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**MENGELE TO BE TRIED IN
ABSENTIA IN JERUSALEM NEXT WEEK**

By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, Jan. 28 (JTA) — Dr. Josef Mengele, the Auschwitz death camp doctor responsible for inhuman medical experiments that cost the lives of at least 300,000 inmates and permanently maimed many thousands more, will be tried in absentia in Jerusalem next week.

Nazi-hunter Simon Wiesenthal, who has come to Israel for the public trial, said today that the eyewitness evidence it will produce of Mengele's crimes is more important than the fate of the criminal.

Mengele's "life is absolutely without any importance, and believe me that throughout the 25 years I have been occupied in the search for him, we have had many propositions, from people who could do it, to kill him," Wiesenthal said.

"And I have always said no, no. His life is absolutely without any importance at a time when we have a generation after the Holocaust, when in the world there are groups which deny the Holocaust. They talk about the 'Auschwitz lie' and they deny the existence of the gas chambers," Wiesenthal noted. Yesterday was the 40th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz.

Trial Would Be Historic Lesson

"A trial against Mengele would be the big historic lesson," the Nazi-hunter said. "It will be this lesson the young people need. And this will be a battle war against all the deniers, whether simple people or university professors. What he (Mengele) has done cannot be punished. How can you punish a man who was responsible for the deaths of 300,000 people, for such cruel experiments?"

Wiesenthal added, "The only thing we can do for the world is to put him on trial and speak the truth." He said he was "99 percent certain" that Mengele is still living in Paraguay under the protection of powerful friends within the military dictatorship of that country.

A public meeting was held here yesterday, attended by some 1,200 Auschwitz survivors and their children. A similar gathering was held at Oswiecim (Auschwitz) in Poland, site of the death camp, to mark the 40th anniversary of the liberation. The gathering here was described as a memorial to those who died and an event to keep the memory of the Holocaust alive so that such barbarities can never occur again.

**AUSTRIAN DEFENSE MINISTER HAS
NO INTENTION OF RESIGNING**

By Reinhard Engel

VIENNA, Jan. 28 (JTA) — Defense Minister Friedhelm Frischenschlager has made clear that he has no intention of resigning in the midst of the political storm he raised by personally greeting Nazi war criminal Walter Reder when he arrived in Austria last Thursday after nearly 40 years in an Italian prison.

The Defense Minister, whose actions severely embarrassed the Socialist-led coalition government, left for Egypt Saturday on a three-day official visit.

In response to demands by some fellow ministers, opposition leaders, army officers and others that he resign, Frischenschlager maintained that the protests aroused by his greeting of Reder were a "grave misrepresentation."

He told reporters, before his departure for Cairo, that his trip to Graz to meet the former SS major on his return to his native Austria, was necessary to ensure absolute secrecy. But, Frischenschlager claimed, an Italian news agency leaked the story.

The defense chief maintained that his negative attitude toward dictators, war and war criminals was well known. He referred to Reder as a war criminal. Last Thursday, he described Reder as the last Austrian prisoner of war to come home and shook his hand.

Alois Mock, leader of the opposition Peoples Party, said that if Frischenschlager did not resign, his party would submit a motion of non-confidence in the minister in Parliament. An extraordinary session of Parliament, summoned by Mock, will be held Friday to deal with Frischenschlager's reception of Reder.

Meanwhile, Finance Minister Franz Vranitzky was troubled that Frischenschlager's action would have adverse economic consequences for Austria. He said that Austria's clearly anti-fascist attitude was always well received by the international financial community but international businessmen have had icy reactions to the Reder affair.

**BRONFMAN GOING TO THE SOVIET UNION
AT END OF MARCH FOR TALKS WITH
SOVIET LEADERS IN HIS DUAL CAPACITY
OF BUSINESS EXECUTIVE AND WJC LEADER**

By Aviva Cantor

VIENNA, Jan. 28 (JTA) — World Jewish Congress president Edgar Bronfman revealed today his plans to go to the Soviet Union towards the end of March for talks with Soviet officials in his dual capacity of business executive and a leader of diaspora Jewry. He is the head of Joseph Seagram and Sons Company.

Bronfman told a news conference at the Hilton Hotel here, where the WJC Governing Board is winding up its three-day meeting, that the Soviets had extended him an invitation to visit in both capacities and he was practically on his way just before Soviet leader Leonid Brezhnev died.

