

IDF PLANES BOMB TERRORIST TARGETS

TEL AVIV, April 7 (JTA) -- Israel Air Force planes bombed terrorist targets in the Sidon area of south Lebanon Monday and returned safely to their bases, a military spokesman announced. He said the targets were training bases and headquarters buildings of El Fatah, the terrorist arm of the Palestine Liberation Organization, and of George Habash's Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, a group that broke away from the PLO years ago.

Beirut radio reported five sorties by the Israeli bombers on targets in the Miamia and Ein Hilwe refugee camps near Sidon. According to Beirut radio, ambulances were seen rushing to the scene. The radio reported five casualties.

Three terrorists captured in the south Lebanon security zone two weeks ago while attempting to infiltrate Israel were trained at the bases raided Monday, the military spokesman said. They were described as deserters from the Syrian army.

FIRST AMBASSADOR OF SPAIN TO ISRAEL TO PRESENT HIS CREDENTIALS NEXT WEEK
By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, April 7 (JTA) -- Pedro Lopez Aguirre de Goa, the first Ambassador of Spain to Israel, arrived here Sunday and will present his credentials to President Chaim Herzog next Monday. Spain and Israel established diplomatic relations in January and the first Israeli envoy, Shmuel Hadass, has already taken up his post in Madrid.

In remarks to reporters, Lopez Aguirre stressed that his country's diplomatic recognition of the Palestine Liberation Organization would in no way affect its relations with Israel. He noted that the PLO has had an office in Madrid for some years and raising it to Embassy status did not herald any new developments.

He said he hoped Spain would be able to help advance the peace process in the Middle East and suggested that Israel and Spain are not rivals but friendly competitors in the sale of citrus and other agricultural products to the European Common Market of which Spain became a member on January 1. "We don't compete because we are enemies but because we produce more or less the same things for the same clients," he said.

The 49-year-old envoy is no stranger to Israel. He lived in Jerusalem from 1952-1956 when his father was the Spanish Consul General there. He was Spanish Ambassador to Greece before being posted to Israel and, prior to his Greek service he headed the Foreign Ministry's Asian and African Affairs Department in Madrid. He is a native of San Sabastian in the Basque region, is married and the father of two children.

Lopez Aguirre is probably the first Ambassador to arrive in Israel by sea. He landed at Haifa from a Greek car ferry which transported his car from Athens. He said his family will join him shortly.

ROSENNE: CUT COMMERCIAL RELATIONS WITH COUNTRIES THAT PROVIDE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO TERRORISTS
By David Friedman

WASHINGTON, April 7 (JTA) -- Israeli Ambassador Meir Rosenne called Sunday for cutting off commercial relations with countries, such as Saudi Arabia, which provide financial assistance to the Palestine Liberation Organization and other terrorist groups.

But William Casey, director of the Central Intelligence Agency, said that while the Saudis have paid "lip service" to the U.S. concerns, there is little the United States can do to persuade them to stop funding the PLO.

Both spoke at the opening session of the 27th annual policy conference of the American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC). Some 2,000 persons, including 500 college students, are attending the three-day session at the Washington Hilton Hotel.

"We do not think there is any justification for considering Saudi Arabia a peace-loving country so long as it provides -- as it has been doing for years -- \$250 million a year to the PLO, funds that are used for killing Americans, Israelis and other innocents," Rosenne said.

Casey, who spoke after Rosenne, was asked about the Saudi funding. He said the Saudis support the PLO "for reasons of fear, intimidation and pursuing their own foreign policy objectives. He added that "there is only a limited degree that we can influence them in those matters where they see their vital interests involved."

Those Responsible For Growth Of Terrorism

In his speech, Rosenne strongly denounced those he held responsible for the spread of terrorism today. "The responsibility lies with those in democratic states that thought that Israel would be the only victim," he said. "Now they see their vital interests involved."

