

**POLICE DISPERSE RIOTERS AT
A-NAJAH UNIVERSITY IN NABLUS**

By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, Dec. 16 (JTA) -- Disturbances erupted at A-Najah University in Nablus after it reopened Tuesday following a week-long closure on orders of Defense Minister Yitzhak Rabin. Soldiers fired rubber bullets and tear gas at Arab students but no injuries were reported.

The university was shut down a week ago because of riots on the campus and at the nearby Balata refugee camp. Classes resumed Tuesday morning, but soon students streamed out to the main road, stoned passing vehicles, burned tires and unfurled Palestinian flags.

Soldiers called to the scene forced them back on the campus. The students barricaded themselves in the university buildings for several hours while troops stood by outside. By evening the students dispersed quietly. No further clashes were reported.

Meanwhile, two youths were arrested in Jenin for throwing rocks at a border police patrol jeep. The windshield was broken but no one was hurt. In Jerusalem, an Arab truck was stoned by Jews in the Shmuel Hanavi quarter Tuesday afternoon. The windshield was broken but the driver was unhurt. Shmuel Hanavi was the home of yeshiva student Eliahu Amdid who was fatally stabbed in the Old City on November 15.

EXTRADITION BATTLE CONTINUES

By David Landau

JERUSALEM, Dec. 16 (JTA) -- Justice Minister Avraham Sharir contended in a written submission to the Supreme Court Monday that William, Nakash's life would be seriously endangered were he to be extradited to France to serve his sentence for the 1983 murder of an Arab in the town of Bessancon, southeast of Paris.

Sharir maintained that this was the reason he ruled against compliance with the French request for extradition, a ruling challenged by legal circles in Israel. The Supreme Court will open a hearing in the matter on December 21. Sharir will be represented by a Justice Ministry attorney who will seek to show that his decision was reasonable and made in good faith.

Nakash, 25, a Baal Tshuva Orthodox Jew, has been supported in his fight against extradition by rightwing and religious circles. They uphold his claim that he murdered Abdelali Hakkar, an Algerian Arab on February 22, 1983, in an act of self-defense against anti-Semitic harassment. Nakash argued in a separate brief to the high court that the challenge to Sharir's ruling was by leftwing politicians who have no legal standing in the case.

The French court which sentenced Nakash in absentia to life imprisonment found that the murder stemmed from a quarrel between business partners and was without racial motivation. Both Nakash and his victim were allegedly associated with criminal elements.

Israel television reported Monday that the French Jewish community is overwhelmingly in favor of extradition. Theo Klein, head of CRIF,

the central organization of French Jewry, said in an interview that failure to extradite Nakash could damage French-Israel relations. The Jewish community was depicted as being contemptuous of Nakash's claim that he was defending himself against Arab anti-Semitism.

**ARCHBISHOP OF CRACOW TO ORGANIZE
SEMINARS ON THE MEANING OF
AUSCHWITZ TO CHRISTIANS AND JEWS**

NEW YORK, Dec. 16 (JTA) -- Franciszek Cardinal Macharski, the Archbishop of Cracow, has agreed to organize seminars there "on the meaning of Auschwitz to Christians and Jews."

In a letter to Rabbi Marc Tanenbaum, director of the American Jewish Committee's International Relations Department, Macharski stated that "such a seminar can contribute to the deeper understanding of what role Auschwitz plays in Jewish awareness, what it is to Poles and to Christians in general, and finally what it should be to the entire mankind." He added that the seminars could "produce positive influence" toward friendly relations between Polish Catholics and Jews.

The AJCommittee originally proposed the seminars because of a project by the Catholic Church in Poland to build a Carmelite convent on the site of Auschwitz, the death camp in southeastern Poland where some three million Jews perished. The project was suspended after worldwide protests, including many by ranking members of the Catholic hierarchy in Europe and the United States, as well as by Jews.

John Cardinal Krol of Philadelphia was one of the leading protestors. Cardinal Macharski described the proposed seminars as urgent, "considering the period of the last 40 years characterized by inconceivable lack of communication in regard to Polish-Jewish religious dialogue."

In his response to the letter, Tanenbaum suggested that the seminars might become the first in a series of Catholic-Jewish exchanges in Poland, the U.S. and possibly in Jerusalem "that would help usher in a whole new era of mutual understanding and respect."

