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**DETENTION OF KATZIR A  
'DESPICABLE ACT' SAYS HERZOG**

By David Landau

JERUSALEM, July 4 (JTA) — President Chaim Herzog denounced the Soviet Union's harassment of former President Ephraim Katzir in Leningrad last weekend as "a despicable act."

Katzir, who was Israel's fourth President, and his wife Nina, were arrested by KGB agents when they attempted to visit the home of a Jewish refusenik in Leningrad Sunday and were questioned for about 90 minutes at local police headquarters. Herzog called the incident a "gross violation of the accepted norms of conduct between civilized nations ... a despicable act." (See separate story for Katzir's account of his detention.)

Speaking at the Hebrew University where he received an honorary doctorate yesterday, Herzog said Israel and the Jewish people would not ignore this affront and would demand that the USSR make amends.

The newspaper Davar reported today that four other Israeli scientists who, with Katzir, were attending a conference of European bio-chemists in Moscow, were summarily expelled from the USSR because they tried to contact Russian Jews.

Israeli observers interpret the mistreatment of President and Mrs. Katzir and the ouster of other visiting Israelis as a warning that any Israelis intending to visit the Soviet Union had better steer clear of Jewish activists there.

**KATZIR DESCRIBES ARREST,  
QUESTIONING BY KGB IN  
LENINGRAD**

By Edwin Eytan

PARIS, July 4 (JTA) — Prof. Ephraim Katzir, former President of Israel, and his wife, Nina Katzir, were detained for nearly 90 minutes by KGB agents — one of them Hebrew-speaking — in Leningrad Sunday after they attempted to visit the home of a Leningrad Jewish refusenik.

He and his wife were treated courteously but very firmly, Katzir said describing the incident at an airport press conference here yesterday. He was Israel's fourth President, having held office from 1973-78. He is a biochemist by profession, associated with the Weizmann Institute of Science at Rehovoth. He spent two weeks in the Soviet Union attending the Congress of the European Federation of Biochemists.

**Israeli Delegation Well Treated**

Katzir said that more than 100 Israeli scientists attended the Congress in Moscow, including Prof. Michael Sela, president of the Weizmann Institute, and his wife. They received a warm and even friendly reception and were treated with the same courtesy extended to the other foreign delegations, Katzir said.

He believes the local KGB in Leningrad detained him and his wife mistakenly and went through with the interrogation in order to cover their error. But it was an ordeal.

Katzir spoke to the press during a brief stopover here enroute to Boston where he is to address a scientific gathering at Harvard University. Appearing

calm and relaxed, he explained, "I had been given by an Israeli family the name and address of one of their relatives living in Leningrad. On Sunday (July 1) my wife and I took a taxi and drove from our hotel to the man's home.

"We entered the building, and even before we entered the elevator, three men in civilian clothing barred our way. One of them who looked non-Jewish but spoke Hebrew, showed us their KGB cards and asked us to accompany them to police headquarters for interrogation," Katzir said.

**Must Empty Pockets**

He said he clearly identified himself as Israel's ex-President, but this made no impression. He and his wife were driven in a military jeep accompanied by the three KGB agents and several armed soldiers to an official building, about 10 minutes drive from the building where they were arrested.

They were asked to empty their pockets and Mrs. Katzir had to show the contents of her handbag. The Hebrew-speaking KGB man acted as interpreter during their interrogation. The KGB wanted to know what they had been doing and with whom they met since their arrival in the USSR two weeks earlier.

Katzir said the KGB seized an album of photographs of Israel, a book of Israeli songs and some Israeli coins intended as gifts for the Leningrad refusenik. Their own possessions, including a Jewish prayerbook, were returned. Katzir would not identify the refusenik.

After nearly 90 minutes they were told they could return to their hotel and that same evening they boarded the night train to Moscow together with Prof. and Mrs. Sela.

Sela, who is presently in Lille, France to receive the Life Foundation Award for his research in synthetic vaccines, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that throughout his two-week stay in the Soviet Union he was warmly treated. He said he invited a high ranking Soviet scientific delegation to Israel as guests of the Weizmann Institute. The Russians accepted but no date was set.

**FERRY SEIZURE WAS DEFENSIVE MOVE  
AGAINST TERRORISTS, ARENS TELLS  
KNESSET PANEL**

By Gil Sedan and Hugh Orgel

JERUSALEM, July 4 (JTA) — Defense Minister Moshe Arens defended the Israel navy's seizure of a Cypriot ferry on the high seas and the detention of some of its passengers before the Knesset's Foreign Affairs and Security Committee yesterday.

