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### REPORTED REMARK BY FRENCH P.M. STIRS INTERNATIONAL POLITICAL CRISIS By Edwin Eytan

PARIS, Nov. 9 (JTA) -- Prime Minister Jacques Chirac is attempting to defuse an international political scandal and possible domestic crisis touched off by his alleged remark to an American journalist that Israel rather than Syria was implicated in the attempt to smuggle explosives aboard an El Al airliner at London's Heathrow Airport last April 17.

According to Arnaud de Borchgrave, editor of the Washington Times which published the story Friday, Chirac attributed the version of events to West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl and Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher in conversation at a meeting of the European Economic Community's (EEC) Council of Ministers in Luxembourg last month.

Chirac's office issued a statement Friday saying that "the interpretation given to his comments" to Borchgrave "is devoid of foundation." It was noted immediately here and abroad that Chirac's statement fell short of a denial.

The West Germans reacted angrily and an Israeli official said he was "staggered" by the "unbelievable," "ridiculous" story. Borchgrave said on French television Saturday that if the French "call me a liar" his newspaper would print the full transcript in his taped interview with Chirac.

#### Claims 'Story Is Pure Invention'

Reinhard Bettzuege, spokesman for the Foreign Ministry in Bonn, said "This story is pure invention which we totally, clearly and unequivocally deny." Earlier, Friedhelm Ost, a spokesman for Kohl, said "Aside from the fact that we are consulting Chirac, the West German government has never had such information (regarding the airliner bomb attempt) and therefore could never have given such information to the French government."

At a meeting with French Jewish community leaders here Sunday night, scheduled long before the Washington Times story appeared, Chirac avoided the subject and was not pressed.

At the Luxembourg meeting in question, British Foreign Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe urged Britain's EEC partners to take strong measures against Syria for its alleged involvement in international terrorism.

Britain broke diplomatic relations with Damascus, charging that the Syrian Ambassador in London and his staff acted in collusion with Nezar Hindawi, the Jordanian national convicted of the El Al bomb attempt and sentenced to 45 years in prison.

According to the Washington Times report, Chirac "pooh-poohed" the evidence against Syria, submitted by Britain at the EEC meeting. He allegedly told Borchgrave that he did not know the real truth but that Kohl and Genscher told him Syria was not involved in the bomb plot, though Israel's secret service Mossad may have masterminded the whole affair with the help of Syrian dissidents who wanted to discredit Presi-

dent Hafez Assad and bring down his government.

Borchgrave said Chirac asked not to be quoted directly on this matter but agreed to have his remarks paraphrased.

#### Prime Minister Taken To Task

Chirac's own party, the neo-Gaullist Rally for the Republic (RPR), and the opposition Socialist Party took the Prime Minister to task over the weekend for having been at best naive to put himself and his government in an embarrassing position. Officials close to Chirac said he may have been entrapped by Borchgrave, a hardline conservative, whom he believed mistakenly to represent The Washington Post. The Washington Times is a rightwing newspaper owned by The Rev. Sun Yung Moon.

Since his election victory over the Socialists last March 15, Chirac has tried to improve his relations with Israel and with French Jews. His reception by Jewish leaders here Sunday night was decidedly lukewarm.

Theo Klein, president of the Representative Council of Major French Jewish Organizations (CRIF), alluded to The Washington Times report in his introductory remarks. "You are our host and we shall ask you no questions. We nonetheless hope that you will answer the question which is on all of our minds," he said.

The Prime Minister, who sat between Israeli Ambassador Ovadia Soffer and French Chief Rabbi Rene Sirat, carefully avoided the issue.

### ISRAEL'S FIRST LIVER TRANSPLANT PATIENT DIES OF COMPLICATIONS

By David Landau

JERUSALEM, Nov. 9 (JTA) -- Mira Schichmanter, Israel's first liver transplant patient, died shortly before dawn Saturday of complications that followed surgery 17 days ago at Rambam Hospital in Haifa. A mother of two from Kfar Saba, she had her 40th birthday in her hospital bed last week, surrounded by her family who were with her at the time of death.

