

**WANTED NAZI WAR CRIMINAL
APPREHENDED IN ARGENTINA**

By Susan Birnbaum

NEW YORK, Nov. 15 (JTA) -- A news conference convened by the Simon Wiesenthal Center in Jerusalem last month, at which its list of 10 most-wanted Nazi war criminals was announced to the world media, appears to have reaped a large reward.

Possibly aided by information publicized by the center Oct. 13 at the King David Hotel, federal police in Argentina on Friday arrested fugitive Nazi war criminal Josef Schwammberger, accused mass murderer of Jews in the Polish towns of Przemysl, Rozwadow and Stalowa-Wola.

Schwammberger was No. 5 on the list of the Los Angeles-based Wiesenthal Center.

Schwammberger, 75, was arrested in the province of Cordoba in northern Argentina, about 500 miles from Buenos Aires, where he is believed to have been in hiding for about two weeks. He was flown to Buenos Aires Friday night and then moved back to La Plata, 60 miles to the south, for an extradition hearing.

Schwammberger was arrested in Austria following World War II, but it is believed he escaped to South America in 1948 with the help of the Nazi network called "Odessa," according to the Wiesenthal Center.

Argentine authorities believe he arrived in their country in 1950. The Wiesenthal Center first reported his presence there in 1966.

Hundreds Of Executions

The West German government asked Argentina for Schwammberger's extradition 14 years ago. Documents provided by a court in Stuttgart describe Schwammberger as a former SS officer in Poland, responsible for hundreds of executions while commandant of the Rozwadow labor camp in 1942, the Przemysl camp at the end of 1943, and director of a concentration camp at Mielec in 1944 and 1945.

Rabbi Marvin Hier, dean of the Wiesenthal Center, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that the center released Schwammberger's SS file and his photo at the Oct. 13 news conference, attended by media representatives from several nations.

"This was picked up by the Argentine wire service," said Hier. "That night in Jerusalem, I was phoned by the Argentine television station for details of Schwammberger. They already had his photograph."

'Worldwide Apathy'

"This shows, once again, that the only thing standing between these mass murderers and the bar of justice is worldwide apathy," he added. "We applaud the continued interest and commitment to this case of West Germany's justice minister, Hans Engelhard."

Argentine police, accompanied by a federal judge, Vicente Bretal, said that Schwammberger offered no resistance when he was arrested at a ranch near the town of Huerta Grande. The fugitive, living under an assumed name, readily admitted he was Schwammberger.

Bretal said he knew that Schwammberger was living in La Plata, at least until 1980, and that in recent months he had begun to follow some leads, which he did not identify.

The judge said a search of Schwammberger's living place in La Plata turned up clues leading them to Cordoba.

Court officials indicated Schwammberger had rented a room at the ranch only two weeks earlier and appeared to be planning another move, being apparently aware that police were closing in on him.

Hier said that requests for Schwammberger's extradition could come from either West Germany or Poland, but he thinks West Germany will exercise jurisdiction. "The Polish government has not indicated anything."

In describing details of Schwammberger's crimes, Hier said that on Nov. 17, 1942, when Schwammberger allegedly became commander of the Przemysl ghetto, "the policy was to execute Jewish inmates on a weekly basis," said Hier.

"He took particular pleasure in seeing them undress. He would then either beat them or have them shot as part of a method to keep a constant fear in the camp."

Responsible for 5,000 Deaths

In total, said Hier, "we estimate that he was responsible for the murder of close to 5,000 people in his capacity as lagerfuhrer in those 3 camps."

Hier said the Wiesenthal Center has testimony on Schwammberger from 42 different witnesses in its files and archives and that the center has located a major witness against him in Los Angeles.

There is reportedly also a file on Schwammberger in the United Nations archives in Manhattan, which was opened earlier this month to foreign governments and Holocaust researchers.

The Wiesenthal Center has requested that any witnesses from the Przemysl, Rozwadow and Stalowa-Wola areas contact them if they have further evidence against Schwammberger.

Hier said that a full trial would be held in West Germany for Schwammberger, where he is charged with mass murder and torture.

