

PERES; ISRAEL WILL NOT INTERVENE IN LEBANON'S INTERNAL AFFAIRS AFTER THE IDF WITHDRAWS FROM THE COUNTRY But The IDF Will Re-Enter If Israel Is Threatened By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, Feb. 7 (JTA) -- Premier Shimon Peres said yesterday that the Israel Defense Force will not intervene in the internal affairs of Lebanon after it withdraws behind the international border. But should any threat to Israel's security arise in Lebanon, the IDF would re-enter that country, do what has to be done and leave, he said.

Peres spoke to reporters at an IDF position at Buk-sata, overlooking the south Lebanon port of Sidon and the Awali River. He visited there to watch the progress of the IDF withdrawal from that region, the first stage of its three-stage pull-out from south Lebanon. The first stage is progressing rapidly and all Israeli troops and equipment are expected to be gone from the Sidon-Awali River area by February 18.

Once Israel is out of Lebanon "we do not intend to play any part in the internal politics of Lebanon," Peres said. As to the danger of new bloodshed between rival factions after the IDF leaves, Peres said "I don't want to engage in prophecies. I believe nobody really knows... what will happen" in Lebanon. "I would like to see the Lebanese reach a solution among their different parties," Peres said.

'We Do Not Want Lebanese Soil'

But, he added, "It is their business if they choose to save the situation or destroy it. We do not intend to stay in Lebanon and we are now leaving. We do not want Lebanese soil." He noted that in the past the IDF has been able to protect Galilee from within Israel's borders and it will be able to do so again. Should a danger arise, however, "we would act. We would re-enter Lebanon and then return home," Peres said.

Meanwhile, Israel was informed yesterday that the Lebanese government refuses to cooperate in any way with the withdrawal of the IDF. Reports from Beirut indicated at the same time that the IDF faces an escalation of attacks from hostile Moslem elements as its three-stage withdrawal begins. Nabih Berri, leaders of Lebanon's Shiite Moslems and Minister of State for south Lebanon, was reported as warning the IDF, "You'll face resistance like you've never faced before." He said his ministry will be renamed "Ministry of Resistance" and would pay Shiite guerrillas to harass the IDF.

ISRAEL TO BUILD VOA RADIO TRANSMITTER By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, Feb. 7 (JTA) -- Israel has agreed to the Reagan Administration's proposal to build a powerful Voice of America (VOA) radio transmitter in Israel to relay broadcasts to the Soviet Union and other Eastern bloc countries, Maariv said today.

Defense Minister Yitzhak Rabin made a verbal commitment to President Reagan at their White House meeting last month, Maariv said. It was not put in writing. Rabin reportedly acted on a decision taken secretly by Israeli leaders in recent weeks.

The American request raised considerable controversy here. The U.S. wants the transmitter in Israel

to overcome Soviet jamming of VOA broadcasts relayed via Europe. But many Israelis feared that to acquiesce would involve Israel directly in the cold war between the superpowers and would have a detrimental effect on the situation of Soviet Jews which has seriously deteriorated during the past year.

But President Reagan exerted pressure, Maariv said, and Israel was forced finally to agree. The only condition was that no public disclosure be made of the agreement until the debate in Israel dies down, Maariv reported.

DISCLOSURE MADE THAT NAZI WAR CRIMINAL HAS BEEN GETTING WAR PENSION FROM AUSTRIAN GOVERNMENT SINCE 1970

VIENNA, Feb. 7 (JTA) -- The political furor over Defense Minister Friedhelm Frischenschlager's reception of Nazi war criminal Walter Reder, when he returned to his native Austria on January 24 after nearly 40 years in an Italian prison was hardly abated when the Ministry of Social Welfare disclosed here today that the convicted mass-murderer of civilians has been receiving a war pension from the Austrian government since 1970.

According to the Ministry, the 69-year-old former SS Major has been getting a monthly stipend equivalent to \$324 plus a \$29 old age supplement. The pension was granted in 1970, retroactive to 1964.

Reder was convicted by an Italian court in 1953 of leading the massacre of 3,000 men, women and children in the village of Marzabotto in northern Italy in 1944 in reprisal for partisan attacks on German troops.

The Ministry said a private association of war victims applied for the pension on Reder's behalf because he was injured during the war. The payments were suspended at one point but later resumed.

