

POLICE BAR KAHANE AND FOLLOWERS FROM ENTERING AN ISRAELI ARAB VILLAGE Six Cops And Arab Youth Hurt In Clash By Hugh Orgel and David Landau

TEL AVIV, Aug. 29 (JTA) -- Rabbi Meir Kahane, leader of the extremist Kach Party which he now represents in the Knesset, was today prevented by police from entering the Israeli Arab village of Umm El-Fahm, where he had planned to appeal to its 25,000 inhabitants to emigrate.

In a clash between stone-throwing village youths massing to prevent Kahane's approach and police determined to keep order, six policemen were injured by fist-sized rocks and six young Arabs were hurt by gas pellets fired by the security forces.

Kahane arrived in the vicinity of the village in the Wadi Ara -- still officially described as a village although with its 25,000 inhabitants it is larger than some towns in Israel -- at the head of a convoy of cars filled with his followers, some of whom were reported to be armed.

He had announced some time ago, while he was running for the Knesset, that he would visit Umm El-Fahm to urge Israeli Arabs to emigrate to Arab lands, claiming they had no place in a Jewish State.

Village leaders had responded by saying he would not be allowed in, and leftwing and liberal Jews had promised to come to the village to help stand guard against his entry.

Police Remove Kahane From The Scene

The Kahane convoy was halted by police and border patrols some two miles from the village. The Kach leader and his followers then started walking toward their objective. But some hundreds of yards away they were stopped by senior police officers who told Kahane that for "operational and professional reasons" he could not enter the village.

His parliamentary immunity does not allow for his arrest or detention, but when he persisted in trying to continue, two policemen led him firmly to a police van, in which he was taken to a nearby police station and told to leave the area.

Kahane shouted at the police and nearby reporters: "Give me 15 policemen and we will deal with them ... Those dogs should be gassed." Passing motorists shouted "fascist" and "Hitler" at Kahane.

Villagers Are Jubilant

Most of the Umm El-Fahm villagers and hundreds of Jewish sympathizers had, meanwhile, massed before the village from shortly after dawn, in preparation for Kahane's anticipated arrival. According to the Village Elder, it was the long, hot and anxious wait which caused the youngsters to clash with the police.

When the news reached the village that Kahane was barred by police from entering it, the villagers were jubilant. Elders clapped each other on the back, saying: "We said we would not allow him in We've done it, we've done it It is better than we could have possibly hoped for."

Kahane was not detained, according to police, because of his parliamentary immunity. But he was firmly told he could not enter the village because this would create a riot.

Shamir Denounces Kahane Phenomenon

Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir, who was queried about Kahane at a meeting today of the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee, said he knew "we would all eat gall from this man" when the Supreme Court overturned the Election Committee's decision to bar Kach (and the Progressive List for Peace) from running for the Knesset.

Shamir termed the "Kahane phenomenon" "negative, dangerous and damaging" and said, according to reports emanating from the Committee's deliberation, that Israel must find a way of curbing it.

The Premier reportedly criticized, albeit obliquely legal and judicial experts who interpreted the law narrowly so as to enable Kahane to enjoy a broad area of immunity and freedom of action. Shamir seemed to be saying that the legal authorities ought to have barred Kahane from Umm El-Fahm from the outset.

U.S. SAYS ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL FROM LEBANON MUST BE IN TANDEM WITH PROVISIONS FOR ISRAEL'S SECURITY

By David Friedman

WASHINGTON, Aug. 29 (JTA) -- The State Department stressed today that the United States continues to believe that Israeli withdrawal from Lebanon "must be" in tandem with provisions for security of Israel's northern border.

"Lebanon has been and is a tortured country with all kinds of problems," State Department spokesman John Hughes said. "To a large extent, those problems are caused by the presence of foreign forces of different nationalities."

Hughes said that the United States' goal remains "the removal of all foreign forces from Lebanon." He noted that Israel was not the only foreign force there although he did not directly name Syria. But he stressed that another United States goal was that the "security of Israel's northern border must be in tandem" with Israeli withdrawal from south Lebanon.

Hughes had no comment on the United Nations Security Council hearing scheduled for the afternoon on Lebanon's complaints about Israel's activities in south Lebanon. "We hope for a constructive outcome of the debate," he said.

