

**RECORD NUMBERS OF JEWS TURN OUT TO GIVE DUKAKIS VICTORY IN N.Y.**

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NEW YORK, April 20 (JTA) -- Jews in New York voted in record numbers this week to help propel Massachusetts Gov. Michael Dukakis into position as undisputed front-runner in the race for the Democratic presidential nomination.

At the same time, Jews voting in Tuesday's Democratic primary overwhelmingly rejected the candidacy of the Rev. Jesse Jackson, contributing significantly to a vote total that denied him the upset victory he had sought.

Jews also joined New Yorkers in rejecting Tennessee Sen. Albert Gore Jr. Despite his endorsement by Mayor Edward Koch and his blunt appeal for Jewish votes, Gore gained only 16 percent of their ballots, compared to Dukakis' 77 percent, according to a New York Times/CBS News exit poll.

Only 7 percent of Jewish voters cast their ballots for Jackson.

The three major television networks' exit polling surveys all found Dukakis received more than 70 percent of the nearly 400,000 Jewish votes cast in New York. Jackson received between 3 percent and 10 percent of the Jewish vote, depending upon the poll. An estimated 1.5 million Democrats voted Tuesday.

Despite the heavy emphasis on Israel during the New York campaign, Jackson's totals among Jews reflected less concern by the voters for his Middle East policies than for past actions perceived as anti-Semitic.

Two-thirds of the Jewish voters surveyed for the Times/CBS poll said the Israel issue was not that important to them in deciding upon a candidate. Only 8 percent said Israel was an important factor.

Asked by NBC, for example, whether they believed Jackson "cares for you," 65 percent of the Jewish voters said "no."

An apparent motivation of many Jewish and white ethnic voters was a fear that Jackson would win the Democratic primary.

**'Stop Jackson' Motive**

ABC News exit polls showed that one-fifth of the voters went to the polls to "stop Jackson," and that fully one-third of those who voted for Dukakis did so to vote against Jackson. While Jackson walked away with the black vote, getting 95 percent according to the ABC exit polls, he received only 15 percent of the white votes cast.

David Pollock, assistant executive director of the Jewish Community Relations Council of New York, said that 71 percent of Jewish voters who are registered as Democrats turned out on Tuesday. By contrast, in the 1984 presidential primary, 53 percent voted.

In the Riverdale section of the Bronx, for example, 67 percent of Jewish Democrats voted this year; in 1984, only 53 percent voted. In the Borough Park section of Brooklyn, 65 percent voted this year, compared to 42 percent in 1984.

The New York campaign was probably the most divisive thus far in the 1988 race for the

Democratic presidential nomination, and the exit polls showed that voters resented this. For example, the polls found evidence of a heavy voter backlash against Koch's repeated attacks against Jackson.

Koch on a number of occasions had said Jews would have to be "crazy" to vote for Jackson. He also accused Jackson of lying about his participation in events occurring immediately after the 1968 assassination of Martin Luther King Jr.

**Gap Over Koch Criticism**

Among white voters, 42 percent agreed with Koch's criticism of Jackson, while only 6 percent of black voters agreed, according to the Times/CBS poll.

On the other hand, 89 percent of black voters and 47 percent of white voters disagreed with the mayor. In the ABC exit poll, 62 percent of those asked said they did not believe Koch should run for an unprecedented fourth term next year.

Koch, noting the results, said it was evident he had been too strident in his attack and that he should never have used the word "crazy" to describe Jews who would vote for Jackson.

While the candidates move on to do battle in Pennsylvania, Ohio and Indiana, Jewish and black leaders remain concerned about the intergroup tension the campaign may have left behind.

Among Jewish politicians, state Sen. Martin Markowitz (D-Brooklyn) had been among the most outspoken in his criticism of Koch's campaign tactics. A Jackson supporter, Markowitz lashed into Koch, saying he believed the mayor's comments against Jackson "have been deplorable. He's fanned racial discomfort."

Markowitz's district includes Crown Heights, east and north Flatbush and parts of Bedford-Stuyvesant, a district that Markowitz said is more than 90 percent black.

