

**TRUDEAU GOVERNMENT REJECTED MEASURES TO BRING NAZI WAR CRIMINALS LIVING IN CANADA TO JUSTICE**

By Ben Kayfetz

TORONTO, July 15 (JTA) — The Liberal-led government of former Prime Minister Pierre Elliott Trudeau considered—and rejected—a large number of measures proposed to help bring Nazi war criminals living in Canada to justice, it was disclosed this week.

Trudeau's Cabinet in 1981 ruled out any action after studying a report by a special task force that had examined all the options available to the government. Most were dismissed as unworkable for a variety of reasons.

The only viable option, one pressed for by the Law Reform Commission and Jewish organizations in Canada, was amendment of the Criminal Code by new legislation which would allow Canada to try ex-Nazis and Nazi collaborators for crimes they committed on foreign soil.

But the then Justice Minister, Jean Chretien, was unhappy with the concept of retroactive legislation and told the Canadian Bar Association in 1982 that it made him "nervous."

A source who sat in on the Cabinet deliberations said such a concept was counter to the rule of law and might create a dangerous precedent which "less than democratic countries" might use, for example, to pass laws against minority groups, including Jews.

The issue was raised anew by the Progressive Conservative government of Prime Minister Brian Mulroney which has set up a one-man commission to investigate suspected Nazi war criminals presently living in Canada and recommend measures to deal with them. The commission, consisting of former Quebec Superior Court Justice Jules Deschenes, is required to submit its report by the end of the year.

**DEFENSE BUDGET CUT COULD LEAD TO WEAKENED AIR FORCE, OFFICIAL WARNS**  
By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, July 15 (JTA) — Air Force Commander Gen. Amos Lapidot warned today that "painful" cuts in the defense budget could "in the long run lead to a weakened Air Force with lower standards."

Speaking to reporters in advance of Air Force Day which will be observed on Thursday, Lapidot said that cuts in the Israel Defense Force budget have already resulted in the grounding of some aircraft and pilots and reduced air time for training and other routine flights.

At the same time, Arab air forces are growing in size and improving in quality, especially the Syrian air force, Lapidot said. He said increased professional contacts and joint training exercises between Arab and Western air forces resulted in a marked improvement in the training, battle tactics and operational techniques of Arab pilots. "And this cannot be good for us," the general added.

Lapidot was concerned for the future of the Lavie, Israel's second generation jet fighter-bomber. He said he did not oppose a review of the project for economic reasons. But its cancellation would have very serious

effects on the Air Force and on the country's high technology and precision industries which would be kept fully employed during the building of the Israel-designed plane.

As it is, Lapidot said, plans to build the American jet engines which will power the Lavie in Israel, under a licensing agreement with the American manufacturer, probably will have to be scrapped. He said this was due to financial problems at the Bet Shemesh engine factory. The Lavie's engines will instead be purchased in the U.S.

**U.S. CITES BASIS FOR MEETING WITH A JOINT JORDANIAN-PALESTINIAN DELEGATION**  
By David Friedman

WASHINGTON, July 15 (JTA) — The State Department stressed today that if the United States meets with a joint Jordanian-Palestinian delegation it will be to bring about direct negotiations between Israel and the Jordanian-Palestinian representatives.

"We are prepared to meet with a group of Jordanians and Palestinians if such a meeting would clearly point toward that goal," Robert Smalley, a State Department spokesman, said. "The ultimate objective is to bring two delegations together, an Israeli one on the one hand and a joint Palestinian-Jordanian delegation on the other."

Smalley's comments came as he confirmed that Jordan has sent the U.S. a list of Palestinians from which the State Department will decide whether any are acceptable as the Palestinian members of the joint delegation.

The Jordanian action was revealed over the weekend by King Hussein in Amman. Secretary of State George Shultz said yesterday in Australia that the U.S. has received the names "and we are in the process of evaluating them." Neither Shultz nor Smalley would reveal any of the names.

**U.S. Will Not Accept PLO Members**

Smalley said he did not know whether the Palestine Liberation Organization had played a part in selecting the list. But according to reports, Hussein had received a list from PLO leader Yasir Arafat.