The timing of his visit, Bronfman told reporters, "is better now than at any other (recent) time because the U.S. and the Soviet Union are beginning to talk, and things are now in a state of thaw."

He expressed the view that the situation of Soviet Jewry fluctuates with the state of relations between the two superpowers. "Soviet Jews are basically hostage to the cold war and the U.S.-USSR climate," he said. If there is a relaxation of tension on other issues, a realization of the situation of Soviet Jews "will be much easier to accomplish."

Bronfman has been to the Soviet Union before as a business executive, and this time he will be leading a business delegation. The Soviets, he said, want to talk business, but are willing to talk with him, in his role as WJC president, on "Jewish matters."

Bronfman told reporters he plans to raise the issue of Soviet Jewry — including increasing Jewish emigration, permitting the Jews who remain there the right

to practice and transmit their cultural and religious heritage, and the freeing of Prisoners of Zion. He said that "we will plead for all dissidents — (Anatoly) Shcharansky as well as (Andrei) Sakharov."

Another subject Bronfman hopes to discuss is the holding of a joint commemoration by the Soviets and the WJC, on Soviet soil, of the victory against Nazism. He proposed this idea in a recent meeting with Soviet officials in Washington and they seemed "intrigued" with the idea, he said.

There was also discussion at that meeting of Bronfman's proposal that a travelling exhibit from the collection of Jewish documents and artifacts in the Leningrad archives be brought to the United States as part of some kind of cultural exchange program. The suggestion met with some enthusiasm and Bronfman hopes to pursue it further in Moscow.

Appeal From Eight Soviet Jews

Meanwhile, in another development relating to Soviet Jewry, the WJC received an appeal, telephoned to Vienna, from four Jews in Moscow and four in Leningrad, who described themselves as "Jews with Israeli citizenship who are being detained in the USSR." Their appeal read:

"We would like to draw your attention to our critical situation in the USSR — the authorities closed the borders for our repatriation and reinforced the repression. Unfortunately, not all the Jews in the world are yet aware of our unbearable situation, which is not only our problem, but the problem of all Jews in the world." The appeal concluded with a call to the WJC to take all steps to "save us."

The appeal was signed by Dmitry Chazankin, Inna Brochina, Igor Kharakh and Gregory Rifkin of Moscow; and Yakov Gorodetsky, Boris Zelkin, Mikhail Zivin and Mikhail Winaver of Leningrad.

PERES TO VISIT RUMANIA NEXT MONTH

By Aviva Cantor

VIENNA, Jan. 28 (JTA) — Israeli Premier Shimon Peres will visit Rumania, the only eastern bloc country that maintains relations with the Jewish State, in two weeks, according to Rumanian Chief Rabbi Moses Rosen.

Rosen revealed the imminent visit by Peres this afternoon at a question and answer session via television hook up with the Israeli leader in Jerusalem. Rosen is here participating in the three-day meeting of the Governing Board of the World Jewish Congress.

Peres, who addressed the conclave for some 15 minutes before taking about 10 questions from delegates at the WJC meeting, also credited President Nicolae Ceausescu for his role in helping to bring Egypt and Israel together toward a peace agreement. Peres said he "appreciated" that Rumania is "the only East European country that maintains openly a relationship with Israel."

Ceausescu invited Peres to visit Bucharest last month, but the Israeli Premier replied at the time that although he wanted to make the trip, Israel's economic crisis prevented his leaving Israel.

REAGAN WON'T VISIT DACHAU SITE AFTER ATTENDING ECONOMIC SUMMIT IN BONN

By David Friedman

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28 (JTA) — The White House has informed West Germany that President Reagan will not visit the site of the Dachau concentra-

tion camp after he attends the economic summit in Bonn May 2-4. White House spokesman Larry Speakes, in confirming this, said Reagan "doesn't think it is the appropriate thing to do." He would give no further explanation.

However, Administration officials have been quoted as saying that the President thinks that a visit to Dachau "wouldn't contribute to the theme of reconciliation and friendship" and that "the Germans of today are not a part of that and shouldn't be made to feel that they are."

The West Germans reportedly proposed the Dachau visit if Reagan stays on beyond the summit as part of a series of commemoration ceremonies for the 40th anniversary of the Allied victory over Nazi Germany May 8.

