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# ISRAELI SOLDIER, MISSING IN LEBANON FOR 2 YEARS, IS ALIVE AND WELL

By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, July 8 (JTA) — An Austrian diplomat arrived here yesterday with proof that an Israeli soldier, Hezi Shai, reported missing in Lebanon two years ago is alive and well, a prisoner of a Palestinian dissident group in Damascus.

Herbert Amry, Austria's Ambassador to Greece, also confirmed that the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine-General Command, a breakaway faction of the Palestine Liberation Organization, headed by Ahmed Jibril will permit representatives of the International Red Cross, for the first time, to visit Shai and two other Israel Defense Force soldiers.

The latter, Nissim Salem and Yosef Grof, were known to be captives of Jibril's group. But Shai's family had heard nothing of his fate nor did the IDF apparently know whether he was dead or alive.

Amry appeared at a press conference here today with Maj. Gen. Amos Yaron, head of the IDF manpower branch, former MK Shmuel Tamir who coordinates the government's activities with respect to prisoner-of-war exchanges and another former MK, Arye Eliaz, who, through contacts in the Austrian government, has obtained news of Israeli POWs captured in the Lebanon war.

Amry brought the families of the three soldiers letters, personal messages and photographs he had taken with each of the men at their places of captivity last week. He disclosed that the three Israelis were being held separately and had no contact with each other. The envoy said he did not know the locations that he was taken to for the meetings except that they were in or near Damascus.

## Didn't Know He Became A Father

He said Shai, a tank soldier, looked remarkably fit after two years in prison. He was not aware that he was the father of a two-year-old daughter, his wife having given birth shortly after he was posted missing in Lebanon.

Tamir said Jibril's group acknowledged that Shai was their prisoner only after many months of quiet diplomacy and trips by Amry between Damascus and Tel Aviv via his legation in Athens. He said the fact that about 120 PLO men, most of them members of Jibril's group, are still held prisoner in Israel apparently decided Jibril to permit Red Cross visits and to admit that Shai was being held.

According to Amry, this development brings closer the start of negotiations for a POW exchange between Israel and the Jibril group. But Tamir predicted that the negotiations, when they do begin, will be long and difficult.

Gen. Yaron said that the IDF has sufficient intelligence data to refute reports from Beirut that an IDF Druze soldier, Samir Assad, was killed when the Israel Air Force and Navy bombed terrorist bases on Anarib island off the northern Lebanese port of Tripoli a week ago.

## ISRAEL'S LABOR STRIFE EASED BUT NOT ENDED

By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, July 8 (JTA) — Labor strife that has

plagued Israel for the past week has eased somewhat but not all of the public sector has returned to normal and threats of strikes and work slowdowns persist.

Striking Electric Corp. employees were back on the job Friday, restoring full power after a week of sporadic blackouts around the country. They apparently failed to achieve any major benefits from their walkout.

Foreign Ministry staff, on strike since the beginning of the month, obeyed a court order and returned to their job. But about 300 of them sported buttons proclaiming, "I am working under the coercion of a back-to-work order."

Striking clerks of the rabbinical courts who created havoc last week by refusing to issue marriage licenses or divorce decrees have also returned to work at the urging of the Chief Rabbinate which promised to help adjudicate their wage dispute. The rabbinical court workers are demanding the same pay as civil court clerks.

Life guards are back on the job on the Tel Aviv beaches, just in time to cope with peak summer crowds. The Haifa oil refineries are functioning after a four-day work stoppage, but only with skeleton crews ordered by the courts to fill tank trucks with fuel for delivery to gasoline stations and factories.

## More Strikes Threatened

Striking meteorologists have resumed their weather forecasts, but only on a limited basis. Radios and television screens came alive over the weekend as broadcast journalists reached agreement with the State-owned Broadcast Authority for a wage scale equal to that of print journalists. But administrative employees of the Broadcast Authority are continuing their sanctions and many scheduled programs have yet to return to the air. Israeli viewers can be certain only of electioneering. The Supreme Court has ordered that the nightly half hour allotted to the political parties for their campaign messages must not be interrupted.

Meanwhile, some 60,000 government-employed engineers and academicians in the social sciences remained on strike in a dispute with Histadrut and the government over a wage agreement concluded last month which they refuse to accept.

Clerks at the Israel Discount Bank have threatened a 24-hour strike this week and junior high school teachers are warning of sanctions that may delay the opening of the new school year in September.