JUSTICE DEPARTMENT SAYS IT WILL CONDUCT PROBE INTO WHEREABOUTS OF AUSCHWITZ DEATH CAMP DOCTOR

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7 (JTA) -- The Justice Department will conduct a full-scale investigation into the whereabouts of Auschwitz death camp doctor Josef Mengele and into reports that he was arrested and then freed in Austria by U.S. occupation forces in 1947, it was announced by Attorney General William French Smith. (See P.2 for reaction from Serge Klarsfeld.)

"The allegations have been such, and the public interest has been such, and the notoriety of the individual has been such, that it seemed to be appropriate" to conduct an investigation, Smith told reporters yesterday at a news conference at the Justice Department.

"We will use the effective technique which OSI has used in the past to trace and locate Nazi war criminals," Smith told reporters, referring to the Justice Department's Office of Special Investigations, which was formed to prosecute war criminals who entered the United States illegally.

Mengele, known as the "Angel of Death" for his grotesque experiments on inmates at the Auschwitz concentration camp during the Holocaust, is considered the most notorious Nazi war criminal still at large. Mengele, now 73, was reportedly last seen in Paraguay. His current whereabouts are unknown. The government in Paraguay maintains he has left the country.

Smith's announcement follows the release last month of previously classified U.S. Army intelligence

documents that suggest Mengele may have been arrested and freed by U.S. military forces in Austria in 1947. The documents, released by the U.S. to the Simon Wiesenthal Center in Los Angeles, also suggested that Mengele may have sought to gain entry in the early 1960s into Canada.

Will Seek To Compile Credible Evidence

"The investigation will seek to compile credible evidence on the current whereabouts of Mengele as well as information concerning his movements in occupied Germany and his suspected flight to South America," the Justice Department said in a statement.

"The investigation will also seek to determine the credibility of reports that Mengele has visited the United States in the past," Smith said. "We intend to be thorough about it and also to have a speedy investigation." (Related story from Israel, P. 3.)

KLARSFELD: U.S. AUTHORITIES COULD HAVE, BUT FAILED TO NAB MENGELE SOON AFTER WORLD WAR II ENDED

By Edwin Eytan

PARIS, Feb. 7 (JTA) — Nazi-hunter Serge Klarsfeld charged today that the American authorities could have, but failed to arrest Auschwitz death camp doctor Josef Mengele between 1945-49 when he lived more or less openly in his native city of Gunzburg, Bavaria, in the U.S. occupation zone of West Germany.

Klarsfeld, a lawyer who, with his wife, Beate, has devoted his life to tracking down wanted Nazi war criminals, told the French news agency, Agence France Presse, that "it is practically impossible that the (American) authorities did not notice Mengele's presence."

He said Mengele lived in Gunzburg for four years, under his own name or under a false identity. His family is well known there, being the owners of the town's largest industry, a factory producing agricultural machinery. "It seems more than highly unlikely that the American administration in Bavaria failed to identify him throughout the period," Klarsfeld said.

Mengele, who performed brutal and inhumane medical experiments on hundreds of Auschwitz inmates and personally selected those to be sent to the gas chambers, reportedly has been hiding out in South America since 1953. Klarsfeld said he and his wife hoped that the investigation just ordered by U.S. Attorney General William French Smith will verify whether Mengele travelled to North America before he found asylum in Paraguay.

FRENCH JEWISH PHILOSOPHER AND A FRENCH JOURNALIST BEING DETAINED IN KIEV BY THE SOVIET POLICE

By Edwin Eytan

PARIS, Feb. 7 (JTA) — French Jewish writer and philosopher Alain Finkelkraut and a French journalist are being detained at their Kiev hotel by the Soviet police and questioned for allegedly "subversive" activities.

Finkelkraut, 35, and Dominique Nora who works for the French daily, Liberation, have been under house arrest since last Sunday. The Russians "accuse" them of having met a Jewish refusenik and of having given him unspecified subversive written material.

Finkelkraut managed to contact today the French Embassy in Moscow. He said that Nora and he himself were questioned for several hours and are "accused" of "belonging to an international Zionist organization."

Finkelkraut said the interrogators threatened them with a possible three-year prison sentence or an immediate expulsion. Both Nora and Finkelkraut arrived in the Soviet Union with tourist visas which expire next week.

A Foreign Ministry spokesman in Paris said the French Embassy in Moscow has contacted the Soviet authorities and is doing all it can on their behalf.

Finkelkraut is the author of half a dozen books, all on Jewish subjects. One, "The Imaginary Jew," was highly praised by the critics and also became a best seller. Finkelkraut, who has also written several philosophical essays, is a prominent figure in French intellectual circles and has also played an active role in the community.