**Death Threats Reported**

After publicly endorsing Jackson last week, Markowitz said, "We've received 500 calls threatening my life and threatening to blow up my office." He said he is convinced that the calls came "mostly from Jews."

Markowitz said the decision of 90 percent or more of the Jewish community to turn its back on Jackson "will do more harm" than good in the long run.

"We have to reach out to our natural friends," Markowitz said. "We have to reach out and involve them in more of our concerns."

Markowitz added that there was now a need for "a rapprochement between black and Jewish leadership so that once again blacks and Jews work side-by-side for the common good."

Asked if he would be working to help bridge the divisions between blacks and Jews, Markowitz said he has already started.

He announced that he has organized a meeting at 3 p.m. Sunday at Brooklyn College, in which the presidents of major black women's organizations will meet for the first time with women leaders of several Jewish groups.

"We have to start the healing process," he said.

## SECURITY COUNCIL TO CONVENE OVER ABU JIHAD ASSASSINATION

By Yitzhak Rabi

UNITED NATIONS, April 20 (JTA) -- The Security Council will convene Thursday morning to consider an urgent demand by Tunisia that it condemn Israel for the alleged violation of Tunisian sovereignty.

Tunisia requested the meeting in a letter Tuesday from its ambassador to the United Nations, Ahmed Ghezal. He accused Israel of the commando-style assassination of Khalil al-Wazir, second in command of the Palestine Liberation Organization, at his villa in a suburb of Tunis last Saturday morning.

Meanwhile, a statement issued Wednesday in the name of U.N. Secretary General Javier Perez de Cuellar has raised eyebrows among diplomats here. The statement said the secretary general expressed concern "at what appears to be evidence of a further infringement by Israel on the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Tunisia."

According to the statement, the secretary general recalled that the Security Council had condemned Israel in 1985 for "an earlier act of armed aggression. . . against Tunisian territory." He was referring to an air raid on PLO headquarters near Tunis, the Tunisian capital.

Israel took credit for that attack and justified it as part of its war against terrorism. But Israel has had no comment on the murder of Wazir, also known as Abu Jihad, whom it considered the mastermind behind the four-month-old Palestinian uprising in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

"The secretary general has consistently expressed his condemnation of acts of assassination," the U.N. statement said. Some diplomats here expressed surprise at what they said was a hasty conclusion by Perez de Cuellar that Israel was in fact behind the assassination.

The letter from the Tunisian envoy said that it has been established "without any ambiguity" that the assassination was the responsibility of the Israeli government. Tunisia, he said, had once again become the target of Israeli "state terrorism."

The letter led to consultations here Tuesday and Wednesday among Security Council members, who asked the council's current president, Peter Dingemans of Zambia, to convene the 15-member body.

Tunisia is expected to ask for measures to prevent Israel from taking further acts against its sovereignty.

## ISRAEL'S POPULATION TOTALS 4.43 MILLION

By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, April 20 (JTA) -- Israel's population on the 40th anniversary of its independence stood at 4.43 million, of whom 3.63 million are Jews, according to figures released by the Central Bureau of Statistics Wednesday, the eve of Independence Day.

In the four decades since the Jewish state was founded, its overall population has grown more than five and a half times, and its Jewish population slightly more. This was due primarily to immigration.

There were only 650,000 Jews in Israel (806,000 total) when it won independence in 1948. Since 1948, some 1.8 million immigrants have arrived in the country.

## CARNEGIE HALL CELEBRATION OF ISRAEL'S 40TH CANCELED

By Yitzhak Rabi

NEW YORK, April 20 (JTA) -- A major show in celebration of Israel's 40th anniversary has been canceled because of scheduling and financial difficulties, as well as poor performance at the box office.

"The Dream of Generations," a star-studded musical and oratory salute to Israel, scheduled for Wednesday at New York's Carnegie Hall, was canceled in the last hours after it became clear to the organizers of the show that they did not have enough time "to put the show together," according to Debbie Klein of Howard Rubenstein Associates, a public relations firm that handled publicity for the show.

The local committee planning Israel's 40th anniversary celebrations, which organized the show, preferred to say that it had been postponed. But they said no alternative plans have been made at this time.

Earlier this year, another major cultural event in celebration of Israel's 40th anniversary was canceled. An elaborate production of the Verdi opera "Nabucco" had been scheduled to take place in Jerusalem, but later was canceled when organizers cited labor problems. But there appeared to be little connection between that decision and the one taken by organizers of the New York event.

The Carnegie Hall show was to feature classical, pop and country music with dance, comedy and readings from such luminaries as writer Leon Uris and Dr. Ruth Westheimer, a sexologist.

Among the would-be performers were pianist Vladimir Feltsman, country singer Mickey Gilley and Israeli singer Nurit Galron.

Tickets for the show ranged from \$15 to \$100. Benefit tickets were \$250, \$500 and \$1,000, including a post performance dinner party at the trendy Tavern on the Green restaurant in Central Park.

According to Lester Pollock, chairman of the anniversary committee and president of the Jewish Community Relations Council of New York, which organized the committee, the show was scrapped because "we had some scheduling difficulties."

### Some 350 Other Events

He noted that the show was one of some 350 events during this year's celebration and said that it was decided to postpone the show until the fall.

Pollock maintained that the show did not have any financial difficulties and money was not the reason for postponing the show.

But according to Moshe Yegar, Israel's consul general in New York, the show became "too expensive" and it was necessary to postpone it to a later date, "probably around the Labor Day weekend in September." Yegar is an observer at the meetings of the anniversary committee.

According to Erel Hadar, Israel's consul for cultural affairs here, the show had to be canceled because of financial considerations.

Pollock, Yegar, Klein and Hadar all said that there were not any political reasons for canceling the Carnegie Hall extravaganza.

According to one source that requested anonymity, the sale of the tickets for the show was low. "People were not lining up to buy these expensive tickets," the source claimed.

## ARAB MAYORS OFFER CONDOLENCES; ARMY SEALS OFF THE TERRITORIES

By Gil Sedan

**JERUSALEM, April 20 (JTA) --** Eight Israeli Arab mayors called on Islamic religious leaders in East Jerusalem Wednesday to offer condolences for the death of Khalil al-Wazir. In so doing, they sent what many here consider to be a disturbing message to Israelis.

Wazir, second in command of the Palestine Liberation Organization, was gunned down Saturday morning in a commando-style attack on his villa in a suburb of Tunis. Palestinians are convinced he was assassinated by the Israeli secret service, Mossad.

The Israelis considered Wazir the mastermind of the four-month-old Palestinian uprising in the West Bank and Gaza Strip. Whether or not this was true, he was a hero to the Palestinians in the territories, particularly after his death.

The mayoral delegation acknowledged Israeli Arab solidarity with those Palestinians by visiting with members of the Supreme Moslem Council, caretakers of Islamic shrines on the Temple Mount in Jerusalem.

The delegation was headed by Ibrahim Nimer Hussein, chairman of the National Committee of Arab Mayors, a well-known moderate who has carefully avoided confrontations with the Israeli political establishment in the past.

Israeli Arabs in general have refrained from overt expressions of support for Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, at least until the uprising began on Dec. 9.

However, on Dec. 21, Israel's Arab population staged a general strike in solidarity with the uprising. It was marked by several incidents of violence.

The Arab community has been largely quiescent since then. But its gesture of mourning for Wazir indicates a further "Palestinization" of Israel's Arab citizens, analysts here say.

Mohammad Ghana'im, deputy chairman of the Council of Mayors, said the visit to the Temple Mount was not intended to be provocative. Wazir, known by his nom de guerre, Abu Jihad (father of the holy war), was "an Arab hero," and Arabs mourn their fallen heroes just as the Israelis do, Ghana'im said.

### Remembrance Day Marked

The condolence visit coincided with Remembrance Day in Israel, a day of mourning for the nation's war dead that precedes Independence Day. Israel is to mark the 40th year of its independence on Thursday. Festivities began Wednesday night.

One Likud member of the Knesset, Michael Eitan, was angered by the mayors' display of mourning for Wazir. He has been on a sit-in strike at the Justice Ministry for the past three weeks, demanding a tougher policy toward Israeli Arabs who identify "with the enemy."

Eitan called Wednesday for government offices to cut off all contacts with the Council of Arab Mayors.

In East Jerusalem, the situation remained tense, but calm, as Israelis prepared to celebrate Independence Day. A gasoline bomb was thrown at a border police patrol near the Old City's Herod's Gate Tuesday night, but caused no injuries or damage.

The entire Arab sector of East Jerusalem was shut down by a general strike Wednesday. But

tourists strolled through the streets, apparently feeling secure.

Minor incidents were reported from the West Bank and Gaza Strip on Wednesday. An Israeli soldier was hit in the eye by a stone as youthful demonstrators skirmished with security forces in Ramallah. Several arrests were made.

### News Media Barred

Very little was known about the situation in the territories, because the army has virtually sealed them off for the second time in less than a month. The news media are barred from entering most localities.

Most refugee camps and a number of towns, including Nablus, have been under strict curfew for the past week. Travel within the territories is restricted and Arabs are not permitted to enter Israel proper.

This includes the thousands of day laborers who are the mainstay of the construction industry in Israel and also work in restaurants and hotels. But the Israel Defense Force has barred them in order to avoid possible incidents during the Independence Day celebrations.

Similar measures were taken during the week of March 30, when Palestinians observed Land Day, the 12th anniversary of the confiscation of Arab lands in Galilee by the IDF. The day passed virtually without incident in Israel itself, but riots erupted in the territories despite curfews and a massive IDF presence.

## HERZOG TO PALESTINIANS: OPPOSITION IS TO NO AVAIL

By Hugh Orgel

**TEL AVIV, April 20 (JTA) --** President Chaim Herzog of Israel told Palestinian Arabs Wednesday that their opposition to the Jewish state over the past 40 years was a series of dead ends that has brought them nothing but bloodshed, misery and frustration.

"Even now, many Palestinians know in their heart that the uprising which began at the end of 1987 is another mistake, a dead end leading nowhere," Herzog said, in a broadcast on Israel Radio's Arabic service program on the eve of the 40th anniversary of Israel's independence.

Referring to the Palestinian uprising in the West Bank and Gaza Strip which began Dec. 9, Herzog said, "This struggle is fruitless, because it shows neither sensitivity nor wisdom, but rather a withdrawal, a withdrawal to the path of violence which was attempted time after time by the Palestinians, and always failed."

The Israeli chief of state stressed that the Palestinians had repeatedly "missed the boat" during the last 40 years on opportunities for peace with Israel.

## FIVE DIE IN LEBANON CLASH

By Hugh Orgel

**TEL AVIV, April 20 (JTA) --** The Israel-backed South Lebanon Army killed four infiltrators and lost one of its own men in a clash in the southern Lebanon security zone Wednesday morning. Three SLA soldiers were wounded.

The incident began when an SLA patrol encountered about 15 guerrillas on the security zone border and opened fire on them. The intruders fled in the direction of Maydoun village, a Shiite Moslem stronghold north of the security zone.

## TEMPLETON PRIZE COMMITTEE POSTPONES GRANTING RELIGIOUS PRIZE TO MOSLEM

By Susan Birnbaum

NEW YORK, April 20 (JTA) -- Charges of anti-Semitism against a Moslem leader awarded a religion prize have forced an indefinite postponement of the granting of the award, reportedly at the recipient's request.

The award was announced in New York March 2. Last week, following charges by the American Jewish Committee and the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith that Dr. Inamullah Khan, secretary-general of the World Muslim Congress, had long promulgated anti-Semitism, sponsors of the Templeton Prize postponed the award's presentation in order to investigate the Jewish groups' accusation.

In addition, an independent investigation by New York Times reporter Peter Steinfels has uncovered additional damaging material on Khan and the World Muslim Congress.

Rabbi A. James Rudin, interreligious affairs director for the AJCommittee, said he had enough evidence of "hostility toward Jews" to cause him to send a cable to Sir John Templeton, founder of the prize, protesting the award. Rudin said the AJCommittee was "appalled and shocked" at the award to Khan.

"We are dealing here with a person who should clearly be disqualified from receiving the prize because of his public record of continued hostility toward Jewish people and the State of Israel," Rudin said. "I really welcome the postponement."

