

ISRAELIS SEE PAINFUL LESSONS TO BE LEARNED FROM POLLARD CASE

By David Landau

JERUSALEM, March 5 (JTA) -- Israeli leaders and Knesset members across the political spectrum agreed Thursday that U.S.-Israel relations were seriously damaged by the case of Jonathan Pollard, who was sentenced to life imprisonment by a federal court in Washington Wednesday for spying for Israel.

Pollard's wife, Anne Henderson-Pollard, was sentenced to five years as an accessory. While there was some sympathy here for the tragic couple, the overriding consensus is that Israel has painful lessons to learn from the episode and that it must punish those involved with Pollard in what the government claimed from the outset was a "rogue operation."

No Collective Guilt

"The (Pollard) trial was not the trial of a nation, but of an individual," Vice Premier and Foreign Minister Shimon Peres said Thursday, reacting to the news of the stiff sentences. He noted that Israel had "made it clear before the trial" that Pollard's case was a big mistake. "The error was big, but it remains an individual case and I would not draw any collective responsibility from it."

He added that he hoped "it would never happen again," and that indeed is the lesson learned from the affair.

Pollard, a former U.S. Navy civilian analyst, pleaded guilty to the spying charges after his arrest in 1985. In Jerusalem Thursday, Labor MK Abba Eban, chairman of the Knesset's Foreign Affairs and Security Committee, and its former chairman, Likud MK Eliahu Ben-Elissar, agreed that the case had damaged Israel's special relationship with the U.S. "This might be the toughest time in the history of Israel's foreign relations," said Eban, a former Foreign Minister.

He stressed the "terrible responsibility" of those who had mounted the Pollard spy operation. He demanded that the government explain why it appointed one of them, Rafi Eitan, to the prestigious civilian post of chairman of Israel Chemicals and why another, Air Force Col. Aviem Sella, recently was promoted.

Investigation Urged

Ben-Elissar, once a Mossad operative, called for a thorough investigation of the role of Israel in Pollard's spy operation. Premier Yitzhak Shamir, the Likud leader, went on record this week as opposed to any further inquiry.

"I do not underestimate the gravity of the damage" to U.S.-Israel relations, Ben-Elissar said. He said it would be long-lasting and that the "aspect of dual loyalties" would be harmful for American Jews.

MK Mordechai Virshubski of the Shinui Party demanded the resignations of Ariel Sharon and Moshe Arens, Minister of Commerce and Industry and Minister-Without-Portfolio respectively in the unity coalition. Both are former Defense Ministers and Virshubski said they should leave the Cabinet because of their previous min-

isterial responsibility for setting up the "Lekem" intelligence unit which drafted Pollard.

Lekem, headed by Eitan, has since been disbanded. Yossi Sarid of the Citizens Rights Movement (CRM) urged that Eitan be fired from Israel Chemicals.

The National Religious Party declared that all those responsible must be held to account, as Israel originally promised the U.S. The NRP seemed to be referring specifically to Col. Sella who has been described as Pollard's "handler."

The media expressed sorrow for Pollard and his wife. Some newspapers blamed U.S. Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger for Pollard's life sentence because of his testimony to the court that Pollard's espionage severely compromised U.S. intelligence.

Ben-Elissar had no criticism of the American judicial process. "However much it hurts to say this, the Pollards were traitors to their country, and I say this even though it was my country that benefitted from their treachery," he said.

WEINBERGER DENIES SAYING STRONG ISRAEL DESTABILIZES MIDDLE EAST

JERUSALEM, March 5 (JTA) -- U.S. Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger told Israel he was misquoted and misinterpreted by defense counsel in the Jonathan Pollard spy case, with respect to his deposition to the court.

Israel's Ambassador to the U.S., Meir Rosenne, reported Thursday that he had a lengthy telephone conversation with Weinberger who specifically denied stating in his deposition that a strong Israel was a destabilizing factor in the Middle East.

Earlier, Vice Premier and Foreign Minister Shimon Peres had called Weinberger's reported statement an unpleasant surprise to Israel.

