

**GREEN PARTY UNDER FIRE FOR
BLATANT ANTI-SEMITISM ON THE
PART OF SOME OF ITS MEMBERS**

By David Kantor

BONN, April 6 (JTA) -- The opposition Green Party is wrestling with a schizoid image-manifestations of blatant anti-Semitism by some members and avowed opposition to anti-Semitism by others.

The dichotomy came to the fore last week at an anti-Israel demonstration at which participants carried placards defaming Jews and in a blatantly anti-Semitic cartoon in a newspaper published by the Green Party in West Berlin.

The cartoon drew angry protests from the Jewish community and several organizations which found it reminiscent of the style of Der Stuermer, the newspaper of the Hitler era which caricatured Jews as vile monsters. It triggered a sharp debate within the Green Party which has been accused in the past of harboring anti-Semites, though it also has individual Jews and Jewish groups among its members.

The cartoonist, identified only as "Michael," offered no apology. He claimed he was unaware his drawing bore any resemblance to Der Stuermer's depiction of Jews and advised his Jewish colleagues in the party not to be over-sensitive. But many Greens take the incident seriously and have vowed to fight any anti-Semitic tendencies in the party's ranks.

The cartoon was inspired by a recent political scandal in which several prominent real estate operators, only one of whom is Jewish, bribed politicians and municipal officials. The cartoon shows a speculator offering a bribe. The figure is unmistakably "Jewish" in the Nazi sense.

It was reproduced on a placard carried in the recent demonstration by a Green group against Israeli Premier Shimon Peres. Other placards suggested that Jews be confined to synagogues, questioned the existence of a Jewish people and claimed that the Palestinians, not Jews, were the real victims of Auschwitz.

In a series of discussions among party groups, much was said about how to detect and combat latent anti-Semitism, of which many party members claim to be unaware. It was also suggested that many people confuse the Green Party's opposition to Israeli policies in the Middle East with anti-Semitism.

**SHCHARANSKY: QUIET DIPLOMACY WON'T
OPEN GATES FOR SOVIET JEWS UNLESS
IT IS ACCOMPANIED BY PUBLIC PROTEST**

By David Landau

JERUSALEM, April 6 (JTA) -- Quiet diplomacy will never open the gates for Soviet Jews unless it is accompanied by "all forms of public protest," Anatoly Shcharansky told a rally of some 2,000 students here Saturday night.

The rally was sponsored by the World Union of Jewish Students and marked the first public appearance by the Soviet Jewish aliya activist since the press conference he held a day after his arrival in Israel last February 11.

Quiet diplomacy "has absolutely no chance of success if it is not conducted against a background of very strong public activity," he said in reply to a question. He insisted that even if negotiations should open between Israel and the Soviet Union to renew diplomatic relations, it is "very important" that Israel does not agree to stop activity in support of Russian Jews who wish to emigrate. "Without open doors for the Jews (Soviet leader Mikhail) Gorbachev must not be trusted," Shcharansky said.

Asked how he was adjusting to life in Israel, Shcharansky replied, "In the Soviet Union I got accustomed to many years of living in a sea of hatred. Now I have to get accustomed to living in an ocean of love." He acknowledged that people look upon him as a "symbol" of the struggle for Soviet Jews.

GREECE, ISRAEL SIGN ACCORD

ATHENS, April 6 (JTA) -- Greece and Israel signed a new scientific and cultural cooperation agreement, the Foreign Ministry announced last Thursday. The three-year program provides for exchanges in the fields of education, science, culture, the media, youth activities, and sports. It was signed by Ambassador Spyros Chrysospathis, the Foreign Ministry's Cultural Affairs Director, and Ambassador Yehzekel Barnea, Israel's diplomatic representative in Athens.

SHULTZ MAY VISIT ISRAEL SOON

JERUSALEM, April 6 (JTA) -- Secretary of State George Shultz may visit Israel in the next few months for another try at reviving the stalemated Middle East peace process, Cabinet Secretary Yossi Beilin told reporters Sunday.