IDF MODIFIES AND UPGRADES CAPTURED SOVIET TANKS

By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, Aug. 29 (JTA) -- The Israel Defense Force has modified and upgraded the Soviet-made T-54 and T-55 tanks it captured from the Arabs in their wars with Israel.

Israeli military correspondents were yesterday shown an example of the "Westernized" Russian-built tank. According to Ordnance Corps, Brig. Tuvia Margalit, the hull and turret of the original tank have been retained and it thus still has its original low silhouette.

The original tank treads have also been retained, as they are regarded as among the best in the world, with a low attrition rate.

The upgraded tanks have been equipped with a 100 mm. cannon instead of the original 105 mm. cannon, so that the vehicle can use locally-produced shells.

The upgraded tanks have also been equipped with a locally-produced fire control system and a laser rangefinder which ensures the gunner of a first-shot hit on his target. This reduced the chance of a return hit by an enemy aiming between earlier bracketing shots. The tank is also fitted with special weather protection so that the firing is more accurate.

The Ordnance Corps has completed manufacture of the original Merkava Mark I tank, which is now being replaced with a Mark II model, with a Mark III already in the planning stage.

BUSH TELLS JWV CONVENTION THAT STRUGGLE AGAINST ANTI-SEMITISM AND DEFENSE OF FREEDOM ARE ALLIED CAUSES

By David Friedman

WASHINGTON, Aug. 29 (JTA) -- Vice President George Bush and Virginia Governor Charles Robb both told Jewish war veterans today that they better than anyone know that in order to maintain the principles of American democracy the United States must remain strong.

The Republican Vice President, and Robb, a Democrat, participated in the dedication of the new headquarters of the Jewish War Veterans and its Ladies Auxiliary, which opened the JWV's 89th annual convention. Bush affixed a mezuzah to the front door of the building which also houses the JWV's National Memorial and library.

"No group could understand better than the Jewish War Veterans that the struggle against anti-Semitism and the defense of freedom are allied causes and must be pursued with equal vigor," Bush said.

Noting that the Reagan Administration wants to keep the nation at peace, "for the remainder of this century and beyond," Bush said, "As long as this Administration remains in office, we will maintain a strong defense -- a defense that is ready and prepared and strong enough to deter war."

Robb said that "the Jewish War Veterans have understood that our freedom and security are nurtured only when America's democratic institutions are maintained through strength." He said, "We cannot honor those in whose memory this building is dedicated today if we fail to recognize our own responsibility to assure that our military forces ... are equal to threats we will face tomorrow."

Embassy Move Remains An Issue

While both Bush and Robb stressed the strong alliance between Israel and the U.S., Robb declared before the 1,500 delegates at the JWV convention that he supported a resolution urging that the United States move its Embassy in Israel from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem. Calling Jerusalem "the heart and soul of the Jewish people," Robb said: "Jerusalem is not negotiable."

Bush did not mention Jerusalem. But earlier today State Department spokesman John Hughes said that both President Reagan and Secretary of State George Shultz continued to be opposed to the Congressional bill seeking to force the Embassy move.

Bush reiterated the Administration's opposition to anti-Semitism. "We will not remain silent in the face of anti-Semitism," he said. "For us there is never any justification, or any excuse for racial and religious bigotry; and we will continue to condemn it loudly and forcefully whenever and wherever it raises its ugly head."

Lt. Col. Jack Jacobs, a recipient of the Congressional Medal of Honor, said the new JWV headquarters is a symbol of the "Jewish record of patriotism to our United States."

Joseph Zaldan, JWV national commander, noted that the JWV, the oldest group of war veterans in the U.S. had only received its Congressional charter August 21. Florence Goldberg, national president of the Ladies Auxiliary, said that the organization had realized its "dreams" of getting its new headquarters.

JOINT STATE-FEDERAL TASK FORCE INVESTIGATING CHARGES OF FOOD FRAUD

By Ben Gallab

NEW YORK, Aug. 29 (JTA) -- A task force of the federal Department of Agriculture and the New York State Koshel Law Enforcement Division is collecting evidence against the owner of a multi-million dollar wholesale firm supplying kosher and non-kosher meat in the Catskill resort area in the belief that the owner has been selling non-kosher meat as kosher to many hotels in that area, the Jewish Telegraphic Agency learned today.