"It is our understanding that the extradition proceedings against him will move very quickly, because Argentina has indicated its willingness to cooperate with the West German government, so that Schwammberger can be quickly handled, hopefully in the next few weeks," said Hier.

**HERZOG, RECEIVING SYNAGOGUE COUNCIL
AWARD, DEcriES EXTREMISM IN ISRAEL**
By Yitzhak Rabi

NEW YORK, Nov. 15 (JTA) -- Declaring that "one of my greatest fears" is extremism in Israeli society, Israel's President Chaim Herzog charged here Saturday night that "some of the most provocative extremist elements" in Israel are funded by groups in the American Jewish community.

He said that although the phenomenon is marginal and belongs to the periphery of Israeli society, it is a problem not only of Israel, but of

the Jewish people as a whole. He urged American Jews to address themselves to it.

Herzog, who is on a state visit to the United States, the first ever by a president of Israel, addressed rabbinic and lay leaders of Conservative, Orthodox and Reform Judaism at a private dinner given in his honor by the Synagogue Council of America at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel. It was attended by about 80 people.

Herzog, who earlier in the week met with President Reagan and addressed a special joint session of Congress, appeared at the Saturday evening dinner to receive the SCA's Covenant of Peace Award for 1987, a statuette of the prophet Isaiah. The presentation was made by the 1986 Nobel Peace Prize winner, Elie Wiesel.

The Israeli president also was to receive an honorary doctor of laws degree from Brandeis University Sunday before returning to Israel Sunday night.

In his remarks to the SCA, Herzog did not identify the extremist elements in Israel, but he appeared to be referring to Rabbi Meir Kahane and his Kach party, which advocates, among other things, the expulsion of Arabs from Israel and the administered territories.

Satmars Demonstrate Outside

As he spoke, several thousand Satmar Hasidim, a sect of anti-Zionist ultra-Orthodox Jews, demonstrated outside the hotel. They assailed Herzog and denounced Israel as a "Nazi state."

The Israeli president referred to the demonstrators as an example of religious extremism and intolerance. They prompted Wiesel to remark, "I am ashamed that these are religious Jews. What they do to the religious reputation of our people is unforgivable."

In the course of his speech, Herzog stressed the urgency of Jewish education and aliyah, noting that when education is intensified, aliyah increases. It was the same theme he sounded when he spoke at a breakfast hosted by the Young Leadership Network of the Jewish Community Relations Council of New York Friday morning at the Plaza Hotel.

On that occasion, Herzog declared that "aliyah is the answer" to demographic trends that threaten to result in the Arab population becoming the majority in Israel.

"World Jewry plays a major role in Israel's demographic future," the Israeli president said. He added that Israel hopes for mass Soviet Jewish immigration and at the same time expects the Jewish youth of America to come and "meet the challenge" of life in Israel.

He also stressed that Jewish education is the tool for preserving Jewish identity outside of Israel.

Addressing the leadership of the SCA, the umbrella organization of Conservative, Orthodox and Reform Judaism in America, Herzog spoke of "the centrality of Israel" in the life of world Jewry.

Pushes For Aliyah

The logical conclusion of this is to encourage aliyah, which will not only solve Israel's demographic problem but is also an answer to the problem "of erosion of the Jewish people" through intermarriage in the United States and in large diaspora Jewish communities elsewhere.

"Where there is highly (motivated) Jewish education there is more aliyah," Herzog declared. Education also can prevent further assimilation of

Jewish youth and Jewish communities throughout the world.

Herzog cited Australia as an example. In that country, where 80 percent of Jewish children receive a Jewish education, aliyah has increased in recent years and there is a very low percentage of assimilation, he said.

Herzog also expressed confidence that as Israel has resolved its ethnic problem between Ashkenazic and Sephardic Jews, so it will bridge the gap between religious and secular Jews in its society.

Yearning For Peace

On the issue of peace between Israel and its Arab neighbors, the Israeli chief of state observed that in the 10 years since President Anwar Sadat of Egypt made his historic visit to Jerusalem, there has been "slow but steady" progress toward peace in the Middle East. He credited this in large measure to the efforts of the United States. "Our people in Israel yearn for peace," Herzog said.

