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**SHAMIR: ATTACKS AGAINST ISRAELI
CITIZENS WILL HAVE SERIOUS
CONSEQUENCES FOR THEIR ASSAILANTS**

By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, Aug. 27 (JTA) — Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir warned that attacks against Israeli civilians such as the two which took place in Jenin and Tulkarem last weekend will have serious consequences for the non-Jewish population.

Addressing a gathering in Ashkelon last Sunday, Shamir said that if innocent Jews are endangered, innocent Arabs must suffer. "We must not allow a situation to occur in Tulkarem or Jenin, or anywhere else, in which, when a Jew is killed, life goes on as usual, as if nothing had happened," Shamir declared.

Andre Aloush, 40, of Netanya was shot and killed in Tulkarem, some 15 miles west of Nablus, last Saturday. Several hours later, Uri Ovad of Tiberias was seriously wounded after being shot in the back at very close range in Jenin, some 20 miles north of Nablus. The assailants escaped.

A curfew immediately imposed on the two cities continued this week as security forces stepped up efforts to apprehend the assailants. The curfew was lifted in the two cities for several hours to allow residents to purchase food supplies. Security forces said the curfew would continue as long as it was necessary for the purpose of the investigation.

Rare Statement From West Bank Leader

Mayor Hilmi Handoun of Tulkarem condemned the weekend murder in a rare statement from a West Bank leader. The statement was placed in the context of the large-scale interest among Tulkarem merchants to continue commercial relations with the neighboring Jewish towns.

Shamir, meanwhile, said terrorism was a threat to Israel's existence, and had to be dealt with as such. He added that terrorist organizations were forced to resort to methods such as those used in Jenin and Tulkarem because their bases in Lebanon were destroyed, and because they were unable to conduct large-scale attacks.

Shamir also cited the renewed presence of Palestinian terrorist bases in Jordan as a reason for the increase in terrorist attacks on Jews in the West Bank and Israel. Minister Mordechai Gur (Labor) also discussed the presence of these bases in Jordan at the weekly Cabinet session last Sunday.

Gur was more cautious in his assessment of how to handle the presence of the terrorist bases in Jordan. "Once we are convinced of that, we shall start deliberations of how to act," Gur told reporters. He said in the meantime, "we are quite hesitant" about specific action "because we do not want to cause any damage to the peace process."

**TERRORIST GROUP UNCOVERED IN
DRUZE TOWNSHIP ON GOLAN HEIGHTS**

TEL AVIV, Aug. 27 (JTA) — Security forces recently uncovered a terrorist group centered on the Druze township of Majdal Shams on the Golan Heights, army sources said today. The gang is report-

ed to have been responsible for a number of attacks against the Israeli Defense Force and Golan Heights civilians and villages during the past six months.

Their activities were said to have included the planting of a mine in a local vineyard, from which a civilian was injured. The gang also sabotaged water pipelines and stole arms, equipment and explosives from army depots.

Etan Liss, chairman of the local Golan Heights Council, said Syrian propaganda was rife in local Arab and Druze schools. He said that while the majority of Golan Heights Druze wanted cooperation with Israel, a minority were still convinced that the Syrians would ultimately take back control of the Golan, and were accordingly working to help achieve that goal.

FIRST NAZI PARTY FORMED IN SWITZERLAND

By Tamar Levy

ZURICH, Aug. 27 (JTA) — The founder of the fledgling Swiss National Socialist Party said here yesterday that his immediate goal is to improve the image of the Nazis with the public and that he also intends to present a list for the communal elections to be held here next year.

While the press in general considers Ernst Meister a screwball, the formation of the first National Socialist Party in the country has evoked some concern among Jews. Most Jews interviewed, however, said that the open anti-Jewish attitudes of the party are not likely to generate wide support.

Meister, 40, agrees that the name and the image of his party leaves a lot to be desired, but not so the ideas it promotes. The former member of National Action, a fascist movement, and the vice president of its Zurich section, Meister told a local weekly, *Zueriwoche*, that "many in other parties support my ideas. The only problem is that they are irritated by the name. Our primary problem is one of image."

