

**TRIFA APPEALS TO LISBON COURT
THE PORTUGUESE GOVERNMENT'S
DECISION TO HAVE HIM EXPELLED**

PARIS, Nov. 25 (JTA) -- Archbishop Valerian Trifa has appealed to an administrative court in Lisbon the decision by the Portuguese government not to grant him resident's status and to have him expelled. Trifa's attorney charged that the government's decision was taken "solely on the basis of newspaper reports."

Trifa, the 70-year-old former head of the Rumanian Orthodox Church in America, went to Portugal on a deportation order from the United States. That concluded a nine-year legal effort in the U.S. to deport Trifa for lying to conceal his part in the persecution of Jews and collaboration with the Nazis during World War II.

Trifa was a leading figure in the fascist Rumanian Iron Guard and acted as editor of an anti-Semitic newspaper that advocated persecution of Jews in Rumania from 1936 to 1941. Trifa is also accused of leading a pogrom against the Jews in Rumania that resulted in the deaths of dozens of Jews.

According to Trifa's lawyer in Portugal, the government there has failed to conduct an investigation of the charges against him. The lawyer asked the court to rule against Trifa's deportation at least "until the Portuguese authorities establish the facts on their own."

Such a procedure, if adopted by the court, could take years. The court has 30 days to hand down its ruling. Should it turn down the prelate's request, Trifa could still appeal to the Supreme Court.

As far as can be determined, should Trifa be forced to leave Portugal, he has nowhere to go. His lawyers said no country has accepted to grant him even a temporary visa and expelling him would be tantamount to a death sentence.

**SPECIAL TO THE JTA
JDC RECEIVES PERMISSION TO
OPEN FEEDING STATIONS IN THE
GONDAR PROVINCE OF ETHIOPIA**

NEW YORK, Nov. 25 (JTA) -- A recent communique received from the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee representative in Ethiopia advised that the overseas relief agency had received permission to operate feeding stations in the Gondar region, according to an announcement made today by JDC executive vice president Ralph Goldman.

The announcement said the JDC has received donations and pledges exceeding \$200,000 from concerned Jews and members of the general public since it "opened its mail box" to contributions on October 23. Half of the sum was committed by the Central British Fund -- World Jewish Relief of London.

The Emergency Famine Campaign went into high gear in recent weeks in response to a worldwide appeal by the Ethiopian government. According to the JDC, up to a half a million people in Gondar, one of the four provinces especially hard hit by a prolonged drought, face starvation. The major problem, advises the JDC, "is getting the relief supplies to the victims as roads are few and primitive."

Goldman stated that the JDC is consulting with local authorities to solve the problem of supplying the feeding stations and is also negotiating with A.I.D. to obtain additional food supplies for distribution in the Gondar region in the months to come. "Meantime," said Goldman, "shipments of still more medical supplies, blankets, cloth, and clothing are being arranged."

Recent contributions by JDC will enable the shipment of donated food supplies from crowded depots into the interior.

JDC Operations Began in 1983

According to the statement issued by JDC, incorporated in one of the executive vice president's periodic "Reports from the Field," the JDC began operations in Ethiopia in 1983 when it reached agreement with the government to develop relief and rehabilitation projects in the Gondar region.

Within a few months the JDC has shipped 70 tons of new clothing, cloth and medical supplies valued at \$500,000. At the same time, the JDC began assisting in a health program that included the upgrading of clinics and developing manpower to staff rural health stations in the Gondar.

As with previous efforts (Cambodia, 1980; Italy, 1981; and Lebanon, 1982) JDC programs parallel that of Catholic, Protestant, and non-sectarian agencies, providing assistance to disaster victims.

Goldman advised that "while JDC's immediate aim is to blunt the killing effects of the famine, it is making longer-term plans to improve the quality of life generally in the Gondar region of Ethiopia." He said those wishing to help may send contributions to Ethiopia Relief, JDC, Room 1914, 60 East 42nd Street, New York, NY 10165.

Reports in the daily and Jewish press have noted that the majority of Ethiopian Jews live in the Gondar province.

**ISRAELI AUTHORITIES CLOSE WEST BANK
INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING FOR
DURATION OF THE PNC MEETING IN AMMAN**
By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, Nov. 25 (JTA) -- The Israeli authorities have shut down all institutions of higher learning on the West Bank as a precaution against new eruptions of violence for the duration of the Palestine National Council (PNC) meeting in Amman, convened by Palestine Liberation Organization chief Yasir Arafat. (See related story, P. 3.)

The action was ordered over the weekend after campus battles between pro and anti-Arafat students spilled into the streets and turned into stone-throwing melees against Jewish vehicles and the Israel Defense Force. Two Arab youths were fatally wounded by IDF soldiers who said they were forced to open fire when surrounded by stone-throwing mobs in Ramallah and Bir Zeit last week.

Among the Arab institutions shut down are Bir Zeit University, the University of Bethlehem and the College of Social Studies in Ramallah. The situation turned ugly Friday when the body of the student shot in Ramallah a day earlier, Baker Ali Tamini, 21, was exhumed and reburied in a noisy, emotional funeral service in his home village of Nabi Saleh, north of

Ramallah. The youth, originally identified as Abdul-Baker, had been buried Thursday night at IDF orders.

But villagers exhumed the body, draped it in a Palestinian flag, and after a procession with much shouting of nationalist slogans, re-buried it in the original grave. Security forces did not interfere. There was no similar incident in Bir Zeit where 23-year-old Sharif Khalil Tutu was shot to death by Israeli soldiers last Wednesday.

Streets Are Empty

Strong security measures were taken throughout the territory over the weekend in anticipation of further trouble coincidental with the PNC meeting in Amman. But the situation was quiet.

The streets of most Arab towns in the West Bank and in East Jerusalem were practically empty as residents watched the PNC proceedings televised from Amman. Arab political leaders remained silent on the events in Amman, apparently waiting for the major speech to be delivered by Arafat before reacting.

Nevertheless, about 150 prominent Palestinians sent a message of support to the PLO leader, among them Mayors Elias Freij of Bethlehem and Hilmi Hanoun of Tulkarem. There is a strong anti-Arafat minority in the territory, among them the deposed Mayor of Nablus, Bassam Shaka.

Angry Debate Over Israeli Journalists

Meanwhile, an angry debate has developed in Israel over the presence in Amman of seven Israeli journalists, among some 200 foreign journalists, covering the PNC meeting. These include Amnon Kapelyuk, who is a correspondent for Yediot Achronot and the French daily Le Monde. The others, all of whom live permanently abroad, include Uri Davis from London and Ilan Halevy from Paris.

Likud MK Gideon Gadot announced today that he would demand that the government revoke the passports of those Israeli journalists. He will also ask the Government Press Office to revoke the press credentials of Kapelyuk who had covered the last PNC meeting in Algiers and recently returned from a visit to North Yemen. According to Gadot, private Israeli citizens cannot take the law into their own hands and "legitimize" the PLO convention by their presence.

But Yisrael Peleg, director of the Government Press Office, pointed out that Kapelyuk went to Amman in a "professional capacity." He stressed that the "boundaries of freedom of the press do not end on the Jordan River."

Two other MKs, Yossi Sarid of the Civil Rights Movement and Muhammad Miari of the Progressive List for Peace, continued to urge the government to lift the ban on West Bank Palestinian delegations attending the PNC meeting in Amman. They warned that the present policy would destroy the opportunity to open some sort of dialogue with the Palestinians.

CABINET DISCUSSES BUDGET CUTS IN THE DEFENSE ESTABLISHMENT

By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, Nov. 25 (JTA) -- The Cabinet met today to discuss the sensitive issue of budget cuts in the defense establishment. The five-hour session was held in the underground "War Room" at army General Headquarters here, a venue deliberately selected by Defense Minister Yitzhak Rabin.

Apparently it was Rabin's intention to impress upon his Cabinet colleagues the serious nature of cuts in the defense budget by having them meet in the bunker-

like "nerve center" of military operations, surrounded by maps and sophisticated equipment. The meeting was officially declared a session of the Ministerial Defense Committee, the deliberations of which are top secret.

It was evident, however, when the ministers emerged, that they all are well aware of the tremendous difficulties of balancing cuts, made urgent by Israel's economic crisis, against the costs of an adequate defense.

Rabin reportedly made it clear that any cuts in the defense budget that may be decided would require a reduction of military activities including research, planning and production and the day-to-day activities of the Israel Defense Force. Those consequences, Rabin is said to have stressed, must be the responsibility of the entire Cabinet and all of its political sectors, rather than a Defense Ministry decision.

Premier Shimon Peres instructed the ministers to speed up their decisions on cuts in their own respective ministerial budgets. He called a special session of the Cabinet for next Friday to continue deliberations on the subject.

'Guns Come Before Butter'

Although no details emerged from today's meeting in the War Room, one minister, not identified, was heard to remark later that "if it comes down to guns or butter, I would have to say that guns come before butter. You can do without butter. It's more healthy anyway."

The ministers were briefed today by Maj. Gen. Ehud Barak, chief of military intelligence; Air Force Commander Gen. Amos Lapidot; Navy Commander Ze'ev Almog; Gen. Dan Shomron, commander of ground forces; and Gens. Amos Yaron and Haim Erez, commanders respectively of the army's manpower branch and quartermasters department.

Their reports were supplemented by briefings from Chief of Staff Gen. Moshe Levy, his deputy Gen. David Ivri and Defense Ministry Director General Gen. Menahem Meron, in addition to Rabin.

ARAFAT TO VISIT BRITAIN BY YEAR'S END

By Maurice Samuelson

LONDON, Nov. 25 (JTA) -- Yasir Arafat, Palestine Liberation Organization chief, is to pay his first visit to Britain before the end of the year, to attend the launching of a new biography of him by a British journalist.

On at least three previous occasions in the past 10 years, Arafat has been expected in Britain but on each occasion the visit was cancelled following protests about the terrorist nature of the PLO. There was a similar reaction several days ago from the Israel Embassy which, answering a press inquiry, expressed "incredulity" over the PLO leader's forthcoming visit.

An Embassy spokesman said it seemed "most unlikely" that at a time when Britain was trying to enlist the support of the international community in its stated aim of combatting terrorism, the chief of an organization engaged in widespread terror should be allowed to set foot in the United Kingdom, which itself has been the scene of PLO terrorism.

The Arafat visit is expected to coincide with a London conference on the Palestinians to be addressed by the Rev. Jessie Jackson, one of the Democratic Party's would-be candidates in the recent U.S. Presidential election.

Coming so soon after the recent visit to Israel by British Foreign Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe, Arafat's visit, if it takes place, is likely to reawaken Israeli suspicions of British intentions in the Middle East.

ISRAELI LEADERS KEEPING CLOSE WATCH ON PNC MEETING IN AMMAN

By David Landau

JERUSALEM, Nov. 25 (JTA) -- Israeli leaders are keeping a close watch on the Palestine National Council (PNC) meeting now in progress in Amman, Jordan, with King Hussein serving as host to Palestine Liberation Organization chief Yasser Arafat and some 250 delegates said to still be loyal to him.

It is the first meeting of the so-called Palestinian parliament since February, 1983. In the interim the PLO has been badly split, with a strong anti-Arafat element, backed by Syria, denouncing and boycotting the session.

The Israelis seem primarily interested in Hussein's position. In his welcoming address to the PNC last Thursday, the Jordanian monarch repeated his call for an international peace conference on the Middle East under United Nations auspices and within the framework of UN Security Council Resolution 242, in which the PLO would be a participant. Late reports from Amman indicate a PLO rejection.

Israel has flatly rejected such an approach, which would also give the Soviet Union a major role in the Middle East peace process, and remains adamant against any negotiations with the PLO which it regards as a terrorist organization.

Reactions By Israeli Leaders

President Chaim Herzog summed up the Israeli consensus today when he said the PLO could not be considered part of a peace process. While Premier Shimon Peres has welcomed Hussein's call for negotiations per se, Deputy Premier Yitzhak Shamir warned sharply against any "intimacy" between Hussein and Arafat.

Nevertheless, some analysts say the Amman meeting could prove to be a watershed if Arafat would break with the PLO radicals and back Hussein's diplomatic approach.

A spokesman for Peres, Uri Savir, said today that the Premier did not expect the PLO, under Arafat's leadership, to accept Hussein's recommendation for peace talks based on Resolution 242 and the "territory for peace" principle. Savir noted that not only the PLO but the entire Arab world remains divided and feuding and in such circumstances the most radical positions are the ones adopted.

However, Savir recalled Peres' own repeated appeals to Hussein to enter into peace talks with Israel without preconditions on either side. The Likud regime, which preceded the present Labor-Likud unity government, insisted that any talks with Jordan must be based on the Camp David accords.

Shamir Seems To Rule Out Talks With Jordan

Shamir, in a weekend radio interview, appeared to rule out any talks with Jordan. He claimed that Hussein's appeal for negotiations implied a total Israeli withdrawal to its pre-June, 1967 borders and warned that if Arafat were to concur with Hussein, it would mean for him just another stage in his hoped-for eradication of the State of Israel.

"No Israeli can look with favor upon an intimacy" between Hussein and Arafat, Shamir declared. He stressed that the unity government was predicated on no change in policy with respect to talks with Hussein. Asked what would be the case should Hussein express a sincere interest in

compromise, Shamir replied that it would probably lead to the dissolution of the unity government in Israel.

Other analysts saw some progress in Amman if Arafat emerged from the PNC conference determined to pursue a diplomatic course, even at the expense of PLO unity. They noted, however, that up to now, the PLO chief always put unity above all other considerations and has spurned diplomatic efforts.

Conceivably, they said, Arafat might now be prepared to lead his wing of the PLO into a more moderate approach. That would mean abandonment of his pretensions of heading a united PLO which, at present, does not exist. A signal of such a drastic change on Arafat's part would be a trip to moderate Arab capitals or sympathetic European capitals after he leaves Amman, the analysts said.

Hussein's Call Has Little Chance Of Approval

But international press reports from Amman over the last 24 hours indicated that Hussein's call for diplomacy has little chance of winning approval from Arafat's wing of the PLO, much less the Syrian-backed PLO dissidents who ousted Arafat from Lebanon last spring.

Hussein, for his part, underlined his support for Arafat when he agreed to host the PNC meeting. In his welcoming speech he renewed his invitation to the PLO to join Jordan in diplomatic efforts aimed at a general Middle East peace. At the same time, he made clear that if the PLO decided to go its own way, it would still have Jordan's support.

JEWISH CEMETERIES IN POLAND TO BE RESTORED

NEW YORK, Nov. 25 (JTA) -- An agreement has been reached by the World Federation of Polish Jews and the Polish government for the restoration of Jewish cemeteries desecrated during World War II, it was announced by Stefan Grajek, the head of the organization. Many illustrious rabbinic scholars are interred in some of the cemeteries.

Exhaustive surveys of existing Jewish cemeteries revealed some 400 potential sites, Grajek said. Of these, some 140 can be adequately identified and rehabilitated.

Kalman Sultanik, president of the Federation of Polish Jews in the United States, announced that an appeal is being made through Landsmanschaft and societies, and through individuals of Polish-Jewish descent, to take part in this task.

According to the agreement with the Polish government, they will cover half the expenses necessary for the restoration, providing that the other half of the money is raised by the Polish-Jewish communities both in the U.S. and the rest of the world. "This is therefore of the greatest importance that these funds be raised, otherwise a vital part of our heritage will be lost forever," Sultanik said.

He stated that anyone seeking additional information should contact the Federation of Polish Jews, 136 East 39th Street, New York, NY 10016 or telephone (212) 689-4930.

JERUSALEM (JTA) -- Dr. Claude Enim, an Ivory Coast ophthalmologist who heads the widely respected Samaritan Clinic in Abidjan, has completed two weeks of study in new techniques in eye surgery at the Hadassah-Hebrew University Medical Center.

SPECIAL TO THE JTA KREISKY SAYS RECENT EVENTS HAVE NOT ALTERED HIS POSITION ABOUT THE MIDDLE EAST NOR ABOUT THE PLO By Aviva Cantor

(Editor's note: Aviva Cantor was in Vienna November 13-21 to cover "The Vanished World" of European Jewry series of events for the Jewish Telegraphic Agency. Her reports will run in upcoming Daily News Bulletins.)

VIENNA, Nov. 25 (JTA) -- Bruno Kreisky said here that neither his relinquishing of the Chancellorship of Austria nor the murder last year of Issam Sartawi, who was considered a leading moderate in the PLO, has altered his position on the Middle East in general and the PLO in particular.

Sartawi was shot to death at an international Socialist conference in Albufeira, Portugal, where he had come to advocate a dialogue between Arabs and Israelis. A Palestinian group led by Abu N'dal, an extremist who broke away from the PLO on grounds that it was too conservative, issued a statement in Damascus claiming responsibility for the assassination.

Kreisky, whose words and actions during his term of office in support of the PLO often caused considerable controversy and consternation, especially among Jews around the world -- including the Vienna Jewish community -- and in Israeli government circles, expressed his ideas about the Mideast and the PLO in a meeting in his home last week with a group of Jewish journalists.

They were in Vienna covering the photographic exhibit, film festival and academic symposium under the rubric of "The Vanished World" of European Jewry destroyed in the Holocaust.

This series of events was initiated and coordinated by Dr. Leon Zelman, executive director of the Jewish Welcome Service (JWS) of the City of Vienna. The JWS organized the three "Vanished World" events with the support of the government of Austria; the World Jewish Congress and its research division, the Institute for Jewish Affairs in London; and the YIVO Institute for Jewish Research in New York.

Reasons For Unchanged Views

In his interview with the Jewish journalists, Kreisky stated, "Why should I modify my position on the Mideast if nearly all the European democratic governments accept my view and when (President) Reagan found out that the Palestinian problem should be solved?" the 73-year-old former Chancellor asked. Nor has the murder of Sartawi -- whom Kreisky described as "one of my closest friends" -- changed his views favoring a Palestinian state and regarding the PLO as the representative of the Palestinian people.

The reason Sartawi's murder did not alter his views, Kreisky said, is that he did not share the view Sartawi held in the last months of his life, which was to get a declaration from the PLO that it is ready to recognize Israel.

Kreisky told the journalists he had opposed this idea because Israel's Labor Party leader Shimon Peres had said he was "not interested at all" in such a declaration. The PLO, Kreisky continued, did not accept Sartawi's idea because of Yasir Arafat's position that recognition of Israel is the PLO's trump card, a position Arafat was willing to give up if Israel recognized the PLO.

Kreisky did, however, tell the journalists that he had accused Arafat of being "guilty to a certain extent" of Sartawi's murder because his refusal to allow Sartawi to speak in favor of his idea of a proclamation recognizing Israel at the PLO National Assembly in Tunisia last year "gave the sign to Abu Nidal" that Sartawi could be killed with impunity.

While acknowledging that Arafat does not represent all the currents among the PLO, Kreisky expressed the belief that he represents an overwhelming majority of the groups in the overall organization, although some "very tough" groups oppose him.

The former Chancellor also said he accepted the claim of the former mayor of the West Bank town of Halhul, Mohammed Milhelm, who told him recently in Zurich that "we in the West Bank are behind Arafat." The PLO, he concluded, "undoubtedly does represent the Palestinians as far as a big majority is concerned."

Kreisky emphatically denied that he is an enemy of Israel or of the people of Israel because what "I recognize is that the Jews are a people insofar as they live in Israel. As for Jews outside Israel, if they want to be a people, I am not opposed to that. But I am not sure Jewry can be declared a people a priori." He said he defined Jews as a "community of destiny" whose destinies are different, depending on the course of history of the countries they live in.

Dismissing charges of "Jewish self-hate" that have been lodged against him over the years, Kreisky said he has "never refused to be a Jew." He said he plans to attend "in a demonstrative way" the Vanished World exhibit -- which has already had 20,000 visitors in its first week of showing here -- to "show I am in favor of it."

He described himself as coming from "a very assimilated family -- this is my way of living" but had never denied being of Jewish extraction. This was, he felt, an "important part of my personality structure" and had contributed to his successful career.

Kreisky expressed pride in what Austria had done to help Soviet Jewish emigrants and his role in it. He said that "if I were a religious man wanting to enter heaven, I'd give as one reason" for admittance the fact that 300,000 Jews left the Soviet Union and passed through Austria on their way to Israel and to other countries with its protections, and that "not a single life was lost."

NEW LIBRARY IN ROME NAMED AFTER JEWISH CHILD KILLED BY TERRORISTS

ROME, Nov. 25 (JTA) -- A new library dedicated to the heroes and martyrs who fought and died for democracy and freedom will be named in memory of Stefano Michael Tache Gaj, the two-year-old Jewish child killed in the terrorist attack on Rome's main synagogue on October 9, 1982 in which 37 other persons were wounded.

The library, containing books on the Mussolini era and the Nazi occupation of Italy, will be inaugurated on December 1 in the Rome offices of the Italian National Association of Families of Martyrs (ANFIM). The organization has declared Stefano to be an innocent martyr in the struggle for human dignity which claimed the lives of many of his forebears and which continues in the post-war world.

CORRECTION: The headline and the story in the November 21 Bulletin referring to the UJA 1984 campaign should have identified it as the UJA 1985 campaign.