

ISRAEL AMBASSADOR IN AUSTRIA IS RECALLED FOR 'URGENT CONSULTATIONS' FOLLOWING WALDHEIM'S ELECTION

By David Landau

JERUSALEM, June 9 (JTA) — Israel manifested its displeasure over the election of Kurt Waldheim to the Presidency of Austria by calling its Ambassador in Vienna, Michael Elitzur, home Monday for "urgent consultations."

President Chaim Herzog, at the same time, refrained from sending Waldheim the standard message of congratulations that one head of state normally sends to another just elected to office.

Israelis of all political persuasions were plainly angered by Waldheim's sweeping victory in Sunday's run-off elections despite a growing body of evidence that the former United Nations Secretary General may have been directly involved in atrocities while serving as an intelligence officer with the German army in the Balkans during World War II.

Unlikely Ambassador Will Be Replaced

The decision to recall Elitzur was announced after a meeting between Premier Shimon Peres and Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir. Elitzur will be ending his tour of duty in Vienna next month and there is a strong likelihood that he will not be immediately replaced.

The man believed slated to succeed him is Avi Pazner, long-time media spokesman for the Foreign Ministry. He is a close associate of Shamir who made no secret of his diplomatic efforts in Europe in recent weeks to thwart the election of Waldheim.

There have been many calls for Israel to sever diplomatic relations with Austria and these were echoed by the moderate independent daily Haaretz Monday morning. MK Yossi Sarid of the left-leaning Civil Rights Movement said "No Israeli envoy should ever have to present credentials to Kurt Waldheim."

Austrian Confident Of 'Correct' Relations

Austria's Ambassador to Israel, Otto Pleinert, sought to ease Israeli anger in an interview with the Itim news agency here Monday. He said he was sure relations between the two countries would remain "correct" despite the strong feelings against Waldheim.

He pointed out that the Presidency of Austria is largely a ceremonial office and that until the next parliamentary elections a year from now, Austria will continue to be governed by the Socialist government of Chancellor Fred Sinowatz, a long-time friend of Israel.

(Sinowatz announced his resignation Monday. A report from Vienna said he had been under increasing pressure to do so following Waldheim's election. The report said he would be succeeded by the present Finance Minister, Franz Vranitzky. Sinowatz will continue as leader of Austria's Socialist Party until the general elections in April 1987. Vranitzky, a banker, was described as a member of the Socialist Party's right wing.)

The daily Yedioth Achronot urged Monday that Israel continue to probe Waldheim's alleged Nazi past before he is sworn into office next month. "It might not be too late to reverse the election result if firm evidence were put together," the paper said.

The Jerusalem Post criticized the World Jewish Congress and, to some extent, the Israel government for waging a campaign which predictably "helped Waldheim's supporters to revive the ghost of a world Jewish conspiracy."

The Post advised Israel to heed President Herzog's advice Sunday to react with caution, not anger to Waldheim's election and decide the matter on the basis of what is "good for the people of Israel and the government of Israel."

LACK OF U.S. EFFORTS SAID TO STALL MIDEAST PEACE PROCESS
By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, June 9 (JTA) — Former U.S. Secretary of State Cyrus Vance blamed the lack of American initiatives for stalling the Middle East peace process. "Whatever the reasons, we have permitted serious negotiations on the core issues to languish and wither to a point where virtually nothing is happening," Vance told a Haifa University audience last week.

The American diplomat who served in the Carter Administration said "The cruel fact is that no real, substantive negotiations on either the West Bank, Gaza or the Palestinian question have taken place for many many months." He cautioned against the "polarity" he said was inherent in the foreign policies of the U.S. and Israel despite their "unique relationship."

"If U.S. policy is so dominated with preoccupation with East-West rivalry that we fail to devote proper attention to helping resolve the problems of the Middle East, the chances for progress in that endeavor are diminished and our relations with Israel are strained," he said. "If Israel places primary emphasis on military solutions and on maintaining the military occupation of the West Bank and Gaza, our relationship is also strained."

He agreed that both countries must remain strong in order to deter aggression. "But both must recognize that military domination can never produce enduring security," he said.

Vance, who was Secretary of State at the time of the Camp David accords, said the U.S. believed there must be time for all parties to the Middle East conflict to learn to co-exist before final decisions can be made about the future of the occupied territories. "In saying this, I underscore the words 'full autonomy.' Nothing less will permit achievement of the goals set at Camp David," he said.

RIGHTWING POLITICIAN SUES FRENCH NEWSPAPER FOR THE THIRD TIME FOR PUBLISHING HIS ANTI-SEMITIC REMARKS
By Ron Papeski

PARIS, June 9 (JTA) — Romain Marie of the extreme rightwing National Front Party, who sits in the Parliament of Europe in Strasbourg, has sued the newspaper, LeMonde, for the third time since 1983, for publishing grossly anti-Semitic remarks by Marie.

The latest libel suit names journalist Patrick Jarrau of *Le Monde* and the newspaper for reproducing part of an interview he gave another *Le Monde* reporter three years ago. Among other things, he was quoted as saying that for Jews "the interests of Judaism are above those of French society" and "The Assassination International, that is the Communist International, was made up essentially of Jews."

Marie now claims he never made those remarks. His lawyer contends that even if he had, they were taken out of context and had "no anti-Semitic character." A ruling in the case is expected on July 2.

Acquitted of 'Racial Discrimination'

Marie was acquitted in October, 1985, of charges of "provocation and racial discrimination" based on his published remarks. He also won two libel cases he initiated against *Le Monde* in 1984 and 1985. The court ruled his statements were published out of context. In the latest suit, he has named *Le Monde* director Andre Fontaine along with Jarrau as guilty of "journalistic guerrilla attacks."

Marie, whose real name is Bernard Antony, belongs to a fundamentalist Catholic group and his diatribes against Jews have become familiar. In 1983 he was quoted as asking: "Will there come a time when we will be able to speak of the Jewish problem as we do of the Basque problem?" He added, "We can simply observe sociological phenomena. There is a power that does not acknowledge its integration into France" and that power is the Jews, according to Marie.

'Jewish Lobbies' Assailed

Meanwhile, the extreme rightwing weekly *Rivarol* has attacked the "Jewish lobbies" for refusing to accept the possibility that the existence of Nazi death camps could be questionable. The periodical was referring to the recent furor over the granting by Nantes University of an academic degree to Henri Rogues on the basis of a thesis which claimed the Holocaust was "a figment of Jewish imagination."

Rogues, 65, a retired agricultural engineer and amateur historian, received the highest grades for his thesis which shocked the entire academic community in France, including most of the faculty at Nantes. Education Minister Rene Maunoury has promised a full scale investigation.

Rivarol charged that the protests were intended to harm the rightwing National Front headed by Jean-Marie Le Pen and all "revisionist historians." The magazine claimed "A similar maneuver has clearly failed in Austria where the hysterical accusations against Kurt Waldheim will probably help the former UN Secretary General more than harm him."

PUBLICATION AND DISTRIBUTION OF ISRAELI ATLAS IS SUSPENDED

JERUSALEM, June 9 (JTA) — Deputy Premier David Levy suspended publication and distribution of the Israel Atlas Monday on grounds that a paragraph on Jewish settlements in the administered territories violated the policies and decisions of the unity government.

Levy, who is also Minister of Housing and a leader of the Herut wing of Likud, took exception to a section written by Hebrew University professor David Amiran which stated that most of the settlements were established in Arab-populated areas in order to

preclude any future territorial concessions. Amiran wrote further that this policy would lead inevitably to a bi-national state, contrary to the traditional goal of Zionism which is a Jewish State with a Jewish population entirely Jewish in character. Amiran challenged Levy's right to dictate what should be published in the Israel Atlas. Nevertheless, the disputed section is expected to be revised, after which publication will be resumed.

POSTER CAMPAIGN SPREADS

By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, June 9 (JTA) — Israel's war-by-posters has spread from Jerusalem's Orthodox Mea Shearim quarter to B'nai B'rak, another major center of Orthodox Jewry in Israel not far from Tel Aviv.

Yeshiva students in B'nai B'rak have started a campaign like that of the Orthodox Mea Shearim residents, who have been defacing and even burning down bus shelters plastered with large posters, particularly of partly unclothed women in bathing suits.

Several hundred B'nai B'rak black-garbed Orthodox students demonstrated Sunday in front of the Aboudi advertising agency, located in B'nai B'rak, calling Israel's media "leftists" and "Nazis" and blaming them for the disputed advertisements.

The Orthodox demonstrators attacked two local radio stations and Israel Defense Force radio station reporters, and tried to burn a garbage can. They were stopped by police who made no arrests.

Passers-by have reported that the Orthodox attack on posters with spray-paint defacement has spread even to advertisements of mayonnaise jars, apparently a protest against a poster media firm which has a contract to build and maintain covered and lighted bus shelters throughout Israel, in return for the right to post billboard displays on the shelters.

U.S. AIRCRAFT PRODUCERS SAID TO PRESSURE ISRAEL ON LAVI PRODUCTION

TEL AVIV, June 9 (JTA) — Demands from the United States government that Israel halt production of the Israel-designed Lavi fighter jet, scheduled for its maiden test flight in September and slated to be built with massive U.S. financial help, stem from American plane producers, according to Prof. Yosef Singer, president of the Israel Institute of Technology in Haifa.

Singer, himself a noted aeronautical engineer, also told an Israel Radio interviewer Monday that the opposition could cause serious long-range damage to Israel's aircraft industry.

Singer said that United States attempts to halt production of the Lavi, which is to use an American Pratt and Whitney engine, were legitimate from the American viewpoint but he insisted that Israel should stand firm on demands that the Israel Aircraft Industries (IAI) continue its development and production plans for the high speed fighter jet.

Singer noted that the earlier Israeli development and production of such sophisticated military weaponry as the Gabriel missile and the Kfir fighter plane turned out to be a spur to the development of many of Israel's high-technology export products.

He said, "We should look on production of the Lavi as an Israeli national project and not from the viewpoint of American industry which is interested in fostering its own aviation industry." American experts have questioned Israeli production cost figures for the Lavi, which they contend would make the plane unprofitable to produce.

HUSSEIN AND REAGAN AGREE ON NEED FOR PROGRESS TOWARD MIDEAST PEACE

By David Friedman

WASHINGTON, June 9 (JTA) — President Reagan and King Hussein of Jordan agreed Monday that unless there was progress in the Middle East toward peace the region could once again "drift" toward war.

But a senior Administration official, briefing reporters on the hour-long White House meeting, indicated the situation was still as stalled as it has been since February when Hussein broke off efforts to work out a negotiating stance with the Palestine Liberation Organization.

Hussein, who last met with Reagan in September, was in the United States to attend the high school graduations of his twin daughters and to get a physical checkup at a Cleveland hospital. After his meeting with Reagan, he had lunch with Vice President George Bush and then met with Secretary of State George Shultz, Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger and other senior U.S. officials.

U.S. Is Key To Mideast Progress

The Administration official said both Reagan and Hussein agreed on the importance of the U.S. actively participating in the peace process. "The United States was the key to any progress toward peace," Hussein was quoted as saying. There was no discussion of a possible trip to the Mideast by Shultz, the official said. He noted that Shultz has made it clear that he will only go if his presence will help bring about a successful move toward peace.

The U.S. is also "not laying on any plan at this moment," the official said. He said the Administration would study some suggestions made by Hussein although he would not reveal what they were.

But, the official stressed, "if we ever get negotiations going," the U.S. position is still as outlined by Reagan in his September 1, 1982 peace Initiative. The official said the major problem is still who will represent the Palestinians on a joint delegation for negotiations with Israel.

The White House meeting Monday came only a few days after the Senate just barely sustained Reagan's veto of the Congressional resolution rejecting his sale of missiles to Saudi Arabia.

Jordan's Growing Importance

But the official said military problems were only discussed briefly with Hussein and there was no mention of specific weapons. The Administration's proposal to sell Jordan \$1.5-\$1.9 billion in planes and missiles was withdrawn in January when it became clear that Congress would reject the sale.

The official reiterated Monday that the Administration plans to resubmit the sale, although he did not say when.

The senior official also praised Jordan's "growing importance as a moderate Arab state able to act effectively in regional politics." In this connection, he said the U.S. views the rapprochement between Jordan and Syria as positive to the extent that it helps to reduce tension in the Mideast.

U.S. CAUTIOUS ON WALDHEIM ELECTION

By Judith Kohn

WASHINGTON, June 9 (JTA) — The Reagan Administration reacted cautiously Monday to the

election of Kurt Waldheim as President of Austria, after allegations of involvement in war crimes had thrust the candidate's campaign into an international arena.

"The people of Austria have made their choice in a free and democratic election," White House spokesman Larry Speakes said in a statement. Speakes announced that President Reagan would send "the usual diplomatic letter to the new President" congratulating him on his victory.

At the same time, he told reporters that the Justice Department was continuing an investigation to determine whether the former United Nations Secretary General should be barred from the United States. But he stressed that "the President has not prejudged the allegations."

Not yet informed that the Socialist Austrian Chancellor Fred Sinowatz had resigned Monday, following Waldheim's victory, Speakes noted that the Chancellor was scheduled to visit the United States June 24. But he would not comment on whether Waldheim was likely to receive an invitation to the U.S. as well. The President in Austria, as in Israel, has no real power over the government which is headed by the Chancellor.

Meeting Set With Waldheim's Attorneys

The Justice Department, meanwhile, said it would go ahead with plans to meet attorneys representing Waldheim in the U.S. sometime this week, in order to hear arguments in the President-elect's defense. Such a meeting had been planned for last week but was cancelled due to a death in the family of one of the attorneys. Justice Department spokesman Patrick Korten told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency.

Members of Congress and others had criticized the Justice Department for delaying a decision until after the elections, so as to avoid the appearance of interfering in Austria's domestic affairs. Some had suggested that the agency was deliberately dragging its feet until the election results which could determine whether the matter should be swept under the carpet.

But Korten maintained Monday, as he has for the past several weeks, that "the decision will be made without regard to the outcome of the elections" and in spite of the fact that a decision to bar Waldheim from the country would be effectively void for the duration of his six-year term as Austria's President.

Waldheim's election campaign was dominated by revelations — primarily from the World Jewish Congress — that the former UN official had concealed his war-time role as an officer with the Wehrmacht in the Balkans, where he was attached to a group responsible for atrocities against Yugoslav partisans and linked to the deportation of thousands of Greek Jews to death camps. Among the revelations was a UN document accusing Waldheim of war crimes.

The Justice Department investigation was undertaken last month, after Neal Sher, head of the agency's Office of Special Investigations, recommended that Waldheim be placed on the "watch list" barring individuals accused of war crimes from entering the country.

The State Department had launched an inquiry of its own. But spokesman Bernard Kalb, asked for a reaction to Waldheim's election, made no mention of the status of the investigation.

TEL AVIV (JTA) — The first flight by El Al, Israel's national airlines, from Barcelona to Tel Aviv will take place on July 1, the Communications Ministry announced here. The Ministry said the flight was already fully booked.

TUTU URGES JEWISH SUPPORT FOR THE FIGHT AGAINST APARTHEID

By Ron Csillog

TORONTO, June 9 (JTA) — South African Bishop Desmond Tutu recently thanked Jews for fighting oppression — part of their common heritage with Blacks — and called on Jewish support in the battle against apartheid.

Speaking to a capacity audience at Holy Blossom Temple, a major Reform Synagogue here, the 54-year-old Nobel Peace Prize winner and leading voice in the fight against South Africa's racist system reminded Jews they too suffered and continue to suffer from oppression.

Security was tight and bags were checked for the Bishops' talks, part of the week-long Arts Against Apartheid Festival in Toronto. Tutu was in the city for three days and attended various events.

Religion And Politics

In a stirring speech, Tutu said many times that he and other religious leaders have been accused of mixing religion with politics.

"Almost always, it is when you have stood up to speak against a system which you believe is inconsistent with the law of God. If Bishop Tutu was to have stood up here in Toronto and said he didn't think apartheid was too bad, I can bet you my bottom dollar none of my erstwhile critics would say he was mixing religion with politics," Tutu said.