Smalley reiterated that the U.S. would not accept members of the PLO on the delegation. He quoted Shultz who, at a press conference last May during Hussein's visit to Washington, said: "We are looking for people of good will who are truly dedicated to non-violent negotiated solutions and truly ready to strive for peace with Israel."

The U.S. will keep Israel fully consulted on all steps of the peace process, Smalley said. But he refused to say whether Israel would have any say in selecting or rejecting names on the Jordanian list.

The U.S. has said it will accept members of the Palestine National Council, who are not members of the PLO, on the delegation. But Israel considers all members of the PNC as members of the PLO.

Smalley could not give any time limit for the U.S. decision to be made. He said the U.S. hoped the negotiations between Israel and a Jordanian-Palestinian delegation could begin this year.

If the U.S. approves members of the Palestinian delegation, Richard Murphy, Assistant Secretary of

State for Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs, would head the U.S. delegation for talks with a joint Jordanian-Palestinian delegation. Murphy is not expected to go to the Mideast until a decision is made on the list of Palestinians.

# HISTADRUT GOING AHEAD WITH PLANS FOR A GENERAL STRIKE By Gil Sedan

**JERUSALEM, July 15 (JTA) —** Some agreement was reported at an economic summit meeting yesterday which lasted well into the night. But Histadrut is going ahead with plans for a nationwide general strike tomorrow, an indication it is far from satisfied with the results so far of negotiations over the government's emergency economic program.

Yesterday's meeting was attended by Premier Shimon Peres and Finance Minister Yitzhak Modai; Eli Hurwitz, president of the Manufacturers Association; Yisrael Kessar, Secretary General of Histadrut; and Haim Haberfeld, chairman of its trade unions division; Moshe Mandelbaum, Governor of the Bank of Israel; and Attorney General Yitzhak Zamir.

That assemblage of the country's top political, economic, business, labor and legal leadership indicated the urgency of the situation and the desire of all parties to avoid either crippling strikes or the postponement of measures the government says are the only way to avert economic collapse.

An understanding was said to have been reached that wage-earners will receive a 14 percent cost-of-living increment at the beginning of next month. But there was no agreement on whether workers in the public sector will be compensated at that rate.

An agreement seemed to be in the making on the scheduled mass dismissals of civil service workers. It is said to provide for a 60-day negotiating period between the government and Histadrut to work out terms and timetables. The government had originally intended to dismiss 10,000 civil service employees by decree.

# C.O.L. ROSE BY 14.9 PERCENT IN JUNE, HIGHEST EVER FOR THAT MONTH By Hugh Orgel

**TEL AVIV, July 15 (JTA) —** The cost-of-living index rose by 14.9 percent in June, according to figures released by the Central Bureau of Statistics today. It is the highest rise ever for the month of June but about five percent lower than the Finance Ministry, the Bank of Israel and most economists had predicted.

This is expected to take some of the steam out of Histadrut demands in its current negotiations with the government over the emergency economic program. Had the June price index topped 20 percent, the trade union federation would have had a strong bargaining point for additional compensation for wage-earners.

Finance Minister Yitzhak Modai attributed the June rise to effects of the second wage-price package deal which the government has replaced by its emergency program to be in effect for the next three months. The June figure includes price increases that were partly the result of reduced price support subsidies.

It does not, however, reflect the sharp rise in prices at the beginning of July when subsidies were slashed again and the Shekel was devalued. Those elements will be manifest in the July price index, to be released on August 15. A 25 percent increase has been forecast.

By then, however, the government hopes its emergency economic measures will have been fully implemented, resulting in a sharp drop of the cost-of-living index to between 4-10 percent by next October.

# CHICAGO'S MAYOR SAYS RELATIONS BETWEEN JEWS AND BLACKS ARE GOOD BUT NEED TO BE WORKED ON By Hugh Orgel

**TEL AVIV, July 15 (JTA) —** Mayor Harold Washington of Chicago, the first Black mayor of that city, who is now visiting Israel, told reporters here yesterday that the "long-standing and deep-seated" relationship between Jews and Blacks in the U.S. was as good as it has ever been but needs working on.

He said he does not consider the anti-Semitism of Black Moslem leader Louis Farrakhan to be of any significance. Farrakhan's anti-Semitic remarks aggravated tension between Jews and Blacks during the 1984 Presidential primaries because the Rev. Jesse Jackson, the first Black contender for the Democratic nomination, refused to repudiate Farrakhan's support.

