

**IDF CARRIES OUT SEARCH OPERATIONS
IN THREE SHIITE LEBANESE VILLAGES**

By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, Aug. 28 (JTA) -- The Israel Defense Force carried out search operations this morning in three Lebanese villages at the edge of the security zone, according to reports from Tyre. The IDF troops, in tanks and armored personnel carriers, rounded up villagers in an area a few miles from a suicide-car bombing in a search for terrorists. The bombing was the seventh such attack on Israeli troops or the Israeli-backed South Lebanon Army since June.

Defense Minister Yitzhak Rabin told Israel Radio that today's IDF activities in south Lebanon were designed to impress on members of the Shiite Amal living in the area that Israel would not allow them to act against Israel in the security zone.

He said: "We wanted to make it clear, by signalling to the Amal forces, that we are not going to tolerate any extension of the struggle over the security zone into Israel. And this was the purpose for the siege on the village of Kabrikha, which is the nearest village to the area from where Katyushas were fired against targets in Israel" last weekend.

"If there will be a decision -- which I hope will not happen -- we have warned them that if they do not keep the peace, nobody in south Lebanon will enjoy peace."

Bases Of Terrorist Operations

Rabin said that the IDF had enclosed the village of Kabrikha and carried out searches there because the Katyusha rockets which fell in the Galilee pan-handle area this week had been fired from near that village.

The IDF spokesman announced that the army had operated in Kabrikha village as well as in the villages of Majdel Siltk and Shakra because they had been the areas from which the Katyushas had been fired.

Military sources said that quantities of arms and explosives had been found in the villages. They included Katyushas and rocket launchers, as well as roadside charges ready to be laid.

The house in which the explosives were found was destroyed, and several residents were detained. They will presumably be handed over to the SLA.

Car-Bomb Incident In Jezzine

Meanwhile, reports from Sidon said today that a large car-bomb had exploded near a South Lebanon Army (SLA) post near Jezzine in south Lebanon, apparently killing the terrorist driver and wounding at least two SLA soldiers.

It was believed that some 300 kilograms of explosives had been packed into the vehicle, and the sound of the explosion was heard in Sidon some 14 kilometers away. According to reports from Beirut, about 15 SLA men and Lebanese civilians had been injured in the blast.

A Beirut television broadcast reported that the terrorist had been a member of the "Assad Brigade," said to be part of the Lebanese branch of the Syrian Baath Party.

113 DETAINEES RELEASED FROM ATLIT

By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, Aug. 28 (JTA) -- The Israel Defense Force today released another 113 detainees -- mostly Lebanese Shiites -- who had been held at the Atlit military detention camp. Some 120 detainees are still left in the camp, and security sources said they would probably be released shortly.

The prisoners released today and those still in the camp were among the more than 700 whose release was demanded in June by the Shiite hijackers of a TWA jet. These were the last of about 1,200 who were transferred to the Atlit camp last April after Israel dismantled its Ansar prison camp in south Lebanon when the IDF withdrew. Between April and today, detainees in Atlit were released in a series of stages.

Those set free this morning, like the previous groups, were taken in buses through the Rosh Hanikra frontier post to Ras Bayda on the Mediterranean coast at the northern edge of the security zone. There, they were handed over to the International Red Cross, which registered them and then saw to their transport to their homes in Lebanon.

The Shiites who hijacked the TWA jet held 39 Americans hostage for two weeks to back demands for the release of the Atlit detainees. Israel freed 300 detainees two days after the release of the hostages on June 20, 100 more on July 24, and another 101 on August 13. Both Israel and Washington affirmed that this was not part of a deal with the Shiites.

**SHAMIR WARNS LABOR PARTY NOT TO
TRIGGER BREAK-UP OF UNITY GOVERNMENT**

By David Landau

JERUSALEM, Aug. 28 (JTA) -- Deputy Premier and Likud leader Yitzhak Shamir has warned the Labor Party not to trigger the break-up of the national unity government while Israel's economic recovery is still uncertain.

In a tough speech to Herut Party members in Tel Aviv yesterday, Shamir spoke of "persons and circles in the other camp who cannot restrain their hatred from breaking forth They can hardly wait to bring down the government and (thereby) disrupt the economic recovery program."