He said the Panamanian-flag Alisur Blanco, enroute from Larnaca, Cyprus to Beirut was intercepted and escorted to Haifa last Friday on the basis of "intelligence information" in order to prevent terrorist attacks on Israel.

According to Arens, there was a link between that action and Israel's air and naval bombardment of Anarib island off the northern Lebanese port of Tripoli last week. The Defense Minister briefed the committee on the interrogation of the four ferry passengers still under detention in Israel.

The ferry was allowed to proceed to Beirut late Friday with all but nine of its 63 passengers aboard. Of the nine, five were released yesterday and returned to Beirut by bus under the auspices of the International Red Cross.

Navy commander Zeev Almog said yesterday that terrorists are again preparing seaborne raids in Israel and have more sophisticated equipment at their disposal than in the past. He contended that interception of a vessel on the high seas was allowable under international law on grounds of self-defense. He claimed that Libya and Syria pose the greatest dangers to Israel from the sea because both have sophisticated navies.

Meanwhile, Israeli officials have emphatically denied media reports abroad that one of the detainees off the ferry is the notorious international terrorist known as Carlos, believed to have masterminded the massacre of the Israeli team at the 1972 Olympic Games in Munich.

**DE CUELLAR STRESSES URGENCY FOR MID-EAST SOLUTION BUT SEES NO INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE AT PRESENT**  
By Tamar Levy

GENEVA, July 4 (JTA) — United Nations Secretary General Javier Perez de Cuellar conceded today that the projected international conference on the Middle East, approved by the UN General Assembly, has little chance of taking place at the present time because both the United States and Israel are opposed.

Nevertheless, there is an urgent need to do something about the Middle East and do it as soon as possible because, although relatively quiet at the moment, it remains one of the most dangerous areas of tension in the world, de Cuellar told a press conference here today following his first Middle East tour since taking office. He was referring to the Arab-Israel conflict.

He said that during his recent visit to Israel, Jordan, Syria, Egypt and Lebanon he found a sincere wish for a solution to the conflict. He said it was possible, after the Israeli parliamentary elections July 23 and the U.S. Presidential elections next November, that the five permanent members of the Security Council and the parties concerned in the region, could meet and appoint working groups to negotiate a comprehensive solution.

Asked about his planned meeting with Palestine Liberation Organization chief Yasir Arafat scheduled here early next week, de Cuellar said it was important for him to hear what Arafat has to say in order to complete his picture of the Middle East situation.

**ISRAELIS HOPE FOR RESPITE FROM STRIKES ENDANGERING LIFE AND PROPERTY**

By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, July 4 (JTA) — Israelis are hoping for a respite from the wave of strikes and work slowdowns that have threatened lives and property in the last two days.

The workers committee of the State-owned Electric Corp. was scheduled to meet this afternoon with representatives of the government and Histadrut in an effort to settle their strike which has caused power blackouts and severe water shortages all over the country.

Haifa firemen returned to work today after the municipality paid back salaries a month overdue and the Interior Ministry promised that funds would be transferred monthly to avoid a repetition of the delays. But the firefighters' refusal to answer alarms yesterday led to what could have been disastrous.

A forest fire, not uncommon in the dry season, approached homes in a Mt. Carmel suburb. Local residents attempting to fight the blaze, called on the Hedera fire department for help. The latter rendered assistance for a time, but departed at the request of the striking local firemen. Only a shift of the wind saved the homes.

The Electric Corp. strike has more widespread repercussions. Jerusalem and Nahariya are almost completely without water because the Mekoret water company cannot operate its pumps for lack of electric power. The company was using emergency generators today to provide some water to Jerusalem.

The Electric Corp. has resorted to rationing power, blacking out certain areas of the country alternately for limited periods of time. This brought near tragedy to the Emek Hospital in Afule yesterday when power was cut off without warning and the hospital staff was unable to start the emergency generator.

Surgery in progress had to be completed by searchlight. Patients undergoing dialysis were saved from death only by the action of doctors and nurses who operated the blood-cleansing apparatus by hand.

Meanwhile, Foreign Ministry staff decided to tighten the work sanctions they began to apply more than a week ago in a wage dispute with the ministry. They have halted altogether their dealings with residents and foreign visitors requiring consular services and are boycotting visiting VIPs.