SOVIET ENVOY SAYS ISRAEL HOLDS KEY FOR BETTER BILATERAL TIES

By Tamar Levy

GENEVA, March 5 (JTA) -- A Soviet official said here Thursday that the future of relations between the Soviet Union and Israel is up to Israel. He also indicated that Soviet and Israeli diplomats are in "regular" contact at the United Nations in New York.

Ambassador Vladimir Lomeiko, head of the Soviet delegation to the conference of the United Nations Human Rights Commission, spoke at a press conference in response to questions by the Jewish Telegraphic Agency. "The key for the resumption of diplomatic relations between the USSR and Israel is in the Israeli hands," he said.

Lomeiko maintained that the Soviet Union is "implementing widely our policy of letting people who wish to emigrate do so." He also claimed that many emigrants are returning. "They are thousands," he said.

Asked if the new policy would allow Jews who immigrated to Israel to return to the USSR to visit their families, and Jews in the Soviet Union to visit their families in Israel, the Soviet diplomat replied: "Unfortunately, we have no diplomatic relations with Israel or any other

contact which would enable an easier way of action. All the keys for such relations are in the hands of Israel. There are regular contacts in New York between our diplomats and Israelis."

Sees Little Evidence Of Change

Ambassador Pinchas Eliav, the Israeli envoy to the UN here, said Thursday that Israel appreciates the statements by the Soviet leadership about new approaches to social and cultural issues and emigration, but so far has seen little concrete evidence of change.

He said while Israel welcomes the release of a number of Jewish Prisoners of Conscience, the overall situation of Soviet Jewry remains worrisome. He spoke of the denial to Jews of all forms of national and cultural expression, the fact that there are no Jewish or Hebrew schools, and even a small private Jewish kindergarten in Moscow was closed by the police.

"We will always remember that it was the valor of the Red Army which was principally responsible for the physical survival of this remnant, but what is at stake now is its spiritual and national existence," Eliav said.

With respect to emigration, the Israeli envoy said, the new Soviet regulations "are a mere codification of a highly restrictive practice and in fact even represent a deterioration of the legal situation by limiting emigration essentially to those seeking to reunite with very close relatives abroad.

"They fail to insure that the demand of hundreds of thousands of Soviet Jews to be permitted to live in the Jewish State are granted. In fact, in the month of February 1987, only 142 could leave the country, and thus even the assertion that 500 exit permits were granted in January has yet not been substantiated," Eliav said.

WALDHEIM FINALLY GETS FIRST STATE INVITATION-FROM JORDAN

By Reinhard Engel

VIENNA, March 5 (JTA) -- Jordan is the first nation to invite President Kurt Waldheim for an official visit since he was elected last July after a campaign during which his Nazi past was exposed.

Waldheim's virtual isolation by the international community was broken by Jordan's King Hussein, who is in Austria on a skiing holiday. They had a 75-minute meeting at the Hofburg Palace Thursday after which the President's Office announced that the King extended an invitation for a State visit to Jordan later this year. The date will be set through diplomatic channels.

Until now, world leaders have kept their distance from Waldheim. Massive evidence unearthed last year showed that he was at least partly aware of Nazi atrocities committed against Jews and others in the Balkans while serving there as a Wehrmacht intelligence officer during World War II, and may have been indirectly involved with them. He was wanted in Yugoslavia for war crimes after the war and was listed as a war criminal in the files of the United Nations War Crimes Commission.

Hasn't Made Official Trip

Although as President of Austria, largely a ceremonial office, his functions would normally include official trips abroad, Waldheim has not left the country since his election. His only

important contact with foreign diplomats occurred during the first week of the Vienna Follow-Up Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe last year. The Foreign Ministers of six European countries paid courtesy calls on the President.

But others, including U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz, boycotted Waldheim and made it clear that they went to Vienna only on condition that they would not meet him, either officially or accidentally.

According to the President's Office, Waldheim and Hussein discussed bilateral matters and the Middle East situation. Waldheim gave a dinner for the King Wednesday evening.

DEMJANJUK'S ALLEGED SS IDENTITY CARD PRESENTED IN 'IVAN' TRIAL

By David Landau

JERUSALEM, March 5 (JTA) -- An SS identification card alleged to have been issued to the Treblinka death camp guard known as "Ivan the Terrible" was presented as evidence in Jerusalem district court Thursday in the trial of accused war criminal John Demjanjuk.