Rabbi Gilbert Klaperman, president of the SCA, announced at the dinner that his organization is launching a new outreach effort to help Christian clergy and lay leaders to better understand "the meaning of the land of Israel and its centrality to the people of Israel everywhere."

He said, "Our recent exchanges with the Vatican proved once again that Israel plays a key role with the non-Jewish community. It is therefore essential that the priest and minister, the businessman and businesswoman, the political leader and neighbor-to-neighbor learn all they can about the monumental achievements of Israel, especially on her 40th anniversary."

Klaperman explained that the SCA will expand its dialogue on "a peer-to-peer basis" with Christian institutional leaders and at the same time "we will work with our constituent agencies to coordinate existing outreach programs to the Christian community."

Move To Repeal 1975 U.N. Resolution

At the JCRC breakfast Friday, Sen. Daniel Moynihan (D-N.Y.) presented Herzog with a congressional resolution calling for the overturn of the 1975 United Nations General Assembly resolution equating Zionism with racism. The congressional resolution was unanimously approved by the Congress and signed by President Reagan earlier in the week.

The senator called for "globalization" of the resolution in a campaign to prepare the ground for the repeal of the anti-Zionist resolution by next September, at the 43rd session of the General Assembly.

Both Herzog and Moynihan represented their respective countries at the United Nations when Resolution 3379 was adopted by an overwhelming majority of the membership.

Herzog also met Friday with U.N. Secretary General Javier Perez de Cuellar at the United Nations headquarters. According to officials who accompanied Herzog to the meeting, it was friendly, lasted longer than an hour and dealt with the issues of Israeli prisoners of war still held in Lebanon and Syria, as well as Resolution 3379.

Herzog urged the secretary general to use his influence on both issues, the officials said, and congratulated him for his Nov. 6 decision to open files on Nazi war criminals stored in the U.N. archives.

SUMMIT AIDED JORDAN AT PLO'S EXPENSE, SAYS ISRAEL'S FOREIGN MINISTRY

By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, Nov. 15 (JTA) -- The Foreign Ministry believes the Arab summit conference in Amman last week strengthened the position of Jordan's King Hussein and deepened the decline of Palestine Liberation Organization leader Yasir Arafat, according to Al Hamishmar Friday.

The ministry's appraisal is based on analysis of the resolutions passed at the summit, the newspaper notes.

Although many of the familiar extremist Arab declarations concerning the Israeli-Arab conflict were contained in the resolutions of the summit, they did not include the usual demand for an independent Palestinian state.

The resolution that the PLO must participate in a Mideast peace conference "on the basis of equality" was seen by the ministry as meaning that the PLO would not attend as a separate delegation, but as part of a joint delegation with Jordan.

Apparently, this could also allow the formation of a Jordanian-Palestinian delegation, without explicit mention of the PLO. It was also noted that the summit did not adopt the anti-Israel formulations that the PLO had demanded.

In addition, it is said that the willingness to accept Egypt back into the Arab fold constitutes a de facto recognition of both the Camp David accords and the State of Israel.

Syria, Too, Must 'Open The Door'

Foreign Ministry Director-General Avraham Tamir was quoted Thursday as expressing on army radio his belief "that even Syria, despite some of its opinions, has to open the door to political negotiations without prior conditions. This is the central idea of an international conference. I believe that Syria, too, would prefer a political solution over a military solution."

Haaretz quoted the Kuwaiti newspaper Al-Rai Al-Am as saying that Syria will receive \$2.5 billion -- presumably from wealthier Arab countries including Saudi Arabia -- in exchange for its reconciliation with Iraq.

The paper reported that this was decided in meetings held between Presidents Saddam Hussein of Iraq and Hafez Assad of Syria at King Hussein's residence.

THREE TERRORISTS KILLED IN SECURITY ZONE CLASH

By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, Nov. 15 (JTA) -- Three armed terrorists were killed in a clash with an Israel Defense Force unit patrolling the southern Lebanon security zone, northeast of Ishiyeh village, early Saturday morning. There were no Israeli casualties.

