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**JONATHAN POLLARD GETS LIFE TERM  
FOR SPYING ON U.S. FOR ISRAEL;  
WIFE ANNE TO SERVE FIVE YEARS**  
By David Friedman

WASHINGTON, March 4 (JTA) -- Jonathan Pollard, the former civilian Navy analyst who pleaded guilty to spying on the United States for Israel, was sentenced Wednesday to life imprisonment.

Chief Judge Aubrey Robinson of the United States District Court for the District of Columbia also sentenced Pollard's wife, Anne Henderson-Pollard, 26, to two concurrent five-year terms on charges of being an accessory to her husband's espionage activities and receiving stolen government material.

The 32-year-old Pollard stood with his right arm behind his wife as the sentences were being pronounced. When Robinson announced the life sentence, Mrs. Pollard yelled "No, no" and fell to the floor.

When her sentence was pronounced she collapsed again, screaming. She could be heard screaming after being taken from the courtroom.

U.S. Attorney Joseph d'Genova indicated that neither Pollard had a chance for parole and both would have to serve their full sentences.

**Pleaded For Mercy For Each Other**

Robinson sentenced the two Pollards after three hours of testimony in which husband and wife pleaded for mercy for each other and expressed their mutual love.

"I pray to God every day that I'll be reunited with my husband," Mrs. Pollard said. "That's all I live for."

She wept through much of the hearing and appeared to be in pain from a gastrointestinal disorder from which she suffers. The hearing was recessed twice to allow her to receive medical attention.

Richard Hibe, Mr. Pollard's lawyer, argued that while there was "no excuse" for what Pollard did there was "no intent" to harm the U.S. and there was no damage done to the U.S.

He said the information was not given to an enemy of the U.S., but to a country that "except for England and Canada, is our closest ally."

But Assistant U.S. Attorney Charles Leeper argued that the information did damage the U.S., as Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger noted in classified information presented to the court.

He said Pollard was a "very dangerous man" and if not given a long sentence could still provide classified information from his memory.

**'May Benefit This Country'**

Pollard told Robinson that while he now knew he was wrong to break the law, "I was not intending to hurt the United States, but to help an ally. What I did may benefit this country in the long run."

In newspaper interviews, Pollard said he acted because he found that the U.S. was not providing Israel with information about arms going to its Arab neighbors and endangering the existence of the Jewish State.

But he said Wednesday he now realizes he should have taken his concerns through the channels of the Navy and as far as the President rather than commit an illegal act.

Pollard said that he not only broke his trust as a government employee, but an even more important trust, to his wife. "Unfortunately, I sacrificed her, inadvertently ... on the altar of political ideology," he said.

**Said She Didn't Spy**

Both Pollards stressed that although Mrs. Pollard knew what her husband was doing, she had not participated in his espionage activities. She said she became involved when after he knew his espionage had been uncovered, he called her, using a previously arranged codeword, and she sought to get rid of the government papers in their apartment.

Both Pollards stressed that they were sorry that their activities has caused harm to U.S.-Israeli relations. Mr. Pollard "undertook his actions because he believed he was doing good for both the United States and Israel," his wife said.

She said that after her husband called her on Nov. 18, 1985, she turned to her husband's handler, Israeli Air Force Col. Aviem Sella for help.

**Allowed Israelis To Flee**

This allowed the Israelis involved to leave the country. A U.S. court on Tuesday indicted Sella, recently named commander of a major Israeli air base, on three charges of espionage. He is not expected to stand trial, unless he returns to the U.S.

The attorneys for the two Pollards argued that both of their clients had been threatened in prison, partly as a result of anti-Semitism, and had to be kept in isolation.

Robinson indicated that Mrs. Pollard had harmed her case by her appearance on CBS-TV's "60 Minutes" last Sunday. He also indicated that Pollard had violated the judge's order to clear all statements he made with the Navy in his interview with The Jerusalem Post.

