

**At The WJCongress In Budapest:
JEWISH LEADERS FROM 26 COUNTRIES
DEDICATE STATUE OF WALLEMBERG**
By Edwin Eytan

BUDAPEST, May 7 (JTA) -- Jewish leaders representing their communities in 26 countries in the West and Eastern bloc, stood at attention in a downpour of rain here Thursday to pay solemn tribute to Raoul Wallenberg who, as a young Swedish diplomat more than 40 years ago, saved tens of thousands of Hungarian Jews from deportation and certain death at the hands of the Nazis.

The assembled 92 leaders, delegates to the meeting of the enlarged Executive of the World Jewish Congress, watched in solemn silence with bowed heads as WJC president Edgar Bronfman placed a wreath of white poppies at the foot of a newly erected statue of Wallenberg.

On the wreath was the inscription, "Those who set out on a mission of humanity can be assured of God's special protection." They are the last message the WJC sent to Wallenberg as he left on his humanitarian mission during the final months of World War II.

The words brought tears to the eyes of Hungarian Jews present, not only because they owe their lives to Wallenberg but for the sad fate that was the reward for his selfless humanitarian acts.

Wallenberg was arrested by Soviet authorities when the Red Army entered Budapest in 1945 and has not been heard from since. The Soviets claim he died in Lubyanka prison in 1947. But many reports over the years said he was seen alive long afterwards and may still be alive.

'Raoul Cannot Wait'

The president of the Swedish Jewish community, Stefan Meisels, read a message from Wallenberg's sister, Nina Lagergren. It said: "Let Raoul's statue mean more than just a tribute to him and his deeds. Let it be a summons that no efforts be spared on his behalf. Raoul cannot wait. He will be 75 on August 4."

Lagergren is convinced her brother is alive. But when Bronfman was asked by reporters if anything new has transpired to determine Wallenberg's fate, he replied, "No, nothing." Asked if anything is known of his possible whereabouts, the answer was, "I am afraid not."

The Wallenberg statue stands on a quiet residential street on the Buda side of the Danube River. It consists of a bronze figure, slightly larger than life, standing on a pedestal. Next to the figure is a seven-foot marble plaque which appears to be cracked in the middle by an act of violence.

The figure of Wallenberg holds a snake by the neck in his left hand, the reptile covered with swastikas. The right hand wields a sword, poised to sever the snake's head. The sculptor, Imber Walda, explained the symbolic meaning to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency.

He said he wanted to show the man fighting to release the victims of Nazism but stricken in the middle of the act. Walda worked two years on the statue which will be formally unveiled by the

Mayor of Budapest on May 15. A plaque about 18 inches from the statue, is inscribed with Wallenberg's name and a quotation in Latin, translated into Hungarian: "While good fortune stands by your side, friends are plenty but should gray skies gather, you stand alone to withstand the storm."

The WJC meeting here is the first ever to be held in a Communist-bloc country. Its purpose is to examine the issue of Soviet Jewry, East-West relations and other matters of international Jewish concern.

UN Urged To Open War Crimes Files

On Thursday, the final day of the two-day meeting, Elan Steinberg, WJC executive director, called on the United Nations member states and the UN Secretariat to open the archives of the United Nations War Crimes Commission for study by scholars, historians and journalists so that the public may know their contents.

The matter is "as urgent as ever" and of crucial importance for the world's understanding of the Holocaust and of the individuals who were part of the Nazi crime machine, Steinberg said. The WJC hopes that U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz will support the WJC's stand on this matter and instruct the American delegation to the UN to call for the release of the files which "have been lying dormant and in half secrecy for 40 years now." (See related stories from the UN and Washington.)

Most of the delegates to the WJC meeting backed initiatives taken by Bronfman to affect drastic changes in the Soviet attitude toward Russian Jews and Jewish emigration. They urged the organization's leadership to pursue its contacts in Moscow.

The only discordant note at the meeting was sounded by the Czech delegate, Barian Eller, who contended that the issue of Soviet Jewry was a false one, used to discredit the Soviet Union on human rights and to worsen East-West relations.