ARCHBISHOP OF PARIS RECITES MASS AND A PRAYER FOR VICTIMS OF THE HOLOCAUST By Edwin Eytan

PARIS, Jan. 28 (JTA) — The 40th anniversary of the liberation of the Auschwitz death camp was marked by the French Jewish community yesterday and by Cardinal Jean-Marie Lustiger, the Archbishop of Paris, who recited mass and a prayer for the Holocaust victims in his private chapel and later visited the Memorial to the Unknown Jewish Martyr.

The Cardinal, whose parents were Polish Jews, appeared deeply moved as he descended into the memorial crypt where the names of the various death camps are inscribed. He stood with bowed head in what seemed deep meditation before the black draped tomb.

Lustiger, who converted to Catholicism in his youth, told officials at the Memorial that he wanted to pay his personal respects to the Auschwitz victims. Shortly after his elevation to head the Catholic hierarchy in France, he noted in a newspaper interview that he had lost many family members in the Holocaust and that he still had "strong sentimental ties" with Judaism.

The Jewish community here marked the anniversary at a public meeting attended by representatives of the Polish, British and Soviet embassies. A senior Soviet diplomat said later, "The world should not be allowed to forget that it was the Red Army which liberated Auschwitz." But he refused to answer questions about the present situation of Jews in the Soviet Union. When pressed, he left the meeting hall.

NAZI WAR CRIMINALS IN CANADA

By Michael Solomon

MONTREAL, Jan. 28 (JTA) — Robert Kaplan, a former Solicitor General, asserted today that he believes there are Nazi war criminals living in Canada and that some may have entered the country immediately after World War II by making "certain deals" with the ruling government in power at the time.

The Royal Canadian Mounted Police, meanwhile, is conducting an investigation of its files to determine whether any alleged Nazis may have illegally entered Canada and escaped arrest, according to Solicitor-General Elmer MacKay.

The remarks by the former and current Solicitor-Generals followed reports by the Los Angeles-based Simon Wiesenthal Center alleging that Joseph Mengele, the Auschwitz "angel of death," applied for entry into Canada in 1962.

Kaplan, interviewed on national television, suggested that some war criminals may have gained admission to Canada by offering in exchange to Canadian authorities important information regarding the infiltration of agents of the Soviet Union into Canada immediately after the war.

A member of the Parliament for the opposition Liberal Party, Kaplan asked the new Conservative government to release two reports the Mounties had prepared at his orders while serving as Solicitor General.

"Had not the Liberal government fallen from power, these two reports would have been brought to public knowledge and measures of retribution taken against war criminals and their protectors," Kaplan said.

MacKay, meanwhile, told reporters last week that "this government is not going to protect any Nazis or any other types of war criminals." The Wiesenthal Center estimates that some 3,000 Nazi war criminals and collaborators found refuge in Canada.

ATTACKS ON IDF IN SOUTH LEBANON ARE INCREASING

By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, Jan. 28 (JTA) — Five Israeli soldiers were wounded in south Lebanon today as attacks on the Israel Defense Force and the South Lebanon Army (SLA) escalated sharply over the weekend.

Three of the soldiers were wounded when their vehicle hit a land mine south of the Hardali Bridge over the Litani River, not far from the Christian town of Marjayoun. Two others sustained slight injuries when an explosive charge detonated as their convoy crossed the Kasbiya Bridge in the western sector of the front.

Two other attacks on the IDF today, five last night and five yesterday caused neither casualties nor damage. They included a bomb explosion yesterday as an IDF patrol passed north of Tyre and an attack on an SLA position inside Sidon with automatic weapons and rocket-propelled grenades.

Six Terrorists Killed

Six terrorists were killed last Thursday in a clash with an IDF unit south of the Awali River. The terrorists had infiltrated across the river into Israel-held territory from an area under Druze control.

They were spotted just before dawn northeast of Jezzine. A military spokesman said a search of the bodies yielded six Kalatchnikov assault rifles with magazines, six rocket-propelled grenade launchers, maps and handguns.

Attempts To Harass The IDF

The rising incidence of attacks appears to be aimed at harassing the IDF as it proceeds with the first stage of a three-stage withdrawal from south Lebanon, approved by the Cabinet a week ago. The first stage is a pullback from the Awali River line and Sidon to a new temporary line on the Litani River.