**Rabbinate Employers Strike**

Even the religious establishment has not escaped the labor unrest. Employees of the Rabbinical Councils in various cities went on strike today. A near riot developed outside the Tel Aviv council offices when couples requesting divorce were turned away. Marriage certificates were not being issued either, but the newlyweds seemed less distraught by the delay.

In the military sector, 6,000 employees of the Rafael Weapons Development Authority announced today that they would take a "two day vacation" beginning tomorrow and threatened a longer strike next week.

Talks broke down yesterday between 60,000 striking government-employed engineers and academicians and Histadrut and government representatives. Their union has threatened to break away from Histadrut because the trade union federation's recent wage agreement with the Treasury is not acceptable to them. The academicians involved are in the social sciences and humanities faculties.

**ISRAELI ARMY OFFICER'S TESTIMONY CONTRADICTED BY DRUZE SAPPER BLINDED IN CAR BOMB ATTEMPT**

By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, July 4 (JTA) — Suleiman Hirbawi, a Druze border police sapper who was blinded while attempting to defuse a bomb planted in the car of Mayor Ibrahim Tawil of El Bireh in June, 1980, testified in Jerusalem district court that no Israeli army officer was standing close to him when the bomb exploded.

Hirbawi's testimony last Friday contradicted the version of Capt. Ronni Gila, one of two officers who were attached to the military government on the West Bank at the time and are being tried separately for alleged connections with a Jewish terrorist underground in the territory.

Gila and Maj. Shlomo Levytan have been implicated in the car bombings four years ago which maimed Mayors Basam Shaka of Nablus and Karim Khallaf of Ramallah. Tawil, another target of the assassination attempt,

was uninjured. Gila is charged with prior knowledge of a bomb in Tawil's garage and failure to pass it on to his superiors or to Hirbawi.

He was assigned to guide Hirbawi through the unfamiliar streets of El Bireh to the Mayor's garage. According to Gila's testimony he entered the garage with Hirbawi which he would not have done had he known of the bomb. Hirbawi testified Friday that when he entered Tawil's garage, Gila remained in his jeep. He denied that Gila had said anything to him on the way to the garage.

"I approached the corner of the house. I checked the area. I turned right and I found myself in the hospital," he said. The trial is scheduled to resume next Friday when former Mayor Tawil will testify.

#### Terrorist Suspects Sought

Meanwhile, security forces have still been unable to track down two other suspected members of the Jewish terrorist underground believed to have been directly involved in the car bombings. One suspect, Yossi Indor of Ofra on the West Bank is still at large and believed to be somewhere in Israel or the territories. Another, Ira Rappaport, a Gush Emunim emissary in New York, is still in the U.S. Rappaport is suspected of having planted the bomb in ex-Mayor Shaka's car along with Indor. The West Bank mayors were since deposited by the Israeli authorities.

A third suspect being sought has not been identified to the public. According to testimony taken so far from other defendants, he was involved in the aborted attempt on the life of Dr. Ahmad Hamzi Natshe in Bethlehem in May, 1980. Natshe is a leader of the Communist Party on the West Bank and was a leader of the National Guidance Committee, an Arab nationalist group, since outlawed, which was a prime target of the Jewish underground.

Neither Indor, Rappaport or the unidentified suspect was named in the indictment of 27 suspected members of the underground. Five of the latter have confessed to lesser charges in a plea bargaining process. One has been sentenced to 18 months in prison and another was sentenced last week to 10 years' imprisonment.

The remaining 22, all pleading not guilty, went on trial in Jerusalem district court on June 17. Their trial was suspended last week until September 16 when the courts reconvene after the summer recess.

#### 4 ARAB YOUTHS WOUNDED IN SCUFFLE WITH POLICE NEAR BETHLEHEM By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, July 4 (JTA) — Four Arab youths were slightly wounded in a scuffle with Israeli border policemen near Rachel's Tomb at the entrance to Bethlehem yesterday. According to official sources, they were hit by ricocheting bullets fired into the air by the police.

The incident occurred at a police roadblock where a bus carrying Arab youths was halted for a security check. The youngsters protested what they claimed was "rough treatment" by the police. Military sources claimed some of the bus passengers attacked the policemen at which their commander ordered them to fire into the air and then at the ground. Several youths were detained for questioning.

#### CAPITAL CITY OF PANAMA HONORS RABBI

PANAMA CITY, Panama, July 4 (JTA) — The capital city of Panama has honored a prominent Jewish scholar and educator. Rabbi Heszel Klepfisz was

recognized as a "deserving citizen of the District of Panama" according to the citation that accompanied the "Key to the City" presented to him by Mayor Nelson Espino.

