



ZAMIR HOPES NEW ATTORNEY GENERAL WILL WITHSTAND 'OUTSIDE PRESSURES'

By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, June 8 (JTA) — Yitzhak Zamir, who ended more than seven years as Attorney General last Wednesday when the government replaced him with Tel Aviv District Court Judge Yosef Harish, said in a weekend radio interview that he was sure his successor would uphold the supremacy of the rule of law which, Zamir said, had always been his own guiding principle.

"I hope that my successor, my friend, Judge Harish, will have the strength to withstand the outside pressures, to disregard extraneous considerations and see in front of him, as his principle lighthouse, the law and his conscience. If he does that, he won't go wrong," said Zamir whose departure was attributed by many to his refusal to bow to political pressure.

Although Zamir had announced several months ago that he intended to resign, he was replaced by the government in the midst of a burgeoning scandal over a "senior official" he was determined to prosecute for alleged obstruction of justice. The official is generally acknowledged to be Avraham Shalom, head of Shabak, or Shin Bet, Israel's internal security and counter-espionage service.

Shin Bet Official Accused Of Perjury

According to Zamir, Shalom resorted to perjury and other illegal acts to quash an investigation into the unexplained deaths of two Arab terrorists while in custody of security agents in April, 1984. The Attorney General had ordered a police probe which was opposed by most Cabinet ministers, including Premier Shimon Peres and Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir.

The former Attorney General refused to discuss the case in the interview, though he defended his insistence on an investigation as an example of the rule of law.

Zamir spoke at some length of the office of Attorney General, the holder of which must serve two masters. "On the one hand, the Attorney General serves as the legal advisor to the government. And on the other hand, he serves as the guardian of the law and of the civil liberties of the citizenry. And in the second capacity, the Attorney General must, time and again, be in conflict with the government as a body or with individual ministers," he said.

He said that despite the difficulties and complexities of the job, "successive Attorneys General and governments have found the proper balance and have enabled the whole system to work properly for the benefit of the State." However, Zamir stressed, "if a conflict should arise, the Attorney General is bound to give priority to the law over and above the demands of government."

He suggested that people who charged him with political motivations in the way he had applied the law, were probably themselves politically motivated, "or perhaps they did not understand my decisions." He was apparently referring to the rightwing and re-

ligious elements who had been demanding his ouster for allegedly being too liberal and too independent. He aroused their ire last year by his vigorous and successful prosecution of a Jewish terrorist underground in the West Bank convicted of crimes of violence against Arabs.

ISRAEL CABINET REJECTS ALLEGATIONS THAT IT HAD NOT FULLY COOPERATED IN U.S. PROBE OF POLLARD CASE

By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, June 8 (JTA) — The Cabinet rejected Sunday allegations that Israel had not cooperated fully in the United States investigation into the spy scandal involving Jonathan Pollard who pleaded guilty in Washington last week to supplying secret information to Israel.

The Cabinet statement, issued at the weekly session, also said that Israel is not engaged in any way in spying activities against the United States.

Cabinet Secretary Yossi Beilin said in response to reporters' questions that there was a feeling of uneasiness among Cabinet Ministers that unidentified persons in the U.S. had deliberately leaked false reports to the media suggesting that Israel was not fully cooperating with the U.S. in the spy scandal investigation.

The official Cabinet statement which he read made it clear that Israel was suspicious of the motivations behind some of the disclosures and leaks to the media from the U.S. Justice Department. The Cabinet statement said:

"The relations between the United States and Israel are very close, and it is inconceivable that attempts to disrupt these relations will succeed. In recent weeks we have witnessed a wave of unfounded pronouncements regarding alleged involvement of the government of Israel in arms deals and espionage activities. The government of Israel is concerned over these publications and hopes that they will not continue."

Beilin said Israel had cooperated fully with the U.S. on the Pollard case and that no espionage was conducted on Israel's behalf against the U.S.

At the Cabinet session, Minister of Commerce and Industry Ariel Sharon said that Israel went too far in uncovering its intelligence services when it supplied documents on the Pollard affair to Washington.