**AMID INSULTS, KNESSET BEGINS DEBATE  
ON INTERNATIONAL PEACE FORUM**

By David Landau

JERUSALEM, March 4 (JTA) -- The Knesset opened debate Wednesday on an international conference for Middle East peace. The session, marked by an angry exchange between Vice Premier and Foreign Minister Shimon Peres and Likud MK Ronnie Milo, a close aide to Premier Yitzhak Shamir, underlined the growing rancor between Labor and Likud over the issue.

The possibility of a coalition crisis was heightened when Shamir warned Wednesday evening that if "other parties" persisted in advocating an international conference, it could lead to the downfall of the Labor-Likud unity government. Sources at the Prime Minister's Office quoted Shamir as saying such a forum was "the stupidest idea" ever promoted in Israeli foreign policy.

Peres, who returned from meetings with President Hosni Mubarak of Egypt in Cairo last

week with an agreement by both countries to advance an international conference, appeared in the Knesset to address two opposition motions on the subject. One, by the Citizens Rights Movement (CRM), supported a conference while the other, by the Tehiya Party, was opposed.

Peres warned that to reject the international conference option would be to kill chances of progress toward peace. He recalled he has said this at many public forums when he was Premier and that his position was accepted by the government and Knesset.

He accused Shamir of being disingenuous by pretending now that this is a departure from government policy.

#### **Peres Said He Was Firm**

Peres told the Knesset "I have no intention of withdrawing from the idea of an international peace conference." MK Yossi Sarid of the CRM urged Peres to "take a few more steps" in the direction of peace. Tehiya MK Geula Cohen said Peres should "face reality," which does not allow for peace.

The session was adjourned for an hour to allow tempers to cool after Peres and Milo exchanged insults. "What have you ever done for the country?" Peres asked the Likud MK, who is a Deputy Prime Minister.

#### **CANADA REJECTS NAMING OF ISRAELI GENERAL CHIDED BY KAHAN COMMISSION** By Michael Solomon

OTTAWA, March 4 (JTA) -- The Canadian government rejected Wednesday the appointment of Gen. Amos Yaron to be Military Attache at the Israel Embassy here. It was the first time Canada has refused to accept an Israeli diplomatic appointee.

External Affairs Minister Joe Clark said "The Canadian government considers the presence of Gen. Yaron as inappropriate." He did not elaborate.

Yaron was one of the senior Israel Defense Force officers cited by the commission headed by Israel Supreme Court Justice Yitzhak Kahan in its investigation in 1983 of Israel's conduct in the Lebanon war.

The commission found that Yaron stood by indifferently while Christian Phalangists allied with Israel massacred Palestinians in the Sabra and Shatila refugee camps near Beirut.

The commission recommended that Yaron be suspended and not appointed to any senior position for three years. The ban expired in 1986.

#### **ISRAEL TO SIGN SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AGREEMENT WITH ARGENTINA SOON** By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, March 4 (JTA) -- Israel and Argentina will sign a memorandum of understanding for scientific and technological cooperation during the visit here this week of the Argentine Minister of Labor and Energy, Dr. Pedro Agustin Trucco.

He is the guest of Moshe Shahal, Israel's Minister of Energy and Infrastructure.

The agreement will include close cooperation in the development of alternative energy sources. Trucco said in his discussions with Shahal that Argentina is particularly interested in Israel's know-how in the fields of solar energy, water desalination and irrigation.

The agreement provides for the reciprocal transfer of technology and knowledge between the two countries and the establishment of energy-business partnerships.

The agreement is the first of its kind between Israel and Argentina. Israel has similar agreements with Mexico and Venezuela. Last year Israel signed an agreement for industrial cooperation with Canada.

#### **YAACOBİ WITHDRAWS FROM RUNNING TO BE ISRAELI ENVOY TO U.S.** By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, March 4 (JTA) -- Laborite Gad Yaacobi, Minister of Economic Coordination, has withdrawn his candidacy as Israel's next Ambassador to the United States. Yaacobi informed Premier Yitzhak Shamir Wednesday that he was fed up with the "foot-dragging" over his appointment.

The appointment should have been made six weeks ago, but was postponed because of differences between Labor and Likud on a number of issues.

#### **AMERICAN RED CROSS HEAD SUGGESTS WAYS TO RESOLVE ISRAEL'S CONFLICT WITH RED CROSS/RED CRESCENT MOVEMENT** By Margie Olster

NEW YORK, March 4 (JTA) -- Saying Israel's chances of recognition by the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement are worse than ever, the President of the American Red Cross (ARC) Monday suggested several methods of resolving the ongoing exclusion.

Last October, the Movement changed its title from The International Red Cross Movement. While both the red cross and the red crescent are now internationally recognized symbols, the red Shield of David of Israel's Magen David Adom (MDA) medical and humanitarian movement is not.

ARC President Richard Schubert told members of the New York Jewish Community Relations Council that the Movement should establish a committee to explore alternatives to the symbols, displayed by the Movement's medical and relief workers as they operate under often hostile conditions.

Schubert recommended either a single new symbol, a collage symbol or two standard symbols for opposing sides in a conflict.

In the meantime, MDA should attempt to establish bilateral and defacto relations with sister organizations in friendly countries, Schubert said. He also encouraged the American Jewish community to work with ARC to keep the emblem issue on the top of the international agenda.

Schubert stressed that the original symbol, the red Greek cross, was never intended to be interpreted as religious. But he acknowledged that the selection of the cross was the first mistake in a series of many causes of the MDA's problem today.

Despite this, he said, the red cross is the most universally recognized symbol in the world and changing it for another symbol thus would be a great loss.

He also suggested the movement should never have accepted symbols besides the red cross. But he explained that the international organization is not controlled by the Red Cross societies, but "by the same governments who refuse to give recognition to the State of Israel."

Schubert said the MDA's chances of being admitted under its symbol of the red Shield of David are worse today than ever, because the number of member countries in the Movement has increased significantly.

"The communist and Arab world basically had its way," Schubert said. He noted that the first time the MDA applied for admission of its symbol, in 1949, it lost by only one vote.

Asked if ARC would withdraw from the international movement in protest of the exclusion of MDA, Schubert said, "I must respectfully decline ... We establish nothing by destroying it."

#### 11,000 GOVERNMENT HOSPITAL WORKERS, PROMISED RAISE, RETURN TO WORK By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, March 4 (JTA) -- Striking administrative and maintenance employees returned to work at 29 government hospitals Wednesday. They ended their 10-day strike on the basis of a proposal by Histadrut that they be paid an advance of 200 Shekels against future wage increases while a special committee calculates how much the increases should be.

Equity of pay between government hospital employees and their peers at the hospitals of Kupat Holim, the Histadrut sick-fund, was the main issue of the strike that idled 11,000 workers for nearly two weeks. A body known as the Padeh Committee, established several years ago to investigate wage inequities, will be called upon again.

The strikers said they relied on Histadrut to ensure that the back-to-work proposals would be fulfilled. But Israel Radio reported Wednesday that Finance Minister Moshe Nissim will not agree to the advance payment of 200 Shekels or to reactivate the Padeh Committee until all of the strikers are back on the job and guarantee no further walk-outs.

#### REFUSENIKS' MOTHERS PROTEST IN ISRAEL

TEL AVIV, March 4 (JTA) -- The mothers of all 11 refuseniks began a hunger strike outside the Knesset building Wednesday to protest the failure of Soviet authorities to grant exit visas to their families to join them in Israel.

The protesters say that despite the new emigration regulations that took effect on January 1 and hinted at a liberalization of Soviet policies, some 50 long-term refuseniks were recently informed that their visa applications have been rejected. Some have been refused for more than 15 years.

Meanwhile, Yitzhak Nenher, an Israeli lawyer who is a member of a group monitoring Soviet compliance with the Helsinki human rights accords, reported that only 130 Jews were allowed to leave the Soviet Union last month although 500 had been promised they could leave. The National Conference on Soviet Jewry reported that 146 Jews received exit visas last month.

Nenher, who just returned from a meeting of the monitoring group in the U.S. said that despite signs of change in the Soviet Union, only two Jewish Prisoners of Conscience have been released.

#### SOVIET FILM ON REFUSENIK HONORED

BONN, March 4 (JTA) -- A Soviet film, "The Theme," banned for seven years because it dealt

with a Jew's desire to immigrate to Israel, won the West Berlin International Film Festival's Golden Bear Award Tuesday.

The film, by Gleb Panfilov, was produced in 1979. Because of its taboo subject it was not released in the USSR until last January, following a shake-up of the Soviet movie bureaucracy.

The story is about a Jewish writer in the Soviet Union who, though successful, decides to go to Israel to escape artistic constraints. At one point the character declares, "I would rather die there (in Israel) of homesickness than here of hatred."

#### SWISS, PLO FOREIGN MINISTERS MEET

GENEVA, March 4 (JTA) -- Farouk Kaddoumi, a ranking official of the Palestine Liberation Organization, was received in Bern Friday by President Pierre Aubert of Switzerland, the acting Foreign Minister. They have met twice before, in Tunis in 1985 and in Bern in 1981.

A Foreign Ministry spokesman said Friday's meeting was an exchange of views of the situation in the Middle East. Kaddoumi, who heads the PLO's foreign relations bureau, held a press conference afterwards at the United Nations office in Geneva. He expressed "doubts that Israel wants a real international conference for peace in the Middle East."

#### MAZON ANNOUNCES GRANTS FOR HUNGRY

NEW YORK, March 4 (JTA) -- Mazon has announced its second semi-annual grant of \$85,000 to help alleviate hunger in the U.S. Funds will be awarded to feeding centers and food banks in Los Angeles, Indianapolis, Baltimore, Washington, D.C., New Orleans, Cambridge, Main, Santa Fe, N.M., and Pomona, Calif., according to Mazon national chairman Theodore Mann.

In addition, two grants totalling \$10,000 were made for short-and-long term food aid to the remaining Jews in Ethiopia, Mann said. The organization was founded in June 1986 with an initial grant of \$20,000.

#### MANN OF PHILADELPHIA DEAD AT 83

PHILADELPHIA, March 4 (JTA) -- Fredric Mann, a diplomat, international patron of music, businessman and civic and communal leader, died here February 26 at age 83.

Mann served as U.S. ambassador to Barbados and U.S. special representative to Antigua, Dominica, Grenada, St. Kitts-Nevis, Anguilla and St. Lucia from 1967 to 1969. In 1966, he was a delegate to the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization.

A native of Gomel, Russia, his efforts led to the Mann Music Center here and the Mann Auditorium in Tel Aviv. His business interests were in the paper industry. His paper box manufacturing company expanded to include ownership in forests, pulp mills, paper plants and box factories.

In the Jewish community, Mann was a past general campaign chairman of the Federation Allied Jewish Appeal and an honorary member of the board of trustees of the Federation of Jewish Agencies. He had also served as a treasurer of FJA.

In addition, he was a former general chairman of the Philadelphia Committee of State of Israel Bonds, an honorary president of HIAS and Council Migration Service and honorary vice

president of the America-Israel Cultural Foundation, Inc.

He served on the boards of the American Committee for Weizmann Institute, Tel Aviv University, the Albert Einstein Medical Center, the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee and United HIAS Service.

## HELLO, EGYPT? THIS IS ISRAEL

TEL AVIV, March 4 (JTA) -- Direct-dialing telephone connections between Israel and Egypt went into effect Monday, an outcome of Foreign Minister Shimon Peres' visit to Cairo last week.

## BEHIND THE HEADLINES; A SUICIDE AND TELEVISION CONFRONT ISRAELIS WITH AIDS By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, March 4 (JTA) -- Israelis this week came face-to-face with the problem of AIDS (Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome). It confronted them on their television screens and triggered widespread public alarm, if not panic.

For the first time, Israel Television broadcast a documentary on the disease which threatens to become the "Black Plague" of the 20th century. Broadcaster Michael Karpin went on the air and, in a voice pregnant with menace, warned that it can happen "to any of us."

Immediately after the half-hour program, the television studio was swamped with telephone calls from frightened viewers. Many asked where they could be checked for the illness. Others wanted more detailed information from the telephone operators.