## POLLS SHOW LABOR LEADING LIKUD 2 WEEKS BEFORE ELECTION DAY

By David Landau

JERUSALEM, July 8 (JTA) — With election day only 15 days away, Likud continues to trail the Labor Alignment by a significant margin in most public opinion polls. The latest, published Friday in Yediot Achronot, showed Labor winning 53 Knesset seats to 38 for Likud while the number of "undecided" voters has dropped from 34 percent in the third week of June to 28 percent now.

Likud politicians profess to be undaunted and claim that their own surveys show the gap narrowing. This could mean that even if Likud fails to catch up with Labor during the next two weeks, it will poll sufficient votes to prevent the Alignment from forming a government. The Laborites are not free from worries. As front runners, they sense the danger of complacency and are

warning their supporters against taking the outcome for granted. Labor Party leaders are stressing more-over that they need a much higher plurality than the 15 seats indicated now in order to form a stable government.

Labor would like to be able to establish a new government without the need for a coalition with the religious parties, or at least without the more militant ones. Labor's potential partners on the left, such as Shinui and the Citizens Rights Movement may balk at joining a government which includes the Aguda Israel.

#### Labor Needs Big Win

Labor analysts say that anything below 50 percent of the vote would seriously impair Labor's ability to form any government inasmuch as the religious and rightwing factions would almost certainly continue their alliance with Likud. A 56-57 percent margin, by the same token, would put Labor in a comfortable position to form a Cabinet to its liking.

As the July 23 election date approaches, the campaign has heated up and there has been considerable mudslinging by both sides in their nightly television electioneering.

Labor ran a film in which two moshav farmers accuse Likud of ruining the country's agriculture. A Likud film featured a woman from the border town of Kiryat Shmona describing the constant shelling until the Likud government ordered the invasion of Lebanon two years ago.

The woman, Shoshana Peretz, claimed she was fired from her teaching job because she appeared in the Likud film. Labor produced a letter of dismissal dated May 1, long before her appearance, to discredit that charge. These are picaresque matters, hardly related to election issues. Labor's campaign manager, Mordechai Gur, called on his Likud counterpart, David Levy and on Supreme Court Justice Gavriel Bach, chairman of the Central Elections Committee, for a meeting to "stop the deterioration of the campaign."

The three were scheduled to get together today to reach a new agreement for "clean electioneering." Both sides had already agreed to avoid personal insults but this often has been honored in the breach and Bach has been forced to delete portions of campaign films.

#### GOVERNMENT ACCUSED OF 'ELECTION ECONOMICS' FOR CUSHIONING INFLATION WITH SUBSIDIES

By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, July 8 (JTA) — The government opted for a very modest rise in prices this month, laying it open to charges of "election economics" by the Labor opposition.

The prices of basic commodities were just raised by eight percent and the price of petrol by 10 percent. Government subsidies will cover the gap between those rises and the real cost increases which are 20 percent for basics and 30 percent for petrol.

This is no more than a continuation of the policies adopted in April immediately after the Knesset voted to hold early elections. In April the consumer price index rose by 20.6 percent but the price of basic commodities went up only 14 percent, thanks to subsidies. The pattern was repeated in May when the CPI went up 14.3 percent but the actual cost of basic items went up only nine percent.

Although it is generally agreed that the monthly price rises do not cover costs, some Likud ministers reportedly have urged the Treasury to refrain from any

increases. Finance Minister Yigal Cohen-Orgad insisted however that some effort be made to narrow the gap between inflation and government subsidies. Premier Yitzhak Shamir supports him on that issue.

But price hikes will be kept to a minimum at least until after the elections. One of Likud's main campaign themes is that individuals are doing well enough despite one of the highest inflation rates in the world. But there will be a day of reckoning, according to Labor MK Gad Yaacobi who would become Finance Minister in a Labor-led government.

Commenting on the government's policy of keeping price rises below the inflation rate, he charged that "This decision indicates that election economics have been going on for quite some time and that it is not guided by economic logic and the needs of the economy but rather by the ballot needs of Likud."

#### ISRAEL WILL BE FULLY BRIEFED ON MITTERRAND'S VISITS TO AMMAN AND CAIRO By Edwin Eytan

PARIS, July 8 (JTA) — Israel will be fully briefed on the talks President Francois Mitterrand will have with King Hussein of Jordan and President Hosni Mubarak of Egypt this week, official sources here said today.