Washington, who is here as a guest of the Foreign Ministry, spoke to reporters after touring holy sites in Galilee. He said the recent TWA hijacking and holding of Americans hostage for the release by Israel of Lebanese Shiite prisoners made Americans more aware of the problems of terrorism but is unlikely to affect U.S.-Israel relations.

According to Washington, there is no quid pro quo for American aid to Israel. It is given, he said, out of mutual interests and for humanitarian reasons.

# 12TH MACCABIAH GAMES BEGIN By Hugh Orgel

**TEL AVIV, July 15 (JTA) —** Some 50,000 persons are expected in Ramat Gan Stadium tonight to witness the colorful opening ceremonies of the 12th Maccabiah Games, scheduled to run through July 25. Some 4,000 athletes from 39 countries will participate in the Jewish Olympic contests.

The central theme of the two hour program scheduled for tonight is the ingathering of the 12 tribes of Israel. The program is to include a 30 minute show featuring 1,000 performers dancing, singing and wearing costumes from Yemen, Morocco, Ethiopia, the United States, Israel and other cultures which have gone into the Israeli melting pot.

A gymnastic display will be staged by 2,000 youths from the Young Maccabi Youth Movement, and parachutists will jump into the center of the stadium before the final fireworks display. President Chaim Herzog, who in his youth was a Maccabi boxing champion in his native Ireland, will declare the game officially open.

The Maccabi torch will be carried into the stadium by the 1972 Olympic Games seven gold medalist Mark Spitz, accompanied by the 13 year old daughters of Amitzur Shapira, Yosef Romano and Andrie Spitzer, three of the 11 Israeli athletes and coaches on the 1972 Israeli Olympic team who were killed by Black September terrorists in Munich.

Spitz, whose participation in this year's Maccabiah was kept a close secret until last week, made his international swimming debut at the seventh Maccabiah in 1965 and went on from there to the United States Olympic Team and his world shattering Munich Games victories.

# PERES: ISRAEL 'SERIOUSLY INTERESTED' IN REOPENING TIES WITH THE USSR

JERUSALEM, July 15 (JTA) — Premier Shimon Peres said today that "Israel was seriously interested in reopening diplomatic relations with the Soviet Union" and indicated that the new Soviet leadership, under Mikhail Gorbachev, could open the way for "a dialogue on all subjects with the Russians."

Peres made his remarks to Edgar Bronfman, president of the World Jewish Congress during a meeting here with members of the WJC Executive. "The Russians were never our enemies," he said. Moscow broke diplomatic relations with Israel during the 1967 Six-Day War.

"With Gorbachev coming to power there could be a new opportunity we shouldn't overlook. We should attempt to reach a dialogue on all subjects with the Russians," Peres said. He praised "the most important job" the WJC is attempting on behalf of Soviet Jewry and for Jewish life behind the Iron Curtain.

Bronfman suggested that "The Prime Minister's words are certain to have a salutary effect in moderating East-West tensions. Such a reduction in tension and renewed dialogue between the superpowers would be good for both East and West as well as Israel and the Jews," he added.

Peres announced after the meeting an agreement to set up a monthly satellite television hook-up to provide live exchanges between himself and diaspora Jewish leaders at Bronfman's office in New York.

# CAR-BOMB ATTACK KILLS TWO SLA SOLDIERS AND EIGHT CIVILIANS

TEL AVIV, July 15 (JTA) — Two soldiers of the Israel-backed South Lebanon Army (SLA) and eight Lebanese civilians were killed today in a new suicide car-bomb attack at the perimeter of the south Lebanon security zone near Marjayoun.

The inspection point where the attack occurred has been closed for the past week because of two earlier car bombings which caused fatalities to SLA soldiers and Lebanese civilians. Two Israeli soldiers were wounded in the earlier attacks.

Eye-witnesses to today's bombing said the vehicle used was a Peugeot-504, a make and model frequently used by suicide bombers. It bore the emblem of the International Red Cross. The driver was killed instantly in the blast.