**U.S. AND OTHER COUNTRIES INDICATE
SUPPORT FOR ISRAEL'S REQUEST TO
OPEN UN FILES ON NAZI WAR CRIMINALS**
By Yitzhak Rabi

UNITED NATIONS, May 7 (JTA) -- The United States, in a shift, is now in favor of opening to the public the United Nations files on Nazi war criminals, diplomatic sources confirmed Thursday. The sources said that the U.S. has already informed Secretary General Javier Perez de Cuellar that it has changed its position on the issue.

In addition to the U.S., Holland and Yugoslavia are now also supporting Israel's request to allow free public access to the UN archive, located on Park Avenue South in midtown Manhattan, which contains some 40,000 files on suspected Nazi war criminals and their collaborators.

Last March, the Secretary General rejected Israel's request to open the files to public scrutiny, contending that the nations which were members of the long-defunct War Crimes Commission had objected to it. Only Australia, out of the 17 nations who were members of the Commission,

consented last March to Israel's request. Sources here told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency Thursday that the shift in Washington's position came as a result of a direct order from Secretary of State George Shultz. The U.S. reportedly had initially opposed opening the files to the public, following a decision by low-ranking State Department officials.

'A Very Important Decision'

Binyamin Netanyahu, Israel's Ambassador to the United Nations, welcomed the shift in the American position. "This is a very important decision. The U.S. is assuming with this action the role of moral leadership that it deserves," the Israeli envoy told the JTA. He predicted that "it is a matter of short time now" until all the files will be open to the public.

According to sources here, other members of the 17-nation War Crimes Commission, including Canada, Poland and Czechoslovakia, are reevaluating their position.

Meanwhile, the JTA learned that the Secretary General, in view of the new developments, opened consultations with members of the War Crimes Commission to determine whether a new policy on the files should be declared.

Israel has inspected, after receiving permission from the Secretary General, more than 300 files on suspected Nazi war criminals, including the file of Austrian President Kurt Waldheim, the former UN Secretary General.

STATE DEPARTMENT SAYS U.S. WILL SUPPORT ACCESS TO UN WAR CRIMES FILES By David Friedman

WASHINGTON, May 7 (JTA) -- The United States "will support broader access" to the files on Nazi war criminals and collaborators now held by the United Nations, the State Department said Thursday.

But, Department spokesman Charles Redman stressed that the U.S. was still studying how and to whom this should be done.

"We do believe that governments should continue to play a role in determining who should have access to the files," Redman added. "We're now reviewing the appropriate modalities that would be employed in the process."

The U.S. is one of the 17 members of the war Crimes Commission which turned the files over to the UN after the creation of the world body. Redman noted that when the UN Secretary General receives a request to examine the files he must first receive permission from the commission members.

Israel has been seeking the right to look at the files. But Secretary General Javier Perez de Cuellar has so far only allowed it to examine 300 of the some 40,000 files because of objections from commission members.

JEWISH SETTLERS RAMPAGE THROUGH WEST BANK ARAB TOWN AFTER A BOMB ATTACK ON AN ISRAELI VEHICLE By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, May 7 (JTA) -- Several dozen Jewish settlers led by Gush Emunim activists rampaged through the Arab town of Kalkilya in the West Bank before dawn Wednesday in reaction to a gasoline bomb attack on an Israeli vehicle Tuesday afternoon which caused no injuries or damage.

The incident increased tension in the area and exposed a deep rift in the Gush Emunim leadership between moderates and hardliners. Daniella Weiss, secretary general of the Gush Emunim, was questioned by police Thursday about her role in the assault. She refused to answer questions, refused to sign police documents and refused to be finger-printed.

The settlers broke through lightly staffed army barricades at the entrance to Kalkilya, which had been declared a closed military area. According to initial accounts, they hurled bottles through shop windows and burned tires in the main street. The few Israel Defense Force soldiers on duty did not stop them and no arrests were made.

Police said Thursday that no damage was caused to shops or buildings in the town. But differences smoldering within the Gush Emunim for more than a year came to light. Moderates deplored the violence while militants began organizing "patrols" to walk the streets of Kalkilya in a "show of Jewish force." The town was put under military curfew Wednesday.