A STREET NAMED 'REFUSENIK'

By Edwin Eytan

PARIS, Feb. 7 (JTA) — A "Refusenik Street" was formally inaugurated this week in the Paris suburb of Sarcelles. The city Municipal Council, including its five Communist Aldermen, unanimously voted in favor of the new name in tribute to the Jewish activists "fighting for the recognition of their rights in the Soviet Union."

The former mayor of Sarcelles, Henri Canacos, a Deputy Secretary General of the French Communist Party, and now a City Councillor, also supported the motion.

A Dynamic Community

Sarcelles, with over 53,000 inhabitants, and situated in the north of Paris, has a large Jewish population. According to unofficial statistics, close to one-third of its population are Jews, mainly of North African origin. The Sarcelles community is one of the most dynamic in France and observers believe Canacos, who had served as mayor for close to 15 years, lost his seat two years ago because of Jewish opposition. His support of the motion is seen as a Communist attempt to try and win over at least part of the Jewish vote.

The newly renamed street runs through the city's center. Some 400 people, including the Communist Aldermen, were present at its inauguration.

In another move to recall the tragic fate of the Jewish refuseniks, writer Marek Halter and some 15 other Jewish activists yesterday chained themselves to the Soviet stall at an international fair. The group wanted to protest Moscow's anti-Jewish discrimination and draw attention to the tragic fate of the Jewish refuseniks. A large crowd gathered around the Soviet stall while police sawed through the chains.

UJA COLLECTS \$367.6 MILLION IN 1984, A NEW PEACETIME RECORD

NEW YORK, Feb. 7 (JTA) — The United Jewish Appeal set a new peacetime record by collecting \$367.6 million in cash in 1984, it was announced by UJA national chairman Alex Grass. He said that this amount is an increase of \$41 million over the \$326.6 million collected in 1983. In December alone, \$101.2 million was collected, making it one of the most successful cash months in UJA history, Grass said.

Bernard Borine, UJA national cash chairman, said, "If we add up all the cash sent to the UJA by December 31 and received by January 7, we have a grand total of \$385 million. We take great pride in all we have accomplished and we are looking ahead to doing even better in 1985."

The total also includes \$10.7 million for Project Renewal, the sweeping economic, social and cultural rehabilitation program created to improve the quality of life in Israel's disadvantaged neighborhoods, and \$5.4 million for the special capital projects of the Israel Education Fund.

U.S. AND ISRAEL PREPARING TO COOPERATE IN SEARCH FOR MENGELE

By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, Feb. 7 (JTA) — The United States and Israel are preparing to cooperate in the search for Josef Mengele, the Auschwitz death camp doctor who is the most notorious Nazi war criminal still at large.

The U.S. Department of Justice said Thursday that it would accept evidence from Israelis in the investigation just ordered by Attorney General William French Smith into the whereabouts of Mengele and of reports that in 1947 he was arrested and released by American authorities in Vienna.

Neal Sher, chief of the Justice Department's Office of Special Investigations (OSI), told a Voice of Israel Radio reporter in Washington that the investigation will be carried out in coordination with other governments. He would not say whether U.S. agents would participate in the search for the war criminal.

Coordinating Unit Established in Israel

It was learned, meanwhile, that Justice Minister Moshe Nissim has established an inter-ministerial headquarters to coordinate government activities to track down Mengele. The inter-ministerial group will consist of representatives of the Justice Ministry, Foreign Ministry, police and other government agencies. Nissim said all legal preparations have been completed to bring Mengele to swift trial in Israel once he is found and captured.

Details of Mengele's brutal medical experiments on Auschwitz inmates were recounted in detail by survivors attending an international congress at the Yad Vashem to mark the 40th anniversary of the liberation of the death camp. The three-day gathering which opened last Sunday and ended Tuesday, is credited with arousing world-wide interest in bringing Mengele to justice.

Appeal To The Pope

At its conclusion, Zvi Terlo, a lawyer who interrogated the Auschwitz survivors about their experiences, appealed to Pope John Paul II to use his influence in Latin America to help find Mengele. The death camp doctor is believed to have been hiding out in South America since 1953 and many sources place him in Paraguay. "The people who know his present whereabouts shield him," Terlo said. He urged the Pope to order them to break their silence.