He spoke after Sunday's Cabinet session at which Premier Shimon Peres briefed the ministers on his four-day visit to the U.S. last week which included meetings with Shultz and with Vice President George Bush. Bush last Tuesday accepted Peres' invitation to visit Israel this spring, though no date was set.

Beilin did not quote Peres directly with respect to a visit by Shultz but said "there is such a possibility." Asked when, he replied, "It could be in the coming months."

**JUSTICE DEPARTMENT URGED TO
SEARCH U.S. FILES FOR DOCUMENTS
ABOUT WALDHEIM'S WAR-TIME ACTIVITIES**

By Kevin Freeman

NEW YORK, April 6 (JTA) -- U.S. Attorney General Edwin Meese has been urged by the Union of American Hebrew Congregations to search "all archives to which our country has access" for documents that would determine the role of former United Nations Secretary General Kurt Waldheim during his war-time service as a German army officer.

In a letter to Meese, UAHC president Rabbi Alexander Schindler wrote: "Such a determination is of special importance because it was during Mr. Waldheim's term in office at the UN that the PLO

terrorist chief Yasir Arafat was invited to speak from its rostrum, that the infamous 'Zionism is racism' resolution was adopted and that the UN itself was turned into an instrument of anti-American bigotry and bias."

Schindler's letter followed reports that the United Nations had agreed to provide Israel access to documents on Waldheim contained in the archives of the War Crimes Commission of the UN. Israel's Ambassador to the UN, Binyamin Netanyahu, filed a formal request last Friday with Secretary General Javier Perez de Cuellar for access to the Waldheim file in the long-defunct commission.

The UN decision was immediately welcomed by the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations. In a statement Sunday, Conference chairman Kenneth Bialkin said: "Only in this way will the truth be known. Only in this way will the United Nations be able to purge itself of the accusations that have injured its reputation and its effectiveness in the cause of world peace and understanding."

Waldheim Vehemently Denies Allegations

Waldheim, nevertheless, has vehemently denied allegations against him, and said at a news conference in Linz, Austria, last Friday that the effort against him had finally collapsed, proving only that "I was a soldier in the Wehrmacht like 100,000 other Austrians."

He reiterated earlier denials of participation in either the SA or the National Socialist Student Organization, saying that his only link to these groups was through riding tournaments and discussion. Furthermore, Waldheim repeated that he did not know anything about the deportation of thousands of Greek Jews from Salonika during the time when he was stationed near that city.

The World Jewish Congress, in documents released to the media, has asserted that Waldheim was involved in various war crimes, including that the former UN leader was on the operations staff of the military unit which carried out the Kozara massacres in war-time Yugoslavia. Other captured Nazi documents suggest Waldheim was an intelligence officer who delivered daily briefings to Chief of the General Staff of Army Group E, commanded by Gen. Alexander Loehr.

But Waldheim reiterated at the news conference that "I did know that the Nazis deported Jews. I knew about the general facts from about 1942. But I never saw anything in Greece." About 40,000 Greek Jews were deported to death camps from Salonika.

Schindler, whose UAHC is composed of 791 Reform synagogues in the U.S. and Canada with a membership of some 1.3 million persons, urged in his letter to Meese that the Justice Department's Office of Special Investigations "inaugurate a full and comprehensive search" of war-time files that would shed light on Waldheim's alleged Nazi past.

"It would be a grave miscarriage of justice, and an offense to the memory of all those-- Jews and non-Jews alike -- who perished at the hands of the Nazis, to ignore the charges against Mr. Waldheim," Schindler wrote to Meese.

"Such findings may also place into proper perspective the events at the United Nations during his tenure -- events that served to embarrass our country and make it the target of obloquy and scorn."

AD AGENCY DROPS WALDHEIM ACCOUNT

NEW YORK, April 6 (JTA) -- Young & Rubicam, one of the nation's largest advertising agencies, announced that it has cancelled a six-month old contract with Austrian Presidential candidate Kurt Waldheim, apparently because of the continuing controversy regarding Waldheim's alleged war-time activities. "The allegations concerning the war-time activities of Kurt Waldheim have led us to resign this account," the agency said in a statement issued here. Waldheim, the former UN Secretary General, has vehemently denied the allegations.

