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Avital Shcharansky said she learned from friends in Moscow that he was being punished for going on a hunger strike recently to protest the non-delivery of his mail by the camp authorities. Last year he spent 55 days in an isolation cell where, according to Mrs. Shcharansky, prisoners are fed once every two days.

She said that her husband's mother, who also lives in Israel, has not had direct word from Anatoly since the beginning of October. His last letter, supposed to have been sent at the beginning of December, has not been received. It was then that her inquiries led to the information that he was given a new sentence.

Shcharansky, 38, a scientist and emigration activist, was arrested March 15, 1977 on charges of treason and spying for the United States. He was sentenced to three years in prison and 10 years in a labor camp. He is presently in a labor camp in the Ural mountains.

SHAMIR WARNS THAT ISRAEL WILL NOT TOLERATE KIDNAPPING OF BEIRUT JEWS By Gil Sedan

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The Likud leader was referring to the recent murders of two of four Lebanese Jews kidnapped by a Moslem group last March 29. The body of one of them, Haim Cohen Halala, was found in Beirut December 25. The second victim, Isaac Tarrah, was found dead in Beirut January 1.

Israel will not tolerate the kidnapping of Jews in Beirut, Shamir declared. "The kidnappers will gain nothing. The murderers in Lebanon must know that. Let them keep their hands off those poor victims. Let them let the Jews in Lebanon live their lives."

Speaking of the recent agreement reportedly reached between the warring Moslem and Christian factions in Lebanon under prodding by Syria, Shamir charged that Syria is taking over Lebanon completely "in a cruel, despotic manner." He chided "those in the West who often express satisfaction with the Syrian regime. I would tell those people in the West, and in the U.S. that one can say the same things about a stabilizing factor in Afghanistan as well," Shamir said.

He said the situation on the northern border, where Katyusha rockets fell last week, was calm

last night. "But Israel's policy is not determined by one night only," Shamir warned. He repeated the pledge of his predecessor, former Premier Menachem Begin, that no Katyushas will ever fall again on Galilee. Begin made that vow after Israel invaded Lebanon in June, 1982.

MEMORIAL SERVICES HELD TO MARK 45th ANNIVERSARY OF BUCHAREST POGROM

BUCHAREST, Jan. 6 (JTA) -- The Choral Temple here was crowded to capacity today as memorial services were held marking the 45th anniversary of the pogrom in which thousands of Bucharest Jews were murdered by the Nazi-backed Rumanian fascist organization, Iron Guard.

The Temple, where Rumania's Chief Rabbi Moses Rosen presided at the services and delivered the sermon, was the principal scene of the carnage that took place in January, 1941. Jews were herded into the main sanctuary, which was set on fire. The bodies of Jews were hanged from the ceiling, each body bearing the inscription, "kosher meat." Scores of other synagogues were destroyed in the rampage. The Jewish quarter of Bucharest, known as Vacaresti Dudesti, was devastated by the mobs.

The ceremonies were attended by many notables, including the Israeli Ambassador to Rumania, Josef Govrin, and officials of the United States Embassy. In his sermon, Rabbi Rosen, who is president of the Federation of Jewish Communities, the central representative body of Rumanian Jewry and the World Jewish Congress affiliate here, declared:

"Only in having our own homeland in Israel, where we are neither subject to the hate nor pity of others, where we are the masters of our own destiny, only in this way can we be certain that the dangers of such barbaric pogroms will no longer exist."

A young Rumanian fascist, Valerian Trifa, a leader of the Iron Guard, was one of the chief instigators of and participants in the 1941 pogrom. Trifa made his way to the United States after the war and became Archbishop of the Rumanian Orthodox Church in that country, with headquarters in Grasslakes, Michigan. After years of effort to bring him to justice, Trifa was finally stripped of his American citizenship and was deported from the U.S. as a war criminal. He presently resides in Portugal.

IT ISN'T HAY

TEL AVIV, Jan. 6 (JTA) -- An 11-mile, \$20 million conveyor belt is under construction to transport potash from the Dead Sea, the lowest point on the earth's surface, to a railroad from where it will be carried by train to the Mediterranean port of Ashdod for loading aboard ships bound for European and American markets. Potash is used primarily in agriculture and is Israel's principal raw materials export.

The 1.7 million tons of potash extracted annually from the Dead Sea works at Sdom is presently carried by truck to the railroad at Mishor Rotem on a plateau between Arad and Dimona in the Negev. The conveyor belt will speed up transportation and reduce expenses. It is being built by Cable Belt Ltd., a British firm based at Camberley, Surrey. The total cost of the project is \$38 million.

The system is expected to be in operation by January, 1987 and will reduce the cost of transporting Dead Sea potash by more than \$5 million a year, making potash competitive on world markets.

ECONOMIC SCENE IN ISRAEL: ECONOMIC AUSTERITY PROGRAM HAS LED TO AN EROSION OF WAGES

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JERUSALEM, Jan. 6 (JTA) -- The consequences of Israel's austerity economic program is the erosion of wages. According to figures released at year's end by the Central Bureau of Statistics, the gross wages of civil service workers were down 22 percent in the second half of 1985 compared to the first half. The erosion for wage-earners in other sectors was 17 percent.

In the past few months, the real value of wages has been lowered to the levels of 1977. Those of public employees sank to the 1967 levels. In some quarters these developments are hailed as a sign of the successful battle against inflation. Housewives and others take a dim view. They say wage-earners have made the greatest sacrifice to make the economic program work.

A concomitance of the wage erosion has been an erosion of private consumption, which is down by two percent. During the first half of 1985, attempts to cool down the economy by means of a package deal freezing wages, prices and taxes were unsuccessful. During the second half, the government launched an overall program aimed at putting a freeze on the entire economy.

Focus On The New Plan

The focus of the new plan was to freeze the Shekel-Dollar exchange rate at 1,500 Shekels to \$1. Agreement was reached with Histadrut on wages while the manufacturers agreed to government price controls. The government, therefore, was able to cut its budget, less by reducing programs than by slashing price subsidies and imposing new taxes. But interest rates were kept at a relatively high level.

As a result of the agreement with Histadrut, wages will improve in the next few months. Private consumption is expected to stay down. But contrary to government expectations, the rate of savings and investment has decreased as well. Israelis have less cash in their pockets, either to spend or to save.

Meanwhile, Israelis have bid goodbye to the old Shekel and have welcomed the new. On January 1, the old 1,000 Shekel note was replaced by a new one Shekel coin worth about 66 cents, or 1.5 to the Dollar. This does not represent an upward valuation of the Shekel; it is simply a matter of removing three zeroes. Banks were closed for 24 hours to allow time for their computers to be re-programmed.

EMUNAH WOMEN TO OPEN NEW TECHNICAL ARTS EDUCATION SCHOOL IN JERUSALEM

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NEW YORK, Jan. 6 (JTA) -- The social service and educational work the Emunah Women of America carries out in Israel will take a giant step forward when their new \$3 million-\$4 million all women's School for Technical/Arts Education in Jerusalem opens its doors to some 350 students next July.

Beverly Segal, president of Emunah Women, said the school "will provide important and much-needed new career opportunities for Israeli young people in computer science, graphic arts, business skills and Judaic studies."

Admission to the school will be contingent on whether the applicant is a high school graduate, scores on aptitude tests in her area of interest, and on the outcome of her interviews and recommendations. An Emunah spokesperson said that while most students will pay "a couple of hundred Shekelim," the fee will be based on the student's income, with a majority being subsidized by scholarships, or by Emunah and other organizations.

Various Centers In The School

The school, whose opening was announced at the recent Emunah diamond key dinner here attended by some 1,000 people, will consist of the Jossi Berger Holocaust Study Center; the Appleman School of Computer Science, dedicated by Florence and Joseph Appleman, long-time contributors to Emunah and in whose honor the entire new school is named; the School of Business Education; the School of Judaic Studies; and the Charlotte and Harold Dachs School of Graphic Arts.

The Holocaust Study Center will be devoted to a continuous study of all aspects of the Holocaust and its effects on succeeding generations, as well as the lessons to be derived from it. The area devoted to the Center will contain 14 stained glass windows designed by Israel artist Yaacov Agam who was presented with the Emunah Women of America's Man of Vision Award last November.

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Also honored at the dinner were Sali and Michael Berger who dedicated the Holocaust Center to their son, Jossi, who was always preoccupied with his parents' memories of the Holocaust and with what happened to the Jews of Europe.

Israel's Improved Position In The UN

Addressing the dinner, Israel's Ambassador to the United Nations, Binyamin Netanyahu, said that "Israel's position in the UN is better than it has ever been before -- as reflected in the General Assembly and even in UN resolutions." He said that "despite vicious attacks periodically, Israel's position is up" and that of its enemies, who are divided and have lost considerable economic and political power, "is down."

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ent ailments. Other current projects include primary health care and small-scale agriculture projects in Sri Lanka, reconstruction work in Mexico City, and an IV production project in Mozambique.

SHCHARANSKY GIVEN ADDITIONAL FIVE-MONTH ISOLATION SENTENCE By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, Jan. 6 (JTA) -- The wife of imprisoned Jewish activist Anatoly Shcharansky told Israeli Radio today that her husband, now in the tenth year of a 13-year prison sentence imposed in 1977, has been given an additional five-month sentence to be served in isolation in a prison compound in the Soviet labor camp where he is now confined.

Avital Shcharansky said she learned from friends in Moscow that he was being punished for going on a hunger strike recently to protest the non-delivery of his mail by the camp authorities. Last year he spent 55 days in an isolation cell where, according to Mrs. Shcharansky, prisoners are fed once every two days.

She said that her husband's mother, who also lives in Israel, has not had direct word from Anatoly since the beginning of October. His last letter, supposed to have been sent at the beginning of December, has not been received. It was then that her inquiries led to the information that he was given a new sentence.

Shcharansky, 38, a scientist and emigration activist, was arrested March 15, 1977 on charges of treason and spying for the United States. He was sentenced to three years in prison and 10 years in a labor camp. He is presently in a labor camp in the Ural mountains.

SHAMIR WARNS THAT ISRAEL WILL NOT TOLERATE KIDNAPPING OF BEIRUT JEWS By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, Jan. 6 (JTA) -- Foreign Minister and Deputy Premier Yitzhak Shamir warned Moslem fundamentalists in Lebanon and elsewhere today that those who dare murder defenseless Jews will be punished. "Israel's arm knows not only how to register, it knows also to reach far distances, and Lebanon is not distant," Shamir said.

The Likud leader was referring to the recent murders of two of four Lebanese Jews kidnapped by a Moslem group last March 29. The body of one of them, Haim Cohen Halala, was found in Beirut December 25. The second victim, Isaac Tarrah, was found dead in Beirut January 1.

Israel will not tolerate the kidnapping of Jews in Beirut, Shamir declared. "The kidnappers will gain nothing. The murderers in Lebanon must know that. Let them keep their hands off those poor victims. Let them let the Jews in Lebanon live their lives."

Speaking of the recent agreement reportedly reached between the warring Moslem and Christian factions in Lebanon under prodding by Syria, Shamir charged that Syria is taking over Lebanon completely "in a cruel, despotic manner." He chided "those in the West who often express satisfaction with the Syrian regime. I would tell those people in the West, and in the U.S. that one can say the same things about a stabilizing factor in Afghanistan as well," Shamir said.

He said the situation on the northern border, where Katyusha rockets fell last week, was calm

last night. "But Israel's policy is not determined by one night only," Shamir warned. He repeated the pledge of his predecessor, former Premier Menachem Begin, that no Katyushas will ever fall again on Galilee. Begin made that vow after Israel invaded Lebanon in June, 1982.

MEMORIAL SERVICES HELD TO MARK 45th ANNIVERSARY OF BUCHAREST POGROM

BUCHAREST, Jan. 6 (JTA) -- The Choral Temple here was crowded to capacity today as memorial services were held marking the 45th anniversary of the pogrom in which thousands of Bucharest Jews were murdered by the Nazi-backed Rumanian fascist organization, Iron Guard.

The Temple, where Rumania's Chief Rabbi Moses Rosen presided at the services and delivered the sermon, was the principal scene of the carnage that took place in January, 1941. Jews were herded into the main sanctuary, which was set on fire. The bodies of Jews were hanged from the ceiling, each body bearing the inscription, "kosher meat." Scores of other synagogues were destroyed in the rampage. The Jewish quarter of Bucharest, known as Vacaresti Dudesti, was devastated by the mobs.

The ceremonies were attended by many notables, including the Israeli Ambassador to Rumania, Josef Govrin, and officials of the United States Embassy. In his sermon, Rabbi Rosen, who is president of the Federation of Jewish Communities, the central representative body of Rumanian Jewry and the World Jewish Congress affiliate here, declared:

"Only in having our own homeland in Israel, where we are neither subject to the hate nor pity of others, where we are the masters of our own destiny, only in this way can we be certain that the dangers of such barbaric pogroms will no longer exist."

A young Rumanian fascist, Valerian Trifa, a leader of the Iron Guard, was one of the chief instigators of and participants in the 1941 pogrom. Trifa made his way to the United States after the war and became Archbishop of the Rumanian Orthodox Church in that country, with headquarters in Grasslakes, Michigan. After years of effort to bring him to justice, Trifa was finally stripped of his American citizenship and was deported from the U.S. as a war criminal. He presently resides in Portugal.

IT ISN'T HAY

TEL AVIV, Jan. 6 (JTA) -- An 11-mile, \$20 million conveyor belt is under construction to transport potash from the Dead Sea, the lowest point on the earth's surface, to a railroad from where it will be carried by train to the Mediterranean port of Ashdod for loading aboard ships bound for European and American markets. Potash is used primarily in agriculture and is Israel's principal raw materials export.

The 1.7 million tons of potash extracted annually from the Dead Sea works at Sdom is presently carried by truck to the railroad at Mishor Rotem on a plateau between Arad and Dimona in the Negev. The conveyor belt will speed up transportation and reduce expenses. It is being built by Cable Belt Ltd., a British firm based at Camberley, Surrey. The total cost of the project is \$38 million.

The system is expected to be in operation by January, 1987 and will reduce the cost of transporting Dead Sea potash by more than \$5 million a year, making potash competitive on world markets.

ECONOMIC SCENE IN ISRAEL: ECONOMIC AUSTERITY PROGRAM HAS LED TO AN EROSION OF WAGES

By Gil Sedan and Hugh Orgel

JERUSALEM, Jan. 6 (JTA) -- The consequences of Israel's austerity economic program is the erosion of wages. According to figures released at year's end by the Central Bureau of Statistics, the gross wages of civil service workers were down 22 percent in the second half of 1985 compared to the first half. The erosion for wage-earners in other sectors was 17 percent.

In the past few months, the real value of wages has been lowered to the levels of 1977. Those of public employees sank to the 1967 levels. In some quarters these developments are hailed as a sign of the successful battle against inflation. Housewives and others take a dim view. They say wage-earners have made the greatest sacrifice to make the economic program work.

A concomitance of the wage erosion has been an erosion of private consumption, which is down by two percent. During the first half of 1985, attempts to cool down the economy by means of a package deal freezing wages, prices and taxes were unsuccessful. During the second half, the government launched an overall program aimed at putting a freeze on the entire economy.

Focus On The New Plan

The focus of the new plan was to freeze the Shekel-Dollar exchange rate at 1,500 Shekels to \$1. Agreement was reached with Histadrut on wages while the manufacturers agreed to government price controls. The government, therefore, was able to cut its budget, less by reducing programs than by slashing price subsidies and imposing new taxes. But interest rates were kept at a relatively high level.

As a result of the agreement with Histadrut, wages will improve in the next few months. Private consumption is expected to stay down. But contrary to government expectations, the rate of savings and investment has decreased as well. Israelis have less cash in their pockets, either to spend or to save.

Meanwhile, Israelis have bid goodbye to the old Shekel and have welcomed the new. On January 1, the old 1,000 Shekel note was replaced by a new one Shekel coin worth about 66 cents, or 1.5 to the Dollar. This does not represent an upward valuation of the Shekel; it is simply a matter of removing three zeroes. Banks were closed for 24 hours to allow time for their computers to be re-programmed.

EMUNAH WOMEN TO OPEN NEW TECHNICAL ARTS EDUCATION SCHOOL IN JERUSALEM

By Marlene Goldman

NEW YORK, Jan. 6 (JTA) -- The social service and educational work the Emunah Women of America carries out in Israel will take a giant step forward when their new \$3 million-\$4 million all women's School for Technical/Arts Education in Jerusalem opens its doors to some 350 students next July.

Beverly Segal, president of Emunah Women, said the school "will provide important and much-needed new career opportunities for Israeli young people in computer science, graphic arts, business skills and Judaic studies."

Admission to the school will be contingent on whether the applicant is a high school graduate, scores on aptitude tests in her area of interest, and on the outcome of her interviews and recommendations. An Emunah spokesperson said that while most students will pay "a couple of hundred Shekelim," the fee will be based on the student's income, with a majority being subsidized by scholarships, or by Emunah and other organizations.

Various Centers In The School

The school, whose opening was announced at the recent Emunah diamond key dinner here attended by some 1,000 people, will consist of the Jossi Berger Holocaust Study Center; the Appleman School of Computer Science, dedicated by Florence and Joseph Appleman, long-time contributors to Emunah and in whose honor the entire new school is named; the School of Business Education; the School of Judaic Studies; and the Charlotte and Harold Dachs School of Graphic Arts.

The Holocaust Study Center will be devoted to a continuous study of all aspects of the Holocaust and its effects on succeeding generations, as well as the lessons to be derived from it. The area devoted to the Center will contain 14 stained glass windows designed by Israel artist Yaacov Agam who was presented with the Emunah Women of America's Man of Vision Award last November.

Charlotte and Harold Dachs were the guests of honor at the diamond key dinner at the New York Hilton for dedicating the Graphic Arts School and for their 25-year commitment to the organization. Charlotte Dachs has served Emunah in a number of offices, including chairperson of the Board, and as Emunah president.

Also honored at the dinner were Sali and Michael Berger who dedicated the Holocaust Center to their son, Jossi, who was always preoccupied with his parents' memories of the Holocaust and with what happened to the Jews of Europe.

Israel's Improved Position In The UN

Addressing the dinner, Israel's Ambassador to the United Nations, Binyamin Netanyahu, said that "Israel's position in the UN is better than it has ever been before -- as reflected in the General Assembly and even in UN resolutions." He said that "despite vicious attacks periodically, Israel's position is up" and that of its enemies, who are divided and have lost considerable economic and political power, "is down."

Netanyahu said that those who slander Israel and Zionism are most often "representatives of ghettos-- masses of humanity that are held by ... gangsterism -- who rule over poor people who cannot utter a whisper in their defense, who suffer hunger and deprivation."

He pointed out that, in keeping with the values of Moses and the Prophets, and contrary to the false charges of "racism" levelled at her, Israel "is the only country in the world which has brought Blacks out of Africa not to enslave them but to liberate them." He urged that the Jewish people not only refute the slanderous view that Zionism is racism but also assert the Zionist concept of commitment to liberty and justice.