ROSENNE SAYS U.S. GAINED \$50 BILLION IN TECHNOLOGICAL DATA FROM SHARING SOVIET ARMS CAPTURED BY ISRAEL

NEW YORK, Feb. 7 (JTA) — Israel has provided the United States with \$50 billion worth of technological data from captured Soviet military equipment, it was disclosed today by Meir Rosenne, Israel's Ambassador to the U.S.

Addressing a meeting of the American Friends of Tel Aviv University, the Israeli envoy said that Israel had saved America "many years of research and billions of dollars" by sharing with the U.S. the planes, tanks, missiles and other Soviet military equipment captured from Arab armies. He said the \$50 billion price-tag was an estimate based on a

study by two American generals in the Pentagon. "U.S.-Israeli strategic cooperation is a two-way street, bringing benefits to both sides," Rosenne said. He voiced Israel's "continued opposition" to the proposed American sale of sophisticated military equipment to Arab nations that refuse to come to the peace table with Israel. Such sales — "now they call them transfers of technology" — jeopardize Israel's security, he said, adding: "We don't want to replenish our arsenal with American equipment captured from the Arabs who attack us."

PERES SAYS ISRAEL MUST GO AHEAD WITH DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF THE LAVI

By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, Feb. 7 (JTA) — Premier Shimon Peres said today that Israel must go ahead with the design and construction of the Lavi, its second generation jet fighter plane, because it is essential.

He made his remarks to reporters on a visit to the Israel Aircraft Industries (IAI) where the Lavi is being developed. The project seemed in trouble recently because of Israel's economic crisis. But Peres said he was convinced the Lavi must be built.

"It belongs to the new generation of highly modern fighters and I believe that in two or three aspects, the Lavi is far ahead of any other known aircraft available today," Peres said. He added that the project was not behind schedule.

The IAI, meanwhile, presented Defense Minister Boyam Sali of Papua-New Guinea today with the first of three Arava transport planes ordered from Israel by that southwest Pacific nation. Sali is on an official visit to Israel. The remaining two planes will be handed over later this month.

They were ordered nearly a year ago and in the interim, 17 Papuan Air Force pilots and ground crew have been training in Israel to fly and maintain the planes.

REAGAN AGAIN CALLS FOR PRAYER IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

By David Friedman

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7 (JTA) — President Reagan, in his State of the Union address last night, once again urged Congress to adopt legislation permitting prayer in the public schools.

Reagan did not mention any specific proposal in a brief comment in which he thanked Congress for passing last year the law requiring high schools to permit religious groups to use classrooms after school if other organizations have this extra-curricular privilege.

"But no citizen need tremble, nor the world shudder, if a child stands in a classroom and breathes a prayer," the President said. "We ask you again: give children back a right they had for a century-and-a-half or more." The statement was loudly applauded.

However, neither the call for school prayer nor Reagan's request for legislation ending abortions are expected to be pressed by the Administration while Congress engages in a long struggle over the President's proposed 1986 budget. Reagan did not mention the Mideast in his speech, which only slightly touched on foreign policy issues.

TEL AVIV (JTA) — The Israeli-based Wolf Foundation this week awarded 170 scholarships and five research grants totalling \$220,000 in value to Israeli students and scholars, the Foundation announced.

RABBI SAYS FUND-RAISING IS NOT ENOUGH TO MAKE JEWS FEEL JEWISH; URGES OUTREACH FOR JEWISH CULTURAL AND EDUCATIONAL ENLIGHTENMENT

By Kevin Freeman

NEW YORK, Feb. 7 (JTA) — Rabbi Harold Schulweis of Encino, California, urged Jewish leaders and volunteers to concentrate not only on fund-raising aspects within the Jewish community, but to increase outreach for Jewish cultural and educational enlightenment.

"When does a Jew hear from another Jew on a personal basis," Schulweis asked last night in an address to several hundred persons attending the United Jewish Appeal-Federation of Jewish Philanthropies' Joint Leadership Conference. Answering his own question, the Conservative rabbi said, "For solicitation."

He challenged the UJA-Federation to train 200 people to serve as "para-Jewish professionals" to aid in reaching out to the unaffiliated, particularly the youth on college and high school campuses. "Jews need Jews to be Jewish," he declared, adding that they need more than fund-raising to feel as members of the Jewish community.

Schulweis of Valley Beth Shalom Synagogue, the keynote speaker at the meeting at the new conference center at UJA-Federation Campaign Headquarters, spoke on the theme, "Charting a Course for the Future of the Jewish Community." His speech began with a call for what he described as "earnest congeniality" between the lay leadership in the Jewish community and Jewish professionals in order to ensure "Jewish survival."

