

Vol. LXII -- 67th Year

Thursday, December 20, 1984

No. 235

**BARBIE TRIAL TO BEGIN POSSIBLY NEXT SUMMER; BOOK BY KLARSFELD WILL BE USED AS EVIDENCE IN THE TRIAL**  
By Edwin Eytan

PARIS, Dec. 19 (JTA) — A book describing the arrest and deportation to death camps of 44 Jewish children when Klaus Barbie was gestapo chief in Lyon will be part of the evidence presented against the Nazi war criminal when he goes on trial, possibly next summer.

The book, "The Children of Izieu: A Jewish Tragedy," was compiled by lawyer Serge Klarsfeld who, with his wife Beate, have devoted their lives to tracking down war criminals and bringing them to justice. The couple was instrumental in prevailing on the Bolivian government to expel Barbie a year ago. He had lived in Bolivia for some 30 years under the alias Klaus Altmann.

Following his ouster early in 1983, he was taken into custody by the French authorities. He is presently confined to the Mont Luc Fort prison in Lyon where he and his gestapo henchmen once interrogated their victims.

Klarsfeld's book is based on letters and documents found at the Izieu children's home from where, in April, 1944, the 44 Jewish children were deported. All perished in the Auschwitz gas chambers. A picture of each child appears in the book with biographical sketches describing the youngsters and their family backgrounds.

Klarsfeld said at a press conference here this week that "one of the aims of this book is to give faces and real identities to the 44 victims. It would have been unthinkable to have held the (Barbie) trial without restoring their Jewish identities." The book, published by the Klarsfeld Foundation, may be obtained by writing to Post Office Box 104, Paris 75722, France.

According to the investigating magistrate, Christian Riss, Barbie will be tried next summer for "crimes against humanity." But several newspapers have insisted that the trial will be postponed until after the 1986 national elections. Justice Ministry sources have declined to comment, except to say that the investigation into Barbie's war crimes is continuing.

**U.S. OFFICIAL SAYS LEBANESE-ISRAELI TALKS CAN BE CONCLUDED IF LEBANON, SYRIA AGREE TO ISRAEL'S DEMAND FOR SECURITY ON ITS NORTHERN BORDERS**  
By David Friedman

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19 (JTA) — Deputy Secretary of State Kenneth Dam suggested today that the stalled Israeli-Lebanese talks could be successfully concluded fairly soon if Lebanon and Syria agreed to Israel's demands for "adequate security arrangements" on its northern borders if Israeli troops are withdrawn from south Lebanon.

"That appears to be quite a reasonable position; a position we support," Dam told foreign reporters

at a briefing at the U.S. Foreign Press Center here. "I don't really see why other parties should not be prepared to assure Israel of that security."

While stressing that the United States was not taking sides, Dam noted that "the security of Israel is a fundamental tenet of American foreign policy." He added that once the Israeli request was agreed upon, then the details could be worked out.

**Assesses U.S. Foreign Policy In 1984**

The number two man in the State Department gave the foreign reporters an assessment of U.S. foreign policy in 1984 which he said was a "fruitful year" for U.S. diplomacy. But it has "not been the best year for Middle East diplomacy," he said.

In particular, he noted that the U.S. was "disappointed" by Lebanon's cancellation of the Israeli-Lebanese agreement which was the price the Lebanese government had to pay for support from the pro-Syrian factions in Lebanon.

Dam made it clear that the Reagan Administration will continue its stated policy of not taking any initiatives either in Lebanon or in the overall Middle East peace process until the countries directly involved agree to negotiate the issues.

In Lebanon, he said Israel, Syria and Lebanon "war us to help move negotiations along" and noted that Richard Murphy, Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs now in the Mideast, has been playing a "useful role behind the scenes."

**Reiterates That U.S. Will Not Be a Mediator**

But he reiterated the U.S. will not be a mediator in negotiations and stressed that Murphy is not conducting the type of "shuttle diplomacy" previously seen in the Middle East. Dam said that he did not believe there would be any new movement in the Middle East process until the situation in Lebanon is resolved.

"We remain actively alert to move the process along whenever the parties are amenable," he said. But he stressed it was up to Israel and the Arab states to get the process moving by agreeing to negotiate. The U.S. can "only encourage countries to act," he said. "They are the ones to act."

Dam said that because of this, there is no need to change President Reagan's September 1, 1982 Middle East peace initiative, which he said was "not a blueprint which has to be adopted" but "a suggestion of a basis for negotiations."

He said the "point is not for one side or the other to negotiate with the United States as to what the United States' plan is. They should negotiate with each other."

**U.S. Insisting On Direct Negotiations**

This is one of the reasons the U.S. rejects the proposal by the Soviet Union for an international Mideast conference. "We are insisting that the parties directly involved get together and negotiate rather than allowing ourselves to divert negotiations in some global type of conference in which large speeches are made and other agendas are important," Dam said.

In addition, Dam said the participation by the Soviet Union in such a conference would not be helpful. "They haven't shown any willingness or ability to play a constructive role in the Middle East," he said.

Dam appeared to confirm reports that the State Department has recommended to Reagan that he appoint Thomas Pikerling, now Ambassador to El Salvador, as Ambassador to Israel, replacing the retiring Samuel Lewis. Dam said it is now up to the White House to approve the recommendation.

#### CONDITIONS WORSEN IN SOUTH LEBANON

By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, Dec. 19 (JTA) -- Conditions deteriorated in south Lebanon today as the so far fruitless Israel-Lebanon military withdrawal talks prepared for a two-week Christmas-New Year break, starting tomorrow.

The Israel Defense Force arrested 21 Shiite Moslems from Sarafand and Ein Hilwe villages yesterday for questioning in connection with recent attacks on IDF and South Lebanon Army (SLA) units. The detainees include several members of Amal, the Shiite militia. The IDF encountered resistance from villagers, including women and children, during its round-up operation.

Two French soldiers of the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL) were wounded yesterday when a UN convoy from Beirut to Nakura came under small arms fire. The convoy returned to Beirut where the soldiers were hospitalized.

Beirut radio reported today that an IDF column of 15 tanks and a bulldozer patrolled north of the Awali River into territory evacuated months ago by the IDF. The column was reported to be headed toward the Kharoub area where heavy artillery exchanges were reported between Druze and Christian militias.

#### WORKERS AT ATA TEXTILE MILL STAGE ANGRY DEMONSTRATION

By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, Dec. 19 (JTA) -- Employees of the Ata textile mills, joined by hundreds of other workers from the Haifa area and all over northern Israel, took to the streets yesterday in an angry demonstration against the imminent closure of the Ata plant.

The textile combine, one of the largest employers in the Haifa district, has been in the hands of government receivers for several months. Formal bankruptcy has not been declared while the receivers search for a buyer or investment group that would keep the mills running. Thousands of jobs are at stake.

With commercial banks refusing to extend further loans, the deadline for shutting Ata down is December 31. The demonstrators cheered loudly when Pinhas Groob, chairman of the Ata Workers Committee, declared "they will have to cut us into little pieces before we leave Ata." The Haifa Labor Council has threatened to call strikes throughout northern Israel if Ata's doors are closed on January 1.

Meanwhile, the Shmuel Eisenberg Investment Group, which holds the majority of Ata shares, said today that it has invested some \$10 million in the faltering industry and cannot afford to invest any more.

#### GOVERNMENT TELLS TEL AVIV TO SHAPE UP

By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, Dec. 19 (JTA) -- The Interior Ministry told the Tel Aviv Municipality that it had better fire several hundred city employees and raise local taxes by 10 percent if it expects to be bailed out of its current financial difficulties.

The austerity-or-else scenario was outlined by the Ministry's Director General, Haim Kubersky, at a press conference here yesterday. Kubersky was responding to charges by Mayor Shlomo Lahat that the government's failure to allocate funds was responsible for the 11-day strike by city workers to protest the non-payment of their November salaries.

The strike ended Saturday night after commercial banks agreed to lend the City Council an additional 2 billion Shekels (about \$3.3 million) so that it could meet its payroll.

#### Says Municipality Must Make Sacrifices

Kubersky insisted that the city government must make sacrifices in the interests of an economic recovery plan. Lahat said elements of the plan proposed by the government are "unreasonable and impossible." But according to the Interior Ministry, which oversees local governments, cutbacks in expenditures are a pre-requisite for further government assistance.

Kubersky explained, however, that the city will not receive direct financial help from the State. Instead, the government will encourage local banks to loan Tel Aviv more money, which the city will have to pay off from its own resources.

The government official contended that Tel Aviv's financial problems were of its own making. He accused the municipality of spending money on non-essential projects such as development of its Haaretz Museum and \$1 million for an art school that will serve only 200 pupils.

Lahat had complained that the city was forced to spend large sums providing services for out-of-town visitors who do not pay local taxes. Kubersky replied that Tel Aviv's budget was almost twice that of Jerusalem which has more residents in its municipal area. Because of the outsized budget, the government cannot take into account the commuters who stream into Tel Aviv everyday, Kubersky said.

#### HAROLD MANSON DEAD AT 66

NEW YORK, Dec. 19 (JTA) -- Funeral services were held here yesterday for Harold Manson, director of the Office of Academic Affairs of the American Friends of the Hebrew University. He died Sunday at the age of 66.

Manson was responsible for the development of one of the United States' most successful overseas study programs, which has sent thousands of American students to study at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem. He played a major role in the creation and development of the Rothberg School for Overseas Students at the Hebrew University.

A former correspondent in the Middle East for the Overseas News Agency, Manson played a prominent role during the late 1940's in winning support in the United States for the establishment of the State of Israel. From 1945 through 1948, he was director of information for the American Zionist Emergency Council.

During those years, his office became a central source of information for the press and public. On a

number of occasions, he was the Yishuv's official spokesman before major bodies, including the Democratic and Republican national conventions.

In 1949, Manson was named director of public relations in the Western Hemisphere for the Jewish Agency. The Zionist Quarterly was launched in 1951 under his editorship. During the mid and late 1950's, he was executive vice chairman of the Zionist Organization of America where he headed its department of Public Relations. He also served on the Executive Committee of the American Zionist Committee for Public Affairs.

Manson came to the American Friends of the Hebrew University in 1959 and was its public relations director for a number of years. He had served as director of its Office of Academic Affairs since 1966. The Hebrew University recently selected Manson to receive the 1985 Samuel Rothberg Prize for Jewish Education.

In addition to his work as a journalist, publicist and educator, Manson was a writer. Among his published works is a biographical study of Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, "In the Time of Harvest," and a historical review of Israel's emergence, "Vision and Victory."

#### NEW GOVERNMENT IN AUSTRALIA RAISES SOME CONCERN IN THE JEWISH COMMUNITY

By Sam Lipski

MELBOURNE, Dec. 19 (JTA) — Labor Party leader Bob Hawke's new government, sworn into office last Thursday, has raised some concern in the Jewish community that changes in Australia's Middle East policy may be in the offing.

Although Hawke's pro-Israel sympathies remain strong, some Jews fear that Australia's newly acquired membership in the United Nations Security Council might lead to efforts by the Foreign Ministry to placate the Third World governments which voted for Australia's admission.

That would mean, they say, that on critical votes affecting Israel, Australia might abstain rather than vote with the United States which is almost always supportive of the Israeli position.

#### Another Issue Cited

Another issue that may arise during the Labor government's second term in office is the future of the Australian contingent of the multi-national peacekeeping force in Sinai.

Foreign Minister Bill Hayden said earlier this year that the Australian forces which consist of a helicopter survey unit and a back-up logistics team, would be permanently withdrawn early in 1986. Israel, Egypt and the U.S. have tried to persuade Australia not to set any definite date for withdrawal.

The troop commitment will be reviewed by the new Defense Minister, Kim Beazley, who may recommend that the Australian unit remain in Sinai because it is gaining valuable experience.

These are some of the issues discussed at the annual conference last week of the Executive Council of Australian Jewry (ECAJ), the umbrella body of the Jewish community. The Israeli Ambassador, Yissaeah Ben-Yaacov, addressed the conference. He spoke of Israel's future relations with the United States, the current negotiations for the withdrawal of Israeli troops from south Lebanon and Israel's economic problems.

Hawke's Labor Party was returned to office for a second term in the national elections December 1, but with a decreased majority rather than the forecast landslide victory. Its only Jewish member, Minister for the Arts and Environment Barry Cohen, was absent from the swearing-in ceremonies in Canberra because of illness. He is expected to resume his duties after a vacation.

#### U.S. AID TO ISRAEL ASSESSED

By David Friedman

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19 (JTA) — Deputy Secretary of State Kenneth Dam indicated today that Israel will not get all of the increased aid it is asking for because if its economic austerity program works, Israel will not need it and because of the difficulty in increasing foreign aid in a time of cutbacks in U.S. domestic programs.

His remarks at a briefing for foreign reporters came as two teams of Israeli officials began two days of talks with State Department officials reportedly aimed at seeking \$4.1 billion in economic and military aid for Israel in the 1986 fiscal year compared to \$2.6 billion in the current 1985 fiscal year. Israel is also asking for an additional \$800 million in emergency economic aid for 1985.

"With regard to the economic assistance, we are prepared to be of assistance provided there is a serious and credible economic program announced and implemented by Israel," Dam said when asked about the Israeli request in this year end briefing at the Foreign Press Center here.

But he stressed that the economic program is one of which Israel will have to decide for itself, although the U.S. will feel free to comment on it. He said while it was "premature" to discuss the "numbers," the figure may not be as high as reported if the Israeli austerity program is credible. If it is not credible then Israel's problems will not only be economic, he added.

#### Israel Not Specifically Targetted

While stressing that he was speaking generally about foreign aid, and not specifically about Israel, Dam said the United States will be operating under an "extremely difficult budget environment" in which domestic programs are being cut and so it will "not be easy" to increase foreign aid to any country.

Israel is reportedly asking for an additional \$800 million to the \$1.2 billion it is receiving in the current year in economic aid. Israel is also asking that economic aid be increased to \$1.9 billion in the 1986 fiscal year. In military aid Israel is receiving \$1.4 billion which it would like increased by \$700 million to total \$2.1 billion in the 1986 fiscal year.

The U.S.-Israeli talks now going on are a continuation of the talks held at the State Department last month. One session is on the economic situation and is being conducted by the first formal meeting of the Joint U.S.-Israel Economic Group which was established during the White House talks between President Reagan and Israeli Premier Shimon Peres in October. The United States is led by W. Allen Wall Undersecretary of State for Economic Affairs. The second group of talks deals with military aid. At this meeting, the U.S. is reportedly giving its advice to the Israeli proposals made at the November meetings:

## HUMAN RIGHTS OFFICIAL CALLS FOR A BLACK-JEWISH UNITED FRONT TO FIGHT AGAINST RACISM

NEW YORK, Dec. 19 (JTA) — New York State Commissioner of Human Rights-designate Douglas White urged Jewish leaders here to unite with the Black community in efforts to "fight racism, anti-Semitism and the oppression of all people."

Calling for a Black-Jewish United front against international racism, White told a meeting of the Jewish Community Relations Council (JCRC) of New York that "We should join with one another to pressure for the release of Jews in the Soviet Union and divestment by corporations doing business in South Africa."

He expressed optimism that the Black-Jewish alliance would be renewed for the sake of generations to come. He remarked that the open exchange of ideas taking place at the JCRC's General Assembly meeting constituted an important step towards the formation of a Black-Jewish alliance. White will succeed Carl McCall as Human Rights Commissioner.

Joining White at the forum was Marcella Maxwell, chairperson of the Commission on Human Rights of New York City. Maxwell asserted that discrimination as witnessed in both public and private institutions, could only be ended through the joint efforts of leaders in both the Jewish and Black communities.

The JCRC's General Assembly meeting is a special forum offering opinion molders the opportunity to discuss with members of the New York metropolitan area Jewish community issues of mutual concern and importance. The JCRC is the central resource and coordinating body for 37 major New York Metropolitan area Jewish organizations.