United Nations Undersecretary General Brian Urquhart, meanwhile, is trying to organize an orderly take-over of the Sidon area by troops of the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL) to replace the departing Israelis. He is asking France to deploy its UNIFIL contingent to guard the Palestinian refugee camps in Sidon.

Urquhart was in Tel Aviv Saturday to discuss the matter with the French Ambassador. He left for Paris yesterday to take it up with the French government. The UN official was reported to have approached the French when it became clear from his recent talks in Beirut and Damascus that neither Lebanon

nor Syria was about to request the Security Council to extend the operational area of UNIFIL to the regions being evacuated by the IDF. He discussed his plans with the Israeli Foreign Ministry.

RABIN: ISRAEL'S DECISION TO WITHDRAW FROM LEBANON IS A 'UNILATERAL' ONE

By David Friedman

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28 (JTA) — Israel Defense Minister Yitzhak Rabin stressed today that Israel's decision to leave Lebanon was a "unilateral" one and was not tied to what Syria does.

"If Syria would like to continue to stay in Lebanon let them enjoy it," Rabin said after a two-hour meeting with Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger at the Pentagon. "I believe that whoever sets his foot in the mud of Lebanon sticks there."

Rabin said he discussed all Mideast issues with Weinberger, who he called "sympathetic" and "a friend to Israel." Later, Rabin met for two hours with Secretary of State George Shultz. While here, too, the entire gamut of Mideast problems were discussed, Rabin said they concentrated on economic issues.

Rabin said he described the austerity measures taken by Israel. He said he expected an increase in military aid to Israel but would not discuss any figures.

Israel has reportedly asked for \$2.1 billion in military assistance for the 1986 fiscal year, a \$700 million increase above the current level. However the Administration is reportedly ready to propose \$1.9 billion.

In addition, Israel has asked for \$1.9 billion in economic aid for 1986 plus an emergency appropriation of \$800 million in addition to the \$1.2 million it is receiving this year. The Administration has so far been reluctant to approve any increase in economic aid, although there are indications it might approve the emergency appropriation if the U.S. is satisfied with the progress of Israel's austerity program.

Rabin said he and Shultz also discussed the plight of Soviet Jewry.

Rabin was also scheduled to meet today with Robert McFarlane, National Security Adviser, and tomorrow with the Joint Chiefs of Staff and with the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. He is scheduled to meet President Reagan at the White House Wednesday morning.

After leaving the Pentagon, where he had received upon arrival full military honors, Rabin went to Arlington National Cemetery where he placed a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

TEL AVIV (JTA) — A proposal to deploy troops of the Multinational Force and Observers (MFO) in the disputed Taba region, was discussed by Israeli and Egyptian negotiators in Beersheba Monday. But the question of which country owns the 250-acre strip of beach along the Gulf of Aqaba was not taken up during the second of the three days of negotiations begun Sunday. Monday's talks reportedly also did not take up possible arbitration or mediation of the dispute by third parties.

JERUSALEM (JTA) — The incidence of divorce in Israel is growing and has reached the level of 1.3 divorces per 1,000 citizens, Nitza Ben-Dor, a lecturer at Haifa University, told a recent symposium on divorce. However, this figure is still far below the 5.5 divorces per 1,000 citizens in the U.S. and 2 to 3 per 1,000 in Europe, he said.

ADL REPORT SHOWS THAT EXTREMIST GROUPS ARE USING COMPUTER TECHNOLOGY TO SPREAD RACIAL AND RELIGIOUS BIGOTRY

NEW YORK, Jan. 28 (JTA) — Rightwing extremist groups have adopted modern computer technology to aid in spreading their radical forms of racial and religious bigotry, according to the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith. The ADL reported that two such computer systems are currently operating in the United States with access obtained through home computers and a modem, or phone link up.

Justin Finger, director of the ADL's civil rights division, warned that the danger from computerized dissemination of hate material "lies not only in facilitating the spread of bigotry and anti-democratic propaganda, but in its potential impact on impressionable young people many of whom today are computer users."

Finger, however, added that "although purveyors of hate material are seeking to adapt to the computer age, we see little evidence to suggest a great leap forward in the spread of anti-Semitic and racist propaganda." Nonetheless, the use of computer technology by extremist groups, according to Finger, "is a development which merits continued monitoring."