A Delicate Operation At Hadassah: FAMED CHAGALL WINDOWS REINSTALLED

JERUSALEM, April 6 (JTA) -- Most of the 300,000 visitors who stream into the Hadassah-Hebrew University Medical Center at Ein Karem each year include Marc Chagall's famous synagogue windows high on their itinerary.

But those who visited the synagogue at the Medical Center this past winter were disappointed. Thirty-five of the 144 panes of glass that make up the famous windows were removed for repairs. They have now been reinstalled in a delicate operation lasting from March 3 to March 12.

The story begins last September when, after a quarter century as a symbol of hope to millions, the windows had to be repaired. Jerusalem's climate and shockwaves and tremors from the shelling of the medical complex during the Six-Day War had created tiny punctures in the glass, which over the years had spread into cracks. Therefore workmen removed the panes of glass with all the delicacy of the surgeons at work in Hadassah's nearby operating rooms.

The two "window surgeons" are Alain Pierret, 54, and Michel Buisson, 20 years his junior, who had come specially from France to do the job. They had been dispatched by Jacques Simon, the son-in-law of Charles Marc, who had originally constructed the windows according to Chagall's directions.

For Pierret this was a return visit. He had been one of the artisans who installed the same panes 25 years ago. "We're more used to restoring medieval glass windows," he said, "which are only half a millimeter thick. The Hadassah windows are eight times thicker -- or just over half an inch -- but they're still very fragile."

The last repair job on the windows was in 1967 when shrapnel destroyed four of them during the Six-Day War. Marc Chagall was alive then. He cabled the Medical Center, saying: "Don't worry about the windows! Worry about Israel. I'll make you new windows." And he was true to his word. Following his death, however, the windows have become irreplaceable.

Many people were worried that removing them and sending them to Paris for repair and back to Jerusalem for reinstallation might cause the windows to be destroyed. But those fears have proved to be groundless. The panes are back in place and the windows have been restored to their original role as the jewels in Hadassah's crown. Visitors to the synagogue can now enjoy them fully.

THE POPULATION OF ISRAEL

By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, April 6 (JTA) -- The Jewish population increased in northern Israel and in the Jerusalem district last year. The Tel Aviv district remains the most heavily populated, with some 1,017,000 people, nearly a quarter of the country's population, living there, according to preliminary demographic data for 1985, released here Friday.

Israel's population at the end of last year was estimated at 4.26 million, of whom approximately 3.51 million are Jews, and nearly 750,000 non-Jews. In the northern district, the population increased by 2.1 percent in 1985 and stands at 706,000. In the Jerusalem district, the rate of increase was 2 percent and the population is about 505,000. In the Tel Aviv district the population increased by only 0.3 percent.

The Jewish population grew by 1.7 percent in both the Jerusalem district and the northern district, and by 1.2 percent in the country as a whole. There are 371,000 Jewish residents in the Jerusalem district and 352,000 in the northern district. But the number of non-Jews in the northern district increased by 2.5 percent, for a total of 355,000.

The number of non-Jews in the southern district increased 4.4 percent and now totals 56,000.

MINISTRY REJECTS BILL THAT WOULD MAKE STUDY OF ARABIC MANDATORY IN SCHOOLS

JERUSALEM, April 6 (JTA) -- The Education Ministry has rejected a bill proposed in the Knesset which would make the study of Arabic mandatory in the country's schools, beginning in the fourth grade. The measure was introduced by Nahman Raz and Abdul Wahab Darawshe, both of the Labor Alignment.

Arabs comprise about 18 percent of Israel's population and there have been repeated complaints from educators and from the army that the level of knowledge of Arabic among Israelis was unsatisfactory. But the Education Ministry opposed the bill on grounds that the Knesset has never made any subject mandatory to the curriculum and Arabic should be no exception.

The Ministry reportedly is concerned that if one subject is required by law to be taught, it will be followed by demands on behalf of other subjects. It acknowledged however the importance of Arabic language study and promised to do whatever possible short of explicit legislation to increase the study of Arabic.

MOSHE PEARLMAN DEAD AT 75

TEL AVIV, April 6 (JTA) -- Moshe Pearlman, a well-known author, the first Israel Defense Force official spokesman, founder and first director of the Israel Government Press Office, and an early director of Israel Radio, died Saturday at the age of 75. He was buried in Jerusalem on Sunday.

Pearlman, known as Moish to his many friends around the world, lapsed into a coma six weeks ago while hospitalized for back problems. He never recovered consciousness.

Pearlman was born in London, graduated from the London School of Economics and became editor of the Zionist Review in the 1930's, work-

ing out of the London offices of the Jewish Agency. He spent a year in a kibbutz in 1936 and subsequently published his first book, "Collective Adventure."

He fought in the British army during World War II, serving in North Africa and Greece. He was mentioned in dispatches. During and after his army service he was active in the Aliya Bet, the clandestine Jewish immigration movement.

In Israel, when the State was established, Pearlman established and commanded the IDF press liaison unit during the War of Independence, and served as the first IDF spokesman. After the war he founded and headed the Government Press Office, and in 1952 was appointed director of Israel Radio while running the government's Information Services.

He was a close adviser to Prime Minister David Ben Gurion. He was recalled to the army in the Six Day War, when he served with his friend, Moshe Dayan.

Author Of Numerous Books

His numerous books, on which he collaborated with others, include: "Ben Gurion Looks Back," which he wrote together with Israel's first Premier; a book about the Eichmann trial; and, with Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kollek, a book about Jerusalem.

His own books included "In The Footsteps of Moses"; "In the Footsteps Of The Prophets"; "The Maccabees"; and his last published work, "Digging Up The Bible."

WEST GERMAN DEFENSE MINISTER IN ISRAEL FOR A FOUR-DAY VISIT

By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, April 6 (JTA) -- Manfred Woerner, the West German Defense Minister, arrived in Israel Sunday for a four-day visit as the guest of Defense Minister Yitzhak Rabin who welcomed Woerner and his wife at Ben Gurion Airport. Both men spoke of peace and stressed that the good relations between Israel and Bonn must be nurtured without either forgetting the past.

Woerner is the first German Defense Minister to visit Israel, though he personally has come here before in a different capacity. In response to Rabin's welcoming remarks, he declared, "As you feel obligated to peace here in this very delightful and fruitful region of the Middle East, we feel obliged not only to the peace in Europe but also to the peace here in this region of the world."

Woerner added, "Our continents have come so close to each other that you cannot separate a crisis in one continent from a crisis in another."

Rabin told his guest, "We believe that during your visit you will have the opportunity of getting first hand knowledge of Israel's defense problems, the threats and the ways we would like to cope with the major and ultimate threats and the methods of preventing war, which is our main aim. No doubt, the strength of Israel serves as an important factor in enhancing and increasing the hopes for peace."

Referring to Israel's special relationship with West Germany, Rabin said, "I believe that our peoples, bearing in mind the past we can never forget, should look at the same time to the future, to do the utmost to develop relations without forgetting the past."

BEHIND THE HEADLINES ISRAEL IS A REWARDING PLACE TO VISIT

By Marlene Goldman

(This is another article in a series on tourism and youth programs in Israel.)

JERUSALEM, April 6 (JTA) -- Dangling like a yo-yo off a cliff in the Judean desert somehow closes the gap between the diaspora Jew and the State of Israel. There is a kinship at that vertical plane of suspension between the terrified tourist praying that his harness and ropes are sturdy and the resilient Israeli who must be constantly prepared to face physical and emotional challenges for survival.

The undercurrent of danger is part of the cathartic pleasure of rappelling, one of Israel's vast array of outdoor adventure sports. At Metzukei Dragot, a field school that is part of Kibbutz Mitzpeh Shalom in the Judean desert, tourists entrust their lives to arm and leg straps attached to a double rope as they descend the sheer face of a cliff.

The daring traveler is first harnessed securely to the double rope by an unsympathetic instructor who rapels as often as a dog owner walks his pooch. Their reassurances of the safety in rappelling fall weightlessly on the apprehensive tourists and tension mounts with each committing albeit faltering step toward the cliff.