Says Country Is Ripe For Nazi Party

But Meister said he has no intention of changing the name of his party and will do all he can to legitimize it with the public. In recent interviews he said that Switzerland is ripe for a new Nazi Party to rise to its previous glamor. Asked about the mass killing of Jews by Hitler, Meister said, "That is not so tragic. Again, the problem is the lack of a good image."

He is described as an electrical engineer and according to press reports he lives alone in an apartment on Zaehring Street. Meister reportedly has angered the National Action, from which he was expelled in 1983, because he is conducting a recruiting drive among its members and supporters, who are much less strident in their public statements. There is no indication of how many members Meister's party has. Most reports note that it is composed of a few persons.

Nevertheless, the spokesman for the Public Ministry of the regional confederation, Roland Hauenstein, said that his office will carefully monitor the party's activities. But he added that political activities in Switzerland that remain within the law and do not threaten the internal or external security of the state cannot be curbed.

POPULAR SOCCER PLAYER IMPLICATED IN ALLEGED BURGLARY AND DRUG RING By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, Aug. 27 (JTA) — Shlomo Shirazi, a popular Israeli soccer player and fullback in the Betar Jerusalem football team, has been removed from the national eleven, after he turned state's witness in a case against himself and seven others in an alleged burglary and drug ring.

He was detained by police together with the others, mainly from Netanya, on charges of planning and carrying out a number of armed thefts in the Netanya area, trafficking in drugs and smuggling heroin into the country.

Shirazi agreed to turn prosecution witness and the police have accordingly dropped charges against him. But the national soccer team management said it would be impossible to allow a man who has implicated himself in criminal activities to play in the Israeli uniform in international games.

The national team said it would be up to the Betar Jerusalem management to decide whether he could continue to play for them. The charge sheet against the group includes a plan to rob the manager of the Betar Jerusalem team.

NATIONWIDE SEARCH FOR MAN WHO RAPED AND SHOT 18-YEAR-OLD SOLDIER By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, Aug. 27 (JTA) — Police are conducting a nationwide search for leads and are questioning suspects in the rape and shooting of an 18-year-old soldier who remains partially paralyzed from the attack.

The woman, whose identity has been withheld, said the attacker had given her a lift in his car on August 16 while she was hitchhiking from her army base near Beersheba to her home in the Negev. After driving a few miles, the assailant raped the soldier and then shot her in the head, leaving her for dead. Bleeding profusely, she managed to drag herself some distance from the scene of the attack and was found by local Bedouins in the Negev some 20 hours later.

Doctors said she was fortunate in having fallen with the injured side of her head lying on sand, which solidified with her blood, preventing further bleeding. In serious condition still, the girl suffered from brain damage but has recovered sufficiently to describe the attack and her attacker.

She was transferred this morning from a Beer-sheba hospital to the Beth Levinstein rehabilitation center and hospital in Raanana. Doctors said she would need a lengthy period of physical and emotional rehabilitation.

Leading Artist Helps Police

Police received some help when Menasha Kadishman, a leading artist, was able to draw a likeness of the assailant, from the victim's information, after police artists failed to draw a likeness satisfactory to the victim.

Since the Kadishman drawing was telecast on Israeli television last night, police said scores of viewers have called in to say they had information on the rapist, described as between 28 and 30 years of age, of average height, fair-skinned and husky, with light brown hair, with somewhat protruding lower teeth. He spoke fluent Hebrew.

PROBE SHOWS MOST LAND SALES IN THE WEST BANK HAVE BEEN 'IRREGULAR' By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, Aug. 27 (JTA) — The State Comptroller's office, which has been investigating the sale of land on the West Bank by Arabs to Jews, has found that most of the transactions have been "irregular."

According to the Comptroller and a police unit that was formed at the national police headquarters to deal with this issue, the large-scale irregularities might involve as much as some 12,000 acres of 17,000 acres bought by the state, as well as numerous private transactions between Arabs and Jews.

The situation was highlighted earlier this month when a group of Kiryat Arba settlers and six Likud members moved into an apartment in the Arab marketplace in central Hebron, claiming that it had been purchased from a local Arab. The squatters were eventually evicted by the army and the apartment was sealed off from other intruders. An investigation of this incident showed that the apartment had indeed been purchased. The investigation also found that 40 other apartments had been sold by Arabs, through middlemen, to Jews.