# PICKERING IS NEW U.S. ENVOY TO ISRAEL

WASHINGTON, July 15 (JTA) — Thomas Pickering, a career diplomat, was confirmed by the Senate last week as the new U.S. Ambassador to Israel. Pickering, 53, whose last assignment was Ambassador to El Salvador, was among a group of envoys whose confirmation was held up by a small group of conservative Senators led by Sen. Jesse Helms (R. NC). He joined the foreign service in 1959 and served as U.S. Ambassador to Jordan from 1974-76. Pickering will succeed Samuel Lewis who ended an eight-year term as Ambassador to Israel in May.

# SPANISH OFFICIAL SAYS DIPLOMATIC TIES WITH ISRAEL ARE LIKELY IN NEAR FUTURE

WASHINGTON, July 15 (JTA) — The First Minister of the Spanish Embassy, Juan Jose

Arboli, told an American Jewish Committee delegation that Spain's policies regarding establishment of diplomatic relations with Israel "are in a good place" and that "movement in that direction should occur in the very near future."

Arboli made that statement in a meeting held in the Spanish Embassy last week with an AJC delegation consisting of Dr. David Gordis, Leo Nevas, Marc Tanenbaum, and Hyman Bookbinder.

The Spanish Minister also told the AJC group that Prime Minister Felipe Gonzalez has informed a number of Arab countries recently of his intention to establish diplomatic ties with Israel and that it was inappropriate for Arab governments to try to block that from happening. "We are an independent sovereign nation," Arboli said, "and we cannot let other governments determine our foreign policy."

Spain recently negotiated an agreement for entering the European Economic Community with Portugal. One of the terms of entering the EEC was an understanding that Spain would establish diplomatic ties with Israel. Two weeks ago the Gonzalez government reshuffled major Cabinet posts, including the designation of a new Foreign Minister.

# Cites Existence Of Warm Personal Ties

Arboli also told the AJC representatives that "warm personal ties exist between Mr. Gonzalez and Israel's Prime Minister, Shimon Peres" and that "there is widespread warm feeling among the Spanish people towards Israel and the Jewish people."

In response to a proposal from Tanenbaum, AJC's international relations director, Arboli said his country would be eager to cooperate with the AJC in arranging civic and cultural exchange programs. The AJC's international relations department carries on such exchange programs with West Germany, France, Italy, and several Latin American governments and civic and religious groups in those countries.

Last February, an AJC delegation of lay leaders carried out a mission to Spain, where they met with government, political, civic, and religious leaders.

# POLL SHOWS MAJORITY OF ISRAELIS DISSATISFIED WITH THE WAY THE GOVERNMENT HANDLES POLITICAL AFFAIRS

TEL AVIV, July 15 (JTA) — A poll published in Maariv showed that 56.6 percent of the respondents were dissatisfied with the way the unity coalition government is handling political affairs. But almost the identical number, 56.5 percent, expressed satisfaction with the way defense and security matters were being handled, according to the poll taken by the Modi'in Ezrachi Institute.

On political affairs, 32.6 percent of the respondents were mildly dissatisfied and 24 percent "definitely not satisfied." Of the 39.8 percent who indicated satisfaction, only 2.8 percent were "very satisfied." A similar poll taken last March showed 62.3 percent was happy with the way the government was handling political affairs and 32.3 percent were unhappy.

With respect to defense and security, 47.9 percent in the latest poll was "fairly satisfied" with the government's record, 8.6 percent was "very satisfied" and 39.7 percent was "dissatisfied." In the March poll, 60.3 percent of the respondents were satisfied and 36.8 percent dissatisfied.

**SPECIAL TO THE JTA**  
**JNF SUMMER CAMPS IN THE GALILEE HILLS**  
**ARE BECOMING INCREASINGLY POPULAR**  
 By David Landau

**GOLANI JUNCTION, Galilee, July 15 (JTA)**—Jewish National Fund summer camps, in natural forest sites in the Galilee hills, are becoming ever more popular with Israeli youngsters and, more recently, with youth groups from abroad. This year, though, there is an important innovation: a summer camp for Arab youngsters.

The camp is held from the second week of July, at a spot near the Mishnaic site of Zippori. JNF's youth and education staff invested much time and effort in preparing the programs together with the Nazareth educators and youth leaders. The venture seemed set to be a great success when the Jewish Telegraphic Agency visited the camp briefly just prior to the official opening.