**U.S. ENVOY TO THE UN VOWS NOT
TO REST UNTIL THE ZIONISM-RACISM
RESOLUTION IS RESCINDED**

By Yitzhak Rabi

NEW YORK, Dec. 16 (JTA) -- The United States Ambassador to the United Nations, Vernon Walters, vowed Tuesday that the U.S. will not "rest" until the 1975 General Assembly resolution equating Zionism with racism is rescinded.

The resolution "remains a great scandal" he asserted during a breakfast meeting with Seymour Reich, the president of B'nai B'rith International at the Doral Inn here.

Walters assured Reich that the U.S. will walk out of the General Assembly if Israel's credentials were ever rejected. He said that by now every member of the UN knows that the U.S. will react strongly to any attempt to suspend Israel's membership in the world body.

During the 90-minute meeting, Walters and Reich also discussed the issues of terrorism and Soviet Jews.

Walters said he was hopeful that the Security Council will pass within the next 10 days a strong and "binding" resolution condemning terrorism. Walters is this month's president of the Security Council.

The Ambassador said he feels a personal commitment to combat intolerance wherever it takes place. He said he fails to understand why the Soviet Union does not allow those Jews who want to emigrate to do so.

HIGH COURT POSTPONES DECISION ON APPEAL BY AN EAST JERUSALEM EDITOR AGAINST DEPORTATION

By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, Dec. 16 (JTA) -- The Supreme Court postponed for two weeks its decision on the appeal by East Jerusalem editor Akram Haniya against an expulsion order by the West Bank civil authorities for alleged hostile activities.

The justices spent three hours in closed session Tuesday examining more than 300 documents submitted by the prosecution alleging that Haniya was a PLO activist involved in anti-Israel demonstrations. The evidence was not made available to defense counsel on grounds of national security. The justices decided they need more time to determine whether the documents are indeed too secret to be given to the defense.

Defense attorneys Avigdor Feldman and Felicia Langer told the court that none of the evidence they were allowed to see warranted the expulsion order. They said they needed the documents that have been withheld in order to prepare a proper defense. Feldman asked the court to ignore material not made available to the defense.

Haniya, editor of the East Jerusalem Arabic daily Al Fajr, was arrested 45 days ago. The expulsion order drew protests from many Israeli journalists and jurists as well as prominent Palestinians. It was upheld by a military tribunal two weeks ago but implementation was delayed pending the outcome of the appeal.

ARAB HOUSE IN NEIGHBORHOOD OF MURDERED YESHIVA STUDENT IS HIT BY A GASOLINE BOMB

By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, Dec. 16 (JTA) -- A gasoline bomb was thrown at an Arab house in the Shmuel Hanavi neighborhood Monday but caused no casualties or damage. The incident coincided with the end of the 30-day mourning period for Eliahu Amdil, the yeshiva student murdered by Arabs in the Old City last month.

Amdil lived in the Shmuel Hanavi neighborhood. The bomb was thrown about 200 meters from his family's home where memorial services were being held. Police cars patrolled the streets and a riot squad was on hand but the services ended without incident. Amdil's death touched off 10 days of attacks on Arabs and their property by Jews in Shmuel Hanavi and in the Old City.

Police, meanwhile, are investigating the stabbing Sunday night of Zaharan Hassuneh, Mayor of Kabatiya in the West Bank and head of the Jenin district education department. Hassuneh, who is pro-Jordan, was attacked by two assailants

near his home. He was hospitalized in Afula where his condition was reported to be "satisfactory."

Police are looking for a possible connection between the attack on Hassuneh and the stabbing last September of Dr. Yaser Obeid of Ramallah, Jordan's chief medical representative in the West Bank.

ALARMING RATE OF YERIDA REPORTED

JERUSALEM, Dec. 16 (JTA) -- The Absorption Ministry released figures Monday indicating that 19 percent of Israelis in the 18-29 age group are likely to emigrate. The tendency toward yerida dropped to nine percent in the 30-49 age group, but overall the propensity of Israelis to leave the country is alarming.