A Complicated Situation

What makes the situation complicated is that while the sale of land by an Arab to a Jew may be formally legal in the transferring of the deed to a piece of land or apartment, it is irregular because the purchase is prohibited under current law unless it is approved by the Defense Ministry. Apparently, none of the sales in Hebron were approved by the ministry nor were the transactions registered with it.

A similar case surfaced two years ago when a new settlement project in Ramat Kidron near Jerusalem was halted because the developers were unable to register the land they bought because of 109 separate objections filed by local Arab villagers who denied selling the land to Israeli developers.

The case of Ramat Kidron revealed the existence of a complicated and circuitous system whereby Jews bought land from Arab middlemen who had purchased the land from the original owners. Due to a complex land registration system in the administered territories, a legacy from the Jordanian government and the lack of sufficient Israeli government control, the system enables middlemen to forge documents for the purpose of selling land to Jews. The original Arab owners then complain that the land had been sold to Jews without their approval.

Another element in the situation of irregular land sales to Jewish individuals, contractors and companies is that Arab owners are forbidden by Jordan and intimidated by the Palestine Liberation Organization from transacting land deals with Jews directly. A middleman is therefore required to make the transaction.

Earlier this month, three Israelis were jailed as police investigated cases of possible fraud involving similar land sales in the West Bank. Tel Aviv Judge Binyamin Kohelet said that the cases "could turn out extremely serious, with implications beyond the criminal aspects." The investigation is continuing.

There will be no Bulletin dated September 2, Labor Day, a postal holiday.

**Precedent In Vatican-Israeli Academic Relations:
VATICAN UNIVERSITY INVITES A
TAU PROFESSOR TO HELP ESTABLISH
A CENTER FOR JEWISH STUDIES
By Hugh Orgel**

TEL AVIV, Aug. 27 (JTA) — Prof. Daniel Carpi, who has just completed three years as head of Tel Aviv University's Chaim Rosenberg School for Jewish Studies, has been invited by the Vatican's Gregoriana University to help set up a center for Jewish studies there, TAU has announced.

It said that in view of the fact that the Vatican has no diplomatic ties with Israel, the invitation sets a new precedent in academic relations with the Holy See.

The Pontificia Università Gregoriana, a major institution of higher learning run by the Vatican, has an important institute for the study of the Bible, and is in the process of updating its curriculum to include modern Jewish history, according to Carpi.

The new center, to be named the Interfaculty Center of Judaic Studies, will focus on the period beginning with the expulsion of the Jews from Spain in 1492, up to the start of the Zionist movement.

Carpi will spend the fall semester at Gregoriana, and will give a course on the Jewish communities of Western Europe and the Mediterranean during the same period.

The dean of Gregoriana's Faculty of Theology, Prof. Arye Crolius, visited Tel Aviv University earlier this year, at which time proposals and plans for cooperation, joint research and the exchange of professors and students were discussed.

**ELECTIONS NOW WOULD GIVE KACH
ELEVEN SEATS IN THE KNESSET**

TEL AVIV, Aug. 27 (JTA) — Both the Labor Party and the Likud have lost popularity while small parties to their right and left have gained — and Rabbi Meir Kahane's Kach Party would gain 11 seats in the 120-member Knesset if elections were held now.

In the last elections Kach won only one seat, but according to the new poll Kahane and his followers would become the third largest party in the house, after Labor and Likud.

The public opinion poll, taken earlier this month by the Modi'in Ezrachi Public Research Institute for Maariv, gives Labor 51 seats, compared to 53 in polls in May, June and July (and 40 in the last elections), and the Likud only 24 seats (as against 29-30 in the previous polls and 41 in the elections).

Kach would win 11 seats, as against five in the previous polls, while the Citizens Rights Party headed by Shulamit Aloni, would obtain seven seats (up from 4-5 in the previous polls and four in the Knesset).

Mapam, which has six seats in the Knesset, would decline to two seats, and the rightwing Tehiya would gain slightly from its present five seats to seven.