Shamir pointed out that the unity government was set up (almost a year ago) primarily to rescue Israel from economic collapse. He said if elections were advanced now, "We would have to start all over again..."

The Deputy Premier continued: "It is not easy to sit in a government with another camp whose political views you so strongly oppose. Nevertheless, we must overcome (the economic crisis) together. It is impossible to achieve this if we are not together."

He added, though, that the Likud would not recoil from the challenge of elections. "We will tell the people whose fault it is that the country is once again thrown into the maelstrom of a premature election campaign which would be so damaging to the national interests."

Shamir dismissed recent opinion polls which had predicted a fall in Likud's strength. "We're used to all sorts of polls," he said, "and we never fear them."

The Likud leader's harsh words came against the backdrop of a dispute in the unity government over the takeover and subsequent eviction of a group of Kiryat Arba settlers and six Likud MKs from an apartment in the Arab marketplace in central Hebron. Lab- or and Likud accused each other of misinterpreting the legality of Jewish buying and then settling into apartments in the Arab quarter of Hebron. (See August 26 Bulletin.)

ISRAEL ALLOWS SENIOR FATAH LEADER TO DEPART FOR AMMAN

JERUSALEM, Aug. 28 (JTA) -- Khalil Abu-Ziad, described by Israeli security authorities as a senior Fatah leader in East Jerusalem and the West Bank, departed with his wife for Amman yesterday under an unprecedented agreement he reached last weekend with the authorities.

Abu-Ziad, an East Jerusalem resident, had served a 10-year prison term, and another three years under administrative house arrest for his involvement in Fatah, the largest faction of the Palestine Liberation Organization.

He was served August 8 with a deportation order signed by Gen. Amnon Shahak, head of the Military Command. The Military Command said Abu-Ziad was a security risk, and his deportation was essential for the safety of the population.

He appealed the deportation order to the High Court of Justice, but even before the court reviewed the case, Abu-Ziad reached an agreement with the authorities. According to the agreement, he would voluntarily leave the country for three years, and would be allowed to return after three years on the condition that during this period he did not associate himself in anti-Israeli activities.

PROTESTS CONTINUE AGAINST MORMONS

By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, Aug. 28 (JTA) -- Daily protests are continuing in front of the municipal building by members of Yad Le Achim, an anti-missionary group, who are demanding that the construction of the Jerusalem extension of the Mormon Brigham Young University be halted. The group charges that the university would serve as a center for missionary activities.

Earlier this month, Prof. Jeffrey Holland, the president of the university, submitted a written pledge to Mayor Teddy Kollek that there would be no missionary activity in the educational center it is constructing next to the Hebrew University on Mt. Scopus. But Holland's efforts to convince the Israeli public that the center would serve only as an academic institution have been greeted with skepticism by many Israelis.

Sources in the mayor's office said today that Holland's written pledge apparently was not sufficient to allay anxieties over the possibility that the center might in fact become the focal point for missionary activities. They said that the Knesset Interior Committee unofficially demanded a \$1 million guarantee to back up the pledge -- a demand which was rejected by Holland.

City officials are now saying that Holland's pledge was merely a gesture of good will, and not necessarily binding by law, as the authorities had no legal means of halting the construction of the multi-million dollar project on Mt. Scopus. The university had received all the necessary building permits as well as recommendations by the Foreign and Education ministries.

The construction of the Mormon center has been under large-scale attack by Orthodox circles, including the two Chief Rabbis, who have warned that its real purpose was to try to convert Jews.

The construction of the center was approved in 1977 by the Likud government of Premier Menachem Begin, and by the Jerusalem municipality. Located on five acres of land, the center will contain housing and catering services for nearly 200 students, as well as classrooms and an auditorium. According to Dr. Ellis Rasmussen, former Dean of Religious Education at Brigham Young University, the purpose of the center was to enable Mormon students to get to know Israel.

Report Called Ridiculous

Meanwhile, a city official said a report published in some American Jewish newspapers that the Jerusalem Foundation has a financial interest in a Mormon corporation was "incitement to violence." According to the report, the Mormons acquired their permission to build the center by making large contributions of company shares to the Jerusalem Foundation, which is headed by Kollek. Municipal spokesman Rafi Dabara said the report was "absolutely ridiculous."

HERZOG KILLS PROPOSAL TO GRANT CLEMENCY TO 1,500 PRISON INMATES

By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, Aug. 28 (JTA) -- President Chaim Herzog, in apparent agreement with Justice Minister Moshe Nissim, today killed a proposal by Police Minister Haim Barlev to grant clemency to some 1,500 inmates in Israel's prisons.

The proposal, which would have shortened by three months the sentences of prisoners due to be released in the new Jewish year -- some 400 would be released by Rosh Hashanah -- was aimed at easing Israel's overcrowded prisons.

Barlev made his proposal during a visit with Premier Shimon Peres to Ramla prison yesterday. He also revealed plans to build a tent camp in the Negev to rehabilitate security prisoners. It would accommodate some 1,000 prisoners.

According to Barlev, the Justice Ministry considered a proposed bill to shorten prison sentences by half instead of a third for good behavior. However, any decision on the proposal required Presidential approval, after a review of the recommendations by the Justice Minister.

Herzog and Nissim appeared to concur that there was no room for an across-the-board Presidential pardon. Such clemency, according to a Presidential spokesman, could only take place through Knesset legislation. The President, the spokesman asserted, reviewed clemency applications on an individual basis only.

The spokesman also expressed indirect criticism of Barlev for making public his proposal as it is the opinion of the President that matters of clemency should be dealt with discretely. Herzog consulted with Nissim prior to making public his decision.

IDF ARTILLERY CORPS DEVELOPS REVOLUTIONARY PIECES OF EQUIPMENT

By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, Aug. 28 (JTA) -- The Israel Defense Force's artillery corps has developed two new pieces of equipment which give Israeli gunners "first shot accuracy" and, according to artillery corps command- er Brig. Gen. Oded Tira, makes maps "almost superfluous."

The new measuring systems, based on computer and laser technology, were developed and produced by the Tamam section of the Israel Aircraft Industries and are now being put into service in the corps.

Experts say very few similar systems have been developed elsewhere. The gunner is told, with great speed and accuracy, exactly where he is in relation to the target, almost making maps obsolete, Tira told a press conference yesterday, on the occasion of Artillery Corps Day.

Two pieces of equipment are now being produced—a larger PADS position and Azimuth determining system for larger formations, and a smaller and cheaper LANS land navigation systems model designed for artillery spotters in forward positions. The LANS may also go into service as a navigational aid in other arms of the land forces.

TRIAL OF NAZI ADJOURNED INDEFINITELY

BONN, Aug. 28 (JTA) — A former Nazi, who went on trial in April, charged with deporting French Jews to Auschwitz, was adjourned indefinitely today after new accusations were raised against him in court.

Count Modest Korff, a former Nazi SS captain, was charged with the deportation of 185 French Jews to the Auschwitz concentration camp between June, 1942, and October, 1942, while he was stationed in Eastern France at Chalons-Sur-Marne.

New allegations that Korff also aided in the deportation of 36 Jews in March, 1943 were submitted by French Nazi-hunter Serge Klarsfeld, a Jewish lawyer and co-plaintiff in the case, prompting the defense to adjourn the trial on the grounds that it was unprepared for the latest accusations. There has been no scheduled date for the resumption of the trial.

KAHANE COMPLAINS ABOUT ASSAULT

TEL AVIV, Aug. 28 (JTA) — Givatayim Mayor Yitzhak Yaron and the secretaries of the local Labor town council and of the local branch of the Labor Party have been questioned by the police, following a complaint by Kach leader Rabbi Meir Kahane that they had assaulted him during an outdoor meeting he tried to hold in the town earlier this month. Kahane and his followers were forced to leave the area without holding their rally because of a noisy counter-demonstration during which Kahane was spattered with eggs. Yaron denied Kahane's accusation and said that neither he nor the town council members were involved in the counter-demonstration.

TRIUMPH OF THE LONG DISTANCE SWIMMER

By Haskell Cohen

NEW YORK, Aug. 28 (JTA) — Julie Ridge challenged the limits of human endurance, and declared victory after setting an unprecedented record of swimming around Manhattan Island, not once, but for five consecutive days last week. Her fastest time to complete the 28.5 mile course was for the final swim, clocking in at 8 hours and 35 minutes.

The former Broadway actress, who appeared in the cast of "Oh! Calcutta," became the first person in 1983 to swim two consecutive laps around Manhattan, finishing the course in just over 21 hours. She contended that the five consecutive day swim would be comparable to a runner competing in four 26.2 mile marathons every day for five consecutive days, an unheard of feat.

The Los Angeles-based sportswear manufacturer Jag provided sponsorship for the swimming marathon. "I wanted a new and greater challenge," Ridge said prior to the swim. "I still don't know how far I can go. This is bigger, tougher, longer and more exciting than anything I've ever tried, or even thought of trying. I can't wait to get in."

The 29-year-old Ridge was originally scheduled to swim around Manhattan six consecutive days. But on the first afternoon of the attempted course, Ridge had to abandon her efforts after more than 8 hours as she ran into rough tides and winds around the Battery, the lower tip of the island. Among her other swimming efforts has been a successful crossing of the English Channel in 1982, completing the course of 20.5 miles in 18 hours. Her first book "To the Limit," is due out this fall. For her next feat, she would like to swim in Italy across Lake Como, a 30-mile course. She also intends to return to the Broadway stage.

FIRST JEWISH WOMAN CHAPLAIN HAILS 'INVALUABLE' CHANCE

NEW YORK, Aug. 28 (JTA) — Student-rabbi Julie Schwartz, the first Jewish woman to be sworn into the United States armed forces as a military chaplain, has expressed the view that "it's very exciting to see women rabbis move into all aspects of religious life."

Her comment was reported in the current issue of the "Chronicle," the publication of the Hebrew Union College—Jewish Institute of Religion.

According to the HUC-JIR publication, she is spending the summer in Newport, R.I. at the U.S. Navy Chaplaincy school, accompanied by her husband and fellow rabbinic student, Steven Ballaban, also a fourth year student at the Reform seminary in Cincinnati. She will join the Navy after she is ordained in the summer of 1986. Her husband also has been sworn in as a member of the Navy's Theological Program at Newport.

That program is offered for chaplaincy candidates of all faiths, according to a newsletter of the Central Conference of American Rabbis (CCAR), the association of American Reform rabbis. The newsletter said they will be the first husband-and-wife rabbinic team in the Armed Forces.

According to the "Chronicle," the student-rabbi said her plans after ordination "are to continue in the Naval Reserves, together with holding a regular congregational position. My husband will pursue further studies while also a reserve chaplain."

Schwartz said "this is an exciting and invaluable opportunity that can provide a completely different perspective on being a rabbi. People who are serving in the armed forces need support, and this is our chance to help meet the spiritual needs of Jewish men and women in the Navy."

She said she was particularly pleased that she had been sworn into the Navy by Chaplain Edward Rosenthal, also a Reform rabbinic student.

NEW YORK (JTA) — Dr. Alfred Gottschalk, president of the Hebrew Union College—Jewish Institute of Religion, reported that the World Union for Progressive Judaism (WUPJ) is building a youth center hostel in Jerusalem, as well as a reception and administration center.

SPECIAL TO THE JTA DEMOCRACY RETURNS TO THE JEWISH COMMUNITY IN URUGUAY

By Manuel Tenenbaum

BUENOS AIRES, Aug. 28 (JTA) — The democratization process throughout the southern cone of Latin America not only effected a deep change in the nature of the relationship of the Jewish communities with the world at large, but is beginning also to affect the internal life of the communities.

This is evidenced, and not by chance, in the elections due to take place on September 1 in the Montevideo Kehila, the largest Jewish institution of Uruguay.

This Kehila, in which Yiddish still plays a considerable role, considers itself as follower of the historic model of the East European Kehilot before World War II. The Orthodox rabbinate is in authority, and its functions encompass the sphere of religious necessities as well as supervision and support of the Jewish educational system, in addition to social work and purely cultural activities.

During the last few years, under the political regime in effect, Kehila elections were "frozen": the formality of voting was satisfied by one single list of candidates. This year, however, democracy returned to Uruguay and the thaw reached the internal life of the community.

Six lists are battling for the 33 offices of the Executive Council and five of the Supervisory Commission. These lists embrace a wide sector of party opinions: Herut, Liberals, Mizrahi, Labor, Independents, and the Bund. Over 4,000 people are entitled to vote and it is expected that more than 50 percent will do so.

Free-Wheeling Electoral Campaign

The electoral campaign is being waged through ads in the Jewish press and radio, and by the mailing of propaganda to the electors' homes. The platforms are not very different one from the other, and the voters will finally decide on the basis of their sympathy for the parties and candidates rather than for what they proclaim.

In the composition of the lists of candidates, an interesting phenomenon occurred: high officials of the Uruguayan government figure at the top of the lists. Thus the first candidate of Labor for the Supervisory Commission is Julio Kneit, the most highly placed Jew in the administration of Uruguayan President Julio Sanguinetti. The first candidate of the Bund list for the Executive Council is David Manuel Cukierman, Treasurer General of the nation.

According to official estimates, some 30,000 Jews live in Uruguay, practically all of them in Montevideo, a city with 1.2 million inhabitants. The heads of families are usually members of the Kehila, and it is therefore recognized for its widely representative character.

SPECIAL TO THE JTA A PROJECT PREGNANT WITH HOPE

By Yitzhak Rabi

NEW YORK, Aug. 28 (JTA) — The first ranch of Brangus — considered the best beef cattle in the world — outside the United States is being established in Israel through the method of embryo transfer from Brangus cows in Texas into Israeli cows.

The purpose of the new undertaking is to make Israel, which is number one in the world in the

production of milk per cow, a center for breeding the Brangus and developing Brangus ranches in other countries around the world.

Israel Rosen, an Israeli businessman who heads the Amira Corporation, the developer of the Bat-Shlomo Brangus Center of Israel, 10 miles south of Haifa, says that the project is likely to bring Israel some \$10 million in much needed foreign currency from the export of Brangus cows and Brangus embryos in the next three years.

Process Of Developing Described

Rosen described the process of developing the Israeli Brangus as follows: "A donor cow in Texas is being injected with a sperm of a \$4 million Brangus bull. At seven days old, the Brangus embryo is flushed from the donor cow. Each donor cow might have as many as 20 embryos. The experts choose the best embryos, freeze them and then ship them to Israel. In Israel, at the Bat Shlomo ranch, the embryos are implanted into Israeli cows."

After nine months, the "sabra" Brangus is born in the Holy Land. According to Rosen, after a year a Brangus calf is sold for at least \$40,000. He said that Bat Shlomo ranch has already produced 46 Israeli-born Branguses and that about 200 cows at the ranch are presently pregnant.

"By the end of 1986 we expect to have at Bat Shlomo about 400 Israeli-born Branguses," Rosen said. Noting that the Brangus embryo's price is about \$9,000, Rosen said that he is seeking American investors to participate in the Bat Shlomo Brangus Center. He said the total cost of the project is over \$4.6 million and that investors enjoy meaningful tax-deduction benefits in the United States.

Rosen said that the Brangus is a superior breed that excels in hardiness, beef quality, fertility, docility and disease resistance. He said that Israel is a perfect location for breeding the Brangus since it breeds well in difficult hot climates such as the Arizona desert.

Success Rate In Israel

Rosen said that while the embryo implanting of Brangus succeeded in Texas in only 25 percent of the cases, in Israel the success rate has reached already 41 percent.

Rosen disclosed that his company has already signed a contract with the People's Republic of China to provide it with 400 Israeli Brangus embryos in the next three years. "We also have contracts to develop Brangus farms in the next few years in Egypt, Turkey, Spain, Italy and a number of South American countries," Rosen said.

The 59-year old Rosen and his Amira Corp. have been syndicating limited partnerships in Israeli research and development in hi-tech fields. In the past five years he put together a dozen projects, totalling about \$70 million.

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Only 11 Jews left the Soviet Union this month, the smallest number of Jews to leave that country in the past 12 years, Leon Dulzina, chairman of the Jewish Agency Executive said Wednesday.