The card, supplied by the Soviet Union, has been branded a forgery by defense lawyer Mark O'Connor. He contends that the Ukrainian-born defendant Demjanjuk is the victim of mistaken identity and a Soviet plot to punish him for having left the USSR after World War II to settle in the United States.

But Alex Ish-Shalom, head of the Israeli police team that interrogated Demjanjuk in prison, testified that far from volunteering the evidence, the Soviet authorities provided the card only after pressure was exerted by Israel and Armand Hammer, the American industrialist who heads the Occidental Petroleum Co. and has often served as an intermediary between the West and the Soviet Union.

Demjanjuk, the first suspected Nazi war criminal ever extradited to Israel, maintains that he spent most of the war years as a German POW and was never in Treblinka. But four Treblinka survivors have identified him in court as "Ivan the Terrible" who operated the gas chambers.

Ish-Shalom told the court that Demjanjuk, under interrogation, could not recall the names of any of his Ukrainian fellow-inmates at the POW camp where he claims to have been incarcerated. The trial ended its third week Thursday and will resume on Monday.

SUPREME COURT URGED TO REVOKE CITIZENSHIP OF WAR CRIMINAL

NEW YORK, March 5 (JTA) -- The Supreme Court was urged Wednesday to affirm a lower court's decision to revoke the U.S. citizenship of Juozas Kungys, who is accused of participating in the massacre of 2,000 Jewish men, women and children in the forests outside of Kedainiai, Lithuania, in the summer of 1941.

Separate amicus briefs were filed by the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith and the World Jewish Congress, arguing that Kungys' alleged past activities were "material" to his application for an entry visa to the U.S. after World War II and his subsequent application for naturalization. He became a citizen in 1954.

In June 1986, the U.S. Court of Appeals in Philadelphia reversed a lower court decision which held that lies told by Kungys to obtain a visa and citizenship were not "material."

VANUNU'S BROTHERS SEEK OPEN TRIAL By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, March 5 (JTA) -- The brothers of Mordechai Vanunu are demanding an open trial for the former technician at the Dimona nuclear facility accused of selling State secrets to a British newspaper.

The proceedings are scheduled to begin next week in a closed court under conditions of strict secrecy. Meir and Asher Vanunu charged at a press conference in Jerusalem Wednesday that their brother has "already been tried, convicted and sentenced" by the public. They said "many people think he is worse than a Nazi war criminal." The brothers expressed concern for his mental health.

Vanunu has been held in solitary confinement since he was brought to Israel last September 30, reportedly against his will. Three months ago he was deprived of all privileges by the prison authorities for flashing a message to the media, while being driven to court, that he had been kidnapped in Rome by Israeli agents.

Vanunu is accused of supplying the Sunday Times of London with information about Israel's alleged nuclear weapons capability. He had been living in Australia, where he converted to the Christian faith. Leftwing activists here have joined his brothers in demanding an open trial. "Otherwise we will have a star chamber proceeding," one of Vanunu's supporters said.

DULZIN MALIGNED IN BANK LEUMI SCANDAL, CLAIMS HIS WIFE By Andrew Muchin

NEW YORK, March 5 (JTA) -- Leon Dulzin, chairman of the World Zionist Organization (WZO) and Jewish Agency Executives, was unfairly treated in the recent Bank Leumi severance pay scandal, according to his wife.

Dulzin was nominal head, not chief executive officer, of the bank when it was rocked in January by the disclosure that its chairman, Ernst Japhet, had resigned with \$5 million severance pay and a \$30,000 monthly pension, according to Annette Dulzin.

She told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that "there was a misrepresentation as far as my husband's position. He never was the governor of Bank Leumi." WZO appoints the board of the Jewish Colonial Trust, which owns a substantial number of bank shares, all of which JTA reported. She added that as WZO chairman her husband is a non-voting board member of the bank.

Dulzin announced last month that he would not stand for re-election as chairman of the Executives after Diaspora leaders stated that he had acted with "full integrity" regarding the bank.

