

FRENCH GOVERNMENT ORDERS SECURITY MEASURE TO PROTECT SYNAGOGUES, JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTERS DURING HIGH HOLIDAYS

By Edwin Eytan

PARIS, Oct. 2 (JTA) -- The French government has ordered elaborate security measures to protect the hundreds of synagogues and Jewish community centers all over France during the High Holidays which begin Friday night.

A government spokesman said 2,000 provincial police have been brought to Paris to bolster the local gendarmerie. Paris has been hit by terrorist attacks six times in the past month, leaving nine dead and nearly 200 injured by bombs. The extra police will remain on duty through Yom Kippur, October 13.

The Jewish community is taking its own precautions. Members of youth organizations will stand guard at various synagogues. Worshipers will be searched before they enter and any bags or parcels will be examined. The Chief Rabbinate has issued a booklet explaining measures to be taken in case of emergency.

Chief Rabbi Rene Sirat has called on French Jews "not to give in to terrorist threats and blackmail." He urged them to attend services in greater numbers than in past years in response to such threats. Theo Klein, president of the Representative Council of French Jews (CRIF), also urged the community to attend the holiday services in great numbers.

ISRAEL LAUNCHES CAMPAIGN TO EXPOSE EXTENSIVE OIL TRADE BETWEEN ARAB COUNTRIES, IRAN AND SOUTH AFRICA

By Margie Olster

UNITED NATIONS, Oct. 2 (JTA) -- The Israel Mission to the United Nations has launched a campaign to expose the multi-billion dollar oil trade between Arab countries, Iran and South Africa in response to the constant allegations by Arab countries in the UN that Israel is a major trading partner of South Africa.

In coming weeks, the Israel Mission will release information to the UN which indicates that the Arab countries and Iran sold some \$7.7 billion worth of oil to South Africa between 1980 and 1986 and Iran and Iraq each bartered about \$1 billion of oil in exchange for heavy artillery.

The Israel Mission has corroborated the data on the oil trade with data supplied by the Shipping Research Bureau in The Netherlands, an independent group set up to monitor the UN oil embargo on South Africa, a Mission spokesman, Eyal Arad, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency Thursday.

Information on the barter deals also came from the Voyages Registry of Lloyds of London, an insurance company.

UN Ambassador Binyamin Netanyahu told a gathering of the American Jewish Congress Wednesday that the Arab countries and Iran are secretly supplying South Africa with virtually all of its oil needs.

Netanyahu accused the Arabs of covering up their illegal oil shipments and launching a propaganda campaign against Israel. "What the Arabs

are doing is accusing Israel of the very practices they themselves are guilty of," Netanyahu said.

The Mission has records of names of ships and companies, ports of call, dates of shipments and also has information that Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Bahrain, Oman, Qatar, United Arab Emirates and Iran are the main suppliers of oil to South Africa, Arad said.

Israel's present trade with South Africa consists of about \$100 million worth of goods, less than half of one percent of South Africa's total trade and about three-fourths of one percent of Israel's total exports, Netanyahu said.

He also told the AJCongress that Black African countries traditionally hostile to Israel are now stepping up their contacts with Israel. He attributed the changing African attitude to a decline in Arab oil power and the new opportunity of African countries to see the value of renewed contacts with Israel.

Netanyahu said a Black African diplomat had told him, "We are no longer afraid of (the Arabs) and we no longer believe their promises."

WIESENTHAL CENTER TO TURN OVER TO AUSTRALIA NAMES OF SOME 200 NAZI WAR CRIMINALS LIVING IN THAT COUNTRY

By Margie Olster

NEW YORK, Oct. 2 (JTA)-- Rabbi Marvin Hier, dean of the Simon Wiesenthal Center in Los Angeles, announced Wednesday that the Center has given the Australian government a list of 40 names of Nazi war criminals suspected to be living in Australia. Hier said the Center will turn over an additional 150 names of suspected Nazi war criminals to the Australian government within a few weeks.

Hier, who made the announcement at a press conference, said the Center's recent discovery of a new source of information on Nazis who fled Europe after World War II and settled in various countries around the world marked "the beginning of a new age in the search for Nazi war criminals."

Although Hier would not be specific about how or where the Center gained access to the data, he did say that based on the new information, the Center will be able to turn over lists of 3,000 to 5,000 names of Nazi war criminals who are living in various countries to the governments within the next six months.

Australia To Investigate The List

The Australian government has informed the Wiesenthal Center that it will investigate the lists, Hier said. He noted that Australia has never extradited nor prosecuted a Nazi war criminal.

The initial list of 40 names, according to Hier, identifies primarily Latvian and Lithuanian collaborators who had not changed their identities after leaving Eastern Europe. He said the war criminals from this region retained their names because the Berlin Documentation Center, an extensive archive on Nazi war criminals and collaborators, lacks records on Latvian and Lithuanian collaborators.

STAR WARS TECHNOLOGY DESCRIBED AS A DEFENSE AGAINST MISSILES THAT WOULD THREATEN ISRAEL

By David Friedman

WASHINGTON, Oct. 2 (JTA) -- The technology being developed through the Strategic Defense Initiative (SDI) will not only provide a defense against intercontinental ballistic missiles (ICBM), but also against short-range missiles such as threaten Israel, two Pentagon officials stressed Wednesday.

Frank Gaffney, Jr., Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Nuclear Forces and Arms Control Policy, and Air Force Lt. Gen. James Abrahamson, director of SDI, discussed SDI, popularly known as "Star Wars," and Israel before a group of Jews from across the country at the Old Executive Office Building, next to the White House.

Gaffney said that Israel wants a defense against tactical ballistic missiles that now threaten it from the air, land or sea. The Soviet Union has provided Syria with the highly-accurate SS-21 missile which can hit Israel's population centers, as well as military targets.

Abrahamson said that Israel must stop a missile "not in the last few seconds when it goes off over that tiny country The best place to stop it is as soon as possible right after it's launched."

There is a popular misconception that SDI is aimed at providing the United States with an "umbrella" against ICBMs, Abrahamson said. But he said the program is aimed to find "an effective defense against ballistic missiles of all ranges" to protect the U.S. and its allies, including Israel.

JAPAN SEEKING DIVERSIFIED TRADE LINKS WITH ISRAEL

By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, Oct. 2 (JTA) -- Shinichi Yanai, the Deputy Foreign Minister of Japan, said here Wednesday that his country would welcome increased and diversified imports from Israel. He spoke at a meeting with Israeli Deputy Foreign Minister Ronni Milo, who said his guest's remarks were a positive development in trade relations between the two countries.

Japan, which exports everything from cars to microchips all over the world, has kept a low profile with respect to trade with Israel. It is heavily dependent on Middle East oil, Yanai said, however, that Japan looks with favor on the efforts of some of its large trading companies to help Israeli companies find local partners for joint industrial ventures.

He also spoke favorably of the increasing number of Japanese tourists visiting Israel but did not respond to Milo's suggestion of direct flights between Tel Aviv and Tokyo. Yanai told reporters after his meeting with Milo that his country believes in free trade which depends only on the initiative of the merchants.

Milo said later that Yanai not only listened to Israeli proposals but made some of his own with respect to trade and investment between their countries.

BUCHANAN SAYS DEMJANJUK IS A VICTIM OF A MISARRIAGE OF JUSTICE

By Margie Olster

NEW YORK, Oct. 2 (JTA) -- Patrick Buchanan, White House director of communications and a long-standing critic of the Justice Department's Office of Special Investigations (OSI), has published a column contending that John Demjanjuk is "a victim himself of a miscarriage of justice" and his case may be "the American Dreyfus case."

Demjanjuk, 66, was indicted in Jerusalem Monday on four counts of war crimes and is accused of being "Ivan the Terrible," a sadistic guard at the Treblinka concentration camp where some 900,000 Jews were killed.

Buchanan, in his column, wrote that after a thorough review of the facts of the Demjanjuk case, he believes the accused man is a victim of mistaken identity.

Buchanan's column appeared in the Washington Post Sunday and carried a footnote saying the article expressed his personal views and not those of the Administration. He detailed the history of the Demjanjuk case and cited what he claimed were numerous testimonies of Treblinka survivors who all gave identical accounts of a revolt in Treblinka in which a prisoner fatally stabbed a man identified as "Ivan" in 1943.