Assails 'Despair And Indolence' In Jewish Life

The old methods of fund-raising in the Jewish community are outdated, said the Bronx-born rabbi. "We will not shame them (Jewish youth) into believing, belonging, or behaving ... We will not scare them into life or scare them into charity."

He assailed the attitude of "despair and indolence" in Jewish life, and the notion that fears of anti-Semitism should somehow serve as a central focus to fund-raising activities. He acknowledged that no one should downplay the extent of anti-Semitism, but on the other hand, it should not become an overpowering factor in the Jewish community.

"We are demoralizing our children," he declared. "If Jews persist in thinking that when you scratch a guy you get an anti-Semite, you'll paralyze the Jewish community." He added that he believed there were "millions of friends and potential allies" outside the Jewish community.

NOTED ISRAELI AUTHOR SAYS DIASPORA PHENOMENON IS SELF-IMPOSED CONDITION

JERUSALEM, Feb. 7 (JTA) — Prof. A. B. Yehoshua, one of Israel's foremost novelists who is known for his strong objections to Jews living outside Israel, said here that the diaspora phenomenon is a self-imposed, not forced, condition.

In a provocative speech entitled "Diaspora — The Neurotic Solution," he told a meeting of the American Jewish Committee's Board of Governors, that the Jewish people had brought upon itself a history of diaspora experience, perception and mentality.

Yehoshua stated that many times throughout history, Jews have been given the opportunity to return to Eretz Yisrael but that the vast majority declined to do so.

"The most sparsely populated Jewish center in the world," he said, "has always been Israel itself. Jews have repeatedly rejected the chance to create a new and historic destiny — that of a 'normal people', at home in their own country. They have repeatedly chosen to be a people apart, a nation 'free' in the diaspora, but without a country they could really call their own."

The 48-year-old scholar added: "In the future, there will probably be Jews living in outer space who, every year at Passover, will say, 'Next Year In Jerusalem'. They will pray in outer space with the synagogue facing Jerusalem. But they will not come here to live."

View Of Diaspora Rejected By AJC Committee Leader

Responding to Yehoshua, Dr. David Gordis, AJC Committee executive vice president, questioned his interpretation of Jewish history and his characterization of the diaspora. He said that American Jews "share the commitment of all world Jewry in the miracle of Israel's national rebirth."

Continuing, Gordis said: "We believe in the importance of aliyah for Israel and affirm it as a unique mode of Jewish self-fulfillment for those who chose it. But the creative experience of the Jewish diaspora, problematic as it is in certain ways, refutes the contention that the diaspora is a 'neurotic' and negative phenomenon."

"The Jewish experience in all its dimensions, Israel and diaspora, particular and universal, is unique, creative and authentic, and the future of Jewish life depends on the development of a mutually reinforcing relationship between the great centers of Jewish life in the Land of Israel and outside it. The American Jewish Committee is pledged to share in the building of this relationship."

JERUSALEM OUTSTRIPS TEL AVIV AS ISRAEL'S LARGEST CITY

By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, Feb. 7 (JTA) — Jerusalem, with a population of 428,000 according to the latest census, has outstripped Tel Aviv as Israel's largest city.

The Central Bureau of Statistics reported that the census of population and housing conducted in the summer of 1983, showed that the population of Jerusalem had increased by 36 percent since the last census, in 1972, while that of Tel Aviv grew by 10 percent in the same period, and Haifa, Israel's third city, by only three percent. The population of the country as a whole increased by 28 percent.

According to the report, Jerusalem's Jewish population grew by 33 percent between 1972-1983 for a total of 306,000. The non-Jewish population rose by 47 percent. There are 122,400 non-Jews in Jerusalem comprising 28.5 percent of the population. Moslems are the largest non-Jewish group, numbering 108,500 or 88.7 percent of non-Jews. There are 13,700 Christians.

The Moslem population increased by 51 percent and the Christian population by 17 percent in the period reviewed.

AJC LEADERS TO MEET WITH POPE

NEW YORK, Feb. 7 (JTA) — The American Jewish Committee announced today that three of its leaders will meet Pope John Paul II at the Vatican February 14 to discuss reaffirmation at the forthcoming Papal Synod of Vatican Council II condemnations of anti-Semitic teachings within the Church, Vatican recognition of Israel, and world human rights issues. The three AJC officials are Howard Friedman, president; David Gordis, executive vice president; and Rabbi Marc Tanenbaum, international relations director.