



GREEK GOVERNMENT URGED TO INVESTIGATE ALLEGATION IMPLICATING WALDHEIM IN THE KILLING AND DEPORTATION OF GREEKS

NEW YORK, April 20 (JTA) -- Premier Andreas Papandreou of Greece has been urged to launch an investigation into allegations implicating Austrian Presidential candidate Kurt Waldheim in the slaughter and deportation of Greek citizens while the former UN Secretary General was based near Salonika as a Wehrmacht officer.

In a cable to the Greek Premier, James Demos, president of the Hellenic Freedom Foundation in the United States, voiced the concern of many Greek Americans that the matter be handled properly and urged that the Papandreou government investigate what role, if any, Waldheim played "in the slaughtering of over six thousand Greek Jews, Cretans and partisans on Crete" as well as in the deportation of Greek citizens from Thessaloniki and other parts of Greece to concentration camps.

Demos also urged Papandreou to demand access to the file on Waldheim contained at the UN archives of the War Crimes Commission. The UN recently gave copies of the file to the governments of Austria and Israel. The information in the file has not been disclosed since access was granted under terms of strict confidentiality. During the occupation of Greece, over 500,000 Greek citizens and over 80,000 others were sent to concentration camps.

In 1980, the Hellenic Freedom Foundation, which was organized in 1979 to promote and preserve Hellenism, announced that the UN had in its archives approximately 40,000 Nazi and other Axis war criminals files which had been compiled by the long defunct War Crimes Commission between 1944 and 1947. These files were discovered by Dr. Michael Palumbo, a City University of New York historian while doing research for a book on World War II atrocities by Mussolini in Greece.

ISRAEL REJECTS SYRIAN CHARGES

TEL AVIV, April 20 (JTA) -- Israel has rejected Syrian accusations that Israeli intelligence, using Lebanese operatives, had engineered a series of bomb blasts and explosions aboard buses in Syrian towns last week. Some 150 persons were reported killed in the bomb attacks.

Israeli intelligence sources here termed the charges, broadcast on the state-controlled Damascus Radio, a baseless lie and a transparent attempt by the government to cover up internal Syrian problems.

Damascus Radio accused Israeli agents operating from inside Lebanon of responsibility for the blasts. Official security sources quoted by the radio said the explosions took place on intercity buses and that innocent civilians had been killed.

The Christian Voice of Lebanon Radio in Beirut said more than 150 persons were killed or wounded in eight explosions, two at the Mediterranean port of Tartus, two in the central city of Homs, and the rest in other smaller towns.

A previously unknown group calling itself the October 17th Movement telephoned a Western news agency saying its was responsible for recent bomb attacks in Syria. The anonymous telephone caller said the group represented the Syrian opposition.

TENSION, VIOLENCE MOUNT IN GAZA STRIP
By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, April 20 (JTA) -- Tension mounted in the Gaza Strip over the weekend as Israel prepared to implement a little publicized aspect of its 1979 peace treaty with Egypt despite fierce protests by Jewish settlers, and terrorist incidents multiplied.

Molotov cocktails were hurled at Israel Defense Force patrols in the Shati and Nusseirat refugee camps last Thursday night, causing no casualties. A fire-bomb was thrown into a bus parking lot near Al-Azhar College in Gaza causing slight damage. An Israeli car set fire in a Gaza garage was damaged.

The settlers are objecting to the pending resettlement on Israeli soil of some 4,300 Arab refugees who presently live in the "Canada Camp" on the Egyptian side of the Sinai border which cuts through the town of Rafah at the southernmost point of the Gaza Strip.

The heads of the first 25 Arab families due for relocation were taken on a bus tour last Tuesday of the site on the Israeli side of Rafah where the government has already prepared 500 plots of land for refugee housing, in compliance with peace treaty terms.

This infuriated the settlers even though the Arabs, accompanied by a military escort and an Egyptian liaison officer, were not permitted to leave the bus. They were asked to fill out questionnaires about their families which will be examined by the Israeli authorities before the moves are made. The process of planning and preparation will take at least six months, after which construction will begin on the first refugees' homes.

