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**FACING U.S. PRESSURE, SHAMIR URGES POSTPONEMENT OF 'WHO IS A JEW' VOTE**

By David Landau

JERUSALEM, June 13 (JTA) -- Premier Yitzhak Shamir reportedly asked the ultra-Orthodox Agudat Yisrael and Poale Aguda parties Monday to postpone reintroducing the controversial "Who Is a Jew?" bill in the Knesset, where it has been scheduled for a vote Tuesday.

Shamir intervened, according to an Israel Radio report, as a broad range of American Jewish leaders mobilized to oppose the legislation, warning that it would polarize the Jewish people and create a schism between Israel and diaspora Jewry.

The legislation is an amendment to the Law of Return, which presently defines a Jew as either a person born of a Jewish mother or one who has converted to Judaism. The amendment would recognize as Jews only those converts who had undergone conversion "according to halacha" (religious law).

Under this change, persons converted by non-Orthodox rabbis would be denied Jewish identity in Israel, and the non-Orthodox streams of Judaism with which the vast majority of world Jewry is affiliated would be declared, in effect, illegitimate.

The religious parties in Israel have tried unsuccessfully for years to push the amendment through the Knesset. They have had support from some ultranationalist right-wing groups. The measure repeatedly has been defeated, sometimes narrowly, other times by large margins. Under law, it can be resubmitted every six months.

**Pre-Election Strategy**

Some religious and Herut Knesset members apparently believe they have a chance for success in this pre-election period. Shamir, by his intervention, indicated he believes otherwise.

Likud and especially its Herut Party branch has supported the amendment. Former Premier Menachem Begin vowed to the Orthodox parties that he would see it through Parliament when Likud took power in 1977. But he failed to muster the votes in his own party.

Shamