

## HEAD OF ISRAEL'S MILITARY TEAM IN NAKURA TALKS PREDICTS CHAOS IN SOUTH LEBANON IF TALKS FAIL AND THE IDF PULLS OUT UNILATERALLY

By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, Dec. 23 (JTA) — Gen. Amos Gilboa, head of the Israeli military team that has been negotiating with the Lebanese at Nakura for security arrangements to allow the Israel Defense Force to withdraw from south Lebanon, predicted utter chaos if the talks fail and the IDF is pulled out unilaterally.

According to Gilboa, the situation would degenerate rapidly into bloody combat between rival factions in Lebanon, worse even than the civil war that has torn the country for nearly 10 years. His remarks, on Israel Radio Friday, were punctuated by new outbursts of violence in Lebanon involving Druze and Christians, and fresh attacks on the IDF.

Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir, also interviewed on radio Friday, said failure of the Nakura talks would require Israel to thin out its forces in south Lebanon. Shamir and his Likud party are firmly opposed to a unilateral withdrawal of the IDF while their Labor partners in the unity government do not rule it out.

Gilboa spoke after the Nakura talks adjourned for a two week Christmas recess. They are due to resume on January 7. But Gilboa said, following the 12th fruitless meeting of the negotiating teams last Thursday, that unless the Lebanese respond positively to Israel's proposals, Israel would have to reconsider the utility of the talks.

### Sees Syria Filling The Void

If the IDF were to be pulled out without any agreement on security, the Syrians would be forced to step in to try to maintain order. But Damascus would do nothing that could lead to political advantage for Israel and thereby ties its own hands, Gilboa said.

He predicted that with the IDF out, the Druze would try to seize control of the Christian areas in south Lebanon just below their Kharoub mountains stronghold and probably attempt to take the port of Sidon. At the same time, the Shiite Moslem militia, Amal, would launch its own drive to control south Lebanon and that could lead to fighting among the various Shiite factions.

In the resulting chaos, the Palestine Liberation Organization might try to return to the zone abutting Israel's northern borders, Gilboa said.

He was pessimistic that the Syrians, even if they tried, could succeed in using the two-week recess in the Nakura talks to bring about a semblance of stability to Lebanon. But the United Nations may also step in. Secretary General Javier Perez de Cuellar reportedly told Israel's Ambassador to the UN, Binyamin Netanyahu, that he would try to use the year-end recess to persuade the Lebanese government to get the Nakura talks back on track.

Netanyahu reportedly replied that if the talks failed, the IDF would have to effect a redeployment in south Lebanon.

### Massive Car Bomb Explosion

A massive car bomb exploded Friday in the courtyard of a school in the Lebanese Druze village of Ras Al-Mattan east of Beirut, killing or wounding more than 25 people, including children. The Druze radio said the booby-trapped car contained about 450 pounds of explosives.

Immediately after the bombing, Druze gunners shelled the Christian suburbs in east Beirut causing several casualties. There were also two attacks on the IDF and its ally, the South Lebanon Army (SLA) Friday, neither causing casualties.

A Katyusha rocket fired at an IDF position near the Zaharani River, exploded harmlessly in a field. An SLA post south of the river came under small arms fire.

### ISRAEL EXPECTED TO APPROVE A U.S. REQUEST TO BUILD A VOA RELAY STATION TO BROADCAST TO THE USSR

JERUSALEM, Dec. 23 (JTA) — Israel is expected to agree shortly to a request from the Reagan Administration to build a \$200 million transmitter here to relay Voice of America radio broadcasts to the Soviet Union.

The Americans have been pressing for this for some time but Israel was reluctant to further aggravate its bitter relations with the USSR. Recently the Administration reportedly increased its pressure, after several European countries rejected a similar request.

Reagan is known to personally put great stock in the VOA broadcasts behind the Iron Curtain. The Americans reportedly proposed that the new relay station would be used to transmit overseas programs aimed at the Jewish communities within the Soviet bloc.

Political sources here are said to believe that in light of Israel's close relations with the U.S. and the absence of formal relations with Moscow, there is no longer any point in turning down Washington's request.