Yossi Kochik, who heads the Ministry's department for the prevention of yerida, said he is initiating a new project to encourage yordim-- Israelis living permanently abroad -- to return home in time for Israel's 40th anniversary celebrations in 1988. He said the project would focus on finding them appropriate jobs.

A recent survey indicated that 92 percent of the public believes yerida is harmful. About 34 percent thinks the main reason for it is employment problems; 16 percent said the cause was unsatisfactory living standards; 14 percent blamed the security situation; and 11 percent attributed yerida to the waning of the Jewish-Zionist identity of Israel.

A VEXING QUESTION IN ISRAEL: ARE BANKERS BEING OVERPAID

By David Landau

JERUSALEM, Dec. 16 (JTA) -- Are Israel's bankers overpaid, in the context of the country's salary scale? Tel Aviv University Prof. Aryeh Globerson thinks so and the Knesset and the public want to know. But figures released by the Knesset Finance Committee Monday, instead of answering the question, sparked further debate.

They showed that the 10 top-ranking officials of Bank Leumi earn gross salaries in the Shekel equivalent of \$8,000 a month, apart from their expense accounts, company cars and telephone bills which are paid by the bank.

Other leading banks are less generous. The Histadrut-owned Bank Hapoalim pays its top executives an average of about \$4,000 a month, plus cars and other perquisites. This is a far cry from the \$20,000 a month Prof. Globerson claims is the remuneration received by bankers.

Likud Liberal MK Pessah Grupper said the figures were "not out of line for Israel." He said many executives in the private and public sectors earn more, "so what is all the fuss about?"

But Haim Ramon, the ranking Laborite on the committee, said the salary figures were misleading because they did not include the expense accounts and "perks" which significantly increased the bankers' income. He noted that since the collapse of bank shares in the October 1983 financial panic, the solvency of the country's leading banks has been guaranteed "by the public purse."

JEWISH GROUPS ESTABLISH COMMITTEE TO COUNTER JAPAN'S BOYCOTT OF ISRAEL

By Margie Olster

NEW YORK, Dec. 16 (JTA) -- Several national Jewish organizations have joined forces to

counter Japan's adherence to the Arab boycott of Israel. The Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, American Jewish Committee and American Jewish Congress established the "American Steering Committee on Freedom of Trade with Israel," to monitor the Arab boycott.

U.S. State Department officials have confronted Japanese officials about the boycott but were informed that the issue is a non-governmental matter, according to the "Boycott Report" published by the AJCongress.

Representatives of the Steering Committee told members of the U.S. Congress that Japan is consistently loyal to the Arab boycott. In 1985, Japan's trade with Israel amounted to only one-tenth of one percent of its total exports and imports. Japan purchased last year \$200 million of Israeli goods, 70 percent of which were cut diamonds.

Japanese companies are reportedly hesitant to import Israeli goods. A Japanese purchaser of Israeli potatoes recently cut off its imports citing the "diplomatic reasons" for the break, according to the Boycott Report.

Auto Firms Won't Sell To Israel

But Japan's major exporters, notably the auto manufacturing giants of Toyota and Nissan, refuse to sell to Israel. Additionally, Mitsubishi, Itoh, Nippon Steel and Hitachi all avoid trade with Israel, the Boycott Report stated.

Sanyo, Sharp and National too capitulate to Arab pressure by refraining from direct trade with Israel. These companies also refuse to set up offices in Israel.

Japanese airliners do not land in Israel and Japanese ships do not dock in Israeli harbors. Japanese banks won't finance trade with Israel and Japanese tourists prefer to spend their vacations elsewhere in the Middle East, the Boycott Report said.

Japan continues to shun Israel in practically all aspects of economic exchange despite U.S. Congressional assurances that most other industrialized nations, including the People's Republic of China, trade freely with Israel without repercussions in their business in the Arab world.

THE BELLS WILL BE RINGING

JERUSALEM, Dec. 16 (JTA) -- Direct telephone dialing between Egypt and Israel will soon be established, Communications Minister Amnon Rubinstein told reporters in Cairo after meeting for an hour with Egyptian Foreign Minister Ahmed Esmat Abdel-Maguid. Calls between the two countries now go through an operator.

The two Ministers also discussed ways to avoid television and radio jamming. Egypt and Israel use similar radio and TV transmission frequencies and the two officials agreed to coordinate policies in this area.

MURDER OF LONG ISLAND YESHIVA STUDENT REMAINS UNSOLVED; YESHIVAS IN THE AREA ARE BEEFING UP SECURITY

NEW YORK, Dec. 16 (JTA) -- The murder of 16-year-old yeshiva student Chaim Weiss in his dormitory room at the Torah High School of Long Beach on November 1 remains unsolved. But Jewish schools in the region are installing alarms and new locks and otherwise improving security.

The Board of Jewish Education of Greater New York, working with police departments in the

metropolitan area, has arranged free security evaluation programs for the nearly 600 yeshivas and school programs under its aegis. Police officers are inspecting school buildings and facilities to detect weak security points.

Nassau County Police meanwhile continue to investigate the crime. According to Inspector Kenneth Carey, coordinator of the County's bias investigation unit, the murder of Weiss has not been determined to have had an anti-Semitic motive. Nevertheless, that is one of several possible motives being considered.

MANHATTAN STREET TO BE RENAMED DAVID BEN GURION PLACE

NEW YORK, Dec. 16 (JTA) -- An official ceremony will be held in February to rename East 43rd Street between Vanderbilt and Madison Avenues in midtown Manhattan "David Ben Gurion Place" as part of the year-long celebration of the 100th anniversary of Ben Gurion. The street was the site in 1942 of the historic Biltmore Conference at the old Biltmore Hotel where Ben Gurion and other Zionist leaders formally established the goal of a Jewish State.

Mayor Edward Koch signed a bill into law last month renaming the street. The bill was introduced by New York City Council members Stanley Michels and Carol Greitzer. Present at the bill signing ceremonies with Koch were Moshe Yegar, Israel's Consul General in New York; Jack Spitzer, chairman of the David Ben Gurion Centennial Committee in the U.S.; and Dr. Benjamin Hirsch, the Committee's executive director.

The street naming is one of many civic, governmental and academic events and tributes to Ben Gurion sponsored by the Centennial Committee. Plans also include a number of academic symposiums in major universities throughout the country and a gala at the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C., in May 1987.

President Chaim Herzog of Israel is the worldwide chairman of the David Ben Gurion Centennial Committee. Its honorary U.S. chairman is President Reagan.

EXTRA-PARLIAMENTARY INCOME-PRODUCING ACTIVITIES DEBATED BY KNESSET UNIT

JERUSALEM, Dec. 16 (JTA) -- The Knesset's House Committee began debate Tuesday on the controversial issue of Knesset members engaging in income-producing activities outside of their parliamentary duties.

The committee was reported to be divided on the matter, though all agreed that the rules should be tightened to avoid conflicts of interest. At present, Knesset members are permitted to earn outside income, though they are forbidden to take salaried positions while serving.

Instead, many are employed as attorneys or consultants to large business firms. Committee chairman Micha Reiser, Likud-Herut, who does not earn outside income, said he is firmly opposed to a total ban on such activity.

He said the rules should be applied more strictly so that, for example, no MK could appear on behalf of a client before a central or local government authority. He noted that members of the British and other European parliaments are allowed to earn private income within the bounds of an ethics code. U.S. Congressmen, who are highly paid, are permitted to earn lecture fees, he said.

**SPECIAL INTERVIEW
U.S. JEWISH LEADER HOLDS
TWO-HOUR MEETING WITH CEAUSESCU
By Yitzhak Rabi**

NEW YORK, Dec. 16 (JTA) -- Rumanian President Nicolae Ceausescu was urged, during a private meeting in Bucharest with a prominent American Jewish leader, to convey to the Soviet Union "the lesson of the Rumanian experience" with regard to Jewish emigration.

Morris Abram, chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations and chairman of the National Conference on Soviet Jewry, met with the Rumanian leader at the beginning of this month for a meeting that lasted more than two hours. He also met with Minister for Foreign Affairs Ioan Totu and Minister of Cults Ion Cumpanasu.

In a special interview with the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, Abram said that Rumania, a Socialist state, should serve as a "model" to the Soviets and other East European states, for the way it has been handling the Jewish community and the effect it has had on its relations with the United States.

Abram noted that of a past Jewish population of 390,000, only 25,000 Jews are now in Rumania. "The rest were permitted to emigrate and mainly went to Israel," he said. In addition, Abram stressed, the Jews of Rumania are permitted to maintain a vibrant Jewish community under the leadership of Rabbi Moses Rosen. They are permitted to teach and learn Hebrew, and maintain Jewish tradition and culture without any restrictions, Abram said.

He noted that in 1985, 1,991 Rumanian Jews received approval for emigration but only 1,332 exercised their right to leave. In the first 10 months of 1986, 1,041 Jews left Rumania, he said.

Reason For The Trip

"I undertook this trip to Rumania because I felt it is important to convey to the Soviet Union the lesson of the Rumanian experience," Abram said.

"I went to say to Ceausescu that he had shown that a Socialist state can permit Jewish emigration without the state suffering. And at the same time I pointed out that a Socialist state has nothing to fear from permitting the Jews to practice their culture and religion."

According to Abram, he was under the impression that the Rumanian President was willing to convey his message to the Soviet leaders.

Abram pointed out that Rumania's liberal policies regarding Jewish emigration have benefited the country in its relations with the United States. Rumania has been enjoying Most Favored Nation (MFN) status with the U.S., largely because of its open border policy regarding Jewish emigration. The Soviet Union, on the other hand, is not enjoying those benefits and is restricted by the Jackson-Vanik amendment that links trade benefits to human rights.

Abram said that in his talks with the Rumanian officials he strongly protested recent anti-Semitic incidents in Rumania, including the burning down of a synagogue and the publication of an anti-Semitic essay and a poem in the local press. "The reaction of the Rumanian leaders was that there is no anti-Semitism in Rumania and that these are isolated incidents," he said.

Abram said that after his meeting with the Minister of Cults, the two of them were guests at a reception by the Jewish community. He said the children played and sang Hebrew songs and the Minister joined in the dance to the tune of Hebrew songs.

Abram, who is of Rumanian descent, said a particularly moving moment for him was when he met some members of his family, still residing in Rumania.

Abram was accompanied on his trip by Malcolm Hoenlein, executive director of the Presidents Conference.

**'GUIDE FOR THE JEWISH TRAVELER'
ISSUED BY AEROLINEAS ARGENTINAS**

NEW YORK, Dec. 16 (JTA) -- Aerolineas Argentinas has issued a 24-page illustrated "Guide for the Jewish Traveler" describing sites of general and Jewish interest -- synagogues, organizations, restaurants, clubs -- in Buenos Aires and eight other Argentine cities.

The brochure, authored by travel specialist Milton Jacoby, was officially showcased at an Aerolineas Argentinas reception for several dozen Jewish communal leaders last week at the airline's New York offices. It is available free from the airline upon request.

At the gathering, Arturo Muzzio, Aerolineas Argentinas' general manager for North and Central America, shared his vision of tourism between the U.S. and Argentina building bridges between the two most populous Jewish communities in the western hemisphere. Along similar lines, Rabbi William Berkowitz, president of the American Jewish Heritage Committee, spoke of the bonds of democracy between the two countries and the American realization of the need to reach out to the countries beyond the U.S. borders.

The brochure, 50,000 of which have already been distributed, begins with a brief history of the 250,000-strong Jewish community in Argentina and the waves of 19th-century immigration that brought Jews from Western and Eastern Europe and the Middle East to the country.

In addition to the tourist attractions of general interest in Buenos Aires, the brochure describes the network of Jewish organizations, schools, synagogues, theaters, libraries, press and clubs. It provides, as well, addresses and phone numbers of all these institutions, with descriptions of each.

Other cities featured in the brochure include Cordoba, Mar del Plata, Mendoza, Salta, Tucuman, Bariloche and Rosario, with details on their Jewish communities. Also listed is the town of Moisesville, founded with other agricultural settlements sponsored by Baron de Hirsch in the late 1880's. Moisesville is the location of the famed Jewish gauchos (cowboys) and farmers, 500 of whose descendants still live in the provincial town.

BONN (JTA) -- The government has announced that a Youth Attache will be appointed to the West German Embassy in Israel next year to further the friendship and understanding fostered over the years by exchange visits between young people of both countries. The post is unique in the German diplomatic service.