Mitterrand will leave tomorrow for Amman to meet with Hussein and then to Cairo for a meeting with Mubarak. The sources stressed however that these high level contacts do not mean that France plans a diplomatic initiative in the Middle East.

"Israel will be fully informed of everything which will be said in Jordan and Egypt," the sources said. Foreign Minister Claude Cheysson will fly to Israel immediately after Mitterrand's trip to brief the Jerusalem government on the gist of Mitterrand's talks with the Arab leaders.

Cheysson is due in Israel Wednesday and will meet immediately with Premier Yitzhak Shamir. The sources said Cheysson also plans to discuss the situation in south Lebanon with the Israelis and to call for an Israeli withdrawal. He will meet with Shimon Peres, chairman of the opposition Labor Party before leaving Thursday for Beirut and Damascus.

Mubarak has been "personally close" to Mitterrand and Hussein has met with the French President several times in the past year. Both have apparently counted on France to launch a new European Middle East peace initiative but Mitterrand has held back to avoid jeopardizing improved Franco-Israeli relations, sources here said.

They stressed that despite Jordan's urging, Mitterrand refuses to meet with Palestine Liberation Organization chief Yasir Arafat during his visit to Amman. "This administration will do nothing which might harm the newly established Franco-Israeli dialogue and ties of confidence," an official spokesman here said today.

#### CAR BOMBS WERE MEANT TO KILL, POLICE EXPERT TESTIFIES By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, July 8 (JTA) — The lethal devices planted in the cars of three West Bank Arab mayors in June, 1980 were intended to kill them, according to a police expert testifying at the trial of two former officers of the Israeli military government on the West Bank.

Eli Ben-Bassat, a former chief superintendent of police who headed the anti-sabotage laboratory at national police headquarters, was the chief witness for the prosecution Friday at the trial of Maj. Shlomo Levytan and Capt. Ronni Gilo. Both officers have been linked to the Jewish terrorist underground active on the

West Bank over the past four years but are being tried separately from 22 other men under indictment.

Explosive devices were placed in the cars of Mayors Bassam Shaka of Nablus and Karim Khallaf of Ramallah, both of whom were seriously wounded. Shaka lost both his legs. A third bomb, in the car of Mayor Ibrahim Tawil of El Bireh, exploded while being defused, blinding an Israeli Druze police sapper, Sulieman Hirbawi.

According to Ben-Bassat, all three devices were activated by trip-wire mechanisms. Each contained up to 500 grams of explosives. Ben-Bassat testified that judging by the size of the devices and the way they were placed, they could have been fatal. His testimony contradicted the statements given to the police by the terrorist suspects who claimed their intention was only to wound the mayors.

#### PALESTINIANS RETURNING TO ISRAEL-HELD TERRITORIES

By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, July 8 (JTA) — Palestinians from the West Bank and Gaza Strip who have been working abroad are returning to the territories in greater numbers as overseas jobs become harder to find.

The Central Bureau of Statistics reported today that although more Palestinians leave the territories than return, the gap between those departing and the returnees has narrowed sharply. Last year, about 388,918 Palestinians came home compared to 392,659 who left the territories. This resulted in a net emigration of 3,741, the lowest since Israel captured the West Bank and Gaza in 1967.

In 1982, 10,971 more Palestinians left than returned and in 1981 the population deficit amounted to 22,000.

Experts attribute the change to "the economic slowdown in the Gulf states and Jordan, the relatively stable situation in the territories and the support rendered by the Palestine Liberation Organization to Palestinians, mainly in the form of housing and business loans."

#### TWO ISRAELIS INVOLVED IN ATTEMPT TO KIDNAP NIGERIAN DISSIDENT

By Maurice Samuelson

LONDON, July 8 (JTA) — The Israeli Embassy here is maintaining a pained silence over the involvement of two Israelis in the aborted attempt to kidnap Dr. Umaru Dikko, the former Transport Minister of Nigeria and an avowed opponent of the present military regime in that country.

The Israelis, whose names have not been disclosed, were found hiding in a crate about to be loaded aboard a Nigeria-bound aircraft at Stansted Airport Thursday night. In a second crate, British police found Dikko heavily drugged and, reportedly, another man in possession of drugs and a hypodermic syringe.

