

## LIST OF WANTED AUSTRIAN WAR CRIMINALS DISCOVERED BY RESEARCHERS

NEW YORK, July 28 (JTA) -- A list containing the names of 244 wanted Austrians accused of brutal Nazi war crimes has been located by Holocaust researchers among U.S. Army records stored at the U.S. National Archives.

The wanted list was compiled by the U.S. Army in 1948 from information supplied by the Allied War Powers and by the United Nations War Crimes Commission. It was released here by Menachem Rosensaft, founding chairman of the International Network of Children of Jewish Holocaust Survivors.

The majority of those listed are charged with committing atrocities while serving with the forces of Nazi Germany during World War II. The specific charges include "murder," "torture," and "brutality."

Last year it was discovered that a similar U.S. Army wanted list contained the name of Kurt Waldheim and called for his apprehension on charges of "murder." That discovery led to the finding that in 1948 the UN War Crimes Commission sought to place Waldheim on trial for "putting hostages to death."

Among those on the Army wanted list found at the National Archives are Gestapo agents, concentration camp guards, SS commanders, and Nazi Party officials. Personnel from the concentration camps at Auschwitz, Dachau, Mauthausen, and Treblinka are included on the list.

In all, crimes committed in nearly a dozen European countries are described in the Army document. It shows that the listed individuals were sought for prosecution by Belgium, Britain, Canada, Czechoslovakia, France, Greece, Holland, Poland and Yugoslavia. Seven individuals were sought as "witnesses."

### Most Important Item Of Information

Rosensaft noted that the most important item of information contained in the army document is the entry which provides the file number of the UN War Crimes Commission for each individual listed. That criminal file contains the evidence and a complete description of the charges against the named individual.

As in the case of Waldheim, the United Nations has thus far refused public access to these files currently in the custody of the UN Secretary General. Recent demands by members of the War Crimes Commission for more liberalized access to these files may lead to changes in the restrictive rules governing their availability.

The World Jewish Congress has been informed that the U.S. Army wanted list is currently in the possession of the Justice Department's Office of Special Investigations, the government's Nazi-hunting unit, and they are proceeding with the matter as appropriate under American law.

In this regard, Rosensaft pointed out that while many of the listed individuals are dead, an undetermined number were certainly still alive, and some may have surreptitiously made their way to the United States.

## U.S. ZIONIST GROUPS CAMPAIGN AGAINST MOVE IN ISRAEL TO INCREASE THE AUTHORITY OF RABBINICAL COURTS

By Margie Olster

NEW YORK, July 28 (JTA) -- "Stop Religious Coercion. Start Pluralism and Tolerance." These imperatives will headline a series of advertisements co-sponsored by three American Zionist organizations set to appear in five Israeli newspapers Wednesday.

The advertisements aimed at Knesset members seek to persuade the government to oppose a proposed amendment sponsored by the ultra-Orthodox Shas Party which would give the Rabbinical Courts authority to validate conversions, marriages and divorces performed abroad. The proposal is scheduled for a Knesset vote on Wednesday.

Friends of Labor Israel, Association of Reform Zionists (ARZA) and Mercaz (the Conservative Zionist movement) sponsored the ads. Friends of Labor Israel has also mounted a telegram campaign to Foreign Minister and Labor Party leader Shimon Peres expressing support for his efforts to defeat the bill.

At the same time, Hadassah, the American women's Zionist organization, has undertaken its own efforts to oppose the proposed legislation.

These four American Zionist organizations have joined a number of other American Jewish groups in taking an emphatic stand against changes in the Law of Return or proposed legislation which would have the same ultimate effect of giving religious leaders authority over the validity of Conservative and Reform conversions.

A delegation of American and Canadian Jewish leaders which included representatives of the major fundraisers for Israel -- the United Jewish Appeal, United Israel Appeal -- and the Council of Jewish Federations, the National Jewish Community Relations Council and others left Sunday for an unscheduled trip to Israel in attempts to block passage of the amendment.

### A Warning By The Delegation

The delegation in Israel warned Tuesday that amending the Law of Return or other measures which would delegitimize Reform and Conservative Jewry would split Jewish communities abroad and widen the gap between Israel and world Jewry. If the legislation received a majority vote in Knesset, it would endanger UJA support and other contributions to Israel, the leaders warned.