RANKING VATICAN OFFICIALS HINT THAT THE POPE'S VISIT TO ROME'S SYNAGOGUE MAY PORTEND RECOGNITION OF ISRAEL

By Lisa Palmieri-Billig

ROME, April 20 (JTA) -- Eight days after Pope John Paul II paid his historic visit to Rome's main synagogue, ranking Vatican figures hinted Sunday that one ramification of the Papal gesture could be Vatican recognition of the State of Israel.

Bishop Clemente Riva, president of the Ecumenical Committee of the Rome Diocese and a member of the Commission for Religious Relations with the Jews, observed on a television interview that the Vatican's failure to recognize Israel "is perhaps what offends Jews the most." The Pope's visit to the synagogue, he said, should be viewed as one more step toward recognition "which must, is bound to come, even though we cannot say when."

Riva added that for some time now it has been said "off the record" that "the Pope has a great desire to visit Jerusalem and is just waiting for an opportunity." Italian Jewish leaders feel this may well be the Pope's next step and "he knows he has a standing invitation," Tullia Zevi, president of the Union of Italian Jewish Communities, responded.

Cardinal Johannes Willebrands, who serves as president of both the Secretariat for Promoting Christian Unity and the Commission for Religious Relations with the Jews, noted that "official relations" between the Vatican and Israel "already exist, even if not yet on the highest level of the exchange of Ambassadors."

He said that, after all, the Jews "are a people and a people expresses itself in the form of a State." It is therefore natural for "Israel to want to have relations with all other states."

No Mideast Peace Without Israel

Cardinal Roger Etchegaray, president of the Holy See's Commission for Peace and Justice, saw the Pope's visit as a "spiritual step, but a step which must bear consequences on other levels. It is a step that will bring closer the recognition of Israel, which is awaited by Israel, and not only Israel but many others as well," Etchegaray said.

He added, "Personally, I think we must take Israel into account when we speak of peace in the Middle East because without Israel there can be no peace."

The Vatican Radio devoted much of its broadcasts last week to Israeli press comments on the Pope's visit. It included, as one of the few "voice" selections in its round-up the portion of the speech by Giacomo Saban, president of the Rome Jewish community, during the Pope's visit in which he stressed the Jewish people's deep ties with Israel.

Zevi told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency she thought it was "unrealistic" to have expected the Pope to say anything about recognition of Israel during his synagogue visit. "The event was considered purely religious and no members of the Holy See's Secretariat of State were there," Zevi said. But she and most other Jewish and Catholic leaders feel the visit was a step that could lead toward recognition.

SCA URGES FOUR FAITH TALKS IN A FIGHT AGAINST TERRORISTS

NEW YORK, April 20 (JTA) -- The Synagogue Council of America (SCA), representing the congregational and rabbinic branches of Conservative, Orthodox and Reform Judaism, has launched exploratory talks with national Catholic and Protestant bodies for a four faith consultation on terrorism.

Rabbi Henry Michelman, executive vice president of the SCA, announced at the opening of a two-day conference on terrorism here Sunday that the SCA has asked the National Council of Churches and the Catholic Bishops Conference to consider convening a consultation on terrorism with Jewish, Catholic, Protestant and Moslem representatives.

He indicated that initial discussions with his Christian counterparts were favorable and that additional conversations will be held during the next few weeks. Michelman said he hopes that a working committee for such a gathering could be convened as early as this summer. "Terrorism is a

problem that must concern citizens of all faiths-- Jews, Christians and Moslems," Michelman declared.

Synagogues and churches were urged to assume the leadership in a citizens fight against terrorism by increased tourism to friendly nations, such as Great Britain and Israel, possible trade boycotts, reaching out to the families of the victims, and mounting community-wide educational programs on terrorism.

The terrorism meeting was sponsored by the International Association of Jewish Lawyers and Jurists; the Synagogue Council; the Cardozo School of Law of Yeshiva University; the Leon and Marilyn Klinghoffer Foundation; the American Judges Association (New York Section) and the Brandeis Association.