Dikko is recovering at a hospital near London. His alleged would-be kidnappers are in custody. The Israeli Embassy said, when the arrests were announced Friday, that it had no more interest in the case than if the two Israelis had been picked up on drug charges.

Since then however, the two men, first described as mercenaries, have been alleged by the press to be former agents of Mossad, the Israeli intelligence organization, and possibly still connected with Israeli authorities. According to press accounts, they masterminded the kidnap attempt and were to accompany Dikko to Nigeria where he is on the wanted list.

Parallels are also being drawn by the press here between the Dikko episode and the Israel government's kidnapping of Nazi war criminal Adolf Eichmann from Argentina nearly 25 years ago. As in the Eichmann affair, the abduction of Dikko took place after an unsuccessful extradition attempt.

#### RELIGIOUS AND SECULAR JEWS BATTLE IN JERUSALEM NEIGHBORHOOD

By David Landau

JERUSALEM, July 8 (JTA) — Club-wielding police broke up a street battle between non-religious and Orthodox Jews in Jerusalem's Bukharan quarter yesterday after yeshiva students hurling rocks at passing motorists were confronted by local residents who responded in kind. Five students were arrested.

The incident ended a long period of uneasy truce between the secular Jews of Bukharan and residents of the neighboring ultra-Orthodox Mea Shearim and Geula quarters. The yeshiva students were protesting soccer games on a nearby playing field on Saturday afternoon.

The pitch battle lasted for several hours before the police intervened. No injuries were reported but there was extensive damage to windows of shops and residential buildings.

#### GUIDEBOOK TO JEWISH AGENCY PUBLISHED FOR OVERSEAS JEWS

By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, July 8 (JTA) — The Jerusalem Center for Public Affairs has just published a guidebook to the Jewish Agency intended for distribution to Jewish leaders in Israel and abroad, and especially to Jewish federations and students of Jewish communal affairs.

The 140-page guidebook explains who constitutes the Jewish Agency, how it functions and how to deal with the Agency. It was edited by Prof. Daniel Elazar, president of the Center for Public Affairs.

There is a collection of articles analyzing the relationship of the Jewish Agency to diaspora institutions and an overview of the Agency, outlining its structure, processes and major activities. The Center for Public Affairs invites inquiries to its headquarters, 21 Arlozorov St., Jerusalem.

#### ISRAEL MAY ISSUE 100,000 SHEKEL NOTE TO KEEP PEACE WITH INFLATION

JERUSALEM, July 8 (JTA) — The Bank of Israel may print a 100,000 Shekel note because the planned 50,000 Shekel note cannot keep pace with the current rate of inflation, the Jerusalem Post reported today.

The paper said a bank official went to Holland recently, where Israel's currency is printed, to try to speed up the production of 5-10,000 Shekel notes. The highest denomination presently in circulation is the 1,000 Shekel note which is roughly equivalent to \$4.00 at the official rate of exchange.

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TEL AVIV (JTA) — The Museum of the Diaspora (Beth Hatefutot) on the Tel Aviv University campus is marking the 70th anniversary of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (JDC) with a photographic exhibition showing how it has aided Jews in distress from the early years of the century to the present. The photo display documents JDC assistance to Jews who fled pogroms in Europe before and during World War II; and JDC activities since the war in the U.S., Israel and other countries.

## TOP ISRAELI SCIENCE STUDENTS ARE ONLY FOREIGNERS IN RICKOVER SUMMER SCIENCE INSTITUTE

NEW YORK, July 8 (JTA) — Five of Israel's top high school science students will participate in the month-long Rickover Summer Science Institute in Leesburg, Va., along with outstanding American students from 46 states. The Israelis are the only foreign students in the program, according to Dr. Mordecai Hacohen, a member of the board of trustees of the Rickover Institute, named for Admiral (ret.) Hyman Rickover, the "father" of America's nuclear navy.

Four of the students arrived here today, Hacohen told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency. They are Shaya Abramson, of Beersheba; Omri Gat and Yanatan Memirowski, both of Haifa, all 17-year-olds; and Alexander Smorodnizki, 18, of Jerusalem. Due later this week is Ms. Tali Cohen, 17, of Rishon LeZion.

Hacohen said the five were selected for their outstanding capabilities in the sciences by a panel of Israeli scientists and the Ministry of Education, to receive advanced training in mathematics and science in preparation for high technology careers. The Summer Science Institute begins officially today and ends on August 18.