Equipped with a protective hard hat, the rappeller begins inching down the short jagged edge of the rock until reaching a 90-degree angle. Movement at all times is controlled by the individual feeding the rope slowly through his clenched hands.

An Envelope of Timeless Serenity

Where the cliff gives way to open space, signals the start of a free-floating mid-air descent into an envelope of timeless serenity. Below this secluded air bubble lies a brown carpet of dirt and stone speckled with tufts of green plants and trees.

It is in this hanging position that the rappeller is linked to the land and to the people of Israel. Instead of merely observing the maze of canyons and crevices, the rappeller is part of the land, a falling rock attempting to control its own destiny and the law of gravity.

There is also a growing, closer understanding of the Israeli people who are constantly suspended about their position and acceptance in the outside world. Their whole existence is a challenge, harsher than the tourist's decision to rapel, yet yielding a similar thrill of achievement and pride when that obstacle is overcome.

Recalling A Heroic Legend

The same oneness with the State of Israel is possible with other outdoor adventures. Climbing the snake-like path to the top of Masada recaptures an entire history of a people. The hardship of hiking and living on the isolated water-barren mountain is a leap into centuries past, as leg-weary tourists relive a heroic and epochal legend.

On top of Masada, tourists, with the aid of a guide, discover ancient cisterns, half-topped palaces, remains of mosaic floors, and Roman baths, all accompanied by a colorful and detailed history. As thirst and fatigue build while experiencing Masada, there is a powerful sense of admiration for both the Jews and Romans who

tolerated inhuman conditions atop this mountain in the middle of the desert.

A strong bond between the diaspora Jew and Israel can be woven through the layers of rock that represent Israel's birth and childhood. By participating in an archaeological dig, for one day or more, the 20th century Jew is propelled back into an earlier time warp of the First or Second Temple period of Judaism.

Uncovering Herodian coins and stones is an exhilarating burst of life that transcends a textbook knowledge of Jewish history. Measuring a 2,000-year-old mikvah to find that its dimensions conform to Jewish law (halacha) lends credibility to the 20th century interpretation of the Bible. Just walking through an excavation area can draw the tourist closer to Israel as an evolving reality through the centuries.

Links Are Welded

A bond also forms between the visitor and the land and the people of Israel by working side-by-side with sabras on a kibbutz. Stumbling out of bed at an unholy pre-dawn hour to crate chicken eggs or change insect traps in cotton fields builds the tough exterior, characteristic of Israelis. The foreigner functions as an Israeli in community life and becomes part of the soil of Israel with each ounce of dirt caked to his clothes.

The tourist, who participates in these ventures and adventures, which is coordinated by the American Zionist Youth Foundation and by the Youth and Hechalutz Department of the World Zionist Organization, experiences Israel's past and present like an Israeli. The history of the people and the land begins to flow through the bloodstream of the tourist and becomes part of his feeling and being.

In the process, the diaspora becomes part of Israel's future, as well. The links between the diaspora Jew and Israel are welded and the unity of the Jewish people is forged.

MARYLAND LEGISLATURE HONORS BEGUN

By David Friedman

WASHINGTON, April 6 (JTA) -- The Maryland House of Delegates in Annapolis last Thursday issued a proclamation honoring Soviet Jewish refusenik Iosif Begun "for his ability to endure extreme circumstances and duress." Delegate Marilyn Goldwater (D. Montgomery) had proposed the proclamation in the lower house of the Maryland legislature at the suggestion of Jon Cohen, a senior at the University of Maryland, College Park.

Cohen has petitioned John Toll, president of the university, to grant Begun an honorary doctorate in Hebrew studies in absentia at the university's May commencement. House Speaker Benjamin Cardin (D. Baltimore), who enabled the petition to be brought up on the crowded House calendar, also urged that an honorary degree be granted.

Begun, a 54-year-old engineer, was one of several Moscow refusenik Hebrew teachers when he was arrested for anti-Soviet agitation and propaganda in 1982. He was sentenced to seven years in prison and five years internal exile.

"In America, Hebrew teachers get tenure," Cohen noted. "In the Soviet Union, Hebrew-teachers get 10 years."