Gush Moderates Express Concern

Gush Emunim moderates have been complaining for some time that the movement was being diverted from its initial goal of more Jewish settlements in the territory to such issues as pardons for convicted members of a Jewish underground terrorist network and, more recently, violence against the Arab populace. Weiss, who speaks for the militants, acknowledged there were differences but claimed a majority of the Gush Emunim supported her.

Minister-Without-Portfolio Yosef Shapira of the religious Party Merasha, a member of the Gush Secretariat, criticized vandalism against Arab property and expressed surprise that "central figures in the Gush Emunim were responsible for these acts."

Other moderates urged Jews to avoid Arab towns and refrain from business relations with them. Kalkilya, a market town near Kfar Saba, draws hundreds of Israeli shoppers daily, especially on Saturdays when shops in Israel are closed.

Tension has been running high in the area since an Israeli woman from the nearby settlement of Alfe-Menashe was killed last month in a gasoline bomb attack on her car.

Defense Minister Yitzhak Rabin met Wednesday with Chief of Staff Gen. Dan Shomron, central sector commander Gen. Ehud Barak and Police Inspector General David Kraus to consult on how to prevent conditions from deteriorating.

Abdul Rahman Abu-Sneineh, the Israel-appointed mayor of Kalkilya, said Wednesday that if the situation continued he could no longer control his people.

POLITICAL STORM OVER REPORTS OF A SECRET ISRAEL-JORDAN AGREEMENT

JERUSALEM, May 7 (JTA) -- Reports of a secret accord under which Israel and Jordan would exercise joint control in the West Bank and Gaza Strip pending a final peace settlement touched off a political storm Thursday.

Likud fiercely denounced the alleged deal as surrender and betrayal by Foreign Minister Shim'on Peres and his senior aides who ostensibly negotiated it with Jordanian officials. Although the account first appeared in the Labor-affiliated

newspaper Davar, Labor Party sources said it was wholly inaccurate.

They blasted Likud for "continuing its efforts to torpedo the peace process by publishing unfounded reports." Likud Liberal Minister Yitzhak Modai, at a Herut rally Wednesday night, waved what he said was a copy of a secret agreement between Peres and King Hussein of Jordan. He charged that Peres has "in fact already sold out" the West Bank to Jordan.

Another senior Likud source accused Peres of abandoning any claim to Israeli sovereignty in the territory. The alleged agreement also reportedly provides for Jordanian police in East Jerusalem, a freeze on Jewish settlements in the West Bank and an Israeli flag on the Western Wall.

According to Davar's political correspondent Aliza Wallach, the agreement was preliminary to and separate from the agreement said to have been reached between Peres and Hussein on procedures for convening an international conference for Middle East peace, to be followed by direct negotiations between Israel and Jordan.

Wallach named Avraham Tamir, Director General of the Foreign Ministry as the official who negotiated the preliminary accord.

The matter sharply escalated tensions between Labor and Likud as Peres prepared to present his peace plans to the Inner Cabinet next Monday. The coalition partners are also at loggerheads over Premier Yitzhak Shamir's charge Wednesday that Peres and the Labor Party are "ready to negotiate with the PLO." Peres denied this and accused Shamir of "inventing Labor positions and then arguing with them."

"Labor has said clearly that it is against inviting the PLO (to peace talks) and it will not agree to the PLO's participation," Peres said.

Labor Party sources, meanwhile, welcomed a remark by Egyptian Prime Minister Atef Sidki on a visit to Amman Thursday to the effect that peace negotiations could take place without the Palestine Liberation Organization representing the Palestinians.

Sidki said the PLO should be invited, but unless it renounces violence and accepts Security Council Resolutions 242 and 338, Egypt would favor an alternative Palestinian representation.

PALESTINIAN WANTED IN ISRAEL ARRESTED AT JFK AIRPORT By Susan Birnbaum

NEW YORK, May 7 (JTA) -- A member of the Palestine Liberation Organization who is a naturalized United States citizen was arrested Wednesday at Kennedy International Airport here for his role in attacking a bus in Israel last year. In the attack, the bus driver was killed and two passengers injured.

