



ISRAEL OBTAINS NAZI WAR CRIMES FILES ON 347 INDIVIDUALS

By Yitzhak Rabi

UNITED NATIONS, May 19 (JTA) -- Israel received Monday copies of 347 files on Nazi war criminals from the UN archives, compiled by the long-defunct UN War Crimes Commission.

The files were given to Binyamin Netanyahu, Israel's Ambassador to the UN -- who was escorted by Yitzhak Arad, chairman of Yad Vashem, Israel's Memorial and Research Institute on the Holocaust in Jerusalem -- at the UN archives which are stored at 345 Park Avenue South in Manhattan. They addressed a press conference later.

Israel recently asked to inspect the UN archives to see if they contain files on any of 1,379 Nazi war criminals still wanted by Israel. According to Netanyahu, the 347 files obtained by Israel Monday were the only ones which corresponded with the list submitted by Israel earlier.

According to Arad, "the information stored in the UN archives is of enormous value to the Holocaust research done by Yad Vashem." He said that among the files Israel received Monday there are names of leaders of "the Nazi murder system." He said the files will be sent soon to Yad Vashem for closer inspection.

Urges Files Be Open To The Public

Netanyahu, who spoke at the press conference, called on UN Secretary General Javier Perez de Cuellar to open all the files in the UN archives to the public. Noting that the rules of confidentiality governing access to the files were determined by the UN Secretariat, the Israeli envoy said that "it was this confidentiality that enabled such things as the election of Kurt Waldheim to be Secretary General of the UN."

Waldheim, who is accused of having a Nazi past, is one of 40,000 suspected Nazis whose files are in the UN archives. Israel obtained his file recently.

"There is no reason whatsoever why these self-imposed rules of confidentiality should not be immediately lifted," Netanyahu said, adding that "the decision is in the hands of the Secretary General and the Secretary General alone." Netanyahu, however, praised the cooperation of the UN so far on Israel's request to inspect files of Nazi war criminals.

THE BELLS ARE RINGING BETWEEN ISRAEL AND CHINA

TEL AVIV, May 19 (JTA) -- Israel and the People's Republic of China opened their first telephone connections Monday. Calls now go through the telephone exchanges in each country but direct dialing will become possible in the not too distant future.

Israel Radio recorded and broadcast the first telephone conversation between countries at the opposite ends of the Asian continent. It was between the supervisors at their respective exchanges. The Chinese supervisor asked her Tel

Aviv counterpart how to spell the name Israel. She wasn't quite sure where it is located.

ISRAELI SCIENTIST RETURNS FROM USSR WITH DIRE PROGNOSIS FOR THOSE WHO SUFFERED FROM NUCLEAR PLANT DISASTER
By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, May 19 (JTA) -- Dr. Yair Reisner, the Weizmann Institute biophysicist who flew to the Soviet Union 10 days ago to help Russian doctors treat victims of the Chernobyl nuclear accident, returned from Moscow Sunday night with a grim prognosis for those who suffered radiation poisoning and a sober warning that the Western countries are no better equipped than the Soviet Union to cope with the medical casualties of nuclear accidents.

Reisner, who volunteered his expertise in bone marrow and cell-sorting techniques after the Soviets finally made known the full extent of the Chernobyl disaster last month, also reported that he entered the USSR with his Israeli passport without a Soviet visa. He said he was met at Moscow airport by Ministry of Health officials who issued him a visa on the spot, well aware that he is an Israeli.

Reisner said that of the 299 persons directly affected by the accident at the Chernobyl nuclear power station -- technicians, fire-fighters and guards who were inside the building -- 35 were severely ill with radiation poisoning.

But bone marrow transplants could be performed on only 19 and another six victims were beyond treatment, he said. Others were not believed to be in urgent need of transplants. For those who received them, it will not be known for another three weeks whether the procedure was successful, he said.

The 38-year-old Israel-born scientist said at a press conference here that the Israeli authorities knew of his trip to Moscow to take part in health rescue work together with a small team of American doctors. He had been invited by Dr. Robert Gale, an American bone marrow surgeon who plans to return to Moscow later this week to check on the results. Reisner said he had no plans to return.

Warm Praise For Soviet Medical Team

He said he and the Americans worked with a Soviet woman doctor who was well acquainted with his marrow separation and tissue transplant techniques from reading about them in international medical and scientific publications. He said the team brought 16 crates of equipment to Moscow and he was able to set up his laboratory within 24 hours of his arrival. Reisner and his American colleagues had warm praise for the Soviet medical team they worked with at Moscow Hospital No. 6.

But according to Reisner, modern medical facilities have some way to go to fully meet the demands of potential nuclear accidents in the future. "No countries in the West are really prepared for such accidents. It is not only a Russian problem but one which must be considered everywhere," Reisner said.

He suggested the establishment of bone marrow banks and facilities for tissue typing, and an emergency reserve fund to upgrade hospital and laboratory preparedness. One of the problems in Moscow was the delay in taking blood samples for tissue typing. "It is an example of poor planning, but not only on the part of the Russians but also the Americans and everyone else," Reisner said.

'They All Knew I Was An Israeli'

After his press conference, Reisner went to Jerusalem to report to Premier Shimon Peres. He said later that Peres was intensely interested in his experiences in Moscow, what he learned of Soviet medicine and if he met any Jews there. "I met lots of people, but I don't know if they were Jews or not. They all knew I was an Israeli, but the Jewish question didn't crop up," Reisner said he told Peres.

Reisner, born in 1948, obtained his Bachelor of Science degree from the Hebrew University in Jerusalem in 1972 and his Masters degree from the University of California at Berkeley in 1974. He received his Ph.D. at the Weizmann Institute in Rehovot in 1980 and was appointed senior scientist there in 1981.

He filled a post-doctoral fellowship at the Sloan-Kettering Institute for Cancer Research in New York in 1978-79 and was a visiting investigator there from 1980-81. Since 1983 he has occupied the Dr. Phil Gold Career Development Chair in Cancer Research, in perpetuity, at the Weizmann Institute. The chair was established by the Montreal chapter of the Canadian Society for the Weizmann Institute.

ISRAEL AND GREECE EXPECTED TO SIGN JOINT TOURISM ADVERTISING CAMPAIGN By Jean Cohen

ATHENS, May 19 (JTA) -- Israel and Greece are expected to sign an agreement for a joint tourism advertising campaign in the United States during the five-day visit here of Israel's Minister of Tourism, Avraham Sharir, which began Sunday.

Sharir is the first Israeli Minister to visit Greece in an official capacity since Abba Eban's visit in 1962 as Minister of Education. He was greeted at the airport by Pabliotis Roumeliotis, Undersecretary of National Economy. Sharir expressed hope that his trip would be a turning point in Israeli-Greek relations. The two countries have never exchanged Ambassadors and Israel is represented here on the Consular level only.

Roumeliotis responded that Greece is willing to cooperate with Israel in the areas of tourism and economy. Sharir is scheduled to meet with the Minister of Economy, Kostas Simitis, and with Karolos Papoulias, the Foreign Minister. He is carrying a message from Premier Shimon Peres to Greek Prime Minister Andreas Papandreou, but it is not known whether he will deliver it in person or through other channels.

Both Greece and Israel have suffered a sharp decline in American tourism this year because of the terrorist threat and the weakening of the U.S. Dollar. In addition to a common advertising campaign, Greece is expected to increase the foreign currency allowance for its citizens who visit Israel. It will be raised to the levels allowed by the other European Economic Community (EEC) countries.

Sharir will visit the island of Rhodes, one of Greece's major tourist attractions. His talks at

the Foreign Ministry, however, are not expected to result in any major changes on bilateral and Middle East issues. Nevertheless, Sharir's trip has some diplomatic significance. It is a direct result of the visit here last January by David Kimche, Director General of the Israeli Foreign Ministry.

FRANK WUNDOHL DEAD AT 56

NEW YORK, May 19 (JTA) -- Frank Wundohl, director of communications for JWB since 1981 and a member of the board of directors of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, died Saturday at St. Elizabeth's Hospital in Elizabeth, N.J., after a lingering illness. He was 56. Funeral services took place Monday at Goldstein's Funeral Home in Philadelphia.

Recently, Wundohl received the Joseph Polakoff Award of the American Jewish Press Association (AJPA). The presentation to him was made at the hospital.

Wundohl joined JWB's executive staff on June 15, 1981, after eight years as editor of the Jewish Exponent of Philadelphia. He served both as JWB's communications director and as publisher's representative of JWB Circle.

A native of Philadelphia, Wundohl was in Jewish communal service since 1967. He was appointed Jewish Exponent editor after seven years as information director of Albert Einstein Medical Center in Philadelphia, the largest of the Philadelphia Federation's five health care constituent agencies.

A Variety of Communications Positions

Since receiving his bachelor's degree from Temple University in 1951, Wundohl served in a variety of communications positions. His news appointments included service with the WCAU-TV news department, CBS' affiliate in Philadelphia; the Philadelphia Daily News; the Courier-Post in South Jersey; and the Daily Intelligencer in Doylestown, Pa.

In 1981, Wundohl was one of the recipients of the first Simon Rockower Memorial Awards For Excellence in Jewish Journalism, presented by the American Jewish Press Association in news writing for a series of reports on the Jews of Hungary and Austria.

In 1977, he received the Boris Smolar Award for Excellence in North American Jewish Journalism from the Council of Jewish Federations, for two series of feature articles written in 1976 on the Jews of South Africa and "Israel from the Golan to the Negev."

Wundohl was president of the American Jewish Press Association from 1978 to 1981, a member of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency Board of Directors and a vice president of the American Jewish Public Relations Society (AJPRS). He had played a frequent liaison role between the AJPA and JTA, and represented the Jewish news syndicate on an AJPA-UJA mission to the French Jewish community, Israel and to war-torn Lebanon in February, 1983.

Prior to the Hungary mission, Wundohl had twice before been behind the Iron Curtain -- to Poland, Rumania and Bulgaria in 1978, and to Russia in March, 1980.

JTA syndicated a series of six articles about the plight of refuseniks in Moscow, Kiev and Leningrad that Wundohl co-authored with Rabbi Herbert Tobin, now associate director of the Jewish Federation of South Broward (Hollywood,

Fla.) but then associated with the Jewish Community Relations Council of Greater Philadelphia, upon their safe return to the West.

He led a pioneer AJPA mission to the remnant of the Jewish community of Morocco in 1977.

REAGAN ADMINISTRATION DENIES TRYING TO GET JEWISH LEADERS TO SUPPORT THE PRESIDENT'S SAUDI ARMS SALES PACKAGE

By David Friedman

WASHINGTON, MAY 19 (JTA) -- The Reagan Administration denied Monday that it has made an effort to get American Jewish leaders to support President Reagan's proposed \$354 million missile sale to Saudi Arabia. "We were not in a position to ask the Jewish leaders to lobby for the Saudi arms sale," White House spokesman Larry Speakes said.

His comment came as he announced the cancellation of a scheduled meeting Monday between Reagan and leaders of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish organizations because of the death of Yehuda Hellman, executive vice president of the Conference.

Speakes said the meeting was not rescheduled because the President is expected to veto the Congressional resolution rejecting the arms sale either Tuesday or Wednesday. However, he said Reagan is expected to speak to a Jewish group Tuesday as it is receiving a briefing from Administration officials.

Speakes maintained that the Jewish leaders had been asked to meet with Reagan as part of the Administration's "continuing effort" to keep American Jewish leaders "informed on our Middle East policy." He said the Saudi arms sale would have been explained as part of the U.S. effort to "increase stability" in the Middle East.

Speakes noted that the idea to get the Jewish community to back the arms sale was suggested by Sen. Richard Lugar (R. Ind.), chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, when he met with Reagan last week. He said the Administration only said it would consider Lugar's suggestion.

But Secretary of State George Shultz, in speaking before the American Jewish Committee's annual meeting last Thursday night, urged support, arguing that rejecting the President would harm his standing abroad.

Whether the President's veto comes Tuesday or Wednesday may depend on whether he is able to convince at least 12 Senators who voted against the sale to change their vote to prevent the Senate from overriding the veto.

The Republican-controlled Senate voted 73-22 against the sale while the Democratic-controlled House rejected it by a 356-62 vote. It takes a two-thirds vote by both bodies to override a veto.

If the veto message is sent Tuesday, Congress can act this week. But if it comes Wednesday, the deadline for the veto, a vote would probably not come until after Congress returns from its Memorial Day recess on June 3.

U.S. SAYS ISRAELI AND SYRIAN STATEMENTS HELP EASE TENSION

By David Friedman

WASHINGTON, May 19 (JTA) -- The Reagan Administration said Monday that statements over the weekend by the leaders of Israel and Syria

have helped ease the tension between the two countries.

Israeli Premier Shimon Peres and Defense Minister Yitzhak Rabin made their statements in U.S. television interviews Sunday, the same day an interview with Syrian President Hafez Assad was published in The Washington Post. "We welcome their effect on reducing tension in the region," State Department Spokesman Bernard Kalb said Monday.

Assad said that neither Syria nor Israel had undertaken any unusual troop movements recently and asserted that the tensions between the two countries had lessened. "I do not see an immediate danger of war between us and Syria," Peres said on ABC-TV's "This Week With David Brinkley." "We do not intend either to retaliate nor to make war."

Appearing on CBS-TV's "Face The Nation," Rabin said, "Syria knows that its force is not a military match to Israel if Syria will go it alone." He said Syria instead tries from Lebanon and Europe "to encourage, to participate in terrorist acts to the extent that they raise the level of risks of confrontation with Israel."

Peres Smiles At Assad's Statement

Assad maintained that he does not allow Syria to be used as a staging ground for terrorist acts abroad. But he said he would not restrict what he called the "cultural and political" activities in Syria of the Abu Nidal group.

Peres said he read Assad's comments "with a smile," noting the "murderous and violent actions" Abu Nidal has been responsible for. He said Syria shelters not only Abu Nidal but also other Palestinian terrorist leaders such as Nayef Hawatmeh, George Habash and Abu Moussa.

"The fact that Assad for the first time found it necessary for him to explain his position to the American public opinion, shows that he understands that there is a price to violence, not just an advantage," Peres said.

At the White House Monday, spokesman Larry Speakes said, "As long as terrorists move freely in Syria or in Syrian-controlled territory in Lebanon our serious concern remains for Syrian support of international terrorism." He urged Syria to "rid itself" of the Abu Nidal group in particular.

However, both Kalb and Speakes noted that the U.S. has asked Syrian help to free the Americans being held hostage in Lebanon. "The Syrians are well placed to influence those who are holding" the Americans, Kalb stressed.

ISRAEL'S POPULATION

JERUSALEM, May 19 (JTA) -- Israel has a population of roughly 4.3 million, 82.3 percent Jewish, according to figures released by the Central Bureau of Statistics last week as the nation began its 39th year of independence.

The population includes 3.5 million Jews; 580,000 Moslems; 102,000 Christians and 73,000 Druze and others. Non-Jews represent 17.6 percent of the population. But their birthrate is growing by 2.7 percent annually compared to 1.6 percent for the Jewish population.

The population grew by about 700,000 over the past decade, 500,000 of whom are Jews. The Jewish population doubled in the last 20 years and since the establishment of the State in 1948 increase more than five fold.

Annual Survey:**20 WOMEN TO BE ORDAINED AS RABBIS NEXT MONTH, BRINGING THE TOTAL NUMBER OF AMERICAN WOMEN RABBIS TO 130**

By Ben Gallob

NEW YORK, May 19 (JTA) -- The total of American women rabbis is expected to reach 130 in June when 20 women will be ordained as Reconstructionist, Conservative and Reform spiritual leaders, according to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency's annual survey.

The Reconstructionist movement will ordain seven women as rabbis in graduation ceremonies June 1 at Congregation Rodeph Shalom in Philadelphia.

Six women will be ordained as Reform rabbis on the same day at graduation ceremonies at Temple Emanu-El in Manhattan. Six women are to be ordained as Reform rabbis in ceremonies on June 7 at the Isaac N. Wise (Plum Street) Temple in Cincinnati.

The JTA reported previously that Nina Bieber Feinstein of Dallas, Texas, had met all scholastic requirements for ordination as a Conservative rabbi, the second Conservative woman rabbi in American history.

Feinstein was ordained at graduation ceremonies on May 11 at the Jewish Theological Seminary of America (JTS), site of the Conservative rabbinical school. Amy Eilberg of Bloomington, Indiana, was the first Conservative woman rabbi. Ordained in 1985, she was appointed as a chaplain at the Methodist Hospital in Indianapolis where she continues to serve.