Sources who asked not to be quoted by name told the JTA that the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets, parent agency of the Koshel Law Enforcement Division, had seized more than 1,000 pounds of suspect meat at the wholesale factory in Woodridge, N.Y. The sources said that the confiscated meat would be part of the evidence against the wholesaler.

Efforts by the JTA to determine whether the wholesaler would get a hearing on the charges with a possible fine or face criminal charges were futile. James McCormick, compliance officer of the federal Agriculture department, said he could not comment on the matter at the current stage of investigation.

Rabbi Schulem Rubin, director of the State Koshel Law Enforcement Division, gave the same reply to questions about when the task force probe began and how long the wholesaler had been engaged in the alleged violation of the state's protection law against fraud in distribution of kosher products.

KNESSET TO HOLD SESSION, AFTER ALL

By David Landau

JERUSALEM, Aug. 29 (JTA) -- The Knesset will convene next Monday and hold regular sessions for two weeks before adjourning for the High Holidays period. This was decided yesterday by the Knesset's ad hoc arrangements committee following pressure from the acting Speaker, Abba Eban, to call the house into session.

Eban had received requests earlier this week from both the Labor Alignment and Likud not to summon the Knesset into session next Monday in order to avoid a debate on the election of a permanent Speaker while negotiations were continuing between the two major parties on forming a new government.

The arrangements committee decided today to hold a vote on a permanent Speaker on September 11, but as there is still no agreement between Labor and Likud

on a candidate, that date could yet be postponed. Likud parliamentarians argue strenuously that the Speakership is part and parcel of the overall coalition package -- especially in a situation of near-equality between the two main parties. Hence it should be resolved together with the other issues surrounding the formation of a new coalition.

On the Labor side, this argument is spurned. But Labor is apparently experiencing difficulty in marshaling a majority behind its preferred candidate for Speaker, Shlomo Hillel. Hadash and the Progressive List have warned they will not vote for him because of his involvement, as Police Minister, in the Land Day tragedy in 1976. (Six Israeli Arabs were shot dead by police during riots in several Galilee villages on April 1, 1976.)

Accordingly, there is now a move afoot in Labor to persuade Eban to accept the nomination, on the assumption that he would win wide support in the Knesset. Eban, however, is very reluctant on the grounds that the Speakership would necessarily fetter him in doing what he does best: speaking and writing on political issues. Eban's feeling is that if he is not appointed a minister, he would rather be a backbencher-cum-elder-statesman figure, free to express himself as he pleases.

SHAMIR, PERES SAY THEIR TALKS ON FORMING UNITY GOVERNMENT SHOW 'SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS' By David Landau

JERUSALEM, Aug. 29 (JTA) -- Premier Yitzhak Shamir and Labor Party leader Shimon Peres both spoke of "significant progress" after meeting in private session this evening to discuss forming a unity government. They said they would meet again at least twice more -- on Friday and Sunday -- and indicated that they were leaving the thorny issues of the Premiership and the allocation of portfolios to the last meeting.

Behind the scenes, meanwhile, both major parties were negotiating furiously and desperately with a plethora of smaller parties throughout today. Pundits predicted that the outcome of these behind-the-scenes-talks would shape the outcome of the unity talks.

But as the fragmentary and complicated picture presented itself tonight, Labor seemed to have slipped back badly over the past 48 hours in the negotiations with the smaller parties.

Likud Accord With Aguda, Morasha Seems Imminent

In Likud, there was talk of the imminent signing of accords with Morasha (two Knesset seats) and with Agudat Israel (two seats) in which each of these two religious parties would pledge not to support a Labor-led narrow government.

This would bar Peres' way towards forming such a government, since he needs Aguda's support to do so -- unless he wins over Tami (one seat) and forms a minority government based on the passive support of Hadash (four seats) and the Progressive List for Peace (two seats, an increasingly unlikely scenario).

Parallel to the efforts of Labor and Likud to coax Aguda into siding with one or both of them, both major parties were each negotiating with Tami and Ometz (Courage to Cure the Economy), with Likud hoping to win over both of these one-seat factions to its camp. If the National Religious Party (four seats) were to follow suit, Likud would amass 60 seats (including that of Rabbi Meir Kahane's Kach Party), sufficient to block a Labor-led narrow government.

