

**POLAND EXPECTED TO ANNOUNCE THAT IT WILL OPEN A MISSION IN ISRAEL**

By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, April 28 (JTA) -- Foreign Ministry sources said Monday that an announcement is expected from the Polish government that it will open a mission in Israel, but no date has been set for further diplomatic contacts between the two countries.

The sources were responding to a report Sunday by an Israeli television correspondent in Bonn, Yisrael Segal, that Israel and Poland would resume diplomatic relations within a month. According to Segal, steps toward an agreement in principle were discussed between the two countries last week when the Israel Embassy in Bonn hosted a high-level diplomatic delegation from Poland, headed by the Polish Ambassador to West Germany.

Poland broke diplomatic ties with Israel after the 1967 Six-Day War, as did all Soviet-bloc countries except Rumania. Israeli interests in Warsaw are handled through the Dutch Embassy but Poland has had no direct or indirect representation in Israel.

The Ministry sources pointed out that Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir reached an agreement in principle with Poland's Foreign Minister when they met at the United Nations General Assembly in New York last September. They stressed, however, that the agreement applied to "bureaus of interest" with consular powers, not the resumption of diplomatic relations.

The sources noted further that Poland has moderated its attitude toward Israel in recent months and has sent a number of theatrical and dance groups here. But according to Segal, the high-level diplomatic meeting in Bonn last week was attended by Hannan Bar-On, Deputy Director General of the Israeli Foreign Ministry, who flew there for the purpose.

Segal reported that the Israeli and Polish diplomats discussed "substantive and concrete" steps toward an agreement in principle to restore diplomatic ties.

**PERES: QUIET DIPLOMATIC CONTACTS WITH JORDAN IS A POSSIBILITY**

By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, April 28 (JTA) -- Premier Shimon Peres said Sunday that a path toward developing quiet diplomatic contacts with Jordan has developed, though he warned that the breakthrough is characterized by mutual understanding more than agreement.

Peres declined to amplify on his remarks, but his optimism was immediately dampened by Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir and Foreign Ministry officials who insisted that recent contacts between Israel and Jordan had so far failed to yield any tangible breakthrough.

Shamir told reporters, "I don't think we're very near a peace treaty or any similar development." He said that Israel's relations with Jordan over the past seven or eight years had not involved any special security problems, adding: "I

think we have to be satisfied with this state of relations."

Peres, in an Israel Television interview, apparently attributed part of the progress, however limited, to the differences between King Hussein and Palestine Liberation Organization leader Yasir Arafat.

The Israeli leader praised Hussein for breaking off talks with the PLO aimed at forming a common position on Middle East peace talks. He welcomed the Jordanian King's belief that Arafat was an impossible partner for peace.

"What we see is an open, unequivocal rift between King Hussein and Arafat," said Peres. "This is the first time that an important Arab leader has said, 'Arafat is impossible, he is not a partner.'"

"Moreover," Peres continued, "you will notice that this is not the end of the process. There is now a split between Arafat's wing and Fatah forces that are in Jordan--in addition to the split that took place in Syria. Since I estimate that the PLO is the greatest obstacle to peace, this is like a boulder that is slightly shattered, slightly ground down."

**WIDESPREAD MANHUNT LAUNCHED FOR THE KILLER OF A BRITISH TOURIST**

By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, April 28 (JTA) -- Israeli security forces are engaged in a massive manhunt for a lone killer who fatally shot a British tourist in the Old City Sunday. The murder was the fourth attack on foreign visitors and Israelis in the Old City in the past two months and the second to result in death. It has contributed to a sharp decline of tourism that has the industry worried.

Security sources are convinced that Paul Appelby, 28, from Bristol, was the victim of an assailant, who approaches his targets closely and fires an 0.22 caliber pistol point blank into their heads. Appelby was killed by a bullet fired into the base of his skull as he was about to enter the Garden Tomb, the burial place of Jesus according to Protestant tradition.