Peres told the leaders that the "Who is a Jew?" issue and other proposed laws are being used as bargaining chips for coalitions and support for early elections. Peres said the issue should not become an internal political battle.

Simmy Ziv-El, executive director of Friends of Labor Israel, said the people supporting the amendments are "trying to legislate discrimination." About 90 percent of affiliated American Jews are associated with the Reform and Conservative movements, he said.

"The government can't send them a message saying 'We want you to make aliya,' but we will legislate you into the realm of the non-legiti-

mate," Ziv-El said. "This bill (the Rabbinical Courts law) is more pernicious and offensive than previous attempts to change the Law of Return."

Ziv-El said the measure would take control over questions of citizenship and aliya out of the hands of government agencies which have traditionally controlled the matters and put that power solely in rabbinical hands. "It is blatantly circumventing the government ministry (Interior Ministry) that is supposed to deal with absorption," he said.

#### Hadassah Sends Letter To MKs

Ruth Popkin, Hadassah national president, took a slightly different tack in her attempts to oppose the bill. Popkin sent letters to 13 MKs who have not yet taken a position in favor of the Rabbinical Courts bill urging them to break with Likud Party discipline and vote against the measure.

"Though I understand full well that your party (Likud) has for political reasons decided to take a position in favor of the Rabbinical Courts bill, we ask you for the future of both our communities to take a stand in opposing this harmful legislation," Popkin's letter said.

"We do not intend to interfere in Israel's domestic jurisdiction, but this bill proposed to give Rabbinical Courts jurisdiction over conversions and marriages outside Israel. This could be the one issue that would divide the two great communities of world Jewry."

Popkin's letter referred to Likud's decision to support the Shas-sponsored proposals and the proposed amendment to the Law of Return which would stipulate that a Jew be converted "according to halacha" to qualify for automatic Israeli citizenship granted to all Jews under the Law of Return.

Several months ago, Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir pledged that he would do everything in his power to assure passage of the amendments. This followed Shas' threats to support Labor's call for early elections if Likud did not support the measures.

On July 8, Likud MKs voted almost unanimously in favor of the amendment to the Law of Return and for a second Shas amendment which would require all converts to Judaism to obtain the (Orthodox) Israeli Chief Rabbinate's endorsement in order to be fully recognized as Jews in Israel. Despite Likud's support, both measures were narrowly defeated.

#### Shas May Submit Substitute Bill

In other developments in Israel Tuesday, Shas, which is composed primarily of ultra-Orthodox Sephardic Jews, indicated it may submit a substitute bill if a Knesset majority for the Rabbinical Courts bill cannot be guaranteed. The substitute bill would require converts to submit to the Interior Ministry a document with details on their conversion process.

The latest proposal, like the Rabbinical Courts bill, is seen as an attempt by Shas to introduce the "Who is a Jew?" amendment through a "back door."

The Shas proposal is expected to face obstacles in the Knesset Constitution Committee. National Religious Party MK Avner Sciaki warned that he will not vote for the bill because, according to Jewish law, it is forbidden to remind a convert of his/her conversion.

(JTA Tel Aviv correspondent Hugh Orgel contributed to this report.)

#### **PERES: ISRAEL HAS CHOICE OF PARTITION OR CONFEDERATION WITH PALESTINIANS** By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, July 28 (JTA) -- Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Shimon Peres said Tuesday Israel had the choice of dividing the land with the Palestinians and imposing a partition of the country, or share the government with them in a confederation.

Addressing an international forum of young leaders from Europe in Jerusalem, Peres said he could support either idea, provided it was reached in an agreement achieved through negotiations.

Facing up squarely to one of the most controversial subjects in Israel today -- the future of the administered territories -- Peres said: "We have to make a clear choice, either to incorporate in Israel the occupied territories and endanger our clear-cut majority, or satisfy ourselves with less territory but keeping a country with a Jewish majority."

He said the pragmatic choices came down to two -- partition, or confederation. "When you have two peoples living on the very same land you have a choice -- either to divide the land and have a partition, or to share the government and have a confederation. I would go for either one, provided it was based on agreement," he said.

He said that in the final analysis, the question of the return of the administered territories was a moral one.

#### **DEMJANJUK, TESTIFYING IN OWN DEFENSE, SAYS HE WAS NEVER IN TREBLINKA** By David Landau

JERUSALEM, July 28 (JTA) -- On his first day of testimony in his own defense, John Demjanjuk told the Jerusalem court Monday that he was "never in Treblinka nor in Sobibor." However, he did admit freely that the scar in his left armpit was from a blood-group tattoo which he carved out of his arm. He claimed the tattoo was a legacy from his German prisoner of war camp days and not a German SS trooper's tattoo.

Speaking in measured Ukrainian, the war-crimes defendant insisted on making his statement, when questioned on details of his alibi.

Demjanjuk said he had attempted to erase his tattoo when he realized it was identical with those received by the SS. However, according to an expert witness for the prosecution, there are no records of POWs receiving the tattoo.

Demjanjuk is accused of being the SS recruit known as "Ivan the Terrible," who drove hundreds of thousands of Jews into the Treblinka gas chambers. He refutes that accusation and claims to have remained a POW who joined the turncoat Russian Liberation Army which fought on the German side.

Demjanjuk was questioned by Defense Attorney John Gill, the document expert on the defense team who appears to have replaced leading counsel Mark O'Connor, dismissed by his client last week. Gill led the defendant through an account of his childhood in the Ukraine, asking him to describe in particular his family suffering during the devastating Ukrainian famine in the early 1930s.

But the main thrust of the defense was to concentrate on the period after Demjanjuk's capture in 1942. Gill asked the defendant for details about the prison camps where he was held, the

rations he ate, and the numbers of people transferred from camp to camp.

# **7 SHITE MILITIAMEN KILLED IN ISRAELI SEABORNE RAID NEAR SIDON**

TEL AVIV, July 28 (JTA) -- At least seven Shitc militiamen were killed by Israeli troops in a seaborne raid on south Lebanon in the early hours of Monday morning, Israeli military sources reported. Several militiamen were also injured in the attack two miles south of Sidon. There were no Israeli casualties during the operation carried out under cover of helicopter gunships. It was the first reported seaborne raid on south Lebanon since Israel invaded the country in 1982.

The Israel army had reportedly obtained information that hundreds of Palestinian terrorists had set up bases in the Sidon area, the south Lebanon security zone, and were preparing to attack Israel. According to Lebanese security forces in Sidon, the Israelis landed on the coast from missile boats and blew up two vehicles belonging to members of the Popular Liberation Front, a Lebanese militia group allied with the PLO.

# **KAHANE GETS FAVORABLE COURT RULING BUT IT MAY NOT SPELL A VICTORY**

By David Landau

JERUSALEM, July 28 (JTA) -- Rabbi Meir Kahane may be receiving more television coverage here following a Supreme Court order Monday directing the Israel Broadcasting Authority (IBA) to reverse its policy of limiting coverage of Kahane's activities.

The ruling came in response to an appeal by Kahane which protested a two-year-old IBA policy that restricted coverage of Kahane to what were deemed items of real news value following a series of violent clashes between Kahane supporters and leftists at rallies.

The court ruled that IBA did not have the authority to put such limitations on its coverage of Kahane. The ban has resulted in a minute amount of coverage for Kahane and the Kach Party which he represents in the Knesset in the Israeli television, radio, and press.

Aharon Barak, Supreme Court President, supported Kahane's right to make his views known although he said Kahane's views and those of the extreme right in Israel frightened him.

## **Opinions Of The Solons**

In his ruling, Barak said the freedom of expression covered not only the views that were acceptable to the public, but also "the freedom to express views that are dangerous, provocative and extreme . . . that revolt and anger the public." He added that the IBA could ban only broadcasts that are "nearly certain to cause significant damage to public order if a particular view were expressed at a specific time."

Justices Shoshana Netanyahu and Gavriel Bach agreed with Barak, but Bach said the IBA should have more latitude in determining which programs to ban. The IBA may block the broadcast of racially and ethnically inciteful material even when there is no danger of "near certain" disruption to public order, he wrote in his opinion. Kahane rejoiced at the court's ruling. He

immediately demanded that he be invited to the prestigious TV interview program "Moked" (Focus). But jurists and journalists opined Tuesday that although the ruling seemed to be a victory for Kahane, it did leave the IBA the right to decide whether to interview Kahane, report his actions, or not.

Dr. Ruth Gabishon of the Hebrew University said that eventually the ruling may serve to limit Kahane's expression, precisely because the court stood by the right not to broadcast inciteful material. Hanna Zemer, editor of Davar, wrote Tuesday that "the freedom to express views that are dangerous, provocative and extreme . . . that revolt and anger the public," can eventually be applied for the benefit of the extreme left.

# **PROTEST ABOUT CANADIANS PARTICIPATING IN RECENT RECEPTIONS FOR WALDHEIM**

MONTREAL, July 28 (JTA) -- The Canadian Jewish Congress (CJC) has protested to Secretary of State for External Affairs Joe Clark about the participation of Canadian diplomats in recent receptions for Austrian President Kurt Waldheim held in the Vatican and Jordan.

Dorothy Reitman, CJC president, charged in a letter Monday to Clark that despite the Canadian government's position that Waldheim is not welcome in Canada, Canadian diplomatic representatives in Jordan and the Vatican "were present at functions in honor of the Austrian President."

"May we have your assurance that Canadian diplomatic representatives will not be present at functions attended by Waldheim," Reitman wrote, adding: "We believe this would be consistent with your government-stated policy. Canada must reiterate clearly and publicly that Waldheim's past is repugnant to all Canadians."

# **DON'T LET 'EXTERIOR ELEMENTS' RUIN ISRAELI SCIENCE, SCIENTIST WARNS**

By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, July 28 (JTA) -- The President of the Israeli National Academy of Sciences warned Education Minister Yitzhak Navon in a letter Tuesday that interference by "exterior elements" in archaeological research amounted to "severe damage to the future of science in Israel."

Academy President Prof. Yehoshua Jortner was adding his opinion to the escalating conflict over the early closing Wednesday of archaeological excavations near the ancient Roman town of Caesaria by a team from Drew University, Madison, NJ.

University president Paul Hardin ordered the halt after pressure mounted from religious groups -- in particular the Atra Kadisha -- contending the dig desecrated dozens or perhaps hundreds of Jewish graves, even though archaeologists agree there are no graves on site.

Local archaeologists protested the cancellation in a meeting with Navon. The Education Minister was expected to visit the site Wednesday to decide whether to continue the excavation--even without the Drew University team.

In a meeting Monday, Minister-Without-Portfolio Yitzhak Peretz (Shas) and MK Menachem Porush (Agudat Israel) asked Navon not to renew the dig, but Navon told them it was up to archaeologists to determine "archaeological facts."

**Special To The JTA****HEBRON JEWISH-ARAB TIES COULD  
BE MIDEAST MODEL, RABBI CLAIMS  
By Shoshana Matzner Bekerman**

NEW YORK, July 28 (JTA) -- An American-born rabbi who has become a leader and spokesman for the Jewish community in Hebron believes that its relations with local Arabs can be a model of peaceful coexistence between Jews and Arabs in Israel and between Israel and the Arab world.

According to Rabbi Yechiel Leiter, director of development for the Hebron Renewal Commission, the relationship also provides a viable alternative between the extreme left and the extreme right, which he denotes as the Peace Now movement and Rabbi Meir Kahane's Kach Party, respectively. "They are both born out of weakness of character -- differing only in their operative approach: One will throw out the Arabs and the other the Jews," Leiter said in a recent interview here. Leiter, who left his native Pennsylvania to settle in Israel, said the families who comprise the Jewish community in Hebron have for the most part dignified, respectable relations with their Arab neighbors. But for this to become the norm, they believe the Israel government must first crack down on terrorists.

They want stiffer penalties for terrorist acts, including expulsions and selective use of the death penalty, permanent closure of terrorism-advocating newspapers and colleges sponsored by the Palestine Liberation Organization, and recognition of stone-throwing and fire-bombings as terrorist acts, Leiter said.

"Once this takes place, the majority of Arabs will not feel threatened by their own violent minority for recognizing Israel's sovereignty and Jews will not feel their security has been abandoned and will not turn to partisan solutions," Leiter said.

