SECURITY FORCES CONTINUE SEARCH IN NABLUS FOR KILLER OF AFULA MAN

By Gil Sedan

NABLUS, Aug. 1 (JTA) -- Large forces of Israeli soldiers patrolled this West Bank town today in a concerted effort to find the killer of Albert Buchris, 32, who was fatally shot Tuesday as he was buying pitta in the old market place. By tonight there was no word of any progress in the investigation into his murder.

The city has remained under curfew since the killing, but it was lifted for two hours yesterday afternoon to allow the residents to stock up on food. Security forces sealed off one of the narrow alleys which the killer is suspected of having used as his escape route. Three stores next to the site where the killing occurred were also shut down.

As the main market place filled with people during the two hours the curfew was lifted, residents talked about the shooting, some of them offering theories as to why Buchris was shot.

Some said that the murder was an apparent revenge for the death of two residents of the nearby village of Tubal, in an explosion last weekend. Israeli security forces said the two were victims of a bomb that exploded as they were setting it. But some people in Nablus said they did not believe this version.

Others said the murder of Buchris might have been committed by one of the notorious killers released in the recent prisoner exchange which was allowed to remain in the area.

The local Nativ University was also closed down by orders of the military authorities. One of the youths killed in the bomb explosion was a student at the university. The closing down of the school was immediately interpreted by residents here as a form of collective punishment.

But Shmuel Goren, Israeli government coordinator of affairs in the administered territories, visited Nablus yesterday and denied that any collective punishment had been initiated. He said the curfew was merely to facilitate the search for Buchris' killer. However, Goren conceded that in cases such as this one, the borderline between collective punishment and operational necessities are often blurred.

Meanwhile, an out of service bus which until Tuesday served as a canteen in the yard of the military government headquarters at the entrance to the city stood empty. Until Tuesday afternoon, the canteen had been a focal point of culinary activity. Now it stands in eerie silence. It had been owned by Buchris.

TENSION IN AFULA

By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, Aug. 1 (JTA) -- The Jezreel Valley town of Afula was quiet but tense today, following rowdy and angry scenes there during and following the funeral in the afternoon of Albert Buchris, shot by an Arab terrorist in Nablus on Tuesday.

Israeli and West Bank Arabs who usually work in the town were again absent today, fearing anti-Arab attacks by enraged Jews who yesterday shouted "Death to the terrorists" and "Kahane ... Kahane ... Kahane, King of Israel," a reference to Rabbi Meir Kahane, leader of the Kach Party.

Tempers were so high last night that the chief of police cancelled a planned and announced Israeli television program at which Health Minister Mordechai Gur (Labor) and Minister-Without-Portfolio Moshe Arens (Likud) had been due to answer questions from an audience at the Afula Cultural Center.

Police said they could not guarantee the safety of reporters, who had been beaten up and a television camera broken during a scuffle at the funeral. The police allowed only a brief announcement by a television reporter from the empty hall, and a brief interview with the local mayor who said he was against the television ban.

But police later said the Mayor had told the police during the funeral that he thought the television program from Afula might be too dangerous to hold. Gur and Arens were interviewed by a television reporter in the Jerusalem studio.

STATE OF CALIFORNIA TO GIVE THE SIMON WIESENTHAL CENTER SOME $5 MILLION IN MATCHING FUNDS TO HELP BUILD A 'MUSEUM OF TOLERANCE'

By Kevin Freeman

NEW YORK, Aug. 1 (JTA) -- The State of California will provide the Simon Wiesenthal Center with some $5 million in state matching funds to aid in construction of a "museum of tolerance" on the grounds of the Yeshiva University in Los Angeles.

Governor George Deukmejian signed Senate Bill 337, which provides the state funds, Tuesday following approval July 18 by both the State Senate and Assembly. Deukmejian, according to his chief of staff, Steven Merkser, supported the funding because he felt sympathy for the suffering of the victims of the Holocaust and other tragedies.

The proposed funding for the museum triggered considerable discord within the Jewish community of California with the state offices of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, the American Jewish Congress and the American Jewish Committee, among others, voicing strong opposition to the legislation.