"I have not yet heard the victims of apartheid say, 'I hate Tutu, you are too political.' If anything, they would say, 'You are not political enough.'"

The Anglican Bishop received a standing ovation upon entering the synagogue, to the strains of Shalom Aleichem, sung by the Holy Blossom Temple Choir. Accompanying Tutu was entertainer Harry Belafonte, who won applause by singing the Jewish folk song flawlessly along with his hosts.

Jewish Civil Rights Involvement

Tutu was introduced by Belafonte, who said Jewish involvement in the days of civil rights marches in the United States would not be forgotten. Belafonte alluded to the "strains" between Blacks and Jews in the U.S. at a time when the two communities should be coming closer together.

Holy Blossom president Gordon Wolfe reminded the crowd of 1,200 of the 1962 visit to the synagogue of slain United States civil rights leader Martin Luther King, Jr., who said segregation was morally wrong.

Tutu said what motivates him is not politics but his faith — "the Judeo-Christian faith. The world has a great deal to thank God for in His Jewish people, for you have given the world a tremendous heritage."

"But the one book people ought not to have been given is the Bible. In situations of injustice and oppression, (the Bible) is the most revolutionary literature ever to be around."

Tutu used biblical allegories in the stories of Ahab, Jeremiah and Isaiah to justify involvement in social issues. He lashed out at those interpreters of the Bible — "the rich and comfortable who say, 'Thus saith the Lord,' and think they have done what is right." Justice is done, he said, when "you have given the widow, the orphan and the alien their rights."

Because Jews were once slaves in Egypt and created as "God's people," they must be compassionate, Tutu said. "Where there is injustice and oppression, God takes hold of us by the scruff of the neck and says, 'You will speak, you will act on behalf of my people. I have seen the suffering of my people.'"

"And so we tell oppressors everywhere that you have had it, because we worship a God who is always on the side of the oppressed, of the weak, of the hungry." That, he said, is why Israel exists, "so that Israel should be a light to the nations."

With his arms outstretched and his hands over his head, Tutu called on Jews "to join this wonderful enterprise of setting my people free. Will you?"

'We Are Committed To Fight'

Rabbi Dow Marmor of Holy Blossom Temple responded by assuring Tutu that Jews will battle apartheid because "we know oppression and are committed to fight it. As victims of the Holocaust, we know racism."

Many were expecting it but Tutu made no reference to Israel's trading with South Africa, for which he has in the past singled Israel out for criticism. In fact, the Bishop's own relations with South Africa's Jewish community have been frosty, while rumors persist he has sympathies for the Palestine Liberation Organization. Last year, Tutu criticized the U.S. Senate's decision to denounce the United Nations General Assembly's Zionism equals racism resolution.

There were some concerns the Jewish Defense League would protest against Tutu's talk but there were no incidents.

INCREASE IN YORDIM TO U.S.

JERUSALEM, June 9 (JTA) — The number of Yordim — Israelis leaving the Jewish State — arriving in the United States is constantly increasing, according to Haim Schein, head of the aliyah emissaries, in an interview with Voice of Israel Radio.

"I have met very talented scientists, senior army officers, and I was especially shocked to see the number of young people who have just been discharged from compulsory military service currently in the U.S.," Schein said.

According to figures provided by U.S. Immigration authorities to a team of researchers, in the past 20 years, 402 Israeli government officials were naturalized as U.S. citizens.

"This is the most despicable assertion," said Aharon Kfir of Haifa University, who along with Asher Friedberg of Hebrew University, headed the research team. Kfir added that this was a universal phenomenon but noted that the number of immigrants from countries in the West is about five to 10 percent of the number of Israeli immigrants to the U.S.

Kfir proposed a number of ideas to correct the situation. He suggested that first this should be considered one of Israel's national problems. The problem is not the individual but rather the tolerance toward emigration. He said that without a clear policy negating the diaspora, it is difficult to deter emigration.

Kfir believes there is an interdependence between aliyah and yerida and suggested there be a clear-cut and radical policy which should cut down the scope of yerida.

He also said the leadership of the Zionist movement should be replaced. Presently there are eight active Zionist groups, Kfir said and while he conceded that such groups are minor, he said, "Every resolution begins with small numbers."