Two soldiers of the Israel-backed South Lebanon Army (SLA) were wounded in an encounter in the same area Friday night.

IDF sources did not immediately identify the slain terrorists, save to say they were Palestinians, not members of the pro-Iranian Hezbollah, which is composed mainly of Lebanese Shiites. Hezbollah has been active in and around the security zone recently and took credit for a Katyusha rocket attack on Upper Galilee.

On Sunday, a dissident faction of the Palestine Liberation Organization headed by Naif

Hawatmeh said in Beirut that the three dead men were part of a group it sent to the security zone for an operation against the IDF or the PLO.

Hawatmeh, a Marxist-oriented, pro-Soviet terrorist leader who is also close to Syria, heads the Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine. It was represented on the PLO executive committee until Hawatmeh broke with PLO chief Yasir Arafat and began stalking PLO personnel as well as Israelis.

SWISS EXPEL THREE LIBYANS SUSPECTED OF PLOTTING TERRORISM

By Tamar Levy

GENEVA, Nov. 15 (JTA) -- Three Libyan visitors were expelled from Switzerland last Thursday after the authorities were alerted by Israeli and other foreign sources that they were planning terrorist acts against Libyan dissidents and other resident aliens in the country.

The three arrived in Switzerland two weeks ago. One, believed to be a senior officer in the Libyan secret service, carried a diplomatic passport. Another, his secretary, carried two forged Venezuelan passports. All stayed at different hotels, which they changed every few days.

According to Swiss law, the suspects could not be arrested, because they had committed no offense on Swiss soil. They are believed to have returned to Libya.

KUPAT HOLIM DOCTORS STRIKE WIDENS

By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, Nov. 15 (JTA) -- Doctors of Kupat Holim, the Histadrut-operated health service used by nearly all working Israelis, have expanded their partial strike, now in its sixth week.

They are demanding "reasonable overtime" pay for working a second shift in operating theaters and outpatient clinics. The Kupat Holim management says their demands are "exaggerated."

So far the strike has forced Kupat Holim to place two of its seven hospitals on reduced schedules one day a week, on a rotating basis. Now the doctors have announced that operating rooms at all hospitals will be closed on Mondays and Tuesdays, except for emergency surgery, and outpatient clinics will be closed Sundays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

ISRAELI ORCHESTRA TOURS AUSCHWITZ

By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, Nov. 15 (JTA) -- The musicians of the Israeli Philharmonic Orchestra, now touring Poland, visited the site of the Auschwitz-Birkenau death camp Friday, according to reports from Warsaw.

The musicians were accompanied by David Boguchval, the only cantor in Warsaw. He recited the kaddish as the members of the orchestra laid floral wreaths and lighted candles at commemorative plaques.

There was no music. The IPO had planned to play Hatikva, Israel's national anthem. But even that, they decided, was inappropriate at a place where 4 million people, 70 percent of them Jews, were slaughtered by the Nazis.

Zubin Mehta, the IPO's conductor and musical director, said after the somber ceremony, "I'm numb. How many times can you cry? I'm certainly glad there is no concert tonight."

JEWISH JOURNALISTS FORM WORLD NETWORK

By David Landau

JERUSALEM, Nov. 15 (JTA) -- A new organization aimed at providing closer links among Jewish journalists all over the world was established here over the weekend.

The founding of the International Jewish Media Association was announced at the end of the second International Conference on Jewish Media held at the Van Leer Institute in Jerusalem from November 9-14.

Founding chairman of the new body is Robert Cohn of St. Louis, president of the American Jewish Press Association.

The organization will organize conferences and promote professional contacts and the exchange of articles and commentary columns among Jewish journalists. It will also work closely with the information department of the World Zionist Organization and with the World Union of Jewish Journalists and World Union of Jewish Students.

The WZO information department announced at the same time the establishment of a satellite news network to enable the WZO to update Jewish newspapers on events of Jewish and Zionist interest.

The WZO department was a co-sponsor of last week's Jewish media conference along with the Israel Government Press Office and the World Federation of Jewish Journalists.

Attending the four-day conference were some 100 Israeli journalists and 150 of their colleagues from 30 diaspora countries. Its focus was "The Jewish Media in the Electronic Age."