Construction of the museum is expected to begin in early 1986. The total campaign for the museum is $35 million, according to Center officials. The Center has raised some $12 million from the private sector, and along with the $5 million from the state leaves the Center some $3 million short of the $20 million needed for the "bricks and mortar" aspects of the museum's construction. A campaign to raise a $15 million endowment for museum operations will soon begin, Center officials said.

Rabbi Marvin Hier, dean of the Wiesenthal Center, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency in a telephone interview that the museum "will seek to explore the origins of hate and prejudice by utilizing the Holocaust as the watershed event of the 20th century." Construct-
tion, he said, is expected to take one year. It will be designed by Karl Katz, chief designer and planner for the Museum of the Diaspora at Tel Aviv University.

Hier said the museum will be what he described as "an experiential museum, where the viewer will be expected to do far more than just be a passive spectator. He will be forced to confront the question of what is legitimate prejudice... and what makes one cross over from the legitimate prejudice to become a bigot," he said.

The bill signed by the Governor also requires that a community advisory committee be formed for the new museum and that the Legislature be briefed on construction progress. The bill was authored and introduced last February by State Senate President pro-tem David Roberti, a Los Angeles Democrat, and co-sponsored by Assemblyman Richard Katz, a Democrat representing the San Fernando Valley.

Roberti and Katz praised the Governor for signing the legislation. Roberti said, "I am proud as the leader of the California Senate... to assist the creation of this new museum."

He said some 10,000 California residents sent messages supporting the Senate bill, adding, "Their call for action was heard." Katz said, "We hoped that the siren of never again will come to have meaning for all people."

While Sens. Alan Cranston (D) and Pete Wilson (R) and Mayors Tom Bradley of Los Angeles and Dianne Feinstein of San Francisco supported the funds for the museum, some Jewish organizations opposed it, fearing a breakdown in the separation of church and state.

The ADL, in a letter on behalf of its regional offices in Los Angeles, San Francisco, Santa Ana and San Diego, said that while they supported the idea of a museum to chronicle the Holocaust and other genocides of the 20th century, "the funds should be given to an appropriate public institution such as the University of California or the California State University for this objective."

PERES TO ADDRESS UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

By Yitzhak Robi

UNITED NATIONS, Aug. 1 (JTA) -- Israeli Prime Minister Shimon Peres will come to New York to address the 40th session of the United Nations General Assembly, a high-ranking Israeli diplomat said today. Peres is scheduled to arrive in New York at the beginning of October. The General Assembly session begins on Tuesday, September 17.

Asked if Peres will meet here with Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak, who is also scheduled to address the General Assembly in October, the Israeli diplomat said that "it is likely." Peres will go to Washington to meet with President Reagan and other Administration officials after his visit to the UN.

FORMER AMBASSADOR LEWIS AND HIS WIFE ARE CITED AS 'TRUE FRIENDS OF ISRAEL'

NEW YORK, Aug. 1 (JTA) -- The American Jewish community and leaders of Israel's diplomatic corps in the United States paid tribute Monday to Samuel Lewis, who retired last month after eight years of service as Washington's Ambassador to Israel.

At a reception in his honor given by the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations at its headquarters here, Lewis and his wife, Sally, were hailed by Conference chairman Kenneth Bialkin as "true friends of Israel who left an indelible mark on the Jewish people and the Jewish state, who served longer than any U.S. ambassador in Israel's history and who won the respect and affection of all Israel." He added:

"They served our country. — for truly Sam and Sally are a team — with understanding and warmth, earning our lasting trust and our enduring respect for the way they carried out their task. Even when there were differences between Jerusalem and Washington, Sam and Sally Lewis profoundly understood the personal and indissoluble links that bind Israel and America."

In his impromptu remarks, Lewis described the "rollercoaster relationship between Washington and Jerusalem — from love feasts to dramatic confrontations, from ceremonies of peace with Egypt to arguments over the war in Lebanon," during his eight years in Israel. He continued: "Today I believe I can say the relationship between Israel and the United States is stronger, more solid and more realistic than it has ever been before."