VOLLEYBALL, DA, ANTI-SEMITISM, NYET

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 27 (JTA) — Members of the Bay Area Council for Soviet Jews will be focusing on an unusual U.S./USSR sports event this Friday evening at the Cow Palace, it was announced by Lillian Foreman, president of the Council.

Council members will be leafletting the Napa Nationals International Challenge "USA vs. RUSSIA", a volleyball game between the U.S. Men's Olympic Team and the Soviet Men's National Team, as part of a nation-wide effort.

"We encourage and applaud all avenues of dialogue between the United States and the Soviet Union. Accordingly, we welcome the Soviet team to San Francisco, and look forward to many such visits in the future," Foreman said. "However, because of the worsening situation for Jews in the Soviet Union, we feel the need to take all opportunities to communicate with Soviet citizens about our concerns," Foreman was referring to the recent arrests and convictions of several Jews in the Soviet Union this month.

The Bay Area Council intends to use this international sports event as a forum for informing the public, press, and Soviet representatives of the dramatic increase in virulent anti-Semitism in the official Soviet media; the continuing Soviet harassment, including firings, dismissals from institutes, and KGB raids, of Jews who have been refused permission to emigrate; and the repeated Soviet violations of international treaties, including the Helsinki Accords and the United Nations Declaration on Human Rights, Foreman said.

"As you know, these are difficult days for Soviet Jews, indeed for all oppressed groups in the USSR. It is more important than ever that human rights supporters here in the West speak out in solidarity with those who seek their freedom in the Soviet Union," said David Waksberg, executive director of the Bay Area Council for Soviet Jews.

**PRESIDENT OF BRAZIL
VISITS JEWISH BOOK FAIR**

RIO de JANEIRO, Aug. 27 (JTA) — Brazil's top leaders, headed by its new president Jose Sarney, paid a formal visit to the exposition of the Jewish book fair here, the World Jewish Congress reported today.

According to the Latin American branch of the WJC, the Brazilian President and other government officials were shown through the fair by Gerson Bergher, president of the Bialik Library and the fair's promoter. Accompanying President Sarney were Foreign Minister Olavo Setubal, Minister of Communications Antonio Carlos Magalhães, and Planning Minister Joao Sayad.

The Brazilian leader was received at the fair with enthusiastic applause and to musical accompaniment by the Brazilian Jewish Choir.

The fair, sanctioned by the Brazilian Academy of Letters, exhibited works representing more than 400 titles of Jewish and non-Jewish authors dealing with the diverse range of Jewish-related subject matter.

The book fair was opened by Brazil's Minister of Culture Aluisio Pimenta, who said that "events such as these fill us with joy and demonstrate that in Brazil there is much good to be realized." Bergher, for his part, stressed that the fair was an undertaking aimed at preserving Jewish identity and marked a cultural contribution for the construction of modern civilization.

TEL AVIV (JTA) — Israel will release another 113 prisoners, mainly Lebanese Shiites, from the Atlit army detention camp Wednesday, Israel Radio reported.

BEHIND THE HEADLINES

SOUTH AFRICAN JEWS ON A TIGHTROPE

By Dale Norman

(Editor's note: Dale Norman, city editor of the Jewish Advocate in Boston, recently returned from a three-week stay in South Africa where she interviewed secular and religious leaders of that country's Jews.)

Aug. 27 (JTA) -- As emergency regulations imposing severe curbs on Black political expression enter the fifth week in South Africa, the Jewish community is sharing the physical fears and harsh economic woes facing the white community.

Travel agents in Johannesburg indicated that there has been a sharp increase in the purchase of one-way tickets out of the country, since the state of emergency was declared July 20. In fact, trips to Australia in the travel business are known euphemistically as "LSD Trips" ... "Look See and Decide" or "Look Schlep and Deposit".

"The Jew has an important role to play here. We are definitely committed to South Africa and encourage people not to panic and simply leave," stated Rabbi Mendel Lipskar, 37, director of the Lubavitch Foundation of South Africa. Lipskar, who was born in Germany and grew up in Canada, has lived in South Africa for the past 13 years. "There has been a revival here in religion and Yiddishkeit over the past 10 years," he said.