The camp is especially important in view of the disturbing spread of racist ideas among Israeli school-age youngsters. This phenomenon has been documented in several sociological surveys. National leaders, from President Chaim Herzog down, have spoken out publicly and repeatedly against the dangers this trend could bring to Israeli democracy and to the foundations of society in the Jewish State.

On the Arab side, too, there is a trend to extremism in some circles. Politicians and social scientists will argue about which side's extremism triggers counter-extremism from the other side. All will agree that the vicious circle must be broken.

**JNF Becomes A Political Target**

A JNF summer camp for Arab youth is a particularly appropriate vehicle to disseminate tolerance and understanding: the JNF itself has increasingly suffered from a surge of nationalistic vandalism in the Galilee.

In the past several weeks there have been two forest fires which the police attribute to arson. Several more are also suspected to have been caused deliberately. The motive in all cases is nationalistic.

The JNF, one of the oldest organs of the Zionist movement, is perceived as a legitimate political target — and hence its trees, its recreation areas, its commemorative plaques, these are all targeted by militant Arab youngsters out to prove their bravado and patriotism.

Gil Sapir, JNF's head of forestry in the lower Galilee, stated: "It's probably a tiny minority, a handful of young thugs. But they are causing us a good deal of trouble."

In his area, Sapir said, the JNF has had to place commemorative plaques collectively on commemorative walls alongside its regional stations, which are under constant protection, instead of having each plaque displayed at the entrance to the forest or glade to which each plaque belongs.

Both the forests themselves, Sapir said, and JNF's role in land acquisition and land reclamation "are seen as representing Zionism. There were reports that PLO documents captured by the Israel Defense Force in Lebanon specifically included the JNF and its facilities among terrorism targets."

Sapir, 36, with a masters degree in botany, is an example of the rising generation of JNF's scientific foresters.

He came to the JNF after working for the Nature Protection Society, where he was a researcher in forestry. At the JNF he started as a forest supervisor. Now he heads a force of 80 men who are responsible for all the forests, natural and planted, throughout the lower Galilee. Significantly, of this work force, more than half are Arabs — among them some of the most skilled foresters.

There are 13 men of Sapir's rank, regional director, spread out across the country. Three of them — the youngest three — are university graduates. And plainly, said JNF spokesman David Angel, they are "our wave of the future."

Sapir said he picked up "eighty percent of what I know about trees" from working with the old-timers. But he said he uses this knowledge and experience with his academic training — to evolve a more streamlined and scientific approach to forest management.

**'In The Bosom Of Nature'**

Spending Saturdays and Holidays "in the bosom of nature," as the Hebrew phrase puts it, has grown ever more popular as the facilities provided by the JNF around the country have become more inviting and more plentiful.

While JNF summer camps take place in their hundreds, at sites all over the country — with groups of youngsters pitching tents and living rough in the woods for a week or two — the JNF runs four model camp-sites, providing facilities (stone-built dining-rooms, kitchens and washrooms; tents large and small; first-aid stations; and study-rooms) and rich programs tailored to suit the requirements of individual groups. Two of these are in the lower Galilee, at the Lavie Forest and at Zippori, one in the Jerusalem Hills and one in the northern Negev.

**Shangri-La Israeli Style**

At the Lavie camp when JTA visited recently, senior JNF youth director Avi Saguy was unobtrusively supervising parallel programs for a Canadian Jewish group and for an Israeli scouts group.

The Israelis were living naturally, cooking in the open, putting the accent on trekking and field skills. The Canadian group took their meals in the dining-room. Their program included archaeological work — "wherever you dig around here, you find something," Saguy said — and swimming in the Kinneret.

Each group had counsellors, supplied by the JNF, to assist its own leaders in running the programs. Details had been planned meticulously in advance; every hour of the day seemed accounted for.

And yet the atmosphere, amid the shady pine glades of the camp-site, was one of total relaxation, a veritable Shangri-La Israeli-style.

Saguy noted that organized camping holidays for adults, too, are growing in popularity in Israel — especially in light of the economic exigencies which put foreign holidays out of most peoples' reach.

The JNF, he said, is ready to accommodate and assist any organized group (though not individual families.) It will take care of children while parents are free to enjoy a variety of interesting and relaxing pursuits. The cost will be a fraction of a hotel holiday, and the benefit, for all the family, will be richer by far.