Citing some of the reasons for his belief in Israel's future, "even at this moment of law morale and malaise, and even with all its unsolved problems of economc and political stability and the issue of the territories," Lewis declared:

"I have been deeply moved by Israel's commitment to Zionism and to democracy, by the dedication and patriotism of its young people, by the noble struggle its people are waging to live in dignity and in peace. "But above all, it is the human quality of Israel's people that draws us to and keeps us in that land — the friends we made, the arguments we had, the joys and sorrows we shared, the genuine nerve of the Israelis we met — their 'up front' approach and their 'down home' ways. "He concluded: "These are some of the reasons that Sally and I are so hooked on Israel, and why we intend to keep going back."

KNESSET POSTPONES VOTE ON BILL BANNING MEETINGS BETWEEN ISRAELIS AND PLO OFFICIALS

By David Landau

JERUSALEM, Aug. 1 (JTA) -- There were rowdy scenes in the Knesset yesterday, the last day of the current term, when the house debated a bill banning meetings between Israelis and PLO officials. Mohammed Meir, one of the two members of the Progressive List for Peace, was forcibly rejected from the chamber upon the orders of Speaker Shlomo Hillel after repeatedly and vociferously shouting that the measure would prevent progress towards peace and negotiations.

But a more serious political row over the controversial bill was averted — following the forceful personal intervention Tuesday evening of Prime Minister Shimon Peres. He stepped in during angry deliberations of the coalition executive — and elicited a procedural agreement between Labor and Likud whereby the bill would be debated yesterday — but would not be brought to a vote until the next session of the Knesset.

Labor had earlier threatened to vote en bloc against the bill — even though it is a government bill — and thus, in combination with the leftwing parties, to foil its passage. Labor was incensed that Justice Minister Moshe Nissim (Likud-Liberal) had rejected a personal request from Peres to defer presenting the bill pending further intra-coalition discussions.

The bill provides up to three years jail for "an Israeli citizen or resident who knowingly, and without authorization, has contact in Israel or abroad, with a person who fills a function in the executive, council, or other similar body in a terrorist organization, or who serves as an official representative of a terrorist organization."
Labor's reservations over the bill came late, almost too late. Peres and the Labor ministers had apparently not noticed the various preliminary legislative stages of the measure -- though these had been conducted by Nissim and his staff in the normal way -- and had been surprised to find themselves suddenly confronted with a government-proposed measure which many Laborites are strongly uncomfortable with. Hence Peres' request to Nissim that the enactment be deferred.

But Nissim, apparently sensing Labor embarrassment, insisted on going ahead. Peres, however, had the last word and the vote was postponed.

At the debate yesterday Nissim argued that Israel could hardly urge the United States not to meet with the PLO if it itself condoned such meetings. He said the bill would not ban all meetings -- just meetings with PLO leaders and officials. Of course it would not prevent meetings which the government of the day itself approved or initiated.

USSR SEEN AS STEERING A MORE MODERATE COURSE TOWARD ISRAEL
By Edwin Eytan

PARIS, Aug. 1 (JTA) -- The Soviet Union has somewhat changed its Mideast policy and seems to be steering a more moderate course in its relations with Israel, according to French Foreign Minister Roland Dumas.

French correspondents in Helsinki where Dumas met yesterday for close to three hours with Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze report that the French delegation sees a definite change in Moscow's policy in the area.

Dumas himself said this evening in a radio interview that he felt a change in Soviet policy has taken place since the new leadership took over. Dumas, specifically mentioned the Middle East as one of the areas in which this change was tangible.

The meeting took place to lay the initial groundwork for Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev's scheduled visit to France in October. French officials said Dumas and Shevardnadze did not negotiate but prepared the visit. Nonetheless, these officials have said, they felt a change in the Soviet line which appears less rigorous than in the past.

Ranking Israeli Diplomat Visited The USSR

Israeli sources confirmed today that a top-ranking Israeli diplomat last month paid a "private" visit to the Soviet Union. The sources said Yosef Amihud, minister in charge of information at the Israel Embassy in Paris, obtained a visa and visited the Soviet Union as a member of a group of foreign diplomats. The visit was organized by the French "Diplomatic Academy," a private association of foreign diplomats and foreign correspondents based in France.