Among others Rosenne blamed for the growth of terrorism are those who seek to claim there are "bad" terrorists such as Abu Nidal and "good" terrorists such as Yasir Arafat; those who have refused to extradite terrorists; Western states that have "accorded virtual diplomatic status to the PLO and permitted PLO offices to function," as well as "states like Syria, Libya, Iran, that organize, direct and support proxy terrorist forces."

The Israeli envoy urged an end to appeasing the terrorists, especially by the West Europeans, and called for the closing of all PLO offices. "No one should try to pacify a terrorist organization such as the PLO by granting it the privilege of being a party to any political or diplomatic negotiation," he said.

In addition, Rosenne called for "a total ban on landing rights in the democratic countries for the airplanes of states -- like Libya, Syria, Iran and Iraq -- that encourage terrorism."

Cooperation On Intelligence Gathering

Both Casey and Rosenne noted that cooperation between Israel and the U.S. had increased on intelligence gathering against terrorism. Casey said this cooperation had also increased between the U.S. and its West European allies. "What we have done very badly is develop a concerted diplomatic action, economic and political sanctions to evoke a penalty on the states which participate in state-sponsored terrorism," he said.

"Many of our friends and allies are rather slow on that," Casey said. "We can only hope and believe that the recent outrageous character of terrorist attacks in all countries will stimulate cooperation of that kind."

Earlier, Kenneth Bialkin, chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, told the conference participants that they can make their own contribution to the anti-terrorism fight by traveling. He said this would be a sign that "you are not intimidated by the threat of terrorism." AIPAC president Robert Asher said that those who wanted to ensure their safety could fly El Al to London, Paris or Israel.

A Shared Vital Interest

In his address, Casey, who rarely speaks in public, charged that Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev has "intensified" the Soviet effort to secure "bridgeheads" to extend Soviet influence in the Middle East, Central America and Africa. He said his Mideast "bridgeheads," which include Syria and Libya, were aimed at surrounding Israel and the moderate Arab states so as to eventually deny the West its supply of Mideast oil.

Casey said that the U.S. and Israel have "a shared vital interest in arresting this pattern of Soviet expansionism." He said the U.S. has tried to convince its friends in the Middle East that "Middle East radicals, dedicated to weakening the West and Israel, are also dedicated to the destruction of moderate and pro-Western regimes in the Arab world."

He stressed that one reason for pressing ahead with the Mideast peace process is "to deny the Soviet Union a lever for entry to the Middle East."

POLL SHOWS MAJORITY OF ISRAELIS WANT UNITY COALITION TO CONTINUE ON BASIS OF ROTATION OF POWER
By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, April 7 (JTA) -- A majority of Israelis want the Labor-Likud unity coalition to continue on the basis of the rotation of power agreement under which Premier Shimon Peres will turn over his office to Likud leader Yitzhak Shamir next October 13, according to a public opinion poll taken by the Hanoch and Rafi Smith Research Center, published Monday.

But the same poll found that Israelis, by a 61-29 percent margin saw reasons that would justify breaking up the coalition.

Among the respondents, 54 percent favored the rotation of power agreement, up from 47 percent in a poll conducted last August. Nineteen percent would like to see the coalition continue under the leadership of Peres, down from 24 percent in August.

Only five percent preferred a narrow coalition headed by Peres, down from six percent in August; and three percent favored a narrow-based

government headed by Shamir, down from five percent. Thirteen percent favored new elections.

Twenty-nine percent of the respondents could think of nothing that would justify dissolving the coalition. But 27 percent said the coalition could not continue because of sharp personal and party disputes among its members. Another 14 percent wanted to see the coalition ended to prevent Shamir from assuming the office of Premier.

Eight percent thought it should be discontinued because of the basic disagreements between Labor and Likud over the peace agreement with Egypt and negotiations with Jordan. Seven percent cited basic disagreements between the partners over economics as a reason to end the coalition; and five percent cited a further decline in the economy as a reason.

With respect to party loyalties, 11 percent of those who identified themselves as Laborites said they supported no particular individual or faction in the party; 34 percent supported the party in general; 37 percent identified with the Peres faction; eight percent with the faction headed by Defense Minister Yitzhak Rabin; four percent with the Yitzhak Navon group; and two percent with the dovish faction identified with former Foreign Minister Abba Eban.