The previous fatality occurred on April 13 when a Jewish business woman was found shot to death in her office not far from the Garden Tomb. On March 7, an American Jewish tourist, David Blumenfeld, a Conservative rabbi from Long Island who is executive director of the New York City Holocaust Memorial Commission, was wounded by a gunshot to his head while walking alone on David Street in the Old City. On April 16, a German woman tourist sustained a slight shoulder wound as she and her husband were entering a Christian shrine in the Old City.

**Says Murder Was A Terrorist Act**

Premier Shimon Peres vowed Sunday that no efforts would be spared to apprehend Appelby's killer and prevent future attacks. Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir called the murder a terrorist act and pledged that Israel would fight terrorism until it is outrooted. Mayor Teddy Kolek said, "What happened in Jerusalem is part of what is happening in Paris, Rome, London and other places in

the world. The world must understand that this is an all-out war in which terror is attacking democracy and the free world." But some sources here believe that Appleby's killer, who may also be responsible for the other attacks, is not necessarily linked to a specific terrorist organization but is simply out to frighten tourists away from Israel.

The worldwide wave of terrorism since the hijacking of the Italian cruise ship Achille Lauro just outside Egyptian waters last October and the attacks on the Rome and Vienna airports late last year, among other incidents, has had a severe impact on tourism to the Middle East and Europe. Terrorist acts and threats since the U.S. air strike on Libya April 14 has contributed further to the fears of would-be travellers, especially Americans.

Jerusalem hotel managers complained Monday that American tourism to Jerusalem has fallen by nearly 50 percent this year. Americans account for some 80 percent of the tourist business here. Tourism authorities believe that little can be done to improve the situation until current Mideast tensions abate. But they are urging better efforts to explain to potential tourists that if there is a terrorist attack in one part of the region, it does not necessarily affect Israel.

#### SHAMIR: THERE IS NO DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A 'JEWISH HEBRON' AND THE ADJACENT KIRYAT ARBA JEWISH TOWNSHIP

By Gil Sedan

HEBRON, April 28 (JTA) -- Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir told cheering Gush Emunim activists here Sunday night that there was no difference between a "Jewish Hebron" and the adjacent Jewish township of Kiryat Arba and that the national unity government and all previous governments have recognized and endorsed that fact.

Shamir spoke at a festive dinner at a restaurant adjacent to the Patriarchs Tomb, winding up a week of "spring holiday tours" to Hebron initiated by the Gush Emunim to reinforce the Jewish presence in this West Bank Arab town. The tours brought thousands of rightwing and religious partisans to Hebron during the Passover week.

But members of Peace Now and the Civil Rights Movement (CRM) complained bitterly that while the Gush was allowed to hold a thinly disguised political rally in the town, they were barred from similar "tours" of Hebron by order of Defense Minister Yitzhak Rabin. A Peace Now delegation met with Rabin Sunday. They said afterwards that he promised that they could hold political meetings in Hebron in the future and could invite Palestinian Arabs to attend.

Peace Now held a rally in Hebron two weeks ago. They were harassed by Gush Emunim loyalists who set up road blocks illegally to bar their entry. Avshalom Vilan, a Peace Now leader, said Rabin had apologized for the failure of security forces to intervene.

#### Settlements Will Be Guaranteed

Shamir, meanwhile, promised that the existence and development of settlements would be guaranteed in the administered territories. "This applies, of course, also to this (Hebron) settlement, and let no one present Jewish Hebron as an exception beyond limits," he said. He maintained that the construction of a Jewish quarter in Hebron expressed "the will of the people." This

week's rallies marked the 18th anniversary of Gush Emunim's first effort to establish itself in Hebron in defiance of the government.

They were generally without incident except for an appearance at the Patriarchs Tomb Sunday by Rabbi Meir Kahane of the extremist Kach Party. He was given permission to pray at the site but was escorted out of the town after several of his followers began a demonstration. Two Kach members were detained.

#### WJCONGRESS OFFICIAL PROPOSES WALDHEIM GIVE SWORN TESTIMONY ABOUT HIS WAR-TIME ACTIVITIES

By Kevin Freeman

NEW YORK, April 28 (JTA) -- An official of the World Jewish Congress proposed Monday that Austrian Presidential candidate Kurt Waldheim should come to the organization's Geneva office to give testimony under oath of his war-time activities.

The proposal came as a counter-offer to Waldheim's invitation, in an interview published Monday in an Austrian weekly magazine, to meet in Vienna with WJC Secretary General Israel Singer.

The WJC has provided evidence of Waldheim's past activities as a Wehrmacht officer in the Balkans and his service as an intelligence officer under the command of Gen. Alexander Loehr of Army Group E. Loehr was later hanged for his war crimes.

WJC executive director Elan Steinberg told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that Singer, who was unavailable for comment, had not yet received an invitation from Waldheim, the UN Secretary General from 1972-1981.

"What we consider proposing," Steinberg continued, "is that he come to Geneva to give testimony to our general council there under oath." Saying Waldheim "has shown himself to be a proven liar," Steinberg said testimony in Geneva could focus on uncovering the truth of his past actions.

#### Waldheim: 'I Have Nothing To Hide'

Waldheim, in the interview in Basta magazine, said of Singer, "I would be happy to discuss all these things with him. I have nothing to hide and I believe we should put our relationship back on a friendly footing."

Waldheim again issued a statement denying involvement in brutal campaigns against Yugoslav partisans and the deportation of Greek Jews to death camps. "I recognize our partial responsibility in the Nazi regime. Terrible things happened during those years of the Hitler era.

"We all bear joint responsibility for this. But the individual soldier who served at the front is no war criminal. I will keep stating that until people understand it," he declared.

#### PROXIMIRE HONORED FOR HIS FIGHT TO RATIFY THE GENOCIDE TREATY

By David Friedman

WASHINGTON, April 28 (JTA) -- Sen. William Proxmire (D. Wisc.) stressed Monday that although the Senate ratified the Genocide Treaty in February after a 37-year battle, the implementing legislation still needs to be passed by Congress. In addition, Proxmire said that for the treaty to be "effective," the Senate must eventu-

ally rescind the amendment introduced by Sen. Jesse Helms (R. NC), and adopted, prohibiting the United States from being taken before the World Court. Despite the amendment, Helms was one of 11 Senators who voted against ratification.

The U.S. will never be taken before the World Court on a charge of genocide, Proxmire told the some 60 persons attending the annual policy meeting of the Commission on Social Action of Reform Judaism, a joint body of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations (UAHC) and the Central Conference of American Rabbis (CCAR).

"But what that means is we cannot hail another country before the World Court," Proxmire explained. Noting that the U.S. and the Soviet Union are the only major countries to have this restriction, he added, "Here we have the two superpowers saying 'we are above the law.'"

Proxmire's comments came as he was honored by the UAHC and CCAR for his 19-year effort to get the treaty ratified. "Bill Proxmire, more than any single member of the U.S. Senate is responsible for the ratification of the Genocide Treaty," Sen. Howard Metzenbaum (D. Ohio) said.

Metzenbaum, who was chairman of the Social Action Commission in 1973-74, noted that starting in January 1967, Proxmire made a speech for ratification "every single day" the Senate was in session, a total of 3,211 speeches.

"You have taught us by your example that the individual can make a difference," Rabbi Alexander Schindler, UAHC president, said. Schindler presented Proxmire with a copy of the UAHC's "The Torah: A Modern Commentary." The inscription said in part:

"By rising at every session to remind the United States Senate of its moral duty to ratify the Genocide Convention, you touched the conscience of America. In the spirit of the Hebrew prophet, you summoned humanity to cease to do evil and to establish peace and justice at the gates."

Schindler noted that the Genocide Treaty was drafted in the UAHC offices by the late Raphael Lemkin. Proxmire, who has frequently paid tribute to Lemkin, said that Lemkin coined the word "genocide."

Proxmire said that the implementing legislation is expected to be sent to Congress by the Justice Department in about a month. He said it is in "good shape in the House." But, in the Senate, he noted it must come before the Judiciary Committee whose chairman, Strom Thurmond (R. SC), and four other members voted against ratification. "So we're going to have to work hard" to adopt the legislation, Proxmire stressed.