Israel decided to try and include Amihud in the group so as to test Soviet willingness to grant visas to Israeli diplomats. Amihud told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that he obtained a visa and that his Soviet hosts "obviously knew who I was and what my nationality and my posts are." He said he was not discriminated against and managed to visit the synagogues and meet local Jewish activists.

Dumas last week assured Israeli Ambassador Ovadia Soffer that France will do all it can to enable a Soviet-Israeli rapprochement. Dumas said the Israeli envoy will be a guest at President Francois Mitterrand's formal reception for Gorbachev at the Elysee Palace. Dumas is quoted as having said that "then it will be up to the Russians to decide whether to further follow up this formal meeting." Soffer met on July 16 for over two hours with the Soviet Ambassador in Paris who, it is reported, hinted at improved Soviet relations with Israel.

French diplomats believe the USSR wants to reestablish diplomatic relations with Israel so as to be able to play a more active role in Middle East affairs and in the forthcoming peace negotiations.

LARGEST GROUP OF U.S. JEWS EMIGRATE TO ISRAEL AT ONE TIME SINCE 1983

NEW YORK, Aug. 1 (JTA) -- One hundred and forty American Jews, from 12 states, the largest group to emigrate to Israel at one time since 1983, left last night from JFK Airport on an El Al flight.

Twenty-five families, including many small children, and 16 single young adults, jammed the third floor lounge of the El Al terminal to bid goodbye to families and friends and to be briefed on what to expect upon their arrival in Israel.

Chaim Shne, director of the Israel Aliya Center, told the new immigrants, "We at the Israel Aliya Center are proud of all of you. Despite the economic crisis in Israel, you have chosen to make aliyah now. And by your very numbers, you are an inspiration to others who may be considering the option of aliyah. We know that you will succeed in Israel."

Earlier, at the check-in area, as skyscrapers streamed into the terminal bearing carts piled high with suitcases and huge cartons, and young children scrambled about playing with balloons given them as they entered the terminal, some of their parents and others expressed strong sentiments concerning their impending aliyah.

Michael Brand, a businessman from Queens, who is emigrating with his wife and three young sons, explained that the family is following a religious injunction in making aliyah and that they are also doing so "for the children."

Olga Sanders, who is emigrating with nine other family members, and had flown in during the afternoon from San Francisco, was observed dashes through the terminal to respond to a telephone page: "It was my best friend calling from Comitomo," she reported. "It suddenly dawned on her that she won't see me for a long time ... she'll have to come to Israel."

David Miller, a journalist from Houston, said: "I hope to use my professional skills to counter anti-Israel attitudes in the media."

In commenting on the evening's events, Shne stated, "We at the Israel Aliya Center view the departure of such a large group of Olim as the beginning of a significant trend of increased aliyah."
THE SOUND OF KLEZMER MUSIC MARKS 10th ANNIVERSARY OF HELSINKI ACCORDS
By David Friedman

WASHINGTON, Aug. 1 (JTA) -- When four members of the well-known Boston Klezmer group, the Klezmer Conservatory Band, went to the Soviet Union last May, the highlight of their visit was meeting and playing with the Phantom Orchestra, a group of Jewish and non-Jewish refuseniks in Tbilisi, the capital of Georgia.

Because of this meeting, Merrill Goldberg, Rosalie Gerut, Hankus Netsky and Jeffrey Warschauer were expelled from the USSR three days later on the charge of "visiting criminals."

Goldberg and Gerut described their experiences at a Capitol Hill program yesterday marking the 10th anniversary of the Helsinki accords. It was sponsored by the Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe, the Congressional Human Rights Caucus, the Union of Councils for Soviet Jews, Boston Action for Soviet Jewry, and the Washington Committee for Soviet Jewry.

The two Boston musicians also sought to recreate some of the feeling of their performances with the Phantom Orchestra held in the homes of members.

The 100-person group present at the gathering yesterday heard classical music by pianist Victor Rosenbaum and mezzo-soprano Jane Strauss, both of Boston, and Klezmer music played by the two women individually and with several other members of the Boston band and with the Farbranger Fiddlers, a Washington Klezmer group.