Executive director of the South African Jewish Board of Deputies, Aleck Goldberg, related that emigration of the Jewish community has had enormous repercussions upon family life. "Many families have split, and demographic studies show this is an aging Jewish community," explained the 62-year-old Goldberg.

According to the World Jewish Congress, somewhere between 20,000 and 30,000 Jews have left South Africa in the past two decades. Presently, 120,000 Jews live in South Africa comprising 2.6 percent of the white population and .04 percent of the overall population.

Diminishing Number Of Jews

Dr. Israel Abramowitz, former chairman of the South African Jewish Board of Deputies, told a Washington B'nai B'rith public affairs forum last month that the Jewish population in his country has remained steady since 1970 because of an influx of Jews from Israel and Zimbabwe.

It is estimated that there are 15,000 Israelis in South Africa but Abramowitz indicated that the Jewish population is expected to shrink to 64,000 by the end of this century.

In addition, Jewish communities in outlying areas have continuously been diminishing in number and size over the years. In this regard, statistics compiled by the Board's Country Communities Department, show 10,064 Jews in country areas in 1951, only 3,080 in 1981.

Towns which once had small but flourishing communities, are now left with only a handful of Jews, if any at all. In these instances communal properties such as synagogues and halls have been sold, although a few communities still maintain a viable Jewish existence.

Lipskar, however, spoke hopefully about the Jewish community in South Africa. "I believe there is a future for us. I believe the Jew is very much part and

parcel of that community which can enable this country to develop a harmonious state of economic and political welfare for the entire country."

Concerning the current state of emergency, Lipskar noted, "Honestly ... This isn't affecting anyone (whites) in Johannesburg, except psychologically." He added that the suspension of normal police procedures is "quite frightening", but the practical affect is "minimal."

As of this week, police reported that 2,000 persons had been arrested under the emergency regulation, with some 1,000 of those having been released. Still, regular incidents of violence are occurring, primarily in the Black townships surrounding Johannesburg and in the eastern section of Cape Province around Port Elizabeth.

Although authorities have declined to release figures on total numbers of people killed since the state of emergency was declared. Scores have been killed and wounded.

Both Goldberg and Lipskar, however, were reluctant to address the situation directly. "It is important to promote the Jewish element here rather than political concerns," Lipskar said, adding, "Lubavitch does not take a stand on politics ... In this overheated international atmosphere whatever one says is open to misinterpretation."

Position Of Board Of Deputies

Goldberg explained that the duty of the Board of Deputies is "to act as a guardian of the civic and political rights of the Jewish community against anti-Semitism and discrimination." He reflected that it is up to individuals to promote disapproval of government actions.

However, during June, the Board of Deputies rejected apartheid and condemned racial discrimination. In a resolution adopted after a three-day debate at its biennial National Assembly in Johannesburg, the Board endorsed the "removal of all provisions in the laws of South Africa which discriminate on grounds of color and race." The resolution also "rejects apartheid" and "calls upon all concerned to do everything possible to ensure the establishment of a climate of peace and calm in which dialogue, negotiation and process of reform can be continued."

The Board is an affiliate of the World Jewish Congress, which requested earlier this year that its affiliates in 70 countries join the world-wide campaign against apartheid and racism.

"We felt the situation here was becoming such that we needed a stronger statement on apartheid," Goldberg said. Presently, it is believed that the Jewish community is the only ethnic segment of the white minority in South Africa to publicly call for an end to apartheid within the country.

Lipskar and Goldberg agreed that any racial comparison made by Nobel Prize winner Bishop Desmond Tutu between apartheid and Nazism is untenable. "I do not agree that Nazism is the same as apartheid ... The government is trying to move away from apartheid," stated Goldberg. Lipskar commented, "Any racial comparison of Nazi atrocities and apartheid is a misrepresentation of what people imagine ... As a Jew I find this to be in poor taste."

Goldberg indicated that the Board of Deputies has tried to establish a dialogue with the Black community and has provided some educational grants. "We don't know who the authentic Black leaders are," he said, adding that more radical elements within the Black community do not accept advances made by the Board.