Doctors said her death was not caused by the operation, which was successful, but by massive internal hemorrhaging related to the liver ailment she had suffered for years, which had made the transplant necessary. She had been recovering up to five days after surgery and was about to be released from the intensive care unit when she began to bleed and a second operation was performed.

A Rambam Hospital spokesman said Sunday it would continue with liver transplants approved by the Health Ministry and was not discouraged. Doctors noted that the first liver transplants in the U.S., where the technique was developed, had a high mortality rate at first but chances for recovery now are much improved.

Meanwhile, the second liver transplant patient, Eliahu Schriber, 59, remained in critical condition at Rambam Hospital. He underwent surgery several days after Schichmanter and also had to undergo a second operation for internal bleeding.

## FORMER DIMONA NUCLEAR FACILITY TECHNICIAN BEING HELD IN ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, Nov. 9 (JTA) -- The government acknowledged Sunday that Mordechai Vanunu, a former technician at the Dimona nuclear facility reported missing from London October 1, is being held "under lawful detention" in Israel.

The government emphatically denied that he was kidnapped by Israeli agents and brought to Israel against his will. It did not say, however, how he came to Israel or when. Vanunu disappeared shortly after he gave a story to a British newspaper that Israel has built up an arsenal of nuclear weapons over the last 20 years.

The government statement said Vanunu was ordered detained by a court following a hearing at which he was represented by counsel. It did not specify charges against him. Vanunu, 31, a recent convert to Christianity, is believed to have leftwing, pro-Arab sympathies.

## FOUR SYNAGOGUE ARSONISTS ARRESTED

JERUSALEM, Nov. 9 (JTA) -- Four young men have been arrested in Rumania in connection with an arson attack against a synagogue in the Moldavian town of Bohush, according to reports that have reached here. The synagogue was burned to the ground last month following the stabbing of the Jewish janitor there. Rumanian police are investigating the double attack. According to reports, the janitor is now out of danger and his condition is improving. He was the only person injured during the attack, which was carried out by masked men. The attacks occurred a day following a visit to the synagogue by the Hasidic Rebbe of Bohush, who now lives in Israel.

## PERES IS U.S.-BOUND

By David Landau

JERUSALEM, Nov. 9 (JTA) -- Shimon Peres, travelling to the United States Monday for the first time as Israel's Foreign Minister, said Sunday night that he would concentrate his efforts on attracting American investment capital for the Negev.

At Peres' initiative, the Negev 2000 Association unveiled a plan for a new deep-water port at Eilat to replace the present limited facilities and clear valuable stretches of coastline for tourist beach developments.

Binyamin Yassour, head of the Association, told The Jerusalem Post that overseas funding for Negev projects would be forthcoming if the government endorsed the projects. He said the new port would help boost Israel's trade with Australasia and southeast Asia. Ships from those regions calling at Eilat have a shorter trip and avoid the Suez Canal tolls.

While in the U.S., Peres will address the General Assembly of the Council of Jewish Federations in Chicago Thursday night and meet with Jewish leaders from all parts of the country. He will also meet with Richard Murphy, Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs.

Minister-Without-Portfolio Moshe Arens, a close political associate of Premier Yitzhak Shamir, will also go to the U.S. this week. Government

sources indicated he would have talks in Washington and arrange for Shamir's first visit to the U.S. as Premier, probably early next year.

## MOYNIHAN VOWS TO CONTINUE EFFORTS TO MOVE U.S. EMBASSY IN ISRAEL FROM TEL AVIV TO JERUSALEM

By Yitzhak Rabi

NEW YORK, Nov. 9 (JTA) -- Sen. Daniel Moynihan (D. NY) has vowed to continue efforts to move the United States Embassy in Israel from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem. "The State of Israel has a right under international law to declare Jerusalem its capital," the lawmaker told 300 guests at the presentation of the Fourth Annual Defender of Jerusalem Award last Thursday night at the Metropolitan Museum of Art.

"Jerusalem is far more than just a political capital," Moynihan declared. "It embodies and symbolizes three millennia of Jewish accomplishments and aspirations. The United States government would do well to follow Costa Rica's example."