Mrs. Dulzin, a newspaper columnist who was visiting Detroit as a scholar-in-residence of the Detroit Zionist Federation, said her husband could have dismissed the bank's board. "Perhaps that's what he should have done," she said. "Although he would perhaps have been called a hero, he also could have precipitated a run on the bank."

She acknowledged that he could have reacted more quickly to the news of the scandal, but she said that the fact that he didn't come immediately forward with an alibi demonstrated his innocence.

Is he embittered by the turn of events? She began answering in the affirmative, then changed her mind. "He has a kind of character that

doesn't look back," she said. "Perhaps I'm ascribing to him my feelings."

She commented that her husband, 73, hasn't made plans for retirement yet. "I'm sure he hasn't yet had time to think of the future," she said.

ISRAEL CALLED BEST FOR PRESS IN MIDEAST, BUT PROBLEMS CITED By Margie Olster

NEW YORK, March 5 (JTA) -- A recently released survey of press freedom around the world found Israel's press to be the freest in the Middle East and praised Israel's treatment of foreign reporters.

It noted that Israel's treatment of its foreign press corps offered a model for war reporting.

But the International Press Institute's (IPI) annual report, summarized in the Feb. 14 issue of Editor and Publisher magazine, indicated problems in Israel's treatment of the Palestinian press.

After hearing rumors of a cooperative Jordanian-Israeli secret effort to repress Palestinian newspapers in the territories in June, IPI sources investigated and found Jordan suggested the crackdown to Israel. Jordan reportedly hoped to thereby regain a foothold in the territories, according to the report.

Israel closed two Palestinian newspapers, Al-Mithaq and Al-Ahd, in August for allegedly printing the views of Palestinian radicals.

In November, Israel ordered the deportation of A-Sha'ab editor Akram Haniya. The Israelis charged that the newspaper was PLO-sponsored and that Haniya himself was active in the El Fatah terrorist organization.

Jordan Alternated

In other Mideast countries, the IPI found considerably less press freedom. Jordan alternated between severe press restrictions and periods of declared relaxation of the controls. Jordan blacklisted some foreign journalists for various articles and arrested several foreign journalists for reporting on demonstrations and vote-tampering.

The IPI report also noted that some local journalists, primarily Palestinians, were prohibited from writing for any newspapers, and that the security police confiscated the passport of one after she wrote articles considered objectionable.

Although media attention focussed on Lebanon during 1986, news agencies shied away from sending reporters into the battle zone in the face of intensified kidnappings and terror. As a result, many agencies relied on reports from Cyprus.

An unspecified number of foreign correspondents were kidnapped, threatened and murdered last year. The IPI report also noted that the warring factions in Lebanon, including Israel, all had interests in shielding their maneuvers from the foreign press.

State Control By Saudis

Newspapers in Saudi Arabia are subject to total state and religious authority which, in one of its most extreme controls, banned throwing newspapers in the garbage because they frequently reprinted verses from the Koran, the IPI reported. No criticism of the ruling family is permitted and Islamic law must be observed.

The report recounted that Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak extended the country's emergency laws for two years.

CROWN HEIGHTS LEADER CHARGES THAT POOR, VICTIMIZED HASIDIC COMMUNITY IS IGNORED BY JEWISH GROUPS, CITY

By Yitzhak Rabi

NEW YORK, March 5 (JTA) -- Many of the 10,000 Hasidic Jews of the Crown Heights section of Brooklyn, N.Y., live in poverty. They are subject to frequent violent crimes such as muggings, robbery and vandalism and murder from criminal elements of the neighboring Black community of 30,000.

They suffer anti-Semitic insults and curses not only from the neighboring Blacks, but also from some police officers and other New York City employees.

But despite this grim scene described by Rabbi Yisroel Rosenfeld, director of the Jewish Community Council of Crown Heights, the plight of these Jews is being ignored by the city, Jewish organizations and "everybody else," he contended.

Says They've Forgotten

His voice expressing anger and pain, Rosenfeld charged that American Jewish organizations "have forgotten" Crown Heights. The heavy-set rabbi addressed on Tuesday some 80 city officials, Black and Jewish leaders and officers of the local 71st Precinct who attended a conference on interethnic concerns at the Oholei Torah Jewish Center in Crown Heights.