The ceremonies at the Municipal Palace were attended by members of the national and local governments, Catholic church dignitaries and representatives of the Jewish community. City Council President Maylin Correa praised Dr. Klepfisz for his "work in the service of the world and of Panama."

In his acceptance speech, Klepfisz said, "In my view, what gives Panama City a place of honor among cities is its spirit of tolerance, its great human warmth and its respect for the individual — his rights, his beliefs and his traditions."

The 72 year-old rabbi was the winner of the 1981 prize for Jewish intellectual merit presented by the World Jewish Congress Latin American branch. He was born in Poland, ordained in Warsaw in 1930, received his Ph.D. from the University of Warsaw in 1934 and a Doctorate in literature in Zurich in 1936.

He served as a rabbi in Warsaw and in Holland and taught at the Glasgow Hebrew College and at the Jewish College in Miami, Florida before settling in Panama in 1961. He headed Panama's Albert Einstein School from 1961-78 and was a professor at the University of Panama from 1963-78.

#### ARCHAEOLOGISTS EXPLORING HEROD'S PORT CONCLUDE THEY BUILT THEM BETTER IN THE OLD DAYS By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, July 4 (JTA) — Scuba-diving archaeologists exploring the submerged ancient port of Caesarea, south of Haifa, say it is a model of harbor construction that would do credit to present day engineers. They also believe it is older than the 2,000 years usually given it.

Recent finds by the Inter-University and International Caesarea Ancient Harbor Excavations Project (CAHEP) have confirmed the existence of a port which pre-dates by at least 200 years that built by King Herod between 21 and 9 BCE. Herod, surnamed "The Great," ruled over Judaea from 37-4 BCE under Roman tutelage.

The smaller and older port discovered by the archaeologists is believed to have served a Greek settlement dating back to the second century BCE. Experts suggest that because of the pre-existence of a port, Herod chose the site to build his grand harbor named in honor of the Roman Emperor, Caesar Augustus.

#### Political Motives

Prof. Robert Hohlfelder of the University of Colorado, an associate director of CAHEP, suggested that Herod's decision may have been partly political. He wanted to build a facility which was not in Roman-held territory for the benefit of gentiles on the same scale as his construction for the Jews in Jerusalem, Hohlfelder said.

Herod's harbor is believed to have been the first man-made open seaport in the world. Its construction was completed in about 10 years. There are two massive breakwaters running out to sea, forming a shelter that could contain up to 300 ships. One of the breakwaters was used for loading and unloading cargoes and had warehouses on its 70 meter wide top.

Dr. Avner Raban, of Haifa University's Center for Maritime Studies, said that if the builders of Haifa port in the 1930's and the port at Ashdod in the 1950's had used the same silt control methods as Herod's engineers, many of the problems that plague those ports today would have been avoided. Herod's men built a series of cross channels to admit silt-free sea water to the port area.

# MONDALE, JACKSON DENOUNCE FARRAKHAN'S ANTI-SEMITIC REMARKS

KANSAS CITY, July 4 (JTA) — Black Muslim leader Louis Farrakhan's statements about Judaism and Israel were denounced here yesterday by former Vice President Walter Mondale, the likely Democratic Presidential candidate.

At a news conference with the Rev. Jesse Jackson, Mondale said he considered Farrakhan's remarks "poison and I repudiate not only the statements but Mr. Farrakhan."

Jackson repeated his characterization of Farrakhan's comments as "indefensible and morally reprehensible." He declined however to repudiate the Black Muslim leader, although Jackson has clearly distanced himself politically from Farrakhan in the past months.

The two Democratic Presidential aspirants held the news conference following a two hour meeting, the first since the primaries ended, in an effort to reconcile their differences and set the groundwork for a show of unity at the Democratic Party convention in San Francisco later this month.

Later in the day, Mondale addressed some 3,000 persons attending the 75th annual convention of the NAACP here. He told those assembled that "our coalition of consciousness... must stand united and condemn the voices of hatred whether they speak from the hood of the Klan robe or the airwaves of Farrakhan's radio show."

In a radio broadcast June 24 in Chicago, Farrakhan called Judaism a "gutter religion" and described Israel as an "outlaw nation."