One Of The Hate Groups Described

The ADL, in a six-page report, "Computerized Networks of Hate," contended that the more widely publicized of the two computer networks is operated by the Aryan Nations, an Idaho-based group that disseminates racist and anti-Semitic propaganda and which seeks to set up a "nationalist racist state."

Known as the "Aryan National Liberty Net," the computer network was established and is run by Louis Beam, a leader of the Aryan Nations and a grand dragon of the Texas state unit of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. The ADL noted in its report that some members of the Aryan Nations splinter group have been implicated in a series of armed robberies and shootouts with law enforcement officials.

Another Hate Group Tragedy

The other computerized hate network, "Info International," is operated out of West Virginia by George Dietz, a farm broker who runs Liberty Bell Publications, one of the largest outlets for neo-Nazi literature in the U.S., according to the ADL. Dietz emigrated to the U.S. in 1957 from Germany, where he had earlier been a member of the Hitler Youth Organization, the ADL report said.

His "Info International" is similar in content to the Aryan Nations' network and also purveys anti-Semitism, including Holocaust revisionism that questions the reality of the Nazi massacre of Jews. The hate messages on both networks include anti-Israel and anti-Zionist propaganda.

The ADL report gave the following account of how the computer network is used: Access to the Aryan Nations Liberty Net is made by dialing specified phone numbers in Idaho, Texas or North Carolina. Once the connection is made, the caller follows a few simple commands to receive a variety of hate messages. Authorized users of the system are encouraged to deposit their own hate messages.

For example, the ADL reported, a network message left by Midwest Aryan Nations' leader Robert Miles — under his code name of "Fafnir" —

predicts that the violent tactics of the Irish Republican Army "will be seen across this land" and goes on to state that the younger members of hate groups such as his "have no time for pamphlets, for speeches, for gatherings. They know their role ... They are the armed party."

Hate Group Provides An 'Enemies' List

In addition to hate propaganda, the ADL said the Aryan Nations' network supplies under the heading of "enemies" a listing of the addresses and phone numbers of the ADL's national and regional offices. In the same category are listed what the Aryan Nations refer to as "informers" for the "Zionist Occupational Government," its name for the U.S. government. Another group of "enemies" is labeled "race traitors" and is accessible, the network claims, only to callers with special clearance.

Also provided are the names and addresses of so-called patriotic organizations including a variety of neo-Nazi, Klan and armed racist groups such as the Christian Patriots Defense League and the Covenant, the Sword and the Arm of the Lord. The computer supplies dates and locations of their meetings, according to the ADL report, prepared by the fact finding department of its civil rights division.

JEWISH CEMETERY DEFACED

PARIS, Jan. 28 (JTA) — Anti-Semitic slogans were daubed in the small Jewish cemetery of Antibes in the south of France and on the local synagogue's walls.

The president of the local Jewish community, Leon Allouche, said "local vandals and anti-Semites probably wanted to celebrate in their own way (Nazi war criminal Walter) Reder's liberation (from Italy) and triumphant return to Austria." Allouche said the incident probably took place last Thursday night after Reder was returned to Austria. He added, "This regularly occurs whenever a Nazi is tried or liberated."

The community president asked the police to try and trace the vandals and said the community is determined "to defend itself." Allouche refused to be more specific but said "we will not let ourselves be done in like sheep."

In the nearby city of Nice, the municipal council voted today a special 140,000 Franc (\$15,000) budget to restore the city's Jewish cemetery desecrated by vandals last year.

FIRE SEVERELY DAMAGES TEMPLE

TORONTO, Jan. 28 (JTA) — Suspected arson has triggered a police investigation of a fire that severely damaged the ground floor of Temple Shalom, a Reform synagogue in Vancouver, yesterday. Most of the prayer books and all but one of the Torahs were saved.

Six months ago, a Molotov cocktail was tossed into the synagogue but failed to ignite. According to Rabbi Philip Bregman of Temple Shalom, hate messages and threats were received since then and security measures were intensified.

BRUSSELS (JTA) — Stringent security measures are being taken at embassies of five countries — including the Embassy of Israel — after the Belgian government received information of a possible terrorist attack by the pro-Iranian group, Islamic Jihad. The decision to place police forces on massive alert followed the discovery, in Beirut, of 30 pages of documents detailing some 20 targets to be hit in Brussels.