MAY TAKE A TRAIN, MAY TAKE A PLANE: THOUSANDS EXPECTED FOR DEC. 6 RALLY

By Howard Rosenberg

WASHINGTON, Nov. 15 (JTA) -- Planes are already booked solid in many cities and hundreds of busses in New York are chartered to bring Jews to the Mobilization to the Summit march and rally scheduled here Dec. 6.

The demonstrators intend to show their support for Soviet Jewry on the eve of the meetings between President Reagan and Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev, according to David Harris, the AJCommittee's Washington representative and coordinator of the mobilization.

He said all flights arriving here from Dayton, Ohio, and Kansas City have been booked for that weekend and that Philadelphia and Baltimore are expected to send 10,000 demonstrators each.

Harris spoke to reporters Thursday following a day of briefings in Congress and the administration for about 25 AJCommittee members representing a dozen communities.

They met with Richard Shifter, assistant secretary of state for human rights and humanitarian affairs; Rozanne Ridgway, assistant secretary of state for Europe and Canada; Rep. Dante Fascell (D-Fla.), chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee; and Sen. Daniel Moynihan (D-N.Y.).

Theodore Ellenoff, AJCommittee president, said the officials were highly supportive of the mobilization plans, and indicated that the demonstration should not be "modest." Fascell showed strong interest in attending, stating "his passionate belief in human liberties," Ellenoff said.

The rally, to be held from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. that Sunday, will call on the Soviets to permit the emigration of all Jews who seek it, and to

allow those that want to remain in the Soviet Union to practice their religion without reprisal, he said.

The demonstrators will assemble at the Ellipse, near the White House, starting at 11 a.m. and then march to the Lincoln Memorial.

Nobel laureate Elie Wiesel is honorary chairman of the event. Commitments to attend have been received from leading former refuseniks Natan Sharansky, Ida Nudel and Vladimir and Maria Slepak.

Gorbachev is not expected to arrive here until the following evening. He then is scheduled for talks with Reagan on Dec. 8 and 9 and to leave Washington on Dec. 10.

Scheduling Defended

Ellenoff defended the scheduling of the mobilization before Gorbachev's arrival. He noted that it is being held on a Sunday, which means people can attend without having to take off from work or school.

In addition, he said, the mobilization "will have sufficient reverberations to last all the way through Monday," since Gorbachev's people "read the press, observe the streets, (and) listen to the radio and TV." The summit will mark Gorbachev's first visit to the United States.

The demonstration will not be an anti-Gorbachev protest, but simply a pro-Soviet Jewry event, he noted. "We will carry this out in a dignified and orderly fashion without seeking to disrupt" summit activities, he said.

21 ISRAELI SCHOOL CHILDREN INJURED BY CAR OUT OF CONTROL

By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, Nov. 15 (JTA) -- Twenty-one grade school children were injured Sunday when an out-of-control car ploughed into them as they watched police sappers examine suspicious objects in their schoolyard.

The objects turned out to be harmless and most of the injuries were slight. But two girls required hospitalization.

The incident occurred at the Bialik Comprehensive School in Holon, south of Tel Aviv. The principal called the police after pupils spotted suspicious-looking plastic bags in the schoolyard.

As the bomb squad went to work, the youngsters, fifth and sixth graders, watched from the sidewalk, some distance away. Police cars that had blocked the road began to leave when a car driven by a woman accelerated and swerved onto the sidewalk.

Some of the students were sideswiped by the car while others scrambled to safety. The runaway vehicle slammed into a stone wall, showering the bystanders with splinters.

Police are investigating the accident.

SHAMIR TO SEEK DIALOGUE WITH 'AVERAGE' U.S. JEWS

TEL AVIV, Nov. 15 (JTA) -- Premier Yitzhak Shamir intends to bypass U.S. Jewish leadership during his American visit this week and instead establish direct dialogue with a large number of rank-and-file Jews, Davar reported Friday.

Shamir is said to have recently expressed dissatisfaction with decisions made by several Jewish organizations in support of the Labor Party position in favor of an international conference for Mideast peace.