This would immediately reflect itself in the unity talks where Likud would demand with redoubled vigor full equality, including rotations of the Premiership. Peres declared tonight, in answer to reporters questions, that his party's opposition to rotation remained firm.

But within Labor there are those who believe that in the final analysis Peres will lead Labor (minus Mapam but plus Yahad) into a unity coalition with Likud based on rotation of the Premiership. Mapam, the Labor Party's partner in the Alignment, accounts for six of the Alignment's 44 Knesset seats. Yahad, led by Ezer Weizman, has three Knesset seats.

The alternative, Laborite sources say, is early elections and Peres is certainly among those who do not relish that prospect since it would almost certainly involve his deposition as party leader.

Peres and Shamir said tonight their progress had been in the key policy-issues of settlements and peace talks with Jordan. They worked on a draft formulated by Justice Minister Moshe Nissim and shadow Justice Minister Moshe Shahal.

Some Labor sources were hoping tonight that Likud had "overdone it" by promising too many ministerial portfolios in a unity government to its small party allies -- thereby leaving insufficient ministries for its own top people. Likud reportedly had pledged two ministries to the NRP, one to Morasha, one to Shas, one to Aguda (or a deputy ministry) and one to Tehiya.

Labor sources said their party was not prepared to be so liberal in the context of a unity government.

COMMEMORATION OF JEWISH UPRISING IN BIALYSTOK AGAINST NAZIS

LONDON, Aug. 29 (JTA) -- The anniversary of the 1943 Jewish uprising against the Nazis which began in the Bialystok ghetto -- the second largest after the Warsaw Ghetto -- was officially commemorated in that Polish city on August 16, the World Jewish Congress reported today.

WJC monitoring sources here reported that Polish television gave coverage to the event. The television broadcast noted "the heroic struggle against the Nazi aggressor lasted ten days." The broadcast added: "On the occasion of the 41st anniversary of the uprising, wreaths and flowers were laid at the place of Jewish martyrdom in Zabia Street in Bialystok."

KGB HARASSES MOSCOW HEBREW TEACHER

NEW YORK, Aug. 29 (JTA) -- Soviet authorities are seeking to build the case against Moscow refusenik and Hebrew teacher Aleksandr Kholmiansky according to information received from Moscow today by the Greater New York Conference on Soviet Jewry. Following his arrest for a minor infraction of Soviet law, punishable only by fine, Kholmiansky is now being detained while the KGB attempts to gather evidence which will justify a major criminal charge.

The KGB campaign has already involved several Odessa refuseniks who have been asked to provide written evidence against Kholmiansky, the conference reported. These refuseniks have been instructed to supply written testimony to the fact that Kholmiansky distributed Jewish articles and teaching materials during his visits to Odessa. The Conference also reported that there were searches of five Moscow apartments in connection with the Kholmiansky case within the last week.

TEL AVIV (JTA) -- Three Israel Defense Force soldiers were wounded in south Lebanon Wednesday when a roadside explosive was set off as their convoy passed by two miles southwest of Marjayoun. The wounded men were taken to a hospital in Israel while soldiers searched the area.

JEWISH LEGAL AID GROUP SUPPORTS JESUIT UNIVERSITY IN ITS BATTLE AGAINST GAY STUDENTS

By Ben Gallab

NEW YORK, Aug. 29 (JTA) — A Jewish legal aid society is supporting a Jesuit university in Washington, D.C. in its refusal to give "university recognition" to two homosexual student groups which contend that such a refusal violates a local human rights measure.

The suit before a lower court in the District of Columbia, which rejected the discrimination complaint, and which is now before the District of Columbia Court of Appeals, is believed to be the first of its kind, according to Dennis Rapps, executive director of the National Jewish Commission on Law and Public Affairs (COLPA), which filed a friend of the court brief in support of the university's position.

Rapps said the brief, though it involved COLPA in a legal battle in which neither contestant was Jewish, was nevertheless in conformity with the agency's commitment to the principle that a university is protected by the First Amendment from any pressure to endorse positions hostile to the school's philosophy.