Among Likud supporters, 10 percent favored no faction or individual. Shamir and Minister of Commerce and Industry Ariel Sharon each had the backing of 20 percent of Likud supporters. Housing Minister David Levy was favored by 13 percent and Finance Minister Yitzhak Modai by five percent.

ISRAEL AND AUSTRIA TO GET UN FILES ON WALDHEIM ON WEDNESDAY
By Yitzhak Rabi

UNITED NATIONS, April 7 (JTA) -- The files on Kurt Waldheim, stored at the United Nations archives, will be made available to Israel and Austria on Wednesday, Israeli and UN officials said Monday.

Israel requested access to the files last Friday and Austria made its request Monday. Waldheim, who served as UN Secretary General from 1972-81 and is running for the Presidency of Austria in next month's elections, has been widely accused of having participated in war crimes while serving as a Wehrmacht officer in the Balkans during World War II.

The request by Austria was made by that country's Ambassadors to the U.S. and UN, Thomas Klestil and Karl Fischer, respectively, in a letter sent Monday to UN Secretary General Javier Perez de Cuellar. A UN official said arrangements have been made for dealing with the requests. According to the official, representatives of Israel and Austria will be allowed to make copies of the files.

The official added that the procedure is confidential and is being worked out by the UN legal office and the Israeli and Austrian Missions to the UN.

The UN archives contain an estimated 40,000 files compiled by the now-defunct United Nations War Crimes Commission on suspected Nazi war criminals. The files are stored in a building on Central Park West in Manhattan. They are accessible only to governments upon formal request and must be handled in strictest confidentiality, the UN official said.

NEW EVIDENCE OF WALDHEIM'S PAST

By Reinhard Engel

VIENNA, April 7 (JTA) -- It was nearly impossible for Austrian Presidential candidate Kurt Waldheim to have not known about the deportation of thousands of Greek Jews from Salonika when he was based near that city as a Wehrmacht officer during World War II, two Austrian news publications charged Monday.

Further, both the Socialist daily *Neue Az* and the weekly news magazine *Profil* published reports which are said to link Waldheim's Nazi military unit, Abteilung IC of Heeresgruppe E, to later deportations of Greek Jews from the Aegean Islands.

The reports are part of the mounting allegations against the former United Nations Secretary General asserting that he had lied about his past war-time activities. The conservative Presidential candidate has vehemently denied the charges and said in a weekend interview that the defamatory campaign against him has finally collapsed.

Local Witnesses Questioned

Neue Az and *Profil* both said, based on research in Greece, that it was impossible for Waldheim to have known nothing of the ghettos and transports. The publications' reporters had questioned local witnesses in Salonika and in the small nearby village of Arsaki, where the staff headquarters of Heeresgruppe E was situated during the war.

"It was impossible that he did not know anything," said Leon Benmajor, the 70-year-old president of the tiny Jewish community of Salonika. Another woman, Hella Kunjo, an 80-year-old Karlsbad resident married to a Greek Jew, added: "He must be crazy."

The deportation of almost 50,000 Jews from Salonika was a major operation. At least one-fourth of the population of that Greek town was first forced to wear the large yellow Star of David, then rounded up in ghettos, moved to a central camp, and then in railroad cars to the concentration camps of Auschwitz, Birkenau and Bergen-Belsen.

According to the reports, this completely changed the character of Salonika, where the Jewish population had not lived in secluded quarters but was spread all over the town. After the deportations, shops, stores and offices in the town were deserted, and trade almost broke down.

Waldheim has always contended that he had not known anything about those deportations until earlier this year when his unit was connected with them in the media. He argued that the headquarters where he served on the staff of General Alexander Loehr had been off in the mountains, and he had been unable to take notice of anything.