Reconstructionist Graduates

The names of the seven women graduating from the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College (RRC) are:

Judy Gary of Richmond, Va.; Gail Glicksman of Philadelphia; Laurie Levy of Elkins Park, Pa.; Sue Levy of Abington, Pa.; Avis Miller of Washington, D.C.; Joan Sacks of Chicago; and Sheila Weinberg of Philadelphia.

Reform Movement Graduates

At the New York school of the Reform movement, the Jewish Institute of Religion, six women will be ordained as Reform rabbis. They are: Judith Cohen-Rosenberg of Brooklyn; Ellen Greenspan of Scarsdale, N.Y.; Margaret Holob of Tustin, Cal.; Shira Milgrom of Berkeley, Cal.; Nina Mizrahi of New York City; and Paula Winnig of Milwaukee.

The six women to be ordained as Reform rabbis by the Cincinnati school, the Hebrew Union College (HUC) are: Eve Deena Ben-Ora of Scottsdale, Ariz.; Ellen Sue Levi Elwell of Buffalo, N.Y.; Ruth Langer of Pittsburgh; Margaret Jane Meyer of Cincinnati; Linda Jean Motzkin of Los Angeles; and Julie Sue Schwartz of Cincinnati.

The first class of 20 women candidates in the rabbinical school of the JTS was admitted two years ago, in the climax to a battle within the Conservative movement over such admission of nearly a decade; a battle led by the Rabbinical Assembly, the association of Conservative rabbis. Both Eilberg and Feinstein were members of that initial class.

Women had been permitted to take JTS rabbinical school courses, after being informed that taking such studies would not qualify them for rabbinical status. Both Eilberg and Feinstein qual-

ified for graduation and ordination through transfer credits and credits earned in the JTS rabbinical school which became valid for ordination after the first class with women was admitted.

Supply Of Women Rabbis Certain To Grow

Since the rabbinical schools of the HUC-JIR, the JTS and the RRC all have women studying for the rabbinate, the supply of such rabbis is certain to grow. The JTA was informed that the number of women attending 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.

There are 26 women currently enrolled in the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College.

Most of the 110 women who have been ordained as rabbis since such ordination began more than ten years ago were placed in positions as assistant rabbis. Some have since been advanced to positions as associate rabbis. A minority of the women rabbis have taken administrative and teaching positions.

Some of the women rabbis have been named to "solo" pulpits, a designation for a rabbi in a congregation too small to need more than one rabbi.

The program of ordaining women as rabbis began in 1972 when Sally Preisand was ordained as a Reform rabbi. She served as assistant rabbi, then associate rabbi at the Stephen Wise Free Synagogue in New York City, before resigning to accept a pulpit at Temple Beth El in Elizabeth, N.J. She then became rabbi of Monmouth Reform Temple in Tinton, N.J., her present post.

REFORM LEADERS TO CONTINUE THEIR ANNUAL MEETING IN ISRAEL

NEW YORK, May 19 (JTA) -- A delegation composed of 36 members of the Board of Trustees of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations (UAHC) flew to Israel Monday aboard El Al "to express our solidarity with the people of Israel, to measure the growth of the Reform movement in Israel and to demand equal rights for Reform rabbis and Reform Jews in the Jewish State," said Rabbi Alexander Schindler, UAHC president.

The UAHC leaders left immediately following their semi-annual Board of Trustees meeting in St. Louis, at which they adopted a resolution urging that the Chief Rabbinate and the Orthodox rabbinic courts of Israel "be stripped of all coercive power and official standing." The Trustees' meeting will continue in Israel over the next 10 days.

In St. Louis, the Board of Trustees called on the Orthodox rabbinate in Israel to lift "all restrictions against the right of Reform rabbis to officiate at life-cycle functions" and demanded that non-Orthodox synagogues in Israel "receive government funding and support commensurate with that accorded to Orthodox congregations."

JERUSALEM (JTA) -- A bill outlawing incitement to racism, long bottled up in committee, is expected to come before the Knesset shortly as a result of an agreement reached over the weekend between Labor, Likud and the religious parties.