## NAACP LEADER URGES IMPROVED RELATIONS BETWEEN BLACKS AND JEWS

By Marc Lowenthal

KANSAS CITY, July 4 (JTA) — Relations between Blacks and Jews will improve "because there is no alternative," according to NAACP executive director Benjamin Hooks, who this week opened the 75th annual convention of the civil rights organization here.

But despite persistent questioning, Hooks refused to criticize the Rev. Jesse Jackson for his remarks about Jews or his relationship with Black Muslim leader Louis Farrakhan, according to the Kansas City Jewish Chronicle.

In a news conference last Sunday, Hooks said that Jackson "apologized and has disavowed" remarks referring to Jews as "Hymies" and that the Democratic Presidential aspirant has also repudiated remarks by Farrakhan who described Judaism as a "gutter religion." Other Black spokesmen, Hooks said, should not have to answer for Farrakhan's comments.

### Media Blamed For Farrakhan's Prominence

Instead, the NAACP official, said the responsibility for publicizing Farrakhan rests with journalists who he claimed have given the Muslim leader "more press than all the other established Black leaders."

Hooks, for his part, last week issued a statement deploring Farrakhan's disparaging remarks about Judaism and Israel. "The NAACP's struggle historically has been against those groups and people who have fought to divide the nation along racial and ethnic lines," Hooks said last week.

Hooks had also called on Farrakhan to "cease all efforts" to undermine respect for other groups, saying the end result of such statements can "only be damaging to the interests of Black people."

At the news conference, Hooks said he had last talked with Farrakhan, the leader of the Chicago-based Nation of Islam group, shortly before the critical comments were released. He said he had told Farrakhan about the statement and Farrakhan denied making the comments attributed to him. Hooks refused however to reveal other aspects of the discussion.

The NAACP official also refused to criticize Jackson's relationship with Farrakhan, saying that whatever recommendations he had to make to Jackson would be in private. Both Jackson and Mondale were to address the NAACP convention this week. Sen. Gary Hart, also a Democratic Presidential aspirant, was slated to attend the convention.

While only a small portion of Hooks' comments dealt with Black-Jewish relations and the topic of Jackson, Hooks deftly defused an implicitly critical question aimed at Israeli arms sales to South Africa. Saying he "didn't have enough information on which to form a judgement," Hooks deplored the amount of arms sale in general world-wide. Instead, Hooks saved most of his criticism for the Reagan Administration and what he said are its attacks on programs for Blacks and the poor.

### AMERICAN RABBI BLESSES POPE

By Lisa Palmieri-Billing

ROME, July 4 (JTA) — An American Conservative rabbi pronounced the traditional Jewish blessing on Pope John Paul II at an audience in the Vatican last week and the Pontiff joined in what was probably the first encounter of its kind between a Jewish spiritual leader and the head of the Roman Catholic Church.

Rabbi Richard Yellin, of Congregation Mishkan Tefila in Chestnut Hill, Mass., a Boston suburb, was at the general audience given by the Pope on June 27 with 13 lay members of his congregation and their wives. Mishkan Tefila is said to be the third oldest Conservative congregation in the U.S. It is celebrating its centennial.

As Vatican photographers recorded the scene, Yellin recited the Hebrew blessing from Leviticus, "May the Lord bless you and keep you..." John Paul joined in and both completed the prayer in unison in Hebrew, Yellin told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency.

The Pope later told the 13 lay leaders, all past presidents of the Massachusetts congregation, "I will pray for Jerusalem, I always pray for Jerusalem — and for peace."

### DUTCH HIGH COURT DROPS COMPLAINTS AGAINST FIRMS THOUGHT COMPLYING WITH ARAB BOYCOTT

By Henriette Boas

AMSTERDAM, July 4 (JTA) — The Netherlands Supreme Court has dismissed complaints against three of four Dutch firms for allegedly cooperating with Saudi Arabia in barring Jewish employees from working in that country. The complaint against the fourth firm was referred back to a lower court on a technicality.

The complaints were initiated by the Center for Information and Documentation on Israel (CIDI) which said it was satisfied with the decision. This was apparently because the high court affirmed that the Dutch Penal Code holds racial discrimination to be a punishable offense and discrimination on religious grounds comes under the same heading.

The complaints alleged that the four firms attested that employees slated to work on projects in Saudi Arabia were not Jewish, constituting discrimination against Dutch Jews by Dutch companies operating in Arab countries. The Supreme Court ruled, in three of the cases, that the firms had merely acted as "postmen" by passing on the Saudi Embassy's visa application forms but not filling them themselves.