Findings By Reporters

The two Austrian reporters found that the staff building was situated well above Salonika with a scenic view of the city and no obstacles in between. Large transports must have been visible from the headquarters structure, they argued in the reports.

Inhabitants of Arsaki, which has been renamed Panorama, told the reporters that since not very many of them were willing to work for the Germans, townspeople would come up to do the

cooking and cleaning. They must have reported about the goings-on down there, they added.

Another witness, who was quoted in both the *Profil* and *Neue Az* reports, was a Greek collaborator with the Germans who is still not accepted among the local population. Asked whether the German officers, whom he described as noble and educated men, had known something about the deportations, he said, "Of course they knew. Every small child would know, every dog, every cat."

Local newspapers at that time also mentioned the deportations. The Greek paper, *New Europe*, wrote, "Finally the cleaning has begun. Since yesterday the Jews are leaving our town. They were our enemies, and this we do not mind. No one minds if he gets rid of an enemy or of a disease."

The news publications also said that while Waldheim's unit was not directly involved in the deportations from Salonika, it had been directly informed about the action by Adolf Eichmann. According to *Neue Az* and *Profil*, Eichmann was in Salonika in February 1943 to give orders for the deportations. At the meeting, an officer from Abteilung IC was present, the publications said.

Despite not having played a role in the deportation of Jews from Salonika, Waldheim's unit is alleged to have played a role in the deportation of Jews from the Aegean Islands in 1944. Both publications quoted military documents released in Freiburg, West Germany, where the East Aegean commander ordered the Heeresgruppe E to begin the deportation of all Jews who had no Turkish citizenship.

It was Waldheim's task to deal with such reports, *Profil* charged. Neither Waldheim nor Herbert Warnstorff, who, as Lieutenant Colonel was then the commanding officer of Abteilung IC, remember those reports.

EL AL HAS BEGUN SERVICE TO TORONTO

TORONTO, April 7 (JTA) -- El Al, Israel's national airline, inaugurated service to Toronto on March 31 amid the tightest security precautions ever taken at a Canadian airport, much of it sensed rather than seen.

Several hundred passengers lined up three hours before take-off time for the direct flight to Tel Aviv to undergo the meticulous searches of their baggage and persons that has made El Al the acknowledged leader in security measures among the world's airlines.

Two armed Royal Canadian Mounted Police officers watched the lengthy procedure. But there were many non-uniformed security personnel on hand, both Canadian and El Al's armed guards in plainclothes. Neither El Al nor the Canadian authorities would confirm rumors that nine guards armed with Uzi submachineguns were stationed at the ramps and on the runway.

Because El Al is a prime target of Arab terrorists, the airport unions representing baggage handlers, machinists and ticket agents had to be satisfied that security would be adequate. Airport employees interviewed by the media said they had confidence in El Al's ability to forestall terrorist acts. But one ticket agent expressed concern that Canadian security guards were so bored they didn't pay attention to baggage checks.

UIA BY-LAWS TO EXPAND BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND TO PROVIDE MORE DIRECT COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION

NEW YORK, April 7 (JTA) -- At a recent meeting here, the by-laws of the United Israel Appeal were changed to expand its Board of Directors from 39 to 63 and give more direct participation in UIA affairs to local Jewish community Federations and the national United Jewish Appeal. This was announced by Irwin Field, chairman of the UIA, who served as chairman of the Special UIA Committee to propose changes in the organization's by-laws.

Field said that at the by-laws meeting, the Board of Directors approved changes which aimed to "better ensure that UIA's work would more directly reflect thinking on the local scene." He said the changes in the by-laws will now be placed before the UIA's Board of Trustees for ratification at the organization's annual meeting on April 16.

Under the old by-laws, American Jewish communities and national UJA were represented by 25 Board members. Federations now will directly select 24 members through the UIA nominating process, including the Council of Jewish Federations president in ex officio. They will also find their active leadership among the 12 UJA and 12 UIA at-large nominees.

All Board membership, according to Field, "must now meet the criteria of having a record of leadership services in their Federations as excellent contributors to the annual Federation campaign and attendance at a Jewish Agency Assembly."