## WEST GERMAN TOWN HOSTS JEWISH SURVIVORS WHO FLED NAZIS

By David Kantor

BONN, July 8 (JTA) — A handful of surviving Jews who once lived in the north German town of Jever, returned there on a visit last month at the invitation of the town authorities who paid all expenses, including air fare from far-off places.

Such projects are not uncommon in West Germany where Jews who fled the Nazis between 1933-1945 or survived the concentration camps and later moved abroad are invited to re-visit their native towns, all expenses paid.

But Jever is a special case. High school students studying their town's history during and after the Nazi era discovered that no attempt had ever been made to uncover or inform its inhabitants of the fate of their one-time Jewish neighbors, many of whom perished in concentration camps.

## Townfolk Made To Confront Past

The story of the persecution of Jews in Jever has never been told or documented and the students were determined to correct that historical omission and force the inhabitants to confront their past.

In 1982 they mounted a special exhibition on the persecution of Jews in Jever, based on their own exhaustive research. It opened on November 9, the anniversary of the infamous "Kristallnacht" in 1938 when Jewish property was wantonly destroyed all over the Reich and thousands of Jews were sent to concentration camps.

Last year, the youths decided to emulate other German towns and invite the survivors for a visit. With the help of older residents who witnessed the events of the thirties and forties, they compiled a list of Jewish survivors, now living in such places as Melbourne, Australia, Santiago, Chile, San Francisco and Haifa.

They initiated a local fund-raising campaign to pay expenses. The town authorities demonstrated their good will by agreeing to bear most of the costs. Of the 24 former Jever Jews known to be alive, a total of 17 responses were received from one-

time residents of the town, including their spouses. They arrived in Jever to a warm welcome and spent a week there sightseeing, meeting local inhabitants and the students who initiated the project. They were guests at a reception at the town hall and attended a theatrical performance.

One of the returnees, Lieselotte Spitzer, wrote later, in a letter published in the local newspaper: "It was a nice dream. Jever was my home town. It is there that I spent the first 30 years of my life, until it became impossible anymore. We admire these young people who made possible the visit. This week in Jever was an unforgettable experience."

## DREAMLESS SLEEPER HELPS ISRAELI M.D. MAP BRAIN

By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, July 8 (JTA) — An Israeli neurologist believes he has pin-pointed the part of the human brain that governs the sleep process, a location that has eluded researchers until now and is the subject of considerable controversy in the medical profession.

Dr. Ron Peled of the Rothschild Hospital, who is deputy head of the Haifa Technion Medical School's sleep research laboratory, concedes it was a matter of chance that brought to him as a patient one of the rare individuals who never dreams — and this led to the discovery.

The patient, a 33-year-old lawyer, sought treatment for what Peled described as a "banal complaint." During the routine process in which rapid eye movement (REM) is monitored while the patient sleeps, it was found that the man did not dream. The patient confirmed later that he could not remember ever having dreamed.

This is unusual. The REM process, a proven indicator of dreaming, shows that normally all adult humans spend 20-25 percent of their sleeping time dreaming. Further investigation found that this particular patient suffered a skull injury eight years previously which was successfully treated and left no physical disabilities.

But an electronic brain scan disclosed a minute fragment of shrapnel lodged in his brain. Peled and his assistants are convinced that they have found the part of the brain that governs the sleep process, of which dreams are normally a part.

The location is similar to that found in the brains of cats to govern sleep, by means of surgery not possible on humans.

## ARGENTINE MINISTER RECEIVES WJC HUMAN RIGHTS AWARD

BUENOS AIRES, July 8 (JTA) — Carlos Fayt, Minister of the Argentine Supreme Court, a long-time foe of anti-Semitism and champion of the rights of Soviet Jews, was presented with the annual Human Rights Award of the Latin American branch of the World Jewish Congress here.

The presentation was made by Gregorio Faigon, chairman of the WJC Latin American branch at ceremonies attended by Vice President Victor Martinez of Argentina. Martinez praised Fayt as one of the country's outstanding figures in the field of human rights. He was nominated for the award by the DAIA, the central representative body of Argentine Jewry.

Also attending the ceremonies were prominent representatives of the government, interfaith leaders, members of the judiciary, academicians and journalists. Fayt, in his acceptance remarks, called anti-Semitism "the cancer of the human mind." He said "I learned to love the Jewish people without any ulterior motive." He called for strengthening efforts on behalf of Soviet Jewry.