO URGE END OF ANTI-SEMITIC OUTBURSTS

By Yitzhak Rabi

UNITED NATIONS, June 19 (JTA) — A four-member B'nai B'rith International delegation, headed by Gerald Kraft, the organization's president, urged United Nations Secretary General Javier Perez de Cuellar today to use his influence to prevent outbursts of anti-Semitic statements and remarks at the UN.

After the meeting, which was held at the Secretary General's office and lasted about 40 minutes, Kraft told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency: "We ex-

pressed our concern over the upsurge of anti-Jewish bigotry at the United Nations. We told the Secretary General that the General Assembly resolution of 1975 equating Zionism with racism in effect legitimized anti-Jewish bigotry and that it is being institutionalized" at the United Nations.

Kraft said that in addition to seeking the help of de Cuellar in preventing anti-Semitic outbursts in the future, they asked the Secretary General to see to it that if such outbursts reoccur "more UN member states will challenge them."

According to Kraft, the Secretary General agreed that anti-Semitism at the UN "was shameful and unacceptable." De Cuellar said that the United Nations "cannot fight apartheid and engage in another type of discrimination," Kraft said.

According to Kraft, de Cuellar told the B'nai B'rith delegation to inform him of any manifestation of anti-Semitism at the UN. "You can always count on my support," he reportedly said.

Meetings With Democratic Envoys

Kraft disclosed that since the beginning of the year, shortly after the Libyan Ambassador to the UN, Ali Treiki, made anti-Semitic slurs at the UN General Assembly, he has been meeting with various Ambassadors "from democratic countries" to encourage them to challenge anti-Semitic remarks at the UN. He said that some of the Ambassadors explained their lack of protest against the anti-Jewish slurs on "institutionalized procedures" at the UN which prevented them to respond on the spot.

"We told the Secretary General that these Ambassadors need his quiet encouragement to challenge the anti-Semitic outbursts," Kraft said.

The three other members of the delegation were Philip Lax, chairman of the International Council of B'nai B'rith; Dr. William Korey, director of the International Policy Research of B'nai B'rith and Harris Schoenberg, director of UN Affairs of the organization.

40th ANNIVERSARY OF DEPORTATION OF RUMANIAN JEWS MARKED IN BUCHAREST

By Edwin Eytan

BUCHAREST, June 19 (JTA) — Representatives of a dozen Jewish communities gathered here this week to demonstrate their solidarity with Rumania's surviving Jews and their support for the country's Chief Rabbi, Moses Rosen.

The occasion was the commemoration of the 40th anniversary of the deportation of the Jews from Transylvania. Many of those who attended the ceremonies drew a parallel between those tragic times and the hardships many Jews still have to endure today.

Rosen, who earlier this year protested against anti-Semitic attacks in several Rumanian newspapers and books, reported that the situation has "considerably improved." He said that since his meeting with Rumanian President Nicolai Ceausescu "things are practically back to normal." Rosen addressed the guests at a special symposium and during prayers at Bucharest's main synagogue, the Choral Temple.

Among those who gathered in Bucharest were Israeli Minister of Communication Mordechai Zipori; World Jewish Congress executive director Rabbi Israel Singer; writer Elie Wiesel and Prof. Yehouda Bauer. Zipori met with President Ceausescu and presented him with a message from Israeli Premier Yitzhak Shamir. Labor MK Itzhak Artzi also called on Ceausescu and presented him with a message from opposition leader Shim-

BEHIND THE HEADLINES

FIRST JEWISH WOMAN ASTRONAUT
JUDITH RESNIK READY FOR LIFTOFF

By Helen Silver

WASHINGTON, June 19 (JTA) — "You've come a long way, baby," the advertising slogan for a popular cigarette tells women, and it has been some time since the first woman fire fighter, first woman bus driver, first woman rabbi, and other such "firsts" made ripples in the news. But the first Jewish astronaut and second woman in space — that's still something to boast about, qualified a bit with little cringes of envy from those of us who once read the Flash Gordon comic strip and envied his fearless woman partner, Dale.

How does Judith Resnik feel about becoming the second woman in space on or after June 25, and about her duties as mission specialist on NASA's 12th space shuttle flight? Resnik is said to be excited about being on board the first flight on the Orbiter Discovery for a seven-day mission.