In an unprecedented case, the U.S. extradited Demjanjuk to Israel in February to stand trial for Nazi war crimes and stripped him of his U.S. citizenship. Demjanjuk was a retired auto-mechanic for the Ford Motor Co., in Cleveland, Ohio.

Demjanjuk has claimed since the outset of the proceedings against him that he is innocent and served as a Ukrainian conscript in the Red Army who was later captured by the Germans. After spending time in POW labor camps, Demjanjuk said he served in the "Vlasov Army" in a

The Overall Aim

He stressed that the overall aim is to "incorporate a defensive strategy into our overall strategy in such a way as to prevent a nuclear war on a worldwide scale." Both Abrahamson and Gaffney said that the Soviet Union has been working on an SDI for years and now has the only operational anti-ballistic missile system.

Abrahamson noted that a satellite warning system would not only alert the U.S. to attacking ICBMs but also West Europe and Israel to short-range missiles. He noted it will be easier to respond against short-range missiles because of the lesser distance although there will be less time than against ICBMs.

The U.S. invited 18 countries to participate in the SDI research and on May 16 Israeli Defense Minister Yitzhak Rabin and U.S. Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger signed at the Pentagon a memorandum of understanding on Israel's participation.

The memorandum gives Israel the right to compete with the other participating countries and the U.S. for SDI research contracts. Abrahamson said two contracts have been signed with Israel and three more are expected to be signed soon for a total of about \$10 million.

Noting that he has had years of personal experience dealing with Israel, Abrahamson had high praise for its scientific know-how. "There are more technically qualified people, scientists and engineers in Israel per 1,000 people in the population than anywhere on earth," he said. He added that the Israelis are not only creative, but have the "capability to respond quickly," something which he said the U.S. must learn.

Ukrainian, anti-Soviet unit which defended Prague during a Russian advance.

But those who prosecuted Demjanjuk in the United States, namely the former head of the OSI, Alan Ryan, Jr., alleged that Demjanjuk never went to a POW camp but instead defected to the Nazi side and became a guard outside the Treblinka gas chamber who bludgeoned men with a six-foot metal pipe and mutilated women and children on their way to the gas chambers.

The prosecution's case in Israel hinges on the positive identification by Treblinka survivors of a photograph of Demjanjuk from a document provided by the Soviet government during the proceedings in the U.S. Buchanan said the Soviets fabricated the document, an old identity card.

Meanwhile the Cleveland Plain Dealer reprinted Buchanan's column Tuesday after a Ukrainian church group mounted a support campaign for Demjanjuk in that city.

The Ukrainian Orthodox Church in the Free World sent a representative, Bishop Antony, to Israel Monday night to attempt to attend the Demjanjuk trial as an observer. Some 40,000 Ukrainian-Americans live in Cleveland.

A spokesperson for Cleveland's United Ukrainian Organizations said they, too, believe that Demjanjuk has been falsely accused.

ISRAEL TO SEEK HAVING THE RED MAGEN DAVID ADOM RECOGNIZED BY THE ICRC AT THE GROUP'S MEETING IN GENEVA OCTOBER 23

WASHINGTON, Oct. 2 (JTA) -- When the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) holds its 25th quadrennial conference in Geneva October 23, Israel will once again seek to have its Magen David Adom admitted into the International Red Cross.

Since the establishment of the Jewish State, the ICRC has refused to accept the Red Star of David as an international symbol along with the Red Cross, the Red Crescent and Iran's Lion and Sun.

The ICRC has been "held in blackmail" out of fear that if it accepted the Jewish symbol, the Arab countries would leave the organization it was charged Thursday by Rabbi Rubin Dobin, of Miami Beach, Fla., international chairman of Operation Recognition. The volunteer organization has sought for the last nine years to have Magen David Adom recognized by the ICRC.

Dubin spoke at an informal hearing in a Senate hearing room, sponsored by Sens. Paula Hawkins (R. Fla.) and Christopher Dodd (D. Conn.), who along with Dubin, are national co-chairmen of Operation Recognition. Dubin said there are similar committees in 50 other countries.

Senate Urges Recognition Of Israel Group

The Senate unanimously adopted a resolution, introduced by Hawkins and Dodd Thursday, as it did in 1982, calling on the ICRC to recognize the Israeli group. "This has gone on so long," Hawkins said. Both Hawkins and Dodd noted the excellent work Magen David Adom does in Israel and in international rescue work.

Sen. Arlen Specter (R. Pa.) said it is "just a tragedy" that Israel has been excluded. He noted that Israel needs the international guarantee that the Magen David Adom symbol will be a sign of protection in case of a conflict. A similar point

was made by Steve Shaw, executive director of the Jewish War Veterans.

"It is a terrible shame that what can only be called anti-Semitism in some parts of the world has deprived the Jewish people of the right to use their religious symbol, the Star of David, in the same way as others use their own religious symbols," Rep. Benjamin Gilman (R. NY) said. Dubin stressed that the American Red Cross has since 1949 led the effort to have Magen David Adom recognized.

Sherman Cohen, a professor of international law at the Georgetown University Law Center and president of the American Section of the International Society of Jewish Lawyers and Jurors, said the issue was not legal, as ICRC officials claim, but political.

Cohen said that the ICRC in 1907 adopted a convention with a single symbol, the Red Cross. But when Turkey joined and later Iran and Egypt, they agreed to the convention with the reservation that they would not use the cross since it is a Christian symbol.

There were no objections, Cohen noted. Later the ICRC approved the Red Crescent and Iran's Lion and Sun as official symbols. After the Shah was overthrown, Iran adopted the Red Crescent.

But Cohen said when Israel applied for membership in 1949 it made the exact reservation as had the Moslem countries. However, the ICRC "refused to do exactly what they did do in exactly the same circumstances for Turkey, Egypt and Iran," he said. Cohen stressed that the ICRC set a "precedent" for the three Moslem countries which should now be followed for Israel.

AGREEMENT ON THIRD MEMBER OF TABA ARBITRATION PANEL

GENEVA, Oct. 2 (JTA) -- Israel and Egypt have agreed on the third member of the arbitration panel which will be asked to resolve their dispute over Taba. The agreement was reached Monday in less than three hours of what was expected to be a three-day meeting between Israeli and Egyptian delegations.

The name of the third arbitrator, a European, will be announced only after the nominee is officially informed and agrees to serve. The delegations met in closed session at the Geneva City Hall. The two arbitrators already chosen attended. They are Dietrich Schindler of Switzerland and Pierre Bellet of France.

The full arbitration panel will hold its first meeting here in December. The process is expected to last a year. Israel and Egypt will jointly bear the expenses. The president of the panel will receive \$300,000 for his work and the other members \$100,000 each.

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JERUSALEM (JTA) -- About 200 Israelis living in South Africa returned to Israel over the past few months and a larger number is expected to return in the near future, the Absorption Ministry reported Thursday. About 15,000 Israelis live in South Africa and the Ministry has sent representatives to Cape Town and Johannesburg to encourage them to return. Ministry officials said the yordim are motivated by the increasing violence in South Africa and better employment opportunities in Israel.

SPECIAL SURVEY

THE PLACEMENT OF WOMEN RABBIS

By Ben Gallob

NEW YORK, Oct. 2 (JTA) -- Five of the 20 women ordained as Conservative, Reform and Reconstructionist rabbis last May and June have been placed as assistant rabbis and four have been named as solo rabbis, according to the annual Jewish Telegraphic Agency survey of such placements. Solo rabbis is a term indicating that a synagogue is too small to either need or be able to afford more than one rabbi.

The 20 brings to 130 the number of women ordained as rabbis since the practice of ordination of women began in 1972.

The JTA was also informed that two of the new women rabbis have returned to study to earn advanced degrees and that several have taken administrative posts in both Jewish and general agencies.

The only woman to have received ordination as a Conservative rabbi last June, Nina Feinstein, has returned to her native city, Dallas, apparently without seeking placement. A spokesperson told the JTA that the plans of Feinstein were not known. Feinstein is the second woman to be ordained as a Conservative rabbi.

Status Of Seven Reconstructionist Rabbis

Seven women were graduated as Reconstructionist rabbis. Among them are Avis Miller of Pawtucket, R.I., named assistant rabbi of Adath Israel Congregation, a Conservative congregation in Washington. She was described as the first woman to serve in that post.

Sheila Weinberg of New York has been named rabbi of Beth Am Shalom, a Conservative congregation in Penn Valley, Pa. She is the first woman to serve that congregation. She is a solo rabbi.

Sue Levy of Abington, Pa. has been named rabbi of Beth Shalom, a Conservative synagogue in Dover, Del. This also is a solo pulpit. Judy Gary of Richmond, Va. is engaged in full-time study for a doctorate in Jewish philosophy at Temple University. Lauren Levy of Plainsboro, NJ has been named program director at the Hillel of Rutgers University. Joan Sacks has returned to Philadelphia to be with her husband while she plans her next steps as a rabbi. Gail Glicksman of Yeadon, Pa. has been appointed to a position in the health professions division of the University of Pennsylvania.

Five of the Reform women rabbis were named to posts as assistant rabbis. They are: Shira Milgrom of Berkeley, Cal., at the Jewish Community Center in White Plains, NY; Judith Cohen-Rosenberg of Brooklyn, at B'rith Kodesh Temple in Roshester, NY; Ellen Greenspan of Scarsdale, NY, at Congregation Rodeph Shalom in Philadelphia; Paula Winnig of Milwaukee, at Temple Sinai of Roslyn in Roslyn Heights, NY; and Sue Levi Elwell of Buffalo, NY, at Leo Baeck Temple in Los Angeles.

Margaret Holub of Tustin, Cal. has been named an advocate in the Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles.

Margaret Meyer of Cincinnati has been named rabbi of Temple Beth Shalom of Middletown, Ohio. Linda Motzkin of Los Angeles has been named co-rabbi with her husband, Jonathan Rubenstein, at Temple Sinai in Saratoga, NY.

Julie Schwartz of Cincinnati has received an appointment as a U.S. Navy chaplain, with the

rank of lieutenant, junior grade, in San Francisco. Eve Ben-Ora, of Minneapolis, has been named director of education and programming at Temple Emanuel in Denver.

Ruth Langer of Pittsburgh did not accept a pulpit appointment because she married Dr. Jonathan Sarna, a member of the faculty of the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion (HUC-JIR), where she had been ordained a Reform rabbi. Sarna is on a sabbatical in Israel. Langer is studying for a doctorate in rabbinic literature at the Jerusalem campus of the HUC-JIR.

Nina Mizrahi has been named assistant director of the Department of Outreach of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, the central national agency of Reform congregations.

Because the rabbinical schools of the HUC-JIR, the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, the Conservative school, and the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College all have women studying for the rabbinate as the 1986-87 academic year begins, the supply of women rabbis seems certain to grow in future years.

YASHER KORACH

ATHENS, Oct. 2 (JTA) -- Israel's Hapoel Tel Aviv basketball team defeated the Greek team of Apolon Patra 88-71 Tuesday to win the Korach Cup. Playing before 1,500 spectators, the Israeli team never was really threatened. The Greek team included no foreign players, while Hapoel Tel Aviv, like all top Israeli teams, fielded two Americans.

GREECE AND ISRAEL AGREE
ON JOINT TOURISM PROGRAM
By Jean Cohen

ATHENS, Oct. 2 (JTA) -- Greece and Israel have agreed on a joint program to promote American tourism to both countries, Kostas Kyriazis, president of the Greek National Tourist Office (EOT), announced here Tuesday after a visit to Israel.

He said it would include Greek-Israel package tours utilizing the two countries' national airlines, Olympic Airways and El Al, and a joint publicity campaign to be launched next year. The expenses will be shared equally by the two countries.

Kyriazis said the agreement was reached in talks he had with the heads of the Israel Tourist Organization (ITO) in Israel. He said the Israel government showed great interest in the planned program. Details will be announced at a press conference in New York at the end of the month by representatives of the EOT and ITO. Kyriazis said tour operators would have time to prepare their tour packages by the end of the year.

Meanwhile, American travel writers and journalists will be invited to both countries and Greek and Israeli tourism representatives will go on training junkets to the U.S.

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VIENNA (JTA) -- Nazi-hunter Simon Wiesenthal was inducted into the French Legion of Honor here Wednesday. The presentation was made by the French Ambassador to Austria, Francois Regis Bastide, at a ceremony attended by the Israeli Ambassador Michael Elizur, Deputy Mayor of Vienna Erhard Busek and Ivan Hacker, president of the Jewish community.