Costa Rica was the first country to put its Embassy in Jerusalem despite pressure from other countries and international bodies. Luis Alberto Monge, one of the awardees, was President at the time. The two other awardees were Per Ahlmark, former Deputy Prime Minister of Sweden, and Rabbi Eliahu Essas, for 13 years a dissident in the Soviet Union and now living in Israel.

Referring to the three winners, Moynihan noted that Ahlmark "has done so much to secure support for Israel and Jerusalem in Scandinavia," Essas "refused to forget the message of Jerusalem in the Soviet Gulag," and Alberto Monge "has shown the world that foreign Embassies can and should be in Jerusalem."

Nobel Prize laureate Elie Wiesel presented the award to Ahlmark, citing him for his consistent advocacy of Israel's rights and his opposition to every manifestation of anti-Semitism in his native Sweden and throughout Scandinavia. "Statesman, poet, humanist: Per Ahlmark has relentlessly defended the honor of Israel with vigor, talent and passion. He is singularly deserving of the Jewish people's gratitude," Wiesel said.

## The Danger Of Anti-Semitism

Ahlmark, who is also Deputy President of the Swedish-Israeli Friendship League since 1970, said in response that Israel "has given and still does so, inspiration to free men and women around the world." "If you support Israel, you also support the idea of freedom everywhere," he added, and "what we see on the international scene now, not least in the UN, are systematic attempts to make the Jewish State illegal, efforts to isolate Israel in a way that in fact prepares world opinion for its future destruction."

"The anti-Semites," he continued, "start with the Jews, but never stop with the Jews. Anti-Semitism is always a call for the destruction of democratic values and institutions. To tolerate anti-Semitism is to invite disaster. In the end, we will all be victims."

The \$100,000 award is sponsored by the Jabotinsky Foundation. The chairman of The Foundation is Eryk Spektor. The prize is given to persons who undertake extraordinary action "in defense of the rights of the Jewish people," Spektor said.

# NEW YORK STATE JEWISH DEMOCRAT LOSES BID FOR CONGRESSIONAL SEAT

By David Friedman

WASHINGTON, Nov. 9 (JTA) -- Rosemary Pooler, a Democrat active in the Syracuse Jewish community, has conceded defeat in her effort to win election to the House from New York's 27th District last Tuesday. She lost to the incumbent, Rep. George Wortley, a Republican.

According to the Syracuse Herald-Journal, Wortley outspent Pooler by \$557,697 to \$385,407 in what was a heated campaign.

Pooler's loss leaves the number of Jews elected to the House at 29, one less than in the current 99th Congress, even though one new Jewish member was elected, Benjamin Cardin (D. Md.).

However, two Jewish incumbents, Reps. Ken Kramer and Bobbi Fiedler, both California Republicans, left their seats in unsuccessful bids for the Senate. The number of Jewish Senators remains at eight with the re-election of Sens. Arlen Specter (R. Pa.) and Warren Rudman (R. NH).

Meanwhile, Vermont Governor Madeleine Kunin, a Democrat, is expected to be elected to a second term by the State Legislature. She won a plurality in the November 4 elections but failed to receive 50 percent of the vote, which means under Vermont law that the Legislature decides the issue.

A second Jew elected a Governor last Tuesday is Neil Goldschmidt. A former Mayor of Portland and Secretary of Transportation in the Carter Administration, he was elected Oregon's chief executive.

# ARAB JOURNALIST'S APPEAL AGAINST DEPORTATION REJECTED BY TRIBUNAL

By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, Nov. 9 (JTA) -- A military tribunal in Nablus unanimously rejected an appeal against deportation by Akram Haniye, editor of the East Jerusalem Arabic daily A-Shaab. His attorney, Felicia Langer, announced she would take the case to the Supreme Court.

Haniye was arrested and ordered deported last Monday on charges that he was a principal coordinator of Palestine Liberation Organization political activities in the administered territories. The authorities conceded, however, that he was not involved in terrorist activities.

The deportation order will not be implemented pending a decision by the Supreme Court.

The order to expel Haniye to Jordan was angrily protested by Arab journalists and the general population in the territories. The Jerusalem Press Association joined the protest after several days of hesitation. It sent telegrams to Premier Yitzhak Shamir and Vice Premier and Foreign Minister Shimon Peres Friday demanding that Haniye be brought to trial if he is suspected of violating the law, not punished before he is proven guilty.

# POPE INVITED TO JERUSALEM TO LEAD A DAY OF PRAYER AGAINST WAR, TERRORISM

By Lisa Palmieri-Billig

ROME, Nov. 9 (JTA) -- Pope John Paul II, who invited representatives of all faiths to a "day of prayer for peace" in Assisi last month, was himself invited Thursday to lead a day of prayer against war and terrorism in Jerusalem.

The occasion was a Papal audience which concluded the second International Catholic-Jewish Theological Colloquium attended by about 70 Catholic and Jewish scholars from Israel, the U.S., West Germany and Rome. The three branches of Judaism -- Orthodox, Conservative and Reform--were represented. The invitation to the Pope was extended by Nathan Perlmutter, national director of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, one of the organizers of the colloquium.

The ADL, he told the Pontiff, was "deeply honored to be represented in your day of prayer and peace in Assisi. Perhaps what is needed in addition to a day of prayer for peace is a day in which we contemplate the evil of terrorism, and as the site for such prayers against the scourge of terrorism and war, where more appropriate than in the city of peace, Jerusalem, led by whom, more appropriately, than by your prophetic voice of peace."

Rabbi Leon Klenicki, director of the ADL's Interfaith Department and one of the speakers at the colloquium, told reporters later, "John Paul didn't reply to the suggestion, but his face clearly expressed pleasure. He lingered a while to chat with us."

Other organizers of the colloquium, which was conducted at the Domus Mariae Convention Center here, were the Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas, the Centro Pro Unione and Sisters of Zion (SIDIC), in cooperation with the Holy See's Commission for Religious Relations with the Jews.

# Broad Areas Of General Agreement

Only basic faith commitments defining Christian and Jewish identities were firmly "off limits" for discussion. Otherwise, the papers read and discussed covered a wide range of theological and historical subjects. The atmosphere was lively and there were broad areas of general agreement. Where distinct differences emerged, they were accepted without question.

Three main points that emerged from papers and discussion were: a deepening sense of common Biblical roots; a joint positive and negative evaluation of liberation theology; and acceptance of Israel in all its human and political imperfections, as the first stage of Jewish national and universal redemption, an ongoing process in the alliance between God and humankind.

# SHCHARANSKY'S NAME THEIR BABY RAHEL

JERUSALEM, Nov. 9 (JTA) -- The daughter born to Avital and Natan Shcharansky here Thursday was named Rahel, during Sabbath services at a Jerusalem synagogue. She was named for a sister of her paternal grandmother, Ida Milgrom. She is the couple's first child.

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GENEVA (JTA) -- The Arab League and the Arab Chambers of Commerce in eight European countries will hold a symposium on boycott and economic measures in international conflict here November 17-18. It was organized by the Euro-Arab Chambers of Commerce and the Euro-Arab Association of Jurists in cooperation with the Arab League which maintains a boycott against Israel. Israel's Ambassador to the UN here, Pinchas Eliav, said Israel took a very grave view of the fact that Switzerland is allowing a seminar that will give legitimacy to boycotts.

## FOCUS ON ISSUES JEWS TO HELP FARMERS IN TROUBLE

By Susan Birnbaum

NEW YORK, Nov. 9 (JTA) -- Representatives of farmers' and Jewish organizations have joined forces to combat the plight of American farmers and the spread of anti-Semitism in agrarian areas of the country.

This nationwide effort was announced at a meeting here last month at the headquarters of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations (UAHC), the umbrella organization of Reform Judaism in the U.S. and Canada. The meeting, during the Succoth holiday, took place under a small succah where the representatives noted that the setting was a reminder of Judaism's agrarian roots and the importance of the harvest, celebrated during Succoth, to both farmers and Jews.

The representatives announced the beginning of a national petition drive to obtain one million signatures calling on Congress to declare an immediate moratorium on farm foreclosures, fair prices for farm products and an emergency aid program for farm families forced into bankruptcy, foreclosure, and the most extreme consequences of poverty.

The petition drive was presented by Gertrude White, national president of Women's American ORT, and David Goldstein, executive director of the Kansas City (Missouri) Jewish Community Relations Bureau, one of the pioneer Jewish organizations working to help the family farmer. The two groups have been working jointly since last April, when Women's American ORT presented the Kansas City JCRB with a \$25,000 grant to initiate a farm crisis project. The distribution of the petitions is being carried out by Women's American ORT and UAHC.

There are now 300 farm families going under every day, said Goldstein, over 100,000 farm families per year, and he cited the accompanying increases in child and spouse abuse, mental illness, "and the hopelessness."

### The Range Of Projects

White, speaking for Women's American ORT and the Women's American ORT-JCRB Farm Crisis Project, outlined the range of projects considered for interaction between Jewish groups and farmers, Christian clergy, rural media, teachers and public officials, including the consideration of programs of direct financial aid and the development of expanded mental health services. "Once we started learning about their (farmers') problems, we felt we had a moral responsibility toward them."

White explained that "as the vocational and technical training arm of the Jewish people, ORT appreciates the importance of productive labor, both as a means of livelihood and because it cannot be separated from the dignity of the individual or the wealth of society. We feel a tremendous affinity for these farm families."

Goldstein said his agency first became involved in the farm crisis through investigations into the rabidly racist, anti-Semitic broadcasts of radio station KTTL-FM in Dodge City, Kansas, whose religious sermons advocated violence against Jews, Blacks and law enforcement officials.

He said that as members of the Kansas City JCRB learned more about the extremists, they simultaneously learned about the problems of

family farmers, and "determined that for our own security it was necessary to develop a program to combat anti-Semitism and racism because of our religious and social values, and the tradition of Jewish community relations agencies in aiding people in pain."

The petition, said Goldstein, "is the centerpiece of a multifaceted program to educate and involve urban Jews and through Jews other urban people in action on the farm crisis."

### Some Of The Jewish Agencies Involved

Goldstein stressed the appropriateness "for Jews and farmers to work together." Among other Jewish agencies working to alleviate the farm crisis, he said, were the Des Moines, Iowa, Jewish Community Relations Council, which provided about \$10,000 to farm families for emergency survival assistance, and the Minnesota Jewish Community Relations Council - Anti-Defamation League, which established a person-to-person program bringing together Jews and farmers for "discussion and action."

Goldstein also cited the St. Louis American Jewish Committee, which, through former Lt. Gov. Harriett Woods, began a hotline offering legal advice to farmers.

Alexander Schindler, president of the UAHC, announcing the UAHC participation in the petition drive, noted the place of Jews alongside farmers. "Judaism teaches a respect for the land and those who till it ... We must revere the farmer as much as the scholar, for both do the Lord's work. It is our solemn obligation to make certain that they will not be denied the fruits of their labor."

The UAHC's Committee on Social Action passed a resolution last April "to undertake educational activities, to inform its congregations and affiliates of the Jewish and urban stake" in the farm crisis.

Schindler noted that the UAHC effort grew from the April resolution, which called the farm crisis "the most severe since the Great Depression" and urged legislative action to "stem the tide of farm foreclosures, offer reasonable and immediate debt relief to farmers in severe economic crisis and address the ongoing social service needs of farm and rural populations."

### 'An Irreversible Situation'

David Senter, national director of the American Agriculture Movement who gave up his farm and brought his family to Washington, D.C. to lobby Congress for legislation favorable to the farmer, described the farm crisis as rapidly becoming "an irreversible situation" brought about by the greed of a small number of giant companies that do everything from buying the fruits of the harvest to packaging it and distributing it.

They, and the Reagan Administration's farm policies, he said, have been responsible for the disastrous proportions of the farm crisis, reducing the number of farmers until ownership of the land rests in the fewest possible hands.

In accepting the petition, Cy Carpenter, president of the National Farmers Union, welcomed "the special efforts of our Jewish friends in undertaking to help us correct the injustice that is being imposed on American farmers .... Those of the Jewish faith have written a proud and productive history of involvement and leadership, and more than their share of caring and sharing when people are denied or oppressed."