In the first legal test of the issue, Justice Sylvia Bacon of the D.C. Superior Court ruled on October 14, 1983, that the local Human Rights Act, if enforced as the Gay People of Georgetown University and the Gay Rights Coalition of Georgetown University Law Center wanted, would undermine the normative teachings of the Roman Catholic church and would therefore place "an impermissible burden on the free exercise of religion, as guaranteed by the First Amendment."

The COLPA brief, drafted by COLPA member Elliot Hoffman of New York, contended that "religious institutions should not be required to give recognition to positions or practices which violate long and deeply-held tenets and this protection is of constitutional dimension."

In indicating COLPA's reasons for its unusual involvement in the case, the brief declared that "a homosexual lifestyle and homosexual practices are not only inimical to Jewish Law and practice but also, as a result of the direct teaching of the Bible, the subject of particular opprobrium."

Rapps said the university does not discriminate against homosexual individuals in admissions, employment and promotion, student housing, financial aid, class assignments, athletic programs, grants of honors or awards, use of the university's placement service or in any related way.

The gay student groups are permitted freely to exist and to carry on activities on campus — to hold meetings, to invite guest speakers, to advertise their activities in university publications and on campus bulletin boards — and they have done so, Rapps said.

He declared that what has been denied them is official "university recognition" and possible financial support which, as the lower court found, is defined by the university as "the endorsement of ... activities undertaken by a specific club" and which requires that an organization aid "the university's educational mission."

The COLPA brief declared that "while COLPA does not presume to understand the nature of Catholic teaching on homosexuality, it does share a common concern with Georgetown University that the

that the constitutionally-protected teaching of any religion not be compromised by a compulsion from any source, to accept homosexuality as an approved form of social behavior."

The brief argued also that the lower court rejection of the suit properly protected the First Amendment rights of Georgetown University from the "attempted intrusion" by the D.C. legislation.

EEC UNIT, ASKED TO FUND A YIDDISH THEATER IN WEST EUROPE, SAYS THERE ARE NO FUNDS FOR SUCH A PROJECT

By Yossi Lempkowitz

BRUSSELS, Aug. 29 (JTA) — Three members of the European Parliament who asked the European Economic Community's Executive Commission to allocate funds to subsidize a Yiddish theater in Western Europe were told that there is no money for such a project.

The three European Parliament members — German Christian Democrats Ernst Mueller-Hermann and Wilhelm Hahn and German Socialist Olaf Schwencker — pointed out in a letter to the EEC Commission that there are no Yiddish theaters in Western Europe and that the only Yiddish theaters outside Israel are in Warsaw, Bucharest and Moscow.

The letter also noted that only 50 years ago the Yiddish theaters were flourishing institutions but in the subsequent decades they, along with the Yiddish language, began a precipitous decline and by now have all but disappeared from the scene.

The World Council for Yiddish and Jewish Culture, headed by Yitzhak Korn, a member of Israel's Labor Party and a former MK, the Arts Academy of West Berlin, and a group of individuals representing various arts and cultural groups are trying to create a center for a Yiddish theater in Western Europe.

The three parliamentarians said in their letter that there is a possibility of establishing such a center at the Hebbel Theater in West Berlin, which is presently vacant. From this center, tours of the EEC member-states could be organized. That was the reason, the European Parliament members said, for requesting financial aid aimed at "safeguarding the Yiddish tradition which represents one of the facets of European diversity."

The EEC Executive Commission, in its reply, declared that it was fully aware of the importance of Yiddish culture in Europe, but added that the EEC's financial aid in the field of regional languages and culture "can unfortunately be only extremely modest" and depends on criteria and priorities listed in various European Parliament resolutions.

ISRAEL TO EXPORT NEW FRUIT

TEL AVIV, Aug. 29 (JTA) — Israeli farmers are preparing to export two new fruit they have now started harvesting — limes and red bananas. Although Israel has long been known for its citrus — oranges and lemons, limes are newcomers to this country, and do not even have a special name in Hebrew.

Menahem Davidson, chief agronomist of the Mehadrim Citrus Company, said yesterday that some 60 acres of limes have been planted in recent years and the first eight acres are now bearing, with some 25 acres expected to bear fruit next year.

The red bananas now being harvested in Kibbutz Ginossar near Tiberias are from plants imported from Ecuador, where they are grown by Indian tribes.