Abraham Foxman, national director of the ADL, sent a letter to Templeton saying Khan heads "an openly anti-Jewish organization" that has espoused the revisionist theory that the Holocaust never occurred.

The ADL confronted the World Muslim Congress in 1982 for its revisionist publication, "Six Million Reconsidered," Foxman said.

Foxman also charged that Khan had "consistently denied Israel's right to exist."

### Denies Accusations

Khan denied the accusations. In a cable, he said, "I can never support anti-Semitic feelings because I am myself a descendant of Semitic ancestors from the Middle East."

But, he added, "My difference is with the Zionists because the U.N. General Assembly has declared Zionism a racist creed."

Khan, 73, lives in Karachi, Pakistan, headquarters of the Saudi-financed organization that claims to promote Moslem unity and defend the rights of Moslem minorities. The World Muslim Congress also holds a position as a non-governmental organization at the United Nations.

Both Rudin and Foxman said the Templeton Prize had in the past always been awarded to outstanding people. Well-known recipients of the prize include Mother Teresa, Billy Graham and Alexander Solzhenitsyn. This was the first time the award was to go to a non-Christian recipient.

Templeton, a very successful financier from Tennessee who has a personal interest in religious affairs, lives in Nassau, the Bahamas, from where he administers the award. He is reported off the island until June and not available for comment.

Rudin and Foxman praised the Templeton Prize and said this error would ensure that the foundation more carefully research its award candidates.

The award is chosen by a panel that includes the British royal family, with the Prince of Wales topping the list. Former U.S. Secretary of the Treasury William Simon is also a member of the panel. The award was to have been presented May 10 in London by Princess Alexandra.

The newsletter of the World Muslim Congress, *The Muslim World*, devotes considerable space to anti-Jewish and anti-Israel diatribes. In 1972, it reprinted material by Gerald L.K. Smith, a virulent anti-Semite and founder of the Christian Nationalist Crusade, a right-wing racist organization. Smith wrote about a "Zionist stranglehold" on the news media and American politics.

More than 10 years ago, it carried a promotion for two major anti-Semitic tracts, "The Protocols of the Elders of Zion" and Henry Ford's "The International Jew."

The newsletter in which the announcement appeared bore the line "edited and published by Inamullah Khan."

## POLISH GOVT. PLEDGES TO REMOVE CARMELITE CONVENT FROM AUSCHWITZ

By Milton Jacoby

WARSAW, April 20 (JTA) -- The Polish government pledged unequivocally on Monday that the Carmelite convent will be soon removed from the grounds of Auschwitz proper.

Minister of Religious Affairs Wladislav Loranc, meeting with World Jewish Congress officials Kalman Sultanik, Israel Singer and Elan Steinberg, reaffirmed the Geneva pact of February 22, 1987, in which Catholic church leaders, meeting with Jewish delegations from many countries, agreed that the convent would be moved beyond the perimeters of the camp within two years.

It was also confirmed that there would be no permanent place of worship within Auschwitz.

The government's statement came amidst a week-long commemoration of the 45th anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto uprising.

The minister disclosed that his government had offered the convent a choice of three specific cities outside the area. Church authorities were in the process of considering two of these locations, and would make a final choice within two to three months.

Meanwhile, two former presidents, Yitzhak Navon of Israel, and Henryk Jablonski of Poland, led a contingent of Jewish visitors and Polish citizens, who gathered at noon Tuesday at the Warsaw Ghetto monument to pay homage to the dead on the anniversary of the uprising that began April 19, 1943.

The base of the memorial was flanked by red and white Polish flags and the flag of Israel, while the eternal flames on each side glittered brightly. Many Polish officials were on hand to join with Jews who had come there from 30 countries.

The procession of the wreath bearers, to the solemn beat of drums, was colorful and moving. Kaddish was intoned and Hatikvah was sung.

A rousing moment was the arrival of 12 marathon runners, who had departed from the gate of Auschwitz early Monday and had raced the 360 kilometers in relay to reach the memorial 30 hours later. All non-Jews, they were led by Czeslaw Fluder of Zakopane.

Some distance away, Police were blocking an attempt by young Arabs and Palestinians, acting under PLO orders, to demonstrate and interfere with the Jewish ceremonies.