#### SECOND CONSERVATIVE WOMAN RABBI TO BE ORDAINED BY JTS

NEW YORK, April 28 (JTA) -- In a development similar to one which enabled Amy Eilberg to be ordained in May 1985 as the first Conservative woman rabbi, another woman rabbinical candidate will be ordained in graduation exercises at the Jewish Theological Seminary of America (JTS) on May 11 as the second Conservative woman rabbi, the Jewish Telegraphic Agency has learned.

The second woman to become a Conservative rabbi is Nina Bierber Feinstein of Dallas, Texas, a member of the incoming class of September 1984.

Eilberg, of Bloomington, Ind., was a member of the first class of women admitted to the JTS rabbinical school two years ago. Depending on a variety of factors, rabbinical training at the JTS requires four to six years of study.

Like Eilberg, Feinstein qualified for graduation and ordination through transfer credits and credits earned in the JTS rabbinical school since September 1984, according to a JTS spokesperson.

Women had been permitted to take rabbinical school classes on the understanding that taking such studies would not qualify them for rabbinical status -- until the first class of 20 women candidates was enrolled in the JTS rabbinical school two years ago. That action capped a bitter struggle of nearly a decade within the Conservative movement, led by its rabbinical arm, the Rabbinical Assembly, to accept women for ordination as Conservative rabbis.

The JTA was also told that the total number of women in the JTS rabbinical school, as of the close of the 1985-86 academic year, was 30, including 11 who enrolled in September 1985. One of the 11 dropped out.

Eilberg, appointed as a chaplain at the Methodist Hospital in Indianapolis, continues to serve there.

#### EGYPT CUTS OIL PRICES TO ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, April 28 (JTA) -- Egypt, which supplies Israel with one quarter of its oil, has reduced prices by approximately 25 percent, thus saving the Treasury over \$50 million a year.

Effective Monday, Israel will pay \$8.75 for a barrel of heavy crude oil, down from \$12.10; and \$10.75 for light crude, down from \$13.25. "A reduction of every dollar in the price of an oil barrel means a savings of \$50 million a year," Energy Minister Moshe Shahal said in a radio interview. He said he hoped the price cut will be passed on to consumers immediately after the Passover holiday.

#### RABIN: DEFENSE ESTABLISHMENT TO TRANSFER FUNCTIONS TO ARAB OFFICIALS IN ADMINISTERED AREAS

JERUSALEM, April 28 (JTA) -- Defense Minister Yitzhak Rabin, presenting certificates to Arab local officials from Gaza who completed courses in civil administration at Tel Aviv University, promised that the defense establishment plans to transfer "as many functions as possible" to Arab officials in the administered territories.

The recipients hold the rank of directors-general in various departments of the civil administration in Gaza. Rabin said certain civilian powers would be delegated to them "and to all those Arab residents of Gaza who are within these systems." He said that would be done within the framework of the military and civilian governments in the territory.

"Only terrorism can undercut and disrupt this process," Rabin declared. "We shall do all that we can to improve the quality of life and the standards of living within the framework of the civil administration. At the same time, we shall fight terrorism with all of our strength," he said, adding, "We view this as two separate, unconnected matters."

## RELIGIOUS OBSERVANCE IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS IS BEING CHALLENGED

By Ron Csillag

TORONTO, April 28 (JTA) -- Two separate challenges to religious observance in the public classroom have been launched here and both promise to be far-reaching precedents in their outcomes.

In the first, the Supreme Court of Ontario heard a challenge by five parents living in Sudbury, Ontario, to the daily reciting of the Lord's Prayer in several Sudbury schools. The suit was filed a year ago and charges that reciting the Lord's Prayer discriminates against non-believers and against non-Christians.

The Canadian Jewish Congress was an intervenor in the case and through its lawyer, John Laskin, argued that the Lord's Prayer impinges on Canada's four-year-old Charter of Rights and Freedoms, a part of the Constitution that guarantees freedom of religious expression and prevents discrimination based on religion.

Three of the five parents challenging the Lord's Prayer in the classroom are Jewish. There are no Jewish schools in Sudbury.