The man, Mahmoud Al Abd Ahmad, 33, was held on an extradition warrant by the Israeli government and was to be arraigned Thursday in Federal District Court in Brooklyn. He is charged with murder and attempted murder in the attack on an Egged civilian bus in Beit Arich near Latrun on April 12, 1986. Israeli authorities filed a complaint for Ahmad's arrest yesterday, according to the FBI.

Ahmad was identified by an F.B.I. spokesman, Joseph Valiquette, who said Ahmad was taken into F.B.I. custody in Caracas, Venezuela, after Venezuelan authorities arrested him recently on immigration charges. Valiquette said Ahmad entered Venezuela illegally and was expelled from the

South American country Wednesday. He arrived in New York at 3 p.m. aboard a Pan Am flight and was taken to F.B.I. headquarters in New York.

According to Barukh Binah, Israel press consul in New York, Ahmad is accused of taking part in the attack in which two of the passengers of the bus were wounded and the driver, Shlomo Hatuka, was killed. The bus was enroute from Shomron to Tel Aviv.

Binah said that "the attack was with a burst of gunfire and a Molotov cocktail. There were two people, one caught on the spot, and the other fled." Two organizations took responsibility for the attack, El Fatah and Abu Nidal.

When Israel learned Ahmad was in Venezuela, it applied through its Washington Embassy for his detention pending an official extradition request, which Israel must file in 60 days, based on the extradition treaty between the U.S. and Israel, Binah said.

Ahmad became a U.S. citizen in Puerto Rico in 1982, but the FBI said it doesn't know where he has been living since then.

Valiquette said that although bail is normally set, in this case there is no bail. He remains in custody of the U.S. Marshall at the Metropolitan Correctional Center in Manhattan pending Israel's formal extradition request.

HADASSAH TO FUND CONSTRUCTION OF DAMS IN THE NEGEV AND ARAVA

JERUSALEM, May 7 (JTA) -- Hadassah will fund construction of dams in the Negev and Arava deserts to contain the regions' meager rainfall for agricultural use, it was announced by the organization. It will provide about \$2.5 million of the \$3 million cost of the new dams.

The projects are being undertaken in partnership with the Jewish National Fund at Sde Boker, south of Beersheba in the Negev, and at Nahal Hayun near Paran, a moshav in the Arava half way between the Dead Sea and Eilat.

The Arava dam is under construction at the narrowest point of Nahal Hayun where JNF is currently filling the valley between two hills with approximately 112,000 cubic yards of earth to create a retaining wall 200 feet wide, 394 feet long and 56 feet high.

At the Negev site near Sde Boker, JNF equipment is moving 170,000 cubic yards of sand to create a dam with a capacity of more than 112,500 gallons of water. Both dams will replenish the underground aquifers in the desert regions to increase the year-round supply of water for irrigation of crops and, in the Negev, grazing lands for cattle.

The water supply for the Arava region is especially critical to Israel's economy. The 19 settlements in the 110-mile-long valley receive only about two inches of rainfall annually, but cultivate enough crops to become known as Israel's "winter produce basket."

Hadassah is the largest single organizational supporter of the Jewish National Fund and their partnership in land reclamation and development spans 50 years of major projects.

TEL AVIV (JTA) -- A bomb explosion in Kiryat Gat Thursday caused slight injuries to four people. Police detained 40 local Arabs for questioning in what they said was apparently a terrorist attack.

ADL REPORT TRACES INDIA'S OSTRACISM OF ISRAEL OVER SEVERAL DECADES

NEW YORK, May 7 (JTA) -- India's reluctance to admit the Israeli Davis Cup tennis team to New Delhi for a tournament in July is the latest example of that country's "condemnation and ostracism" of Israel over several decades, according to a report made public Wednesday by the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith.

Noting that India "has already hinted its unwillingness to allow Israeli players," Abraham Foxman, ADL's associate national director and head of its International Affairs Division, said "few countries outside the Arab world have been so unrelentingly hostile to Israel."

The ADL report, titled "India's Campaign Against Israel," pointed out that "the New Delhi government, showing disdain for international agreements of both a political and non-political nature, long ago established a pattern of selective discrimination by denying Israeli government officials, scientists, athletes and others the right to attend and participate in international gatherings held on Indian soil."

