

**RABIN: IDF IN SOUTH LEBANON WILL
RESPOND SWIFTLY TO ANY ASSAULT**
By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, Feb. 26 (JTA) -- Defense Minister Yitzhak Rabin told a Knesset committee today that Israeli forces in south Lebanon have taken on a more aggressive policy and were now not merely waiting to react to attacks on its troops, but would meet any assault with a speedy response.

Speaking before the Foreign Affairs and Security Committee, Rabin said that in the past week since the Israel Defense Force introduced its "iron fist" policy, 15 guerrillas had been killed, 22 wounded and 19 expelled north from the areas still controlled by Israel.

Rabin noted that since the hardline policy had been introduced, no IDF casualties had been reported. In the first 48 hours after Israel completed the first stage of its three-stage withdrawal from south Lebanon on February 16, two senior officers and one non-commissioned officer were killed.

Night Curfew Imposed On Entire Region

Meanwhile, spokesmen for the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL) said today the IDF has imposed a night curfew throughout the entire south Lebanon region. Leaflets dropped by helicopter over the area instructed the local inhabitants that the use of motorcycles is forbidden, cars may not travel with only one driver, and there must be at least two persons per car. The restrictions were aimed at preventing the operation of suicide bombers.

Cars, the leaflets instructed, may not be parked on the roadsides. Any vehicle parked without a driver would be immediately destroyed.

The curfew imposed tonight followed the continued searches by the IDF of Shiite villages in south Lebanon. Searches of two such villages yesterday yielded large quantities of weapons and explosives, according to a military spokesman. The villages, Harouf and Shabriha, east of Tyre, were used as bases for recent attacks on the IDF.

All residents were yesterday ordered into the central squares for interrogation while Israeli soldiers carried out house-to-house searches. Three villagers were shot and wounded when they tried to escape. An undisclosed number were detained for further questioning and one building in Harouf was destroyed by the IDF.

The weapons found included grenades, missiles, mortar shells, hand guns, percussion caps, dynamite and other explosives.

Attacks Continue On The IDF

Attacks on the IDF continued yesterday and today. A bomb exploded at a roadside this morning as a border police patrol passed near Kleya village. A Katyusha rocket was fired at an IDF post near Kassemiyeh village and an IDF patrol encountered small arms fire and rocket-propelled grenades in Tyre yesterday. None of the incidents caused casualties.

Meanwhile, two persons were injured in the Israeli coastal city of Ashdod today when a bomb

exploded in a building supplies store. Police investigating the bombing could not say immediately whether it was a terrorist act or a crime involving underworld elements.

**MKS ANGRY OVER VISIT TO ISRAEL
BY PRIME MINISTER OF BAVARIA WHO
ADVOCATES GERMAN ARMS SALES TO SAUDIS**
By Gil Sedan and Hugh Orgel

JERUSALEM, Feb. 26 (JTA) -- Coalition and opposition Knesset members of both the left and right have expressed extreme displeasure with Franz Josef Strauss, the Prime Minister of Bavaria, scheduled here today on an official visit to Israel, for his persistent advocacy of the sale of West Germany's most sophisticated weapons to Saudi Arabia.

Many MKs urged Premier Shimon Peres to withdraw his invitation to Strauss, head of the right-wing Christian Social Union (CSU), after he proposed last week that the Bonn government agree to a Saudi request to buy the Leopard II tank, considered one of the most advanced weapons of its kind. Strauss' rationale was that the sale would mean more work and more jobs for Germany's arms industry.

Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir, who is on a week-long visit to Western Europe, said before his departure over the weekend that while in Bonn he would raise the issue of weapons sales to Arab states and stress as strongly as possible Israel's opposition to them.

Shocking And Alarming Development

Labor MK Abba Eban, chairman of the Knesset's Foreign Affairs and Security Committee, said he opposed any arms sales to the Saudis and therefore opposed Strauss' visit and would refuse to meet him when he is in Israel.

Dan Meridor, of Likud, said a German-Saudi arms deal would impose a severe burden on Israel. "It is shocking and alarming to think that Germans will once again be involved in the sale of arms to Arab countries, which distribute anti-Semitic propaganda and wish to continue what the Germans began so many years ago, " destruction of the Jews, he said.