"The ex-officio Board members will now include, in addition to the CJF president, the UJA's national campaign chairman and chairman of its Board of Trustees, the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee president, and the Jewish Agency's chairman of the Board of Governors and Treasurer."

Field stated that the special by-laws committee also "reaffirmed the role in the UIA of the World Zionist Organization, which includes all world-wide Zionist organizations; the Conservative, Orthodox and Reform religious movements, as well as the Sephardi Union. In addition, the Committee defined the role and composition of UIA's Board of Trustees, giving it increased powers."

Members of the special by-laws committee were, in addition to Field, Bernard Borine, Joel Breslau, Shoshana Cardin, Ray Epstein, Alex Grass, Sylvia Hassenfeld, Jerold Hoffberger, Ron Kaufman, Morris Levinson, Robert Loup, Rabbi Alexander Schindler, Bernice Tannenbaum, Henry Taub, and Harry Taubenfeld.

The UIA is the organization which receives funds from national UJA campaigns, as well as U.S. State Department grants, and administers and allocates these funds in Israel, through its sole operating agent there, the Jewish Agency.

THEO KLEIN ELECTED TO SECOND THREE-YEAR TERM AS PRESIDENT OF CRIF

PARIS, April 7 (JTA) -- Theo Klein, president of the Representative Council of Major French Jewish Organizations (CRIF), was reelected Sunday to a second three-year term by a vote of 63-53. This was a major victory for Klein insofar

as the president of CRIF can only serve two consecutive terms in office.

Klein, a 63-year-old prominent French lawyer and a member of the Board of Directors of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, won in the third round of voting. His challenger was Jean Kahn, president of the Strasbourg Jewish community.

The vote took place at the General Assembly of CRIF where some 50 organizations are represented by 125 delegates. The delegates vote on a personal basis and the ballot is secret. CRIF is the umbrella for major organizations, including the Fond Social Juif Unifié (FSJU), the Consistoire, and religious bodies.

MAURICIO SIROTSKY DEAD AT 60

RIO DE JANEIRO, April 7 (JTA) -- Mauricio Sirotsky, president of Brazil's Publishers Association and owner of the country's largest television and radio network as well as two newspapers, died last month in Porto Alegre at the age of 60. He had suffered from cancer but succumbed to a heart attack.

The Governor of Rio Grande Do Sul province and the Mayor of Porto Alegre, the provincial capital, declared three days of official mourning for Sirotsky, who had been active in Jewish communal affairs. A journalist, he built a communications empire that consisted of 14 television stations and 16 radio stations.

Ecumenical funeral services at the Porto Alegre City Hall were attended by a representative of Brazil's President, Jose Sarney, several ministers and state governors. The services were conducted by a local rabbi and the Archbishop of the district. Sirotsky was buried in the Jewish cemetery.

EMIGRATION BY 'EYEDROPPER'

NEW YORK, April 7 (JTA) -- Only 47 Jews emigrated from the Soviet Union during March, the National Conference on Soviet Jewry (NCSJ) reported Monday. The March figure represents a decrease in an already dwindling number of Soviet Jews allowed to emigrate. "What we are witnessing is emigration by 'eyedropper' -- one Soviet Jew at a time," said Morris Abram, chairman of the NCSJ.

ANTIDOTE TO NEO-NAZI PROPAGANDA

BONN, April 7 (JTA) -- A visit to the site of a former concentration camp has been declared mandatory for all pupils in State-run schools in Bavaria, partly as an antidote against neo-Nazi propaganda.

The precedent-setting decision was taken by the ruling conservative Christian Social Union (CSU) in cooperation with the opposition Social Democratic Party (SPD). The idea originated with an SPD member of the Bavarian legislature, Peter Kurz, a trade union activist.

It is part of the preparations for and studies about the Nazi era and may include student meeting with survivors of Nazi persecution. Kurz said the timing of his initiative coincided with the increased efforts by neo-Nazi groups to attract members among German youths.