## ORTHODOX JEWISH ARCHIVES ACQUIRE RARE EUROPEAN DOCUMENTS

NEW YORK, Dec. 19 (JTA) — The Orthodox Jewish Archives, an institution founded by Agudath Israel of America, has recently added to its collections the personal papers of two Orthodox figures who played significant roles in the fortunes of European Jewry in the years leading up to, and including, World War II, it was announced here by Agudath Israel.

One set of the new materials includes written exchanges of Rabbi Azriel (Ezra) Munk of Berlin, associated with the Rabbinischer Landesrat, the supreme rabbinical council of the Agudath Israel in Germany.

The other consists of a part of the 1944 correspondence of Dr. Yaakov Griffel, an activist working in Turkey with Agudath Israel and other Orthodox agencies toward the rescue of Jews from the fires of the Holocaust. Both of these collections, containing original documents, are now available to scholars and researchers for the first time, Agudath Israel reported.

The archives has also obtained a microfilm copy of a substantial portion of the published editions of "Dos Vort," a major Orthodox weekly issued in Vilna from 1925 to 1939, serving the community of the world-famous Torah leader and "posek," Rabbi Chaim Ozer Grodzinski. The acquisition is part of an effort to gather all such records of pre-War religious life in a central Orthodox archival resource.

According to Agudath Israel director Rabbi Moshe Kolodny, researchers will find an abundance of material in the newly acquired records that will "shed light on the realities" of Orthodox Jewish life in Germany, Lithuania, and Poland before the war. The Rabbi Munk papers for instance, deal with problems in areas such as kashrus and shechita, Sabbos observance for public school students, women's issues, "blue laws", and yeshiva curricula.

## Concerns Affecting Orthodox Jews

Reflective of the concerns affecting Orthodox Jews in Germany of the time are rabbinic responses in the documents, dealing with questions of nationality — Is the Jewish people a "folk" or a "nation"? — and cultural tensions — Can interest in opera be reconciled with the prohibition of "kol isha"?

The "Dos Vort" microfilm, which covers some 60 percent of the issues of the periodical, opens up new perspectives on the life of the Torah community in Lithuania and Poland. Included, for instance, is a piece on the dedication ceremonies of the building of the yeshiva of Kletzk, complete with a description of its young rosh yeshiva, Rav Aharon Kotler, who later was the foremost Torah leader in America.

An unusual angle on the infancy of Torah institutions in the United States, from the viewpoint of Eastern European writers, is projected in articles on the development of Mesivta Torah Vodaath and Yeshiva Rabbi Yitzchak Elchanan, and on the fortunes of the Maitzhitser Illui in America.

The Archives is headquartered at 5 Beekman Street in New York, and arranges photographic exhibitions periodically at other locations.

## SHARON WINS -- AT THE RACETRACK

NEW YORK, Dec. 19 (JTA) — Ariel Sharon achieved his first win since coming to the United States last month to do battle with Time magazine in his \$50 million libel suit currently being heard in a New York courtroom. But the former Defense Minister's victory was not in court, but at the Meadowlands racetrack in New Jersey.

Sharon ventured to the racetrack last weekend and placed a \$2 bet on a horse dubbed "Power Witness." He came up a winner, taking home \$39. Reporters said he appeared slightly embarrassed yesterday when asked about the excursion to the racetrack, explaining, however, that he has had a long-time love of horses and has been breeding them for 18 years at his farm in Israel.

## TECHNION FILM WINS AWARD

NEW YORK, Dec. 19 (JTA) — "Future Tech ... From Technion" — a documentary film illustrating the contribution of the Technion and its graduates to Israel's science-based industries — won a bronze medal in the 1984 International Film and TV Festival of New York, it was announced here by the American Society for Technion (AST).

The 15-minute color film was produced for the American Society For Technion-Israel Institute of Technology by Yale Roe, TRC Productions Int'l, for the Technion's 60th anniversary celebration. The film, which features actor-entertainer Theodore Bikel as narrator, demonstrates the impact of the Technion and its graduates on the success of high-technology industries in Israel.