Meridor flatly rejected Strauss' argument that Israel should be more understanding of Germany's need to export arms since it exports arms itself.

Victor Shemtov, of Mapam, an opposition party, said Strauss' support for the arms deal was at least in part motivated by personal interests. The Bavarian leader is reputed to have financial connections with German arms manufacturers. Shemtov and other MKs said they would boycott the official receptions for Strauss.

But Likud MK Michael Dekel thought that Strauss should be received in Israel correctly but without enthusiasm. He cautioned against emotional reactions to his visit.

Rationale For Arms Sales

Strauss, whose party is a coalition partner in Chancellor Helmut Kohl's Christian Democratic Union (CDU)-led government, said in an interview in the West German newspaper Bild that Germany must stop living in the past with respect to Israel and, like

other Western countries, have no qualms about selling arms in the Middle East. Specifically, he proposed repealing a long-standing law that bans the sale of weapons to areas of tension, among which the Middle East is notable. He said he had helped pave the way years ago for Israel to get West German technology to the benefit of its own armaments industry and favored still more, if Israel wants it.

However, Strauss added, "The Americans, the French, the British are falling all over each other, so great is the crush of these arms suppliers in the Middle East ... Tanks, aircraft, warships, cannon ... if we don't supply them, others will."

Strauss stressed in the interview that "We are bound in ties of friendship with Israel. We provide a great deal of economic aid. The past cannot be erased. But even the Israelis do not live in the past. They must be given a secure future." He observed, however, that "It is time for our (Germany's) relationship with Israel to become normal and relaxed."

ISRAEL IS SELLING 'KNOW-HOW' TO THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA

TEL AVIV, Feb. 26 (JTA) -- Israel is selling "know-how" to the People's Republic of China, employing the promotional services of a local public relations firm and a PR firm in Hong Kong which specializes in translation.

Yonatan Goldberg, head of the Gitam Image Promotion Co., disclosed today that Gitam was commissioned to prepare publicity and informational material for the representatives of two Israeli companies who went to China recently to explain certain processes and to see that they were properly implemented.

Goldberg declined to identify the companies nor did he indicate the kind of "know-how" Israel was exporting to China. At least part of it seems to be military, according to reports. Western military attaches in Peking reported several months ago that British-made tanks at a ceremonial parade were fitted with Israel-made cannons.

WIESENTHAL CENTER ANNOUNCES A \$1 MILLION REWARD FOR INFORMATION LEADING TO CAPTURE OF MENGELE

NEW YORK, Feb. 26 (JTA) -- The Simon Wiesenthal Center of Los Angeles announced yesterday that a reward for \$1 million is being offered for information leading to the capture and extradition of Josef Mengele, the Nazi war criminal who was chief doctor at the Auschwitz death camp.

Martin Mendelsohn, counsel for the Center, said the money had been put up "by a group of concerned citizens, outraged that after forty years the torturer and murderer of 400,000 human beings... is still at large." He said the donors of the funds wish to remain anonymous.

According to the terms of the award, Mengele must be found alive and must be extradited to West Germany or Israel to stand trial for his war crimes. There will be no payment of the reward money if Mengele is dead, the Center said.

Once Mengele arrives in the country requesting the extradition, \$1 million will be paid according to the following schedule: \$333,000 to the charity of choice of the local police agency that arrests him; \$334,000 to the individual or individuals who provide the information directly leading to his arrest and extradition; and \$333,000 to the Wiesenthal Center to continue its activities in tracking down and investigating Nazi war criminals. The \$1 million comes in addition to rewards pledged earlier that total \$375,000.

Meanwhile, newly declassified government documents indicate that the Central Intelligence Agency began receiving reports in 1971 that Mengele was heavily involved with partners in illegal narcotics trafficking in Paraguay, the country where the Nazi war criminal was known to have been living in the late 1970's.

According to the documents, obtained by The New York Times, a CIA source who is reported to have interviewed Nazis in Paraguay produced information to the CIA in 1974 that Mengele had undergone plastic surgery and appeared much younger than his age, which would now be 73.

MOVE BEGUN IN WEST GERMANY TO 'DE-NAZIFY' NAMES OF STREETS

By David Kantor

BONN, Feb. 26 (JTA) -- The Young Guard of the opposition Social Democratic Party (SPD) has announced a nationwide initiative to locate all the sites in West Germany related to its Nazi past.

Ulf Skirke, chairman of the group, known as Juses, said it will put pressure on each and every municipality in the country to begin a process of "de-Nazification" of street names and signs. Many streets in West German towns are still named for Nazi personalities, indicating a tendency to hold on to Nazi traditions, Skirke said.

The Juses also said they intend to publish research works on the whereabouts of the political, economic and cultural elements of the society which supported the Nazi system. The organization said it is taking these actions as part of its preparations for the 40th anniversary of Germany's defeat in World War II.

The Juses believe that the government should celebrate the event as the liberation of Germany from Nazi rule rather than mark it as a day of "collapse," as it has been traditionally called here.

The results of recent public opinion polls here, however, indicate that most West Germans would probably not welcome such an initiative by the Juses. A survey last month revealed that most West Germans are tired of what has been termed by many "excessive" reporting on and preoccupation with the Nazi past.

The pollsters found out that a great majority of Germans believe that it is both useless and undesirable to keep talking about the past 40 years after Hitler's fall.

BRITISH ROCK STAR DEMEANS HOLOCAUST

NEW YORK, Feb. 26 (JTA) -- An official of the Board of Deputies of British Jews has described as "an irresponsible use of language" the characterization by a British rock star of the Holocaust as "a perverted tea party" compared to the present situation in Ethiopia.

Bob Geldorf, lead singer of the Boomtown Rats, made the comment on the Holocaust after receiving a special presentation earlier this month at the Phonograph Industry's annual awards' ceremony in London, broadcast live on BBC television and radio.

Geldorf inspired the Band Aid project last year which brought together numerous British rock musicians to record the hugely successful single, "Do They Know It's Christmas Time," the proceeds of which have gone to aid famine victims in Ethiopia. Geldorf has personally visited Ethiopia to present officials there with funds for famine aid.

Board of Deputies defense chief, Dr. Jacob Gerwitz, told the weekly Jewish Telegraph of Britain that "it was tasteless remark, but it didn't appear to be meant in an offensive way. He was obviously more concerned with the victims of the drought in Ethiopia."

"This is just a form of over-statement which a scholar wouldn't have made and not something we would complain about ... In all such cases, we examine the motive. There is no evidence that he meant to minimize the Holocaust. This was just an irresponsible use of language," Gerwitz said.

TWO BOMBS SAFELY DISMANTLED

JERUSALEM, Feb. 26 (JTA) -- Two bombs planted in the Old City were safely dismantled by police today. They were spotted by a Belgian tourist, Leon Bubek, and an Israeli identified only as Michael. Bubek, 72, saw a suspicious looking object near the New Gate. The other bomb was near the Nablus Gate on the road leading to western Jerusalem. Police sappers de-fused both before they exploded. An explosive device found near the Lions Gate of the Old City several days ago was also safely dismantled.

BEHIND THE HEADLINES WEIZMANN INSTITUTE IS MOVING RAPIDLY INTO THE 21st CENTURY By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, Feb. 26 (JTA) -- The Weizmann Institute of Science in Rehovot is moving rapidly into the 21st century -- a full 15 years before that calendar event. Its researchers are working on the application of mathematical theory to social and economic problems; on the development of computers more intelligent than the human brain; and on robotics.

Prof. Yakar Kannai, of the Institute's faculty of mathematical science, has just been appointed the first incumbent of the Erica and Ludwig Jesselson professorial chair in theoretical mathematics, created by Ludwig Jesselson of New York.

Kannai has been working on a new class of equation, similar to partial differential equations used to describe such phenomena as heat, electricity and wave motion. He is also employing "game theory," known too as "conflict resolution," to understand the interaction of various social and economic factors, to describe the process of inflation and unemployment.

Such mathematical models could be of importance in the optimum allocation of manpower. It can demonstrate how a group of individuals can affect a large economic structure, such as the stock exchange.

Another Area Of Research

In another area of research, Prof. Shimon Ullman, who heads the Weizmann Institute's National Center for Artificial Intelligence (AI), is trying to develop computers superior to the human brain, mainly by studying how the brain functions.

Ullman, recently installed as Samy and Ruth Cohen Professor of Computer Sciences, says the Center's efforts combine interdisciplinary research in computer sciences, neurosciences and psychology.

Ullman is working on computers with elementary visual processing capabilities which are essential to intelligence. His colleague Dr. Ehud Shapiro, is trying to design hardware and language for parallel processing. Dr. Tamar Flash, formerly of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) where Ullman spent 10 years on AI research, will take charge of a robotics program focussing on manipulation, kinematics and dynamics and on trajectory planning.

According to Ullman, "The main message of AI research seems to be that those areas once considered inordinately difficult -- such as designing a computer that can play world class chess -- have proven relatively simple, whereas teaching a computer elementary tasks such as understanding English or visually discerning shapes, have proved nearly impossible.

"The main objective is to learn more about the brain through this research. The reason we're not sure just how to make computers intelligent is that we still aren't certain what goes on in the brain," he said.

The AI Center at the Weizmann Institute is funded by the Israel Ministry of Science and the Defense Ministry.

Awards To Membrane Technology Research

Meanwhile, three membrane technology researchers recently received awards funded by H. Dudley Wright, an American industrialist who founded and heads the Orbisphere Corp. which specializes in the manufacture of scientific instruments based on membrane technology.

Prof. Francis De Korosy of Ben Gurion University of the Negev and Prof. Michael Schramm of the Hebrew University in Jerusalem received the Dudley Wright Achievement Prize. Dr. Rafi Korenstein of the Weizmann Institute received the Dudley Wright Research Award. Wright was on hand to congratulate the recipients at the award ceremonies held at the Weizmann Institute.

20th ANNUAL FASHION WEEK IN ISRAEL By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, Feb. 26 (JTA) -- Yael Matalon, head of the Fashions Division of the Israel Export Institute, said today that 110 foreign buyers have arrived in the country for the 20th annual Fashions Week to examine the latest styles in apparel put out by Israel's 51 fashion houses.

They are attending the winter fashions show which opened today at the new 18-story Textile and Fashion Center on the sea-front between Tel Aviv and Jaffa, which represents a \$20 million investment by local industrialists.

Other buyers, foreign and Israeli, are inspecting summer merchandise displayed by local firms at the 12th annual High Fashions Festival at the Tel Aviv Hilton Hotel.

According to Matalon, most of the foreign buyers are from European countries, the Israeli fashion industry's best customers. The U.S. is represented by only one firm, the high prestige, high price Texas-based Nieman-Marcus department store.

Israeli fashion designers and manufacturers are anxious to break into the American market, Matalon said. Some firms have begun sending teams to the U.S. with samples to display at American fashion shows.

MISSION IMPOSSIBLE

TEL AVIV, Feb. 26 (JTA) -- Israel Radio reported that a Hadera man involved in a family quarrel tried to take his own life in various ways -- but failed in each. The man reportedly took an overdose of sleeping pills. When he woke up and found himself still alive, he opened the gas taps. When this did not work he jumped from the roof of his four-story building. Police, summoned by neighbors, saw a man get up from the ground and run away -- apparently because he feared he would be charged with attempted suicide.

BEHIND THE HEADLINES THE JEWS OF TRINIDAD

By David Ettinger

PORT OF SPAIN, TRINIDAD, Feb. 26 (JTA)—In this former British colony, home of calypso, steel band music, and carnival bacchanal, the policemen wear Stars of David on their uniforms and streets are named for Zionist leaders, yet one can count the Jewish population on the fingers of one hand.

Hans Stecher, owner of a flourishing chain of duty-free stores in Trinidad and Tobago, is one of that handful. Stecher and his parents arrived in Port of Spain penniless in 1938 with several hundred other Jewish refugees from Germany and Austria who made Trinidad a temporary haven from Nazi tyranny during World War II.

As enemy aliens, Jews were interned in barracks erected near one of Port of Spain's most fashionable residential areas today, but otherwise led normal lives, according to Stecher. The sudden influx led to the creation of the first Jewish congregation, the Jewish Religious Society, in 1938. By the end of the war, however, most Jews had emigrated.

A Transit Point

"Trinidad was in many ways a transit point," explained Stecher. Few Jews who made their way here intended to settle permanently. Those who did helped set up the soon to become independent country's first businesses in Port of Spain's now thriving downtown commercial district.

Among these were Shimon Averboukh and his wife who arrived in 1933. The Averboukhs, active in real estate, named the streets in the housing development they built on reclaimed swampland on the outskirts of the capital after Theodor Herzl, Chaim Weizmann, David Ben Gurion, and Yitzhak Ben-Zvi.

Why the Trinidad and Tobago Police Force adopted the Star of David as its insignia remains an enigma. According to one explanation, it is because the first chief of police was Jewish, but this story is apocryphal.

An Evaporating Jewish Community

Until their death in the late 1970's, the Averboukhs together with Stecher formed the vanguard of the evaporating Jewish community. In 1950, a makeshift synagogue was opened in a remodeled house in the heart of town, but by 1971 plans to erect a new synagogue were abandoned when the Jewish population virtually disappeared.

Today there are not enough Jews for a minyan, and Stecher, conscious of his role as one of the few remnants of a vanishing breed, is custodian of the 50 gravesites which occupy the Jewish section of the Mucarapo Cemetery, a short drive from the center of town.

Jewish settlement in Trinidad actually dates back to the 17th century when Sephardic merchants from the Dutch colony of Surinam moved to the island then under Spanish control. Historical records show that there was a small Jewish community when the British took over in 1797 and again in 1818.

In 1900, Trinidad's 31 Jews were all British civil servants, including an associate justice of the Trinidad Supreme Court, or representatives of British firms. Today, the only traces of a pre-war Jewish presence are names on the windows of shops formerly owned by Jewish merchants which have long since passed into non-Jewish hands.

Notwithstanding an appreciable Lebanese and Syrian population, Trinidad maintains diplomatic relations with Israel whose Ambassador visits periodically from his base in nearby Caracas. Keeping a low profile, Israeli technical and agricultural experts also occasionally transit the island, no doubt oblivious to this country's rich Jewish past.

URUGUAY'S NEW GOVERNMENT INCLUDES THREE JEWS IN PUBLIC OFFICES

MONTEVIDEO, Feb. 26 (JTA)—The new Liberal government taking over in Uruguay on March 1, following elections there three months ago, will include three Jews in prominent posts, the World Jewish Congress reported today.

According to the Latin American branch of the WJC, no Jew was elected to national office in the new government, whose main personalities — with President Julio Maria Sanguinetti at the helm — have been for many years proven friends of the Jewish community and of Israel. However, one of the 19 mayors of the country is a Jew. He is Benito Stern in Maldonado, whose jurisdiction includes the famous beach resort of Punta del Este.

In the capital of Montevideo, the mayor chose a Jewish engineer, Luis Lieberman, to head the vitally important department of public works and services. A third Jew, Julio Kneit, was appointed an economic advisor to the new government. Kneit is a former president of the Kehila.

FOUR-MONTH FESTIVAL TO MARK 225TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF THE BOARD OF DEPUTIES OF BRITISH JEWS

By Maurice Samuelson

LONDON, Feb. 26 (JTA) — The 40th anniversary of the ending of World War II is to be a major theme in the four-month festival of British Jewry starting next month. The festival, marking the 225th anniversary of the founding of the Board of Deputies of British Jews, will have a program of about 60 events in London and 12 other centers throughout Britain. It will culminate on June 4 at a reception at Hampton Court Palace to honor the Prince and Princess of Wales.

Among leading events are two exhibitions depicting Jewish heritage and art at London's Commonwealth Institute and a documentary exhibition of Anglo-Jewish achievement at London's Camden Arts Center. There also will be light entertainment and concerts at a West End theater and the Royal Albert Hall, as well as services marking Israel's Independence Day.

Among several events linked with the anniversary of victory over Nazism is a commemorative dinner for survivors of the Holocaust. Several provincial cities are staging exhibitions of Jewish music, art, drama and cuisine.

The festival is largely the initiative of MP Greville Janner, whose six-year term as president of the Board of Deputies comes to an end this year.

NEW YORK (JTA) — Natan Virshulsky, a young religious Jew, was arrested in Kiev on charges of allegedly "stealing books from a synagogue library," the National Conference on Soviet Jews reported Tuesday. Virshulsky, who is from Moscow, was in Kiev to visit his wife's parents when the arrest was made. His arrest is among a series of actions taken against the religious Jewish community in recent months, the Conference said.