The sound of Klezmer music was also heard in front of the Soviet Mission to the United Nations in New York today as the Klezmer Conservatory Band was joined by several other Klezmer groups in a "Freedom Concert" to mark the anniversary of the Helsinki accords. It was sponsored by the Student Struggle for Soviet Jewry.

"We Will Be Their Voices"

"We find we cannot forget those we left behind," Goldberg said. "We are here and they are not. We can speak freely and they may not. We were expelled from the Soviet Union and they are unable to leave. Because of this, we will be their voices and instruments today.

The Boston musicians met the Phantom Orchestra through two of its organizers, Grigory and Iossi Goldstein, physicists who have been seeking to emigrate to Israel since 1971. The brothers are also co-founders of the Georgian Helsinki Monitoring Committee. Among others the musicians met are two other brothers, Tenghiz and Eduard Gudava, Catholics who have been trying to emigrate for nine years.

A month after the Boston group left, the homes of seven members of the Phantom Orchestra were searched and nine orchestra members were arrested by the KGB and interrogated and threatened with imprisonment. Two orchestra members, Tenghiz Gudava and Emanuel Tuadzade, are currently in jail.

The women musicians played a tape of the Phantom Orchestra which they had been given after they returned to Boston. Their own tapes of their performances with the refusenik group were confiscated when they were expelled from the USSR.

"There are many kinds of hostages in the world," Gerut said. "Soviet refuseniks are one of them."

She expressed the hope that President Reagan, when he meets with Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev in November, will "emphasize the basic human rights" for all Soviet Jewish and Christian refuseniks, as well as Soviet human rights activists. Sen. Alfonse D'Amato (R. N.Y.), chairman of the Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe, urged "linkage" of human rights with any agreement made with the Soviet Union. "It is not enough for us to decry the situation," he said. He declared there must be a "worldwide demand for human rights. These demands must be part of the centerpiece for any future accords lest we just be seen as giving lip service to human rights."

Rep. Steny Hoyer (D., Md.), co-chairman of the commission, said he disagrees with those who want to abandon the Helsinki process because it "creates the possibility that the Soviet Union can be moved. He urged the effort to be "pursued with more determination until it is 'realized."

Rep. Benjamin Gilman (R. N.Y.), member of the executive committee of the Congressional Human Rights Caucus, said he believed there will be a "breakthrough" although in his meetings with Soviet officials, both in Moscow and in Washington, he noted they refused to discuss the issue.

Rep. Tom Lantos (D., Cal.), Caucus co-chairman, said that the difference between the 1940's when the West failed to speak or act against the Holocaust and the 1980's is that "there is no more silence. There is and there will continue to be a demand that the Soviet Union live up to the Helsinki accords."

Message From The Phantom Orchestra

Gerut read a message from the Phantom Orchestra which said: "It must be clear to all now that the Jewish communities of the world will not stop their struggle until all Jews in the USSR will be able to emigrate if they want to. Let the Pharaohs of the 20th century understand at last that the right of every Jew to go to Israel will never be the internal affair of any country and that the exodus will not be stopped by harassment and internal obstacles."

DAVID KUSEVITSKY DEAD AT 74

NEW YORK, Aug. 1 (JTA) -- Funeral services were held this morning for Cantor David Kusevitsky, a leading interpreter of liturgical music, who died of heart failure yesterday at the New York Medical Center. He was 74 years old.

Born in Smorgor, near Vilna, the youngest of four brothers, Kusevitsky led the choir at the main Vilna Synagogue. He later went to London where he was cantor at Hendon Synagogue and taught Jewish music at the Jews' College.

In 1948 he came to the United States to be the cantor at Temple Emanu-El in the Borough Park section of Brooklyn, where he remained until shortly before his death. From 1957 until the end of the Spring semester of this year, Kusevitsky also taught at the Cantor's Institute of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America.

He made numerous recordings including traditional and original compositions and transcribed entire sheet music for the entire prayer book for the Sabbath and holidays. The volumes were donated to Bar Ilan University in Israel.

The Kusevitsky brothers -- Moshe, Jacob, Simcha and David -- became well known cantors in New York and in South Africa. In 1963, the four brothers appeared at Carnegie Hall before a sold out audience for their first joint American recital.