**Has Role For Government**

But "for this to be accomplished, the Israeli government itself must recognize its sovereignty over Judea, Samaria and Gaza and create incentives for massive, permanent Jewish settlement. The Arab neighbors will then recognize that it is 'for keeps' and will in turn have no fear of denouncing Arab terror and living peacefully with guaranteed individual rights," according to Leiter.

"Those who at this point would not recognize Israel's sovereignty and would not denounce terror would have to choose to live elsewhere," the rabbi said.

If Hebron is a model for coexistence between Jews and Arabs in the Jewish State, "there is no reason why that in turn cannot serve as a model for the entire Middle East," Leiter said.

As examples of coexistence in Hebron, he cited helping each other in daily matters such as starting a stalled car, discussing sewage problems over tea, utilizing commercial ties or joining in efforts to improve the quality of local services.

Leiter explained that the Jewish families and rabbinical students living in Hebron occupy buildings which were "re-purchased" from Arabs who had taken over Jewish property after the 1929 Arab uprising drove Jews out of Hebron.

**INDIA SLAMS ISRAEL IN DAVIS CUP;  
ISRAELI WOMEN LOSE TO SOVIETS**

NEW YORK, July 28 (JTA) -- Israel's national men's tennis team was shut out in quarter-

final Davis Cup competition by India, 4-0, in matches played Friday-Sunday in New Delhi. Israel couldn't even win a set on the grass court, a surface unfamiliar to them.

In the closing match Sunday, Ramesh Krishnan defeated Amos Mansdorf, 10-8, 6-0. But that score was practically meaningless, as Israel's doubles team of Shlomo Glickstein and Gilad Bloom had lost Sunday to Vijay and Anan Amitraj, 6-2, 6-2, 7-5.

Their loss clinched the best-of-five series, 3-0, for India. On Friday, Vijay Amitraj had defeated Mansdorf, 6-4, 6-4, 7-5, and Krishnan had beaten Glickstein, 7-5, 6-1, 6-2. The final singles match, scheduled for Sunday, was rained out.

The match had begun as protesters near the tennis stadium were dispersed by riot police. Hundreds of Indians, Palestinians and Afghans complained of the presence of the Israelis on Indian soil. Indeed, the Israeli team travelled under tight security.

Despite the defeat, Israel will remain in the World Group of 16 teams qualifying to play for the cup next year, perhaps hosting a round. The cup signifies international men's team tennis supremacy. Israel had never reached the final 16 before this year.

Israeli tennis suffered another shutout Monday, as the women's team lost to the Soviet Union, 3-0, in first-round Federation Cup competition, the women's equivalent of the Davis Cup. Playing in Vancouver, Natalia Zvereva routed Dalia Coriat, 6-1, 6-2, and Larissa Savchenko overwhelmed Ilana Bergin, 6-3, 6-1. In doubles, Coriat and Bergin lost to Savchenko and Svetlana Parkhomenko, 6-1, 6-1.

**CANADIAN PARTY ELECTS KEEGSTRA,  
TEACHER ACCUSED OF ANTI-SEMITISM  
By Ben Kayfetz**

TORONTO, July 28 (JTA) -- James Keegstra, the Alberta high school teacher appealing his conviction of promoting hatred against Jews, has been named interim leader of Canada's Social Credit Party.

The party has included throughout its history a publicly anti-Semitic faction, with elements in opposition. Keegstra was elected by a majority of one vote Saturday at the party's executive meeting in New Westminster, B.C.

The Social Credit Party, formerly a power in Western Canada, now has no members in any provincial legislature or the federal parliament. Party national president Ben Bissett announced that Keegstra replaces the Rev. Harvey Lainsion, who wanted to changed the party's name to Christian Freedom.

Keegstra was convicted in 1985 of anti-Semitic teachings. He also claims the Holocaust was a hoax.

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UNITED NATIONS (JTA) -- The Security Council will meet here Friday to renew the mandate of the UN Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL) for a six-month period, until Jan. 31, 1988. UN officials and Israeli diplomats said Tuesday they expect that the 5,778-troop force's mandate will be approved with no objections. Secretary General Javier Perez de Cuellar recommended in a report to the Security Council Monday that UNIFIL's mandate be renewed.