The report stated that in the past year alone, Israeli architects, academics and athletes have been barred from five international events in New Delhi and listed a total of 17 instances of exclusions of Israelis since 1980. Included were two incidents last February -- the denial of visas to Israeli delegates to a conference sponsored by the International Association of Chambers of Commerce, and the exclusion of members of the Israeli table tennis team from an international competition.

Urges World Community To Respond

"It is time for the international community," Foxman declared, "to let India know that unless it ceases to inject its anti-Israel politics into events aimed at furthering the spirit of international cooperation and goodwill, it will be forced to forfeit its role as host nation."

The Israeli team, after its upset victory against Czechoslovakia, won the right to play India in the Davis Cup quarter final matches in New Delhi July 24-26. Should India go ahead with its exclusion of Israel, it would risk forfeiture of the competition.

"That India is considering barring Israeli participation even in the face of forfeiture," Foxman said, "is merely the most recent evidence of New Delhi's historical pattern of hostility toward the Jewish State."

Noting that India pledged in 1982 to be "second to none" in what it called "exposing Israel," the ADL report said that New Delhi has carried out the pledge through "its rhetoric, its actions and its frequent disregard for the minimum standards of civility and law required among nations."

India Is Historical Foe of Israel

While India permitted Israel to open a consulate in Bombay in 1951, the promise of full diplomatic relations has never been kept -- and India does have full diplomatic relations with every Arab country. The Israeli vice consul in Bombay operates in virtual diplomatic isolation. Travel restrictions in effect since 1965 prevent the consular staff from leaving the Bombay area and no Israeli diplomat has been received by any

government officials in New Delhi since that time. The report noted that India's diplomatic opposition to Israel has exceeded in severity even such historic foes of Israel as Pakistan. In the United Nations, India's record of voicing against Israel and in cosponsoring anti-Israel measures has matched those of some Arab nations.

The report said that Indian hostility to Israel predates the founding of both states some 40 years ago. The Indian National Congress adopted anti-Zionist positions prior to independence and this became Indian government policy when in 1947 New Delhi voted against the United Nations Palestine partition plan that led to Israel's creation.

UIA SETS UP NEW STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE JEWISH AGENCY

NEW YORK, May 7 (JTA) -- A new standing committee on the Jewish Agency, under the chairmanship of Edgar Cadden of Chicago, was created at the recent 61st annual meeting of United Israel Appeal, it was announced by UIA chairman Henry Taub of Englewood, N.J. Taub appointed the new committee, whose chairman and members were approved by UIA's Board of Directors.

Taub said the committee had been created in response to rising interest, on the part of Jewish communities throughout the U.S. in the activities and operations of the Jewish Agency for Israel (JAFI). He said that over the last four years, some 28 local Jewish Federation committees on the Jewish Agency were formed and that more were in the process of being established.

Recent Reform movement demands, coupled with greater participation in Jewish Agency affairs, helped to vitalize local committees, whose official institutionalization was encouraged by the chairman of the Agency's Board of Governors and the Council of Jewish Federations, Taub said.

He said that the local Federations now select UIA's 119 delegates to the annual Jewish Agency Assembly in Jerusalem, which is the Agency's constituent voting body. Local Federation committees on JAFI review current issues before the Agency and discuss resolutions to be presented at the Assembly.

In 1986, 18 such resolutions were passed by the Assembly for implementation by the Agency's Board of Governors. A report on implementation will be presented at the 1987 Assembly in June. Some 25 pre-Assembly briefing sessions will be held throughout the country this month. Local Jewish Agency committee chairpersons will be consulted with a view toward local involvement in the allocation of funds process.

Taub said the new standing committee will be responsible for providing information, planning missions to Israel and helping to involve local JAFI committees in decision-making on allocations.

CORRECTION

In the May 4 Bulletin, the JTA inadvertently reported that members of Congress videotaped messages from Soviet Jews and smuggled them out of the country. In fact, members of the Coalition to Free Soviet Jewry and private individuals made the tapes and smuggled them out in April on the occasion of U.S. Congressmen's visit to Moscow.