### Objection By The Parents

When the suit was launched, one of the parents, Philip Zylberberg, said his main objection was the emphasis of one religion over any other, as expressed through the Lord's Prayer, as well as the assumption that all students have a religion.

The parents are charging the Lord's Prayer is Christian, not non-denominational, and that students should have their choice of either saying a quiet prayer or not saying anything.

B'nai B'rith's League for Human Rights, also an intervenor, argued through its lawyer, Simon Adler, that the Lord's Prayer "impresses Christian beliefs" and that a common prayer is not the answer because students should have a choice.

### Arguments By Parents' Attorney

Charles Campbell, the lawyer representing the parents, argued in front of three Supreme Court justices that sections of the Education Act which require religious observance in the classroom are beyond the power of the act because they are overridden by sections of the Charter that outline freedom of religion and freedom from discrimination based on religious beliefs.

He said reciting the Lord's Prayer every morning, a practice still widespread in many parts of Ontario, represents discrimination against atheists as well as against non-Christians.

Allowing some students not to say the prayer along with others or letting some leave the class during its recitation is not the answer, Campbell argued, because those actions would single out certain children and expose them to ridicule from their peers.

He said the Lord's Prayer requirement induces and impels "religious observance either directly or indirectly, and allowing certain children to not say the prayer would "stigmatize" them because "children this age are disinclined to flout authority or ignore peer pressure," according to a psychological study he cited.

Campbell said allowing children to stand out in the hall during the Lord's Prayer wouldn't work in many schools in Sudbury, where the prayer is piped over the public address system and those students would still hear it. The answer

is either banning the prayer entirely or replacing it with a moment of quiet reflection, as many Ontario boards now do, he said.

### Challenge To Religious Studies

In the second case, the Canadian Civil Liberties Association has launched a challenge to the teaching of religious studies in public classrooms.

Led by legal counsel Alan Borovoy, the Association is also basing its case on Canada's Charter of Rights, arguing that religious studies, taught in the Elgin County Board of Education in and around London, Ontario, "violates the guarantee of freedom of conscience and religion" contained in the Charter.

In some schools religious studies, as outlined in the Education Act, are taught until grade 8, with a half-hour of instruction once a week.

The Association charges that the religious studies program promotes one religion -- Christianity -- over others instead of promoting knowledge about all religions.

The Association has long lobbied on behalf of replacing the 40-year-old requirement that formal religious studies be taught with instruction that would promote knowledge about many beliefs.

## EASTERN AIRLINES TO DROP ARAB-OWNED THIRD WORLD MAGAZINE FROM ITS FLIGHTS

NEW YORK, April 28 (JTA) -- Eastern Airlines says it will no longer make the magazine, South, available to its passengers as part of its in-flight library. A complaint lodged with the airline by the American Jewish Congress charged the Arab-owned publication with being "devoted almost exclusively to maligning Israel and the United States."

A letter of reply from Donald Lohr, an Eastern Airlines official, said that the complaints from AJCongress and others "have convinced us to discontinue boarding this publication."

South, which calls itself "the Third World magazine," recently described PLO chief Yasir Arafat as "one of the great freedom fighters of our time," according to AJCongress, which charged that Arafat personally had ordered the assassination of the U.S. Ambassador to Sudan in 1973 as well as other terrorist acts.

The complaint to Eastern, which was signed by Phil Baum, associate executive director of AJCongress, asserted that the kind of propaganda contained in South "is slanted, mendacious and highly offensive to many passengers."

Baum noted that AJCongress does not want to censor the magazine and that "we unreservedly support South's right to be published and to be sold anywhere in the world."

But he added that unlike public libraries or bookstores, institutions like doctors' offices or airlines, which offer their clients only a small selection of publications, have a responsibility to avoid including materials that are offensive to large segments of the public such as pornography or "blatant political propaganda."

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STRASBOURG (JTA) -- Israeli Premier Shimon Peres, addressing the 21-nation Council of Europe here last week, urged the Western European countries to support all actions against terrorism and show no weakness in fighting what he called the scourge of modern times.