"Our people live in slums. They are being raped, murdered and mugged and American Jewish leaders do nothing to help us," Rosenfeld cried out. He complained that while Jewish organizations and Jewish leaders sent many letters of condolences to the family of Michael Griffith, the black youth who was murdered recently by white youths in the Howard Beach section of Queens, N.Y., not even one Jewish leader or organization sent a letter to the Jewish community of Crown Heights in the wake of the murder of two Hasidic Jews in separate incidents in the area several months ago.

The two victims were Yisroel Rosen, a native of Australia who came to visit his son in Crown Heights and who was beaten to death reportedly by six Black teenagers at a subway station; and Shlomo Fishman, a homeless elderly man who was stabbed about 17 times by unknown assailants. The murderers in both cases are still at large.

Charges Denied

However, Michael Miller, executive director of the Jewish Community Relations Council of New York, denied Wednesday the charge that the Hasids of Crown Heights are ignored by the entire organized Jewish community here.

"We worked closely with Rabbi Rosenfeld in the past and we look forward to cooperating on joint ventures in the future. With the scarce resources at our disposal we will continue to make every effort to provide services to needy communities throughout the metropolitan area, Miller stated to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency.

Noting that the Jewish community is a "friend of the police," Rosenfeld said, however, that "very often when a Jewish man is arrested and the arresting officer is Black, the Jew faces terrible racial slurs." According to Rosenfeld, Jewish prisoners are also attacked and beaten by Black prisoners, and the police officers in some cases do not intervene.

Obscene anti-Semitic slurs also come from

officers of the Department of Traffic and the Department of Sanitation, Rosenfeld charged.

The rabbi also was critical of New York City and its Mayor, Edward Koch. "The Mayor was here last week and I told him that all we get from the city is lip service. Nobody in government really encourages integration and equality. We 'live integration' with our black brothers and sisters in Crown Heights. The government has done nothing at all to encourage integration," by providing affordable housing and funds for social services, Rosenfeld said.

Koch's office did not return JTA's phone call Wednesday.

Black Leaders Agree

Enoch Williams, a New York City councilman who is Black, warned that the racial tension in Crown Heights has reached a dangerous level. "We are in for a long, hot summer," he warned, calling for an open, continued dialogue between the Black and Jewish communities to avert a major racial crisis.

"If we do not reach out and talk to people we are going to have chaos," he said, adding that the conference Tuesday is a welcome start for such a dialogue.

Councilwoman Merry Pink, who also is Black, said that "Black people are not anti-Semites." She urged continued rapport between Jews and Blacks in order to achieve an integrated community in Crown Heights.

Roy Innis, chairman of the Congress for Racial Equality, said he wished more Blacks were at the conference "to hear the rabbi's pain. . . We've got to become more sensitive to the pain of the other guys."

He charged that both the Black elite and the Jewish elite in America ignore the plight of Crown Heights. "We are both (Blacks and Jews) deceived and seduced by the media," he said, adding that he found in Rosenfeld "a real partner" to tell the truth about Crown Heights.

4 ISRAELIS INDICTED FOR ARMS SALES ALLOWED TO AWAIT TRIAL IN ISRAEL

By Margie Olster

NEW YORK, March 5 (JTA) -- The U.S. District Court in Manhattan has allowed the three Israeli citizens indicted here for conspiracy to sell American weapons to Iran to return to Israel until their trial, scheduled to begin May 18.

The permission of the court hinged on an assurance from the Israeli government that it would not prevent the defendants from returning to America for the trial. The court received a letter recently containing the necessary assurances.

Guri and Israel Eisenberg, and Brig. Gen. Avraham Bar-Am were indicted in April along with 13 other defendants on charges of conspiracy to resell about \$2 billion of American weapons stored in arsenals of other countries to Iran.

The defendants have close ties to several key players in the U.S. government-sanctioned arms sales, including the Iranian intermediaries Adnan Khashoggi and Manucher Ghorbanifar. Sam Evans, the alleged middleman in the conspiracy, was Khashoggi's lawyer for many years. The relationship of the defendants to those involved in the U.S.-approved deals will likely be a central issue in the trial.