No Simple Solution

At a luncheon meeting, Martin Barell, of Great Neck, New York, chairman of the SCA Board of Governors, said: "There are no simple solutions to fight terrorists and the nations that support such acts of violence. We are dealing with one of the worst criminal assaults upon mankind in history, one that regrettably affects innocent men, women and children."

Barell said that synagogue and church organizations of America were in a superb position to launch such an effort since they represent "a moral force of millions that can help in mounting an international outcry. People must show that they are not just the victims of terrorism but can do things to fight back," he added.

Justice Jerome Hornbliss of New York City, the conference chairman, in his keynote remarks said, "We expect to define the awesome problems posed to society today by international terrorists. Jews in particular have learned through too many experiences since the establishment of the State of Israel, that appeasement in the face of violence only begets more violence."

U.S. RAPPED FOR CAUTIONING AMERICANS TO AVOID TRIPS TO EUROPE AND THE MIDEAST BECAUSE OF TERRORIST THREATS By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, April 20 (JTA) -- Tourism Minister Avraham Sharir complained bitterly Sunday about the Reagan Administration's caution to American citizens to avoid trips to Europe and the Middle East because of terrorist threats.

He said in an Haaretz interview that tourism has dropped 30 percent in recent months because of fear of terrorist acts. Sharir noted that more than 40 percent of American tourism to Europe was being diverted from the Western countries to Eastern bloc countries out of fear of terrorism.

"In this way the American Administration injects Dollars into the Communist countries and gives the Communist propagandists an opportunity to brainwash naive American tourists," the Israeli minister maintained.

Washington's warnings to Americans to stay away from possible terrorist targets are contrary to "one of the principles of the American Constitution--freedom of movement," Sharir said. "If the American Administration continues with this line, why tomorrow they will urge Americans of some city in the States not to go out in the street. This is contrary to the American democratic way of life."

**REFORM, LIBERAL AND PROGRESSIVE
JEWS EXPRESS WILLINGNESS TO WORK
OUT DIFFERENCES WITH ORTHODOX JEWRY**
By Ron Csillag

TORONTO, April 20 (JTA) -- Reform, Liberal and Progressive Jews from 20 countries, meeting here all last week, sounded an overwhelming and unprecedented willingness to work out their differences with Orthodox Jewry, while agreeing also not to shy away from their opposition to many ultra-Orthodox practices.

The 23rd international meeting of the World Union for Progressive Judaism (WUPJ), the umbrella body of the world's 1.4 million Reform, Progressive and Liberal Jews, produced what organizers are hailing as consensus on a number of key issues.

Over 250 delegates from Canada, the U.S., Great Britain, Australia, New Zealand, France, Holland, Switzerland, South Africa, West Germany and other nations, came out of the six-day meeting with emotions ranging from disappointment to euphoria.

"I'm upset at a number of things," said one delegate from Britain. "We didn't make our language clear enough on many issues. Basically, we agreed to agree. I think our messages should have been stronger."

"I'm very, very pleased with the whole thing," noted a South African delegate. "Coming together like this and being able to agree on so many things shows the world how committed Progressives are to Judaism and to Jewish unity."

The Importance Of Unity

Over the course of the meeting, delegates discussed a number of matters facing Reform Jewry today: patrilineal descent, the challenge of ultra-Orthodoxy, conversions, divorce, oppressed Jewry in Syria and the Soviet Union, aliyah, women's issues, apartheid and the arms race.

But the convention's focus was how to live with those elements of Orthodoxy that have discounted or rejected outright the Jewishness of Reform, and how to challenge Orthodoxy's growing control over day-to-day life in Israel.

"For us, unity has been the most important thing," WUPJ executive director Rabbi Richard Hirsch said after the final resolutions were adopted unanimously.

"I'm very pleased with the documents that say there's a new openness on our part," said Hirsch, who in his keynote address earlier in the conference had warned of "an unholy alliance" of religious fanatics and political extremists whose "dark forces of reaction" are threatening the foundations of Judaism and Zionism.

Regarding the Orthodox challenge, Hirsch said what came out of the conference is that "We're saying to Orthodoxy, 'You have problems with us. We have problems with you. Let's not fight this out in the press. Let's sit down and discuss it.' They will have to respect our right to exist."

Indeed, it was noted several times during the meetings that the WUPJ is the only Jewish religious movement in the world that is headquartered in Jerusalem. It represents a substantial number of Jews and has found allies in the Conservative and Reconstructionist movements, all of which makes it hard to ignore. That's not to say delegates were ready in the end to kiss and make up with Orthodoxy.

"We shall continue to be separated from (Orthodoxy) by our respective attitudes toward halacha. They hold the halacha as the supreme divinely-bestowed standard, subject to varying interpretations, but unchangeable," Hirsch said. "We consider halacha as a venerated guide, but subject to modification and even rejection if it does not conform to our ultimate values and purposes."

Hirsch renewed a call for Conservative and Reform Jews in Israel to merge to fight for their "common struggle for a just society in Israel."

Reform Jews do not have it easy in Israel, the delegates were told, mainly by Israeli delegates.

Once considered nothing short of heretics, especially in Israel, Reform Jews there today can boast of two Reform Kibbutzim, 15 congregations and three ordained rabbis.

A Myriad of Problems

But their problems are many: marriages and divorces performed by non-Orthodox rabbis are not recognized, children of these marriages are considered illegitimate and conversions performed by non-Orthodox rabbis are ruled invalid. All these add up to huge problems when Reform Jews make aliyah.

But, delegates heard, they present problems outside Israel as well. In Perth, Australian representatives noted, Jewish day schools are welcoming gentile children but refuse to register children of women converted by non-Orthodox rabbis.

But in the end, delegates voted unanimously to support in principle a blue ribbon commission report drawn up by Rabbi Gunther Plaut of Toronto, who received a standing ovation for his work on the document.

After four drafts and 224 recommendations, Plaut's report underlined the fact that "respect for Orthodox sensitivities and institutions must be a hallmark of Progressive policy."

Principles Of A Blue Ribbon Commission

With some minor revisions and changes in style still to come, the report serves as a blue print for Reform philosophy. Among its stated objectives are:

* Because Reform Jews are "deeply distressed that nearly everywhere in the world a growing and dangerous polarization is taking place in Jewish life," and that not all Orthodox Jews are against them, Reform must achieve "a united front in a single, strong Progressive movement and that we seek allies in the broad spectrum of Jewish life."

* Acknowledging the fact that Reform has some friends in Orthodoxy and that Orthodoxy is not monolithic.

* To seek out these allies in the Conservative and Reconstructionist movements, whose interpretations of halacha "often resemble" those of Reform, and with each local Reform or Progressive community urged to develop its own patterns of cooperation.

* To recognize the strengths of Reform, Progressive Judaism "has saved uncounted numbers of Jews for the Jewish people and has prevented their assimilation and disappearance." However, Reform Jews have not adequately used the movement's resources. Increased involvement in the WUPJ was urged.

* To push for increased aliya among Progressives, who currently account for less than one percent of religious immigrants to Israel.

* Finally, delegates reaffirmed that they will remain "open and accessible to all and appeal to those who would hear us to establish a firm foundation for communal cooperation, for civil discourse and mutual understanding."

The final resolutions did not contain any reference to the most controversial issue facing many Reform Jews today: patrilineal descent--the decision by U.S. Reform leaders to recognize as Jews children born of a Jewish father but non-Jewish mother. Because not all Progressive Jews recognize the U.S. decision, the matter was dropped in drawing up the final list of resolutions.

**A First In The UN Security Council:
ALL MEMBERS, INCLUDING THE USSR,
VOTE TO EXTEND THE UNIFIL MANDATE**

UNITED NATIONS, April 20 (JTA) -- The mandate for the 5,825-troop United Nations peacekeeping force in south Lebanon was extended by three months Friday by the unanimous vote of the 15-member Security Council.

The unusual agreement among Security Council nations marked the first time the Soviet Union and its allies did not abstain on the mandate renewal vote for the peacekeeping operation in south Lebanon, established in 1978.

"The Soviet Union shares the opinion of Lebanon on the need to retain the presence of UNIFIL," said the Soviet Union's chief delegate, Yuri Dubinin, referring to the United Nations Interim Force In Lebanon. "UNIFIL acts as a decisive factor in impeding the plans of Israel in Lebanon."

The Soviets have in the past not given support for UN peacekeeping operations. In Friday's vote, Bulgaria joined with the Soviet Union in favor of the UNIFIL mandate extension. In the last six months, UNIFIL troops suffered 18 casualties from gunfire, including three dead.

GOLDSTEIN BROTHERS ARRIVE IN ISRAEL
By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, April 20 (JTA) -- Isai and Grigory Goldstein, brothers who waited almost 15 years for visas to leave the Soviet Union, arrived in Israel last Friday with a plea that the Jews they left behind in the USSR not be forgotten.

Isai, accompanied by his wife, Elizabeta and their 15-year-old son, Avi, said at Ben Gurion Airport: "Our dream has at last come true. We want no more publicity. All your attention must now be given to those who have been left behind. There are still hundreds of thousands wanting to leave."

Grigory, who is 55 and unmarried, said he and his brother, both physicists, were not allowed to emigrate 15 years ago because both had worked on scientific research. They are natives of Tbilisi, the capital of Soviet Georgia. Grigory was exiled to Siberia for a year because of his Zionist activities.

The brothers renounced their Soviet citizenship in 1972, after Arab terrorists massacred members of the Israeli Olympic team in Munich. They charged that Moscow had provided the terrorists' weapons. Exit visas were granted them earlier this year after Sen. Edward Kennedy of

Massachusetts intervened on their behalf during a visit to Moscow.

**1,000 PEOPLE ATTEND FUNERAL OF
RABBI KILLED BY UNIDENTIFIED PERSON**
By Ben Kayfetz

TORONTO, April 20 (JTA) -- Some 1,000 persons attended the hastily-called funeral Friday of 24-year-old Rabbi Neil Rosenblum, killed by an unidentified assailant while visiting his wife's parents in Pittsburgh for Passover.

Pittsburgh police chief John Norton met with Jewish community leaders over the weekend to discuss the murder and vowed to apprehend those responsible for the early Thursday evening shooting of Rosenblum, the father of a four-week-old daughter.

Norton said dozens of police personnel were working around the clock to "solve the senseless murder." At the same time, Pittsburgh Mayor Richard Calijuri announced that the city is offering a reward of \$10,000 for information leading to the arrest of those responsible.

Police apparently have few leads in the case, but reports indicate that Rosenblum, dressed in traditional Orthodox garb, was approached by a white man driving a dark colored automobile who stopped to ask for directions.

The assailant is said to have gotten out of the car and fired six bullets into the victim at close range. Rosenblum reportedly gave police some information before his death. There has been no information yet on the exact number of persons in the vehicle or possible motives for the attack.

Rosenblum was attending the graduate school of the Her Israel Yeshiva in Toronto and it was there that Friday's funeral took place.

**FATHER OF JUDITH RESNIK SAYS MANNED
SPACE PROGRAM SHOULD CONTINUE**

NEW YORK, April 20 (JTA) -- Dr. Marvin Resnik, father of the late Challenger astronaut Dr. Judith Resnik, said that "NASA took every precaution it could" in the latest Challenger flight, and that the "manned space program should continue. If they stop it, the Challenger crew will have given their lives in vain." Resnik added that "President Reagan has given me his assurance that the program will continue."

Resnik made these remarks during a reception Saturday evening for the Judith Resnik Challenger Crew Memorial to be established at the Beit Halochem Rehabilitation Center for disabled Israeli war veterans in Jerusalem.

Resnik described his daughter as "a private person who was proud of her Jewish heritage and wanted to be known as a professional engineer, dedicated to her work at NASA." He said that Judith Resnik and her Challenger crew colleagues, "were aware of the risks involved in their work but also prepared to take chances."

Ernest Zelig, president of Bnai Zion, which sponsors the Beit Halochem centers, reported that the Memorial will consist of a rehabilitative gymnasium with physiotherapeutic facilities. He stated, "the Memorial will be a constant and permanent source of inspiration to Israel's disabled veterans, who like the astronauts, possess indomitable spirit." The Beit Halochem centers provide rehabilitative services to over 35,000 disabled veterans and their families.