## 35 Cases Diagnosed

Israelis had heard of AIDS, of course. But only 35 cases have been officially diagnosed in the country to date -- 23 of them Israelis, the others, foreigners. All were either male homosexuals, drug addicts contaminated by unsterilized needles or persons infected by blood transfusions.

The television program Tuesday night showed an Israeli drug addict who was apparently exposed to AIDS in Amsterdam. An Israeli doctor was shown visiting him and administering medication which was not identified. The victim was not identified, nor was the location of his home.

Israeli society is far from tolerant toward homosexuals. A week before the program, the media carried the story of the suicide of a 32-year-old Israeli physician, Dr. Uriel Yossipovich, a homosexual who was convinced he had AIDS, though he was not among the 35 diagnosed cases.

Dr. Dan Michaeli, director of Ichilov Hospital in Tel Aviv where Yossipovich was employed, said he might have been exposed to AIDS anti-bodies and panicked. According to medical opinion, the presence of AIDS anti-bodies in the bloodstream does not necessarily mean the carrier has the disease or will become ill.

Yossipovich may have feared the social consequences of the report of his homosexuality. The newspaper Yediot Achronot criticized the television program Wednesday for bias against homosexuals, particularly for referring to them as "homos" and asking a doctor in an interview what controls he thought should be imposed on homosexual behavior.

If Israelis do fear homosexuality, it can be attributed in part to ignorance on the subject, and consequently ignorance about AIDS and a

disinclination to confront it. Several years ago, a well known Israeli director produced a film, "The Infected," which told the story of a homosexual.

But unlike the situation in the U.S. and other Western countries, few Israeli homosexuals dare to appear in public or on radio or television panels. Their sexual orientation is kept secret because homosexuality is not accepted here as a valid lifestyle.

But AIDS has brought the problems of homosexuals, if not their identities, to light. Last year the Health Ministry established the first of seven centers at local hospitals to check for the AIDS virus. Prof. Avraham Morag, head of the clinical virology department at the Hebrew University-Hadassah Medical Center, appeared on the television program to urge the public to make use of those centers.

The head of the Education Ministry's family and sex education unit agreed that much more needs to be done in the area of sex education before the health authorities can be assured that every effort is being made to prevent the spread of AIDS.

## FOURTH, AND OLDEST, WITNESS IDENTIFIES DEMJANJUK AS 'IVAN' By David Landau

JERUSALEM, March 4 (JTA) -- Gustav Borax, an 87-year-old Holocaust survivor who lost his entire family at Treblinka, testified in Jerusalem district court Wednesday that accused war criminal John Demjanjuk was the brutal death camp guard known as "Ivan the Terrible."

Borax, the oldest witness to appear so far, was the fourth to identify Demjanjuk since the trial opened two-and-a-half weeks ago. Speaking in Yiddish, he said he was in his 30's when he was deported to Treblinka and given the job of shaving the heads of women about to go to the gas chambers.

Borax testified that he saw Ivan thrust terrified women at bayonet point into the room where Borax worked. Ivan often stabbed them, ripping off "whole pieces of flesh," the witness said.

On Tuesday, Treblinka survivor Yosef Tcherny identified Demjanjuk as Ivan. He was identified last week by Eliahu Rosenberg and Pinhas Epstein.

## NINE ONTARIO CONSERVATIVE CANTORS PROTEST INVESTITURE OF WOMEN By Ben Kayfetz

TORONTO, March 4 (JTA) -- A group of Conservative cantors here has angrily protested the recent decision by the Jewish Theological Seminary in New York to ordain women as cantors in the Conservative movement.

The protest was organized by the Rev. Eliezer Kirshblum of Adath Israel Congregation here, who is chairman of the Cantors Assembly for the Ontario region. Joined by eight other cantors from Toronto and Hamilton, he sent a letter to Chancellor Ismar Schorsch of the Seminary, charging that he reneged on a promise to maintain the status quo and to consult on such matters as women cantors.

The letter said, "Your unilateral decision in such a critical religious matter plays havoc once again in an even more dramatic way with those of us who are trying to live along traditional lines within the framework of the Conservative movement."