Meanwhile, Abraham Foxman, associate national director of the Anti-Defamation League, who arrived here Sunday for the ADL's annual conference, said there were factions in the U.S. which tried to exploit the Pollard case to Israel's disadvantage.

"It seems that there is a struggle going on between the State Department and the Justice Department," Foxman told Voice of Israel Radio, "and the Justice Department is motivated by a case and making points, whereas the State Department, which I believe is guided by the White House, is interested in more long range concerns."

WALDHEIM ELECTED PRESIDENT OF AUSTRIA

By Reinhard Engel

VIENNA, June 8 (JTA) — Kurt Waldheim, the center of a fierce international controversy over his alleged

Nazi past, swept to a decisive victory in the Austrian Presidential run-off elections Sunday. With about 95 percent of the ballots counted, Waldheim, candidate of the conservative People's Party, was given 55 percent of the vote to 45 percent for his Socialist opponent, Kurt Steyrer. Steyrer conceded about two hours after the polls closed.

The 67-year-old former Secretary General of the United Nations had been the odds-on favorite to win according to all public opinion polls in the weeks preceding the run-off despite mounting evidence indicating that he may have been implicated directly in atrocities against Yugoslavian partisans and civilians and the deportation of Greek Jews while serving as a Wehrmacht intelligence officer in the Balkans during World War II.

#### Jewish Community Statement

The Austrian Jewish Community issued an official statement on Friday that it would accept the results of the election but would give "no congratulations" regardless of who was victorious. The statement said the campaign -- which centered on Waldheim's past rather than election issues -- had been harmful to Austria as a whole and filled Austrian Jews with "anger and bitterness."

"For the first time since the dark days of National Socialism, anti-Semitism has been used to achieve political goals without encountering resistance," the statement said. It did not elaborate.

It remains to be seen whether the controversy raging around Waldheim will abate now or continue. Only last week, the World Jewish Congress, which led the campaign to unearth evidence against Waldheim, released a 95-page document reporting in detail its findings about Waldheim's "hidden years."

#### Waldheim Forced To Admit Past

Those were his years as a lieutenant attached to general headquarters of Army Group E in the Balkans, commanded by Gen. Alexander Loehr who was later hanged as a war criminal. Waldheim managed to conceal his military service after 1941. He claimed in his autobiography that he spent most of the war as a student in Vienna after being invalidated out of the service because of wounds suffered on the Eastern Front.

Moreover, Waldheim was forced to admit after the WJC campaign got under way that this was a falsification. The WJC transmitted its report to U.S. Attorney General Edwin Meese with an appeal that he implement the recommendation of the Justice Department's Office of Special Investigations (OSI) that Waldheim be barred from entering the United States.

Last Friday, the French government promised to make public the findings of an investigation it launched into allegations that senior French officials were aware of Waldheim's alleged Nazi past as early as 1979. The investigation was begun in response to a request by the Los Angeles-based Simon Wiesenthal Center.

#### No New Data From French Files

But on Friday, the French released the contents of a file on Waldheim's war record which shed little new light on the controversy and left unanswered what French officials knew.

The Israeli government conducted an investigation of its own. Last week Justice Minister Yitzhak Modai stated publicly that the evidence Israel was

able to gather showed no direct link between Waldheim and war-time atrocities, though the intelligence he supplied his superiors could have made him an accomplice after the fact. The Justice Minister of Greece issued a similar statement.

The Israeli Foreign Ministry was furious with Modai for undercutting what had been a low key diplomatic effort by the Ministry to persuade European governments and intellectuals to use their influence to thwart Waldheim's election.

#### Incensed By External Intervention

The tenacious campaign by the WJC, joined by other Jewish and non-Jewish groups and individuals may well have been counter-productive if the intent was to deny Waldheim the Presidency of Austria. Austrian politicians and the populace were incensed against what they perceived to be attempts by outsiders to influence their internal affairs.

When Austrians went to the polls on May 4 to elect a President, they gave Waldheim 49.6 percent of the vote, only four tenths of a percent short of the 50 percent needed to avoid a run-off. Steyrer won 43.66 percent, ecologist Freda Meissner-Blau 5.5 percent and extreme rightwinger Otto Scrinzi, 1.2 percent.

Waldheim may have picked up some of the votes cast for the minor candidates in Sunday's run-off. He was clearly favored by a relatively low turn-out, especially in Vienna which is the Socialist Party stronghold.

There was rancor up to the eve of the elections. Last Thursday, Michael Graff, Secretary General of the People's Party, sent a telegram to the WJC demanding clarification of an article published in the Austrian weekly, *Woche*spresse. According to the article, a former Greek resistance fighter claimed that he was approached by a WJC official who offered him \$150,000 to testify against Waldheim. The WJC promptly denounced the allegation as "a characteristic lie."

#### THOUSANDS PARTICIPATE IN ANNUAL SALUTE TO ISRAEL PARADE By Yitzhak Rabi

NEW YORK, June 8 (JTA) -- Starting the annual Israel parade under dark skies which rapidly brightened, more than 50,000 marchers watched by an estimated 500,000 onlookers, heard a message Sunday from President Reagan reaffirming America's commitment to Israel and declaring that the United States would continue to work toward "peace and justice in the Middle East."

The President's statement was read Sunday at the 22nd annual Salute to Israel Parade in Manhattan by Treasury Secretary James Baker. Baker said the United States would continue its support of Israel with which it shares the values of democracy.

Baker, who also said that "when tough decisions have to be made, Israel has no better friend than President Reagan," spoke from the reviewing stand on Fifth Avenue where dozens of American and Israeli dignitaries reviewed the parade, celebrating Israel's 38th birthday.

The sponsoring organization, the American Zionist Youth Foundation, called the parade, an annual event in New York, the largest assembly in the world gathered in support of Israel. The four-hour parade, starting at noon, included decorated floats, many marching groups, 40 marching bands and representatives from some 200 schools from throughout the country.

The parade extended from 57th street to 86th street on Fifth Avenue and then the marchers turned to Third Avenue. This year's parade was held under the theme "Rediscovering, Reaffirming, Returning."

The theme was emphasized by the participants with their banners, costumes and decorated floats. Israel was represented at the parade by Justice Minister Yitzhak Modai. Modai, who spoke earlier Sunday at a breakfast reception at the Fifth Avenue Synagogue, hosted by the AZYF, said the Pollard spy affair was "a very sad event" but he asserted that it was an unauthorized action that embarrassed Israel. He contended that the "scandal" would not harm United States-Israeli relations in the long range.

Addressing the parade, Modai called U.S.-Israel relations a "true friendship" and said that Israel hoped "to continue the friendship between the two countries for many years to come."

#### Modai Meets UN Chief

The Justice Minister addressed a press conference in the Israeli Consulate on Friday in which he said that he met earlier in the day with United Nations Secretary General Javier Perez de Cuellar and that the Secretary General agreed to provide Israel with the UN lists of suspected Nazi war criminals.

Referring to the Waldheim affair, Modai said that Israel has enough evidence to try the former UN Secretary General who was elected President of Austria Sunday, as an accessory to war crimes. But Modai also said Friday that Israel has no evidence to try Waldheim on direct crimes.

#### ISRAELI REACTION TO WALDHEIM ELECTION By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, June 8 (JTA) -- President Chaim Herzog said Sunday that Israel should react with caution, not anger, should Kurt Waldheim be elected President of Austria. But Deputy Foreign Minister Ronni Milo, a Likud MK, saw the election results affecting Israeli-Austrian relations and said he would consider the election of Waldheim, alleged to have a Nazi past, a "nightmare for every Jew and every Israeli."

Both men spoke before the election results were announced in Vienna, giving Waldheim a decisive victory over his opponent, Kurt Steyrer. (See separate story.)

Herzog, on a tour of Galilee, said the government should decide the matter on the basis of what is "good for the people of Israel and the government of Israel." He referred to the interests of Soviet Jews immigrating to Israel whose first stop after leaving the USSR is Vienna.

He said he believed in the maxim of Israel's first Premier, David Ben-Gurion, that while the past must never be forgotten, it must never be allowed to influence the future.

#### 'A Nightmare For Every Jew'

Milo, a member of Likud's Herut wing, said he considered the election of Waldheim foremost a problem of the Jewish people which suffered the most from the Nazis. "The State of Israel, as the Jewish State, is concerned more than any other state in the world, and is therefore obliged to react more than other countries."

He added, "If Waldheim is elected, it will be like a nightmare for every Jew and every Israeli because in 1986, 42 or 43 years after the Holocaust, to see the majority of voters in Austria supporting a man with a Nazi background like Kurt Waldheim, is for us an issue that we should react to as a Jewish State."

Milo urged other countries to react similarly to Israel to that "tragic election." He maintained that a Waldheim victory would demonstrate a "total lack of sensitivity on the part of Europeans toward the Holocaust."

Labor MK Shevah Weiss said regardless of the outcome of the elections, Israel should continue the investigation of Waldheim. There were demonstrations against Waldheim outside the Austrian Embassy in Tel Aviv Sunday.

#### NRP ELECTIONS MAY STRENGTHEN YOUNG GUARD FACTION OF PARTY By David Landau

JERUSALEM, June 8 (JTA) -- Internal elections in the National Religious Party (NRP) appeared last week to have strengthened the Young Guard faction of the party's Secretary General and former Education Minister, Ze'evulun Hammer.

Whether that evolution is accurate will not become clear until the NRP national convention in July. If it proves to be correct, it will be a blow to the long-time NRP leader, Religion Minister Yosef Burg. Burg, 75, has indicated he plans to step down from his NRP leadership post and from the Cabinet.

Observers said Burg had hoped, and continues to hope he will be able to install as his successor former Knesset member Avraham Melamed. But Hammer, apparently strengthened by the election, is expected to make a bid for party leadership at the NRP July election.

#### First Elections In 13 Years

The internal elections last Thursday were the first to be held by the NRP in more than 13 years, a period marked by a steady decline in NRP fortunes. From a party of 10 to 12 Knesset seats, the NRP has been reduced to four seats, due to defections of several blocs and disillusionment over a bitterly divided leadership.

Other observers considered the election results a hopeful sign for the NRP because they signalled a return to the fold by the Matzad bloc, a breakaway group currently a part of the Morasha party. Matzad is currently led by Yosef Shapira, a Minister-With-Out-Portfolio.

Matzad leaders also claimed they had done well in the internal elections. Observers commented that if all the claims of NRP factions were totaled, they would provide 120 percent of the votes.

Party activists asserted that some 100,000 Israelis actually turned out to vote, a total, which if correct, would represent a major success for the hugely expensive public relations campaign to revive interest and support for the NRP among Israel's moderate Orthodox Jews.

Some observers warned Thursday that the apparent setback for Burg's faction could be a boomerang: Burg might try to renege from his commitment to quit rather than have to hand power to a rival faction leader.

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JERUSALEM (JTA) -- Premier Shimon Peres has appointed Anette Dulzin his advisor on human rights, a voluntary position with an honorarium of one Shekel a year. She is the wife of Leon Dulzin, chairman of the World Zionist Organization and Jewish Agency Executives. Mrs. Dulzin was born in France and studied in the United States where she received a bachelor's degree in psychology and a masters degree in English literature from New York University.

## MAZON GIVES \$20,000 IN GRANTS TO SEVEN RELIEF ORGANIZATIONS

By Margie Olster

NEW YORK, June 8 (JTA) -- The national Jewish hunger relief organization Mazon, which emerged less than a year ago as a concerted Jewish response to hunger, announced here that it will award some \$20,000 in grants to seven relief organizations.

The largest grant, totalling some \$10,000, will go to the Boston-based international development group American Jewish World Service for use in an agricultural development project in Sri Lanka.

The six other grant recipients are: the West Presbyterian Church Senior Center in St. Louis; the East Dallas Cooperative Parish; the Jewish Foundation for Sustenance of Righteous Gentiles; the United Jewish Council Sabbath Lunch Program in New York; the Maryland Food Committee; and the California-based Sova group.

The grant announcements followed a meeting of the Mazon Board last week. The group, which has raised \$78,000 to date -- most of which has gone to setting up the organization's infrastructure in cities across the country -- encourages voluntary contributions of a three percent surcharge on the cost of Jewish affairs including weddings and Bar Mitzvahs.

### An Assessment Of Hunger

Board members heard an assessment of hunger in the United States at the meeting here from Larry Brown, chairman of the Department of Public Health at Harvard University. Brown represented Mazon's advisory board at the meeting.

Hunger in the United States, Brown said, is a symptom of a totally different malady than that of African countries. "We have enough food supplies not only to feed our own people but to feed the whole Third World," Brown said. "But we don't have a system to insure that food reaches people."

Hunger in the United States rose drastically in the final year of the Carter Administration, and the problem, according to Brown, has been "greatly exacerbated" during the Administration of President Reagan.

### The Poor Get Poorer

The "safety net" of welfare and other types of aid to the poor has some gaping holes, Brown said. In 1983-1984, the government slashed \$12 billion from the food stamps program that many of America's hungry depend on.

These cuts, coupled with a tax structure under which the poor get poorer contributed to the rise in hunger in the decade, he said. Brown encouraged the Board of Mazon to concentrate their funds on public education, oriented to challenge public policies which he said created hunger in this country.

Danny Siegel of the Mazon Board advocated funding for only direct, front-line hunger relief activities. He urged the Board to be concerned with feeding people with a minimum of overhead and bureaucracy, and suggested making food barrels for the hungry a standard item in a every synagogue, along with the Torah and the eternal light.

Following is a listing of the Mazon grant recipients:

\* The American Jewish World Service received \$10,000 for its project in Sri Lanka which will channel money and Israeli agricultural expertise into an indigenous self help group already existing in the small, poverty ridden island just south of India.

\* Sova (Hebrew for satisfaction from eating) will receive \$1,250 to purchase basic food items for the opening of its second hunger relief center in Fairfax, California.

\* Maryland Food Committee, a Baltimore relief agency, will receive \$1,250 for a public education campaign on solutions to hunger. The money will purchase posters for targeted neighborhoods which explain how to budget for food, how to stretch a dollar and other important nutrition information.

\* The United Jewish Council Sabbath Lunch Program on Manhattan's Lower East Side will receive \$2,500 to purchase weekend meals for elderly, home-bound or homeless individuals.

\* West Presbyterian Church Senior Center in St. Louis, Missouri will receive \$1,250 to buy delivered meals for the elderly in that community.

\* East Dallas Cooperative Parrish provides emergency services for hungry Asian immigrants in the Dallas area. A grant of \$1,250 will go to purchase food for emergency relief.

\* The Jewish Foundation for the Sustenance of Righteous Gentiles provides goods to those who saved Jews and others from Nazi persecution during the Holocaust. Many of the Righteous Gentiles live in poverty around the world today, according to Leonard Fein, editor of Moment Magazine and a Mazon Board member. A grant of \$2,500 to the organization will be used to locate these people and provide aid.

### INCREASE IN INCIDENCE OF SMUGGLING CAUSES CONCERN

By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, June 8 (JTA) -- Israel Defense Force and police officials have expressed concern at the increase in the incidence of smuggling, especially of drugs, from Lebanon into Israel since the IDF withdrawal from its northern neighbor a year ago.

Since then, three major smuggling attempts have been foiled and over 8,000 doses of heroin and more than 60 kilograms of hashish have been seized at the border. Large quantities of smuggled property, including video recorders and other electronic equipment, have been found in searches of cars being driven through the border gate near Metullah by Israeli civilians employed in southern Lebanon.

Brigadier General Danny Rothschild, commanding officer of the IDF's liaison unit with the South Lebanon Army, told Arab affairs reporters Sunday that there had been a considerable increase during the past three months of the Shiite Moslems joining the SLA.

He also noted better cooperation between the Shiite villagers and SLA and Israeli officers responsible for security in the security zone. Rothschild said he thought that members of the Amal militia group now preferred to act against the Palestinian presence in south Lebanon rather than carry out attacks against the SLA and Israeli interests in south Lebanon.

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JERUSALEM (JTA) -- The United States and Israel are to complete a tourism agreement next month, U.S. Vice President George Bush told Tourism Minister Avraham Sharir last week in Washington.