

**MAGEN DAVID ADOM CALLS STRIKE;
ISRAEL'S HEALTH CARE SITUATION
WORSENS AS NURSES CONTINUE WALK-OUT**
By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, June 30 (JTA) -- The health care situation in Israel, made precarious by the week-long strike of 11,000 hospital nurses, worsened dramatically Monday when employees of the Magen David Adom called a strike of their own.

The Magen David Adom, Israel's equivalent of the Red Cross, maintains a fleet of ambulances and provides first aid in emergencies. Its workers walked off their jobs charging management with failure to meet promised wage increases and improved working conditions.

Only one ambulance per station continued to operate and most para-medical facilities were shut down except for the few mobile intensive care units staffed by doctors. Magen David Adom workers who remained on duty went on a hunger strike in support of their demands. They are weakening and soon will not be able to perform even limited tasks, they said.

Magen David Adom Head Resigns

The Director General of Magen David Adom, whose ambulances and equipment are provided mainly by donations in the U.S. and other countries, announced his resignation Monday night. He said he was quitting because the Finance Ministry forbade him to grant pay increases to his staff.

The hospital nurses strike committee announced at the same time that it was withdrawing the few nurses it had allowed to remain on duty. Wards normally staffed by 7-10 nurses, have been operating with a single nurse for the past week. But as of Monday night there will be none. Exceptions were made for emergency rooms, premature birth wards, intensive care units and dialysis centers.

The 11,000 women and male nurses went on strike June 23 to demand recognition of their union as sole bargaining agent. They claimed the general nurses union cannot speak for them because of the special conditions under which they work.

Govt. Refuses Pay Hikes

The strikers won recognition of their union last week. But they refuse to return to work until the government agrees to negotiate demands for increased nursing staffs at hospitals and wage hikes. The government has refused to consider pay increases.

Meanwhile, doctors who have been standing in for the absent nurses warned they cannot long continue to perform double duties and said they feared patients may die for lack of proper care. About half of the hospital patients were sent home shortly after the strike began.

**WEST GERMANS SENTENCED FOR
DISRUPTING ACHILLE LAURO TRIAL**

By Edwin Eytan

GENOA, June 30 (JTA) -- Four pro-Palestinian West Germans were given three month suspended sentences for having disrupted the opening session of

the Achille Lauro trial last week. The four shouted pro-Palestinian slogans as the trial of the hijackers started in the Genoa criminal court.

Petra Haack, 32, of Kiel, Gabrielle Scharenberg, 25, and Dirk Ziesenis, 24, both of Hanover, and Wolfgang Struwe of Bielefeld, were found guilty of "disruption of justice" Monday.

Judge Lino Monteverde, who heads the court dealing with the Achille Lauro hijacking, acquitted the four West Germans of more serious charges of advocating "terrorist methods," for which the state prosecutor had asked they be given four year prison sentences to be followed by their expulsion from Italy.

Monteverde said in his verdict that this accusation had not been proven. The trial will resume Tuesday when state prosecutors will sum up the evidence against the defendants.

Fifteen persons are accused of the hijack.

Ten are being tried in absentia. One of the defendants, Magie Al Mulqui, 23, is accused of murdering New York businessman Leon Klinghoffer with two bursts from an AK-47 assault rifle on October 8 and then ordering two crew members to throw his body into the sea.

**PERES INDICATES HE IS PREPARED FOR
LIMITED PROBE OF SHIN BET SCANDAL**

By David Landau

JERUSALEM, June 30 (JTA) -- Premier Shimon Peres told a packed Knesset Monday evening that he is prepared to face "a judicial inquiry or any other (kind of) inquiry" into political responsibility with respect to the scandal surrounding Shin Bet and its former chief, Avraham Shalom.

The Premier made clear that he wanted a probe limited to the political levels; not the operational levels of Shin Bet, Israel's internal security and counter-espionage services.

Peres's statement opened a full scale debate in the Knesset on whether an investigation should be launched into allegations that Shalom engineered an elaborate cover-up in the case of the unexplained deaths of two captured Arab bus hijackers in custody of security agents in April, 1984.

Mounting Demands For Probe

Peres is faced with mounting demands for an official investigation by many Labor Party ministers and their political allies in the unity coalition government, and a majority of Labor's Knesset faction.

This is fiercely opposed by the Likud ministers who have accused Labor of trying to precipitate a coalition crisis to bring down the government before Likud leader Yitzhak Shamir assumes office as Prime Minister next October, under terms of the coalition's rotation of power agreement.

There are five no-confidence motions pending against the government over the affair from opposition factions. They are expected to be easily defeated. But the issue of an investigation may hinge on a decision of the Supreme Court.

A panel of three justices is presently hearing a series of appeals to overturn the pardon granted by President

Chaim Herzog last Wednesday to Shalom and three of his top aides in Shin Bet for any offenses they may have committed in connection with the deaths of the prisoners in custody.

Peres, Shalom, Justice Minister Yitzhak Modai, Police Minister Haim Barlev and Attorney General Yosef Harish are all named as respondents. Harish is arguing their case.

The three justices — Supreme Court President Meir Shamgar, Miriam Ben-Porat and Aharon Barak — ruled Monday that Herzog's name be removed from the list of respondents on grounds that he acted within his constitutional authority when he granted the pardons. But this does not mean the pardons cannot be challenged.

The appeals were filed by the Citizens Rights Movement (CRM), a political party in the Knesset, and by several groups of private attorneys. By late Monday evening the court was still in session hearing substantive arguments for and against the pardons.

Seek To Establish Political Responsibility

The court was told that when Shin Bet chief Shalom applied for a Presidential pardon last week, he stated all his actions in the case at hand had been undertaken "with authority and permission."

One of the main objectives of those seeking an investigation is to establish political responsibility for the illegal killing of prisoners. The head of Shin Bet is responsible solely to the Prime Minister and Shamir was Prime Minister at the time of the incident. Peres took office several months later. Both men were alleged to have known of the purported cover-up by Shalom.

Peres told the Knesset, "I do not accuse any person in the political echelon," an apparent reference to Shamir. "But (the affair) must be investigated so as to leave no doubt," he added. "I don't want to go around trailing a tail of questionmarks. I have always been consistent to principles. I have never sought an inquiry of the operational level, but have defended that level and I have not opposed an inquiry of the political echelon."

No Decision Yet From Cabinet

He said he could not report to the house any definitive position of the government because the Cabinet has not yet taken a position. He said the demand for a commission of inquiry was submitted by "a group of ministers" and there would be debate and a decision on it.

The Likud Knesset faction held caucus before the plenary debate began. Speaker after speaker flayed Peres and the Labor Party for "whipping up" the Shin Bet affair as a way to thwart the rotation of power.

Shamir himself levelled the same charge. He told reporters Monday that it was "as clear as daylight" that the attacks by Labor on the Presidential pardon were aimed at bringing down the government.

Political observers said Monday night that despite the bristling hostility between the two major coalition partners, behind-the-scenes efforts were being made to find an acceptable way out of the controversy over a probe of the Shin Bet affair.

NEO-NAZI LEADER SENTENCED IN W. GERMANY
By David Kantor

BONN, June 30 (JTA) — West German neo-Nazi leader Karl-Heinz Hoffmann was sentenced

Monday in Nuremberg to nine and a half years imprisonment for various offenses concerning his political activities. But Hoffmann was cleared of the prosecutor's main charge that he allegedly masterminded the 1980 murder of the Jewish publisher Shlomo Levin and his female companion, Frida Poeschke.

Hoffmann's girlfriend, Franziska Birkmann, drew a seven year prison sentence for her participation in the neo-Nazi leader's unlawful activities.

Members Trained By PLO

The most serious charge for which Hoffmann was found guilty was causing bodily harm to members of his neo-Nazi para-military group. This took place while members of the group were undergoing military training in a Palestine Liberation Organization camp in Lebanon.

According to police, a member of the group, Ude Berndt, actually killed Shlomo Levin and his girlfriend at their Erlangen home near Nuremberg in December 1980. Berndt had died in Lebanon after being involved in continuing arguments among members of the Hoffmann group.

The court judges decided it was impossible to determine Hoffmann's role in the murder due to the disappearance of Berndt and the lack of solid evidence from other sources. Berndt had used sun glasses belonging to Birkmann when he knocked on Levin's door in preparation for the murder.

Levin Said He Worked For Dayan

Levin was a controversial figure in the West German Jewish community and may have been chosen as a candidate to the murder by the neo-Nazis and their PLO allies because of his unusual public exposure. Levin would tell people that he once worked as a top aide to Israeli leader Moshe Dayan.

Minor offenses for which Hoffman was sentenced were illegal possession of arms, displaying Nazi symbols and circulating anti-Semitic propaganda.

It is understood that both the prosecution and the Defense would appeal the verdict. The trial took place in the same court in which the Nazi leadership of Germany had been sentenced after World War II before an international tribunal.

JEVISH FUND FOR JUSTICE ANNOUNCES DISTRIBUTION OF SEVEN NEW GRANTS

By Margie Olster

NEW YORK, June 30 (JTA) — The Jewish Fund for Justice has announced seven new grants for projects across the country aimed at attacking the circumstances that create poverty in America.

An ongoing agricultural aid project for the Navajo Indians in Arizona's Painted Desert that the Fund has supported for the past two years is an example of the type of community self-help groups the organization targets for grants.

A youth action project in New York's East Harlem neighborhood, a project in Iowa to aid small farmers in coping with the economic farm crisis and a Florida-based farmworker's association striving to bridge ethnic barriers among migrant workers all received \$5,000 from the fund.

Seeks To Eradicate Causes Of Poverty

The grant making foundation, created in 1983, represents a Jewish philanthropic network to eradicate the causes of poverty. The grants go to people of all races and religions striving to lift themselves out of a cycle of poverty.

In the past, the Fund has donated funds to Mexican Americans in Colorado, poverty-stricken communities in Tennessee and Mississippi, the elderly in Montana and poor farmers in Minnesota as well as Jewish causes.

All seven of the grants most recently announced will go to "the efforts of community members to improve their own circumstances."

Navajo Project Gets \$5,000

The Seventh Generation which sponsors the Navajo/Israeli Intensive Crop Production Project received a \$5,000 grant for the second year in a row from the Fund. The project supports the Navajo's efforts to improve agriculture on Arizona's Painted Desert.

The Navajos, under the guidance of an Israeli agricultural specialist, have worked to increase crop yields and adapt Israeli drip irrigation systems.

The Youth Action Program in New York's East Harlem also received \$5,000 for its efforts to organize neighborhood youth into improving their surroundings. The youth participate in clean-up, crime-watch and other short-term programs.

Prairiefire in Des Moines, Iowa assists small farmers in organizing and dealing with the agricultural crisis in that region. The Fund gave \$5,000 to Prairiefire.

Other Grants

The Florida Farmworkers Association of Apopka works to break down ethnic and racial divisions prevalent among migrant workers in that area. The fund grant will go to improving the migrant workers' living conditions.

The Greater Bridgeport Interfaith Action of Connecticut is an interfaith effort to combat poverty and improve living conditions for the poor in that city. The Fund gave \$3,000 to this group.

The Center for Community Self Help in Durham, N.C. received a \$500 grant for its program to develop worker cooperatives and create jobs. The Fund grant was part of a grant from the Ecumenical Review Board, an umbrella organization of interfaith religious philanthropies.

ISRAEL VOICES CONCERN OVER COMMENTS IN EGYPTIAN MEDIA

By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, June 30 (JTA) — Israel has delivered a message to the United States and France voicing concern over repeated anti-Semitic and anti-Israeli expressions in the Egyptian media, according to a report Sunday in Haaretz.

The message was delivered both by the Israeli Embassy in Washington to the State Department, and by Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir personally to the French administration during his recent visit to France.

"The expressions of animosity toward Israel in the Egyptian press has reached unprecedented peaks," Haaretz quoted unidentified political sources in Jerusalem as saying.

Various Egyptian Reports Cited

An advisor to the Egyptian Information Minister told Sawt Al-Arab radio station that Egypt regards the Shin Bet affair in Israel as "an expression of the aggressive and terrorist nature of Israel, which characterizes that country from its very beginning."

The pro-establishment weekly Al-Mussawar wrote the following with regard to the scandal involving Jonathan Pollard's spying activities: "Israel will not hesitate to betray her ally and sell the CIA to the highest bidder."

The weekly continued: "The Arab countries, and particularly Egypt, should learn a lesson that Israel does not distinguish between enemy and friend in its ... stealing of secrets."

Al-Ahram wrote that the election of Kurt Waldheim as President of Austria on June 8 would open the way for the release of the West from the "complex of crimes which world Zionism and Israel has planted in it, and which was used for political, economic and psychological blackmail."

Anti-Zionist Articles Published

Ahbar Al-Yawn printed an article recently which said Zionism had the intention of taking over the world while Al-Gumhuriya wrote that Zionist leaders in Palestine collaborated with the Nazis.

Shamir instructed Moshe Sasson, Israel's Ambassador in Cairo, to express Israel's outrage over this trend in the Egyptian press. Shamir said that this trend conflicts with the efforts to educate the Egyptian public, and particularly the youth, to peace.

RABIN: ISRAEL MUST GO TO WAR AGAINST COUNTRIES THAT AID TERRORISM

TEL AVIV, June 30 (JTA) — "Israel must be willing to go to war against countries which aid terrorism — there is no other way to eradicate it," Defense Minister Yitzhak Rabin said here Sunday night. He spoke at a symposium on the war against terrorism at Tel Aviv University's Jaffee Center for Strategic Studies.

The symposium marked the 10th anniversary of Israel's rescue of hijacked airliner hostages at Entebbe airport in Uganda. According to Rabin, had a bomb intended for an El Al airliner not detonated prematurely at Madrid's Barajas International Airport last Thursday but exploded in the air, Israel would have had to consider going to war against Syria.

"If God forbid a hundred times over, an El Al airliner is blown up and we discover fingerprints leading to another country, Israel will face a moral dilemma of the highest order — do we go to war? We have to be prepared for these kinds of questions," Rabin said. He has charged that the person who brought the bomb to Madrid airport travelled to Spain on a Syrian passport, indicating that the Syrian authorities knew who he was and possibly knew his mission.

Rabin charged further that weapons used in last year's terrorist attack at Leonardo Da Vinci Airport in Rome had been sent in the diplomatic pouches of an Arab country. He acknowledged that there is better cooperation with other countries toward preventing terrorist acts. But "We are at the beginning of the beginning regarding cooperation in the international sphere against terrorism," he said.

Rabin applauded the American air strike against Libya two months ago but noted the unwillingness of other NATO countries to assist the U.S. He said it was too early to judge the results of the American action. "The American attack was a precedent, but I don't know if there will be any follow-up," he said. Other speakers at the symposium included Maj. Gen. Ehud Barak, former head of military intelligence, and the director of the Jaffee Center, Maj. Gen. (res.) Aharon Yariv.

ISRAELI TALL SHIP TO PARTICIPATE IN STATUE OF LIBERTY CELEBRATION

By Yitzhak Rabi

NEW YORK, June 30 (JTA) — The flag of Israel will fly among scores of other national flags in the Parade of Sail up the Hudson River on July 4 in celebration of the Statue of Liberty's 100th Birthday.

The blue and white flag will fly high on the mast of the brigantine *Galaxy*, which is based in Eilat and is owned by Brian Street, an Israeli citizen who made aliya from South Africa.

"This ship is absolutely a beauty," exclaimed Judith Schiller, as she boarded the *Galaxy* Sunday with about 60 other guests for a preview cruise around the Statue of Liberty.

Joins International Flotilla

The ship, which will represent Israel in Operation Sail Thursday and Friday, will be part of more than 220 ships from all over the world. She was built 35 years ago in London and is 125 feet long, displaces 94 tons and has a 150 horse power auxiliary engine.

The *Galaxy* has a crew of five. The Captain of the ship is Uri Paran, a 30-year-old Israeli from the village of Shevai Zion on the shores of the Mediterranean near Nahariya in the north of Israel.

As the *Galaxy* was approaching the Statue of Liberty, under sunny blue skies and a pleasant breeze, the guests on the ship, who included Florida's Governor Robert Graham, were sipping Israeli wine and praising the ship's smooth sailing.

The cruise was sponsored by the Jewish Community Relations Council of New York, which will sponsor several other cruises for invited guests on the *Galaxy* this week.

RCA ASSAILED BY REFORM LEADER ON WITHDRAWAL FROM JWB CHAPLAINCY PANEL

CINCINNATI, June 30 (JTA) — Dr. Alfred Gottschalk, president of the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, the Reform institution, charged here that the Orthodox Rabbinical Council of America had opposed endorsement by the JWB Chaplaincy Commission of a rabbi to be a Jewish chaplain in the armed forces because the rabbi is a woman.

The Rabbinical Council, at its 50th anniversary convention in Baltimore said it was withdrawing from the Chaplaincy Commission, charging that the Central Conference of American Rabbis (CCAR), the association of Reform rabbis, had committed "a unilateral breach of procedures." However, Chaplaincy Commission officials said that the Commission was continuing to function.

The Chaplaincy Commission, representing the Orthodox, Conservative and Reform rabbinate, is responsible for endorsement of rabbis to serve as military chaplains. The CCAR endorsed Rabbi Julie Schwartz, 26, of Cincinnati, who will be the first woman to serve as an active duty Jewish chaplain to Jews in the armed forces.

Woman Rabbi Adds 'New Twist'

Gottschalk declared in his statement that the fact that a woman rabbi "chose to be commissioned as a chaplain in the military is to her and to the Reform movement's credit." He said that the Chaplaincy Commission "has in the past approved the Jewish Chaplaincy lists of all Jewish denominations."

Gottschalk added that the Chaplaincy Commission "provided the anomalous situation where the Reform members of the Commission approved of Orthodox chaplains and the Orthodox approved of the Reform chaplains. In principle, mutual respect and equality existed in the past. The new twist is that a Reform chaplain happens to be a woman."

"I find it deeply regrettable that the Orthodox Rabbinical Council of America has taken a stand which further polarizes the Jewish community, in this instance not on the basis of new ideology but solely on the basis that Rabbi Julie Schwartz is a female," the Reform leader said.

DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE OFFICIAL WARNS AGAINST IGNORING EXTREMISM

NEW YORK, June 30 (JTA) — Democratic National Committee chairman Paul Kirk warned here that "political extremism of any form must never be ignored or taken for granted" as he addressed a meeting of Jewish leaders about what he described as the deceptive political extremism of Lyndon LaRouche.

At the meeting, sponsored by the Jewish Community Relations Council of New York last Tuesday, Kirk asserted that "LaRouchites are participating in American politics under clouds of fraud and false pretense."

He challenged "LaRouchites'" practices in raising funds, in recruiting candidates, in qualifying for a place on ballots, in calling themselves a U.S. Labor Party, in gaining political access at home and abroad, and in calling themselves National Democrats.

Assails Illinois Primary Outcome

Kirk referred to the recent Illinois primary results in which two LaRouche candidates, Mark Fairchild and Janice Hart, won races for Lieutenant Governor and Secretary of State, respectively, allowing them to run as candidates on the Democratic ticket with gubernatorial nominee Adlai Stevenson.

"No one can undo history, but the Democratic Party must not permit that kind of history to repeat itself," said Kirk.

The Democratic National Committee chairman charged that LaRouche supporters "specialize in hate-mongering and hysteria through bilking the innocent and elderly and blaming the world's problems on LaRouche's conspiratorial villains."

Counter Strategy Is Working

Since the Illinois primary, the Democratic Party has stepped-up efforts to inform the public before each election about LaRouche candidates. "We have monitored filings in every state in which LaRouche candidates have sought the Democratic nominations. We have fielded candidates even in districts where Democrats have done poorly — not to debate them and give them political legitimacy but to tell the voters of their political lunacy," Kirk stated.

The counter strategy of the Democratic Party to fend off the "LaRouchites" has been successful since the Illinois primary, according to Kirk. "LaRouche candidates have not won a single contested nomination for federal, state, or local office and have been defeated in 85 out of 85 election contests," he said.

There will be no Daily News Bulletin dated July 4, Independence Day, a postal holiday.