However, a curtain of silence surrounds Resnik and her five male crew members who have been shielded from the press for 60 days before liftoff. Every moment must be devoted to perfecting the techniques to make the spacelift a success, a moment for which Resnik has trained for five years after being selected as astronaut-in-training because of her eminently outstanding qualifications and highly technical work experience.

Grew Up In Akron

Thirty-five year old Resnik, whose brunette good looks and charming smile are now well-known, grew up in Akron, Ohio, and graduated from Firestone High School in 1966. She earned a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering from Carnegie-Mellon University in 1970, and a doctorate in electrical engineering from the University of Maryland in 1977.

After graduating from Carnegie-Mellon, Resnik was employed by RCA in New Jersey and Virginia as a design engineer. Her RCA projects included developing circuitry for radar control systems, engineering support for NASA sounding rockets, and telemetry systems programs.

From 1974-77, Resnik was a biomedical engineer and staff fellow in the Laboratory of Neurophysiology at the National Institute of Health, Bethesda, MD. Just before she was selected by NASA in 1978, she was a senior systems engineer in product development with Xerox Corp. at El Segundo, Calif. Since completing her one-year training as an astronaut candidate, Resnik has worked on many projects in support of Orbiter development.

Somehow she still finds time to become a classical pianist and enjoys bicycling, running, and flying during her free time. She is unmarried — perhaps career demands have put marriage off for the present.

Grandfather Was Shochet

Resnik's Jewish background goes back to Kiev, Russia, which her paternal grandparents fled in the late 1920s. They first settled in Palestine where her father attended a yeshiva.

Later the family moved to Cleveland, Ohio, where her grandfather, Jacob, was a shochet, and her grandmother, Anna, worked for many Jewish organizations. Her father, optometrist Dr. Marvin Resnik, is also active in many Jewish causes.

In Cleveland, Resnik attended Hebrew school and a photo recently published of a preteen Judy shows her blessing Sabbath candles in Sunday school. She became bat mitzvah but is not strictly observant today.

In a pre-flight press conference that NASA permitted with ABC News on May 22, the intricate details of Shuttle Mission 41-D were explained by Commander Henry Hartsfield and his crews: pilot Mike Coats; mission specialists Mike Mullane, Steve Hawley, Judy Resnik; and payload specialist Charlie Walker from McDonnell Douglas Aircraft.

On the telecast, Resnik confidently discussed many of the scientific tests to be conducted on board the Orbiter Discovery in technical language only an engineer could comprehend completely, demonstrating clearly how fully prepared she is for this monumental undertaking.

Some of the other "firsts" for Discovery's 173-mile orbit will be the first commercial pharmaceutical processing in space; testing of a large solar array; first flights of a new satellite, the SYNCOM, and a large mapping camera to be used with the space shuttle in the future.

GILMAN BILL URGES U.S. TO PROTEST
SOVIET VIOLATIONS ON MAIL LAWS

By Helen Silver

WASHINGTON, June 19 (JTA) — Rep. Benjamin Gilman (R. NY) introduced a bill in the House yesterday instructing the U.S. delegation to raise the issue of Soviet violations of international laws governing the mails at the 19th Congress of the Universal Postal Union (UPU) which opened in Hamburg, West Germany today.

The bill also asks the UPU to consider the violations and possible sanctions against the violators. A similar measure was introduced in the Senate recently by Rudy Boschwitz (R. Minn.).

Gilman's bill is the result of year-long hearings in New York City on "Soviet mail sabotage" at which witnesses representing Christian, Jewish, Ukrainian, Russian-American and professional and academic groups testified that the Soviet authorities were deliberately interfering with the overseas mails. According to Gilman, this is a calculated attempt to "cut the lifeline between Soviet citizens and their friends and relatives in the free world."

Gilman said his probe, conducted under the Subcommittee on Investigations of the House Post Office Committee, turned up 2,388 exhibits clearly showing Soviet sabotage of the international mails. Witnesses at the New York hearing corroborated earlier claims at hearings in Washington and Chicago that the KGB was methodically screening all incoming and outgoing mails. This is in violation of the Soviet Constitution and several international treaties including the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, the Helsinki Final Act and the Constitution of the UPU, Gilman pointed out.

His bill has the unanimous support of all members of the House Post Office and Civil Service Committee.

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CHICAGO (JTA) — Broadening its efforts to stem the use of racist and bigoted statements and literature in local political campaigns, the American Jewish Committee has announced that its Chicago chapter had spearheaded the formation of CONDUCT — the Committee on Decent Unbiased Campaign Tactics