### CAUTIOUS ATTEMPT TO ESTABLISH A DIALOGUE BETWEEN WESTERN JEWS AND THE USSR WILL BE MADE IN THE NEW YEAR

By Maurice Samuelson

LONDON, Dec. 23 (JTA) — A cautious attempt to establish a dialogue between Western Jews and the Soviet Union is to be made in the new year following last week's visit to Britain by Mikhail Gorbachov, number two leader in the Kremlin.

Greville Janner, a Labor member of Parliament and president of the Board of Deputies of British Jews, said he had a brief meeting with Gorbachov who advised Janner to write to him via the Soviet Ambassador to Britain, V.I. Popov.

As a result, Janner told the press, he hoped to meet Popov early in 1985. "Doors should be kept open or else nobody can emerge", he said.

Otherwise, the Jewish community was less successful in contacting Gorbachov, the most senior Soviet visitor to Britain for decades. Arye Handler, chairman of

the National Council for Soviet Jewry, disclosed that Gorbachov had been asked to receive a Jewish delegation but that the request was not even answered.

Nevertheless, human rights, including Jewish grievances, loomed large in the visit. Gorbachov was quizzed about specific cases by the House of Commons Foreign Affairs Committee and 45 minutes were devoted to this subject during a prolonged meeting with Neil Kinnock, leader of the opposition Labor Party, who himself recently visited Moscow and raised some individual human rights cases.

At the Commons Foreign Affairs Committee, however, Gorbachov showed little sensitivity to the questions posed by British members of Parliament. He firmly told them not to interfere in Soviet domestic matters and accused Britain of discriminating against "whole communities" -- possibly a reference to Northern Ireland Catholics.

But he was also made aware of the strength of feeling about human rights by vigorous demonstrations led by the Women's Campaign for Soviet Jewry, in which the name of Anatoly Shcharansky was prominent.

#### HADASSAH ALLOCATES \$200,000 FOR THE ABSORPTION OF JEWISH YOUTH FROM ETHIOPIA NOW ARRIVING IN ISRAEL

NEW YORK, Dec. 23 (JTA) -- The National Board of Hadassah has authorized a grant of an additional \$200,000 over and above its current levels of support to Youth Aliya to provide for absorption of Jewish youth from Ethiopia now arriving in Israel in record numbers.

Ruth Popkin, Hadassah president, said that the National Board also agreed to a Youth Aliya request to utilize the Frieda S. Lewis Seminar Center at Hoshaya in the Galilee as an emergency absorption center for the Ethiopian youngsters.

The \$200,000 allocation will help provide food, clothing and other basic necessities for the young Ethiopians, and help meet the cost of programs to speed their entry into Israel society, she added. In addition, Popkin stated, The Hadassah-Hebrew University Medical Center physicians and support personnel will provide medical services to the Ethiopian youths.

Hundreds of young Ethiopians are expected to be settled temporarily at the Hoshaya Seminar Center, which is now nearing completion. The Frieda S. Lewis Center -- named for the immediate past president of Hadassah who now chairs the Hadassah Medical Organization -- originally was envisioned as a focal point from which young people in the Youth Aliya program could learn more about the Galilee region as a potential permanent home.

Officials of Youth Aliya -- a department of the Jewish Agency/World Zionist Organization -- have estimated that the Hadassah facility in Hoshaya may be needed for at least three years as an absorption center for Ethiopian youth. More than 8,000 Ethiopian Jews already have been resettled in Israel, and 1,100 of them through Youth Aliya. Another 1,400 to 1,600 Ethiopian youth are expected over the next few months.

#### NAZI WAR CRIMINAL SEEKING GRACE FROM THE CATHOLIC CHURCH AND FORGIVENESS FROM HIS VICTIMS

ROME, Dec. 23 (JTA) -- A Nazi war criminal,

the only one still confined in an Italian prison, is seeking Grace from the Catholic Church and forgiveness from his victims in the hope that if granted, he will be freed and allowed to return to his native Austria before his 40-year sentence expires next July.

Walter Reder, a former SS colonel who organized and led the massacre of the population in Marzabotto in northern Italy during the Nazi occupation, has written a letter to the people of Marzabotto asking them to think of him as "an unhappy brother, rediscovered after a long time and not forgetful of those of their and our side who fell, but in common veneration of their memory."

The letter and petition, made public by the Vatican, was sent to Father Giuseppe de Gennaro, a Jesuit priest, who subsequently wrote an article in the Catholic magazine, *Civiltà Cattolica*, favoring clemency for Reder. The Vatican Radio broadcast an interview with de Gennaro. Reder wrote another letter, addressed to the Vatican last week, the contents of which were not disclosed.

Reder is confined in Gaeta prison. His cellmate until a few years ago was Herman Kappler, a Nazi war criminal responsible for the deportation of Jews from Rome during the war and the Ardeatine Caves massacre. Kappler, who was removed to a military hospital, made a sensational escape and returned to Germany where he died a year later.

Reder asked de Gennaro to deliver his plea for forgiveness to the parish priest in Marzabotto, Father Angelo Serra. (By Lisa Palmieri-Billig)

#### FEDORENKO DEPORTED TO THE USSR

NEW YORK, Dec. 23 (JTA) -- Feodor Fedorenko was deported Friday from the United States to the Soviet Union for lying about his Nazi past as a prison guard at the Treblinka concentration camp when he entered the U.S. in 1949.

The 77-year-old retired construction worker who lived in Philadelphia, was due to arrive in the Soviet Union yesterday where he could face war crimes charges. Officials for the Justice Department's Office of Special Investigations (OSI) indicated they were uncertain what the Soviets would do with Fedorenko.

Fedorenko's deportation and flight from Kennedy International Airport here culminated a seven-year government effort to strip Fedorenko of his American citizenship he obtained in 1970, and to have him deported. A last minute appeal to the Supreme Court to prevent his deportation was rejected last week.

The OSI said Fedorenko served as a prison guard at Treblinka in 1942 and 1943, and had taken part in beatings and persecution of prisoners at the death camp where an estimated 800,000 people were killed.

The immigration service first filed denaturalization proceedings against Fedorenko in 1977, charging that he had obtained his citizenship improperly because he omitted any mention of his Nazi past when he entered the U.S. In 1978, a judge dismissed the charges. But the dismissal was reversed by an appeals court, which revoked Fedorenko's citizenship in 1979.

He becomes the first Nazi war criminal deported from the U.S. to the Soviet Union, a destination Fedorenko selected and which was approved by the authorities in that country.

#### HOLOCAUST SURVIVOR ARRESTED AT RALLY PROTESTING APARTHEID

NEW YORK, Dec. 23 (JTA) -- A group of 20 members of The Generation After and Holocaust survivors staged a protest against the policy of apartheid by the

government of South Africa at the South African Consulate here last Friday. John Ranz, chairman of the Holocaust Survivors Association, was arrested when he tried to submit a protest memorandum issued by his organization to South African officials.

Dr. Harry Faivus, president of The Generation After, declared at the protest rally that "the basic principles of higher and lower races are the same for South Africa as they were for Nazi Germany. It is an insult to humanity that 40 years after the defeat of Nazi Germany these vestiges of Nazi racism are still in evidence."

#### BAN LIFTED IN ISRAEL ON PUBLICATION OF STORY OF FOILED TERRORIST ATTACK ON U.S. EMBASSY IN TEL AVIV

By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, Dec. 23 (JTA) — The Tel Aviv District Court today lifted its ban on local publication of the story of a planned terrorist attack on the U.S. Embassy here about a month ago that was foiled by Israeli security forces.

The story of how the plot was uncovered, the Embassy warned and five Arab youths from the Gaza Strip arrested as suspects, appeared in much of the world's news media. Only the Israeli public was kept in the dark and had to guess as to why a new wall was erected around the Embassy in Tel Aviv.

Today, Israeli newspapers published pictures of the wall which thousands of passers-by had seen. The afternoon daily Maariv published the original story after it was passed by the military censors but before the court ban was actually lifted. Other newspapers appealed to the Supreme Court for the right to publish but removal of the ban made their appeal moot.

#### Plotters Were Unsophisticated Youths

The Washington Post last Thursday quoted an interview with Police Minister Haim Barlev who stressed that the planned attack was hardly of the magnitude of the two attacks that destroyed the U.S. Embassy in Beirut or another that severely damaged the Embassy in Kuwait.

According to Barlev the plotters were unsophisticated youths who had possession of a hand grenade and were looking for a target. "Among the things they mentioned was the U.S. Embassy" but "by no means was this a planned operation aimed at your Embassy," Barlev was quoted as telling the Post.

He said the would-be attackers had also considered "schools and buses" as targets. He said they were arrested about three weeks ago in the Tel Aviv area where thousands of Gaza Strip Arabs commute daily to jobs.

Barlev confirmed that the U.S. officials here were not immediately notified of the plot and arrests. "There was no reason to alarm them," he said. State Department spokesman John Hughes said last week that "we received the information in a timely fashion" but he would not say just when the Embassy was informed.

Asked why the Israeli public was being kept in the dark, Barlev was quoted as saying "This was not a (police) action that prevented a big catastrophe, so there was no reason to make a big fuss about it." But most Israeli newspapers may not share that view inasmuch as they were forced to keep silent while media reports from the U.S. and elsewhere trickled through to Israel.

#### ISRAELI SCIENTIST UNVEILS GENERATOR WITH NO MOVING PARTS WHICH CAN CONVERT HEAT TO ELECTRICITY

BEERSHEVA, Dec. 23 (JTA) — A Soviet-born Israeli scientist at Ben Gurion University of the Negev has demonstrated the wonders of converting heat to electricity from a power plant with no moving parts. Prof. Herman Branover and his team unveiled the "Etgar 3" (Challenge 3), the first semi-industrial liquid metal MHD (magnetohydrodynamic) generator, last week on the campus of the university.

Branover said his heat-to-electricity process, the result of seven years of scientific research, is "ahead of both the United States and the Soviet Union, who have been working on this principle for 20 years." Magnetohydrodynamics is the science behind Branover's unique power plant that can run on any heat source and can save up to one-third on conventional fuel usage.

The development of the generator is financed by Solmecs, a British-Israeli corporation, and Israel's Trade and Industry Ministry. Peter Kalms, managing director of Solmecs, said he has been in touch with several prospective purchasers with "available funds, current needs and the right attitude towards innovation." These include Southern California Edison Company, which reportedly plans to use the Branover invention for producing electric power in California.

Dr. Michael Petrick, program director for fossil energy at the Argonne National Laboratory outside Chicago, which cooperated closely in the research for the generator, said it can operate under a wide spectrum of heat conditions, with some 60 percent efficiency — a very high percentage of use of available heat, and far higher than conventional methods. Argonne is one of the U.S. Department of Energy's major multi-purpose laboratories.

#### Unique System Among MHD Generators

The Branover system is unique among MHD generators in that it uses liquid metal flowing between two poles of a magnet to generate electricity at relatively low temperatures of 100 to 300 degrees centigrade. The U.S. and Soviet MHD generators, still in the experimental stage, use ionized gas heated to 3,000 degrees centigrade.

Branover said he sees "Etgar 3", which generates 10 kilowatts of power, as the final stage before the construction of industrial power plants capable of generating as much as 10,000 kilowatts of electricity.

According to Branover, "The main advantage of the method is its efficiency. Under optimal conditions, it can create a specific quantity of electricity from two-thirds the quantity of fuel required in other methods." Branover pointed out that power stations already in operation make huge investments to increase efficiency by only a fraction of a percent for vast savings in fuel. In a small country like Israel, saving just one percent in fuel means saving hundreds of millions of dollars.

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JERUSALEM (JTA) — Mayor Teddy Kollek presented awards of 60,000 Shekels each Sunday to six Jerusalem residents who alerted police to suspicious-looking objects that turned out to be bombs. Five police sappers received special awards for dismantling the bombs.

## INTENSIVE PROBE UNDERWAY IN N. Y. AGAINST KOSHER FOOD FRAUD

By Ben Gallab

NEW YORK, Dec. 23 (JTA) — The most sweeping investigation in the history of the New York State law against commercial enterprises which represent non-kosher products as kosher, resulting in a planned levy of "unprecedented" fines totaling \$150,000 in four current cases, in addition to criminal charges, is only the start of such intensive probes, the Jewish Telegraphic Agency learned today.

The current ongoing investigation under the state's law, labeling such misrepresentation as fraud, involves a joint task force of the state Attorney General's bureau of criminal prosecution and the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), initiated by the Kosher Law Enforcement Division of the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets. Rabbi Schulem Rubin is the director of the enforcement division.

Owners of two of the four firms face criminal prosecution charges brought by Attorney General Robert Abrams' office. The other two face "huge" fines in civil penalties, Rubin said in response to JTA inquiries. The two firms facing criminal charges are Rachleff Kosher Provisions, Inc., which does business as Royal Crown Kosher Provisions; and Georgetown Kosher Meats, Inc. Both are located in Brooklyn.

Chaim Berger, president of the Georgetown meat firm, described by Rubin as a retailer with a very large trade, and Albert Abravnel, president of Royal Crown, were booked last Thursday by Abrams' office and the Kosher Law Enforcement Division. Abravnel and Berger were each charged with a Class A misdemeanor, carrying penalties of up to a year's imprisonment and a \$500 fine.

### Violations And Penalties

After surrendering, by prior agreement, to the Attorney General's office in Manhattan's World Trade Center, they were taken to local police precincts where they were issued appearance tickets ordering them to be present in Brooklyn Supreme Court on January 24. Under such arrangements, accused individuals need not post bail and the two were released to return to their regular activities.

The other two are Nat Kagan, owner of Kagan Meat and Poultry in Woodbridge, N.Y.; and Henry's Delicatessen, on Manhattan's Lower East Side, and believed to be owned by Israelis. Its president is Tzavika Kraut.

Alleged violations at Kagan's enterprise were found by undercover agents, placed by Eddie Ayer, USDA compliance officer, and through round-the-clock surveillance by state kosher enforcement agents, who raided the establishment last August 24.

Rubin said that, after protracted hearings, a civil penalty of \$50,000 was imposed on Kagan for allegedly selling non-kosher meat as kosher. He added that investigators found more than 1,000 pounds of suspect meat and poultry in their confiscations in Henry's Delicatessen and Kagan's establishment.

The rabbi said that if Kagan pays the \$50,000 fine, it will not constitute an admission of guilt. If he does not pay, the case will be turned over to Abrams' office for collection. The Attorney General's

office and the regional USDA office can open the case for criminal prosecution. Kagan has 10 days to respond to a notice from the Department of Agriculture and Markets, formally notifying him of the fine, dating from the time the letter was mailed, Rubin said.

A civil penalty of \$25,800 on charges of offering non-kosher meats and poultry as kosher was leveled against Henry's Delicatessen. Kosher enforcement agents seized the suspect foods on November 29.

Rubin said his division intends to impose civil penalties of \$38,400 against Georgetown Kosher Meats and \$35,800 against Royal Crown, in addition to the criminal charges.

### Further Actions Cited

He said the civil penalties were not maximums and they could be increased if the continuing probe turns up new evidence of alleged violations. He said a search warrant has been issued by the Attorney General's office against Royal Crown, seeking records of the firm's transactions, giving the Attorney General wide freedom, without time limits, to explore the company's operations.

Rubin said none of the fines had been paid and he expected the targeted firms to make "unprecedented legal moves" to contest the fines because the fines are so large, probably the largest ever levied against any violations of kosher consumer protection laws anywhere in the United States. He said his inspectors suspect that Kagan may have been doing business "in the same manner" for decades.

Summarizing the investigation, Rubin said "We are continuing through a joint task force of the Attorney General's prosecution bureau, headed by William Darling, and a USDA task force, headed by James McCormack, meat compliance inspector for the USDA, operating out of New York City."

Abrams said the charges involved "a despicable practice: substituting non-kosher meats for kosher and foisting off on their unwitting customers these fraudulent products." He said "the criminal prosecution of these cases and the heavy civil penalties . . . are indications of the seriousness with which we view this revolting act."

### TERRORISTS STEP UP ATTACKS ON CIVILIANS INSIDE ISRAEL

TEL AVIV, Dec. 23 (JTA) — Terrorist attacks on civilians inside Israel have increased considerably in the past year and are back to the level of 1980-81, the year before Israel's invasion of Lebanon to destroy the Palestine Liberation Organization forces there, military sources reported.

According to these sources, the terrorists are making increasing use of stolen Israel Defense Force weapons which they obtain through the Jewish criminal underworld. During the past year there was a total of 349 attacks inside Israel resulting in the deaths of five Jews and injuries to 108.

Attacks on the IDF and its installations inside Lebanon have occurred at an average of three a day or 892 between January 1, 1984 and mid-December. The casualties were 28 Israelis killed and 275 wounded.

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REMINDER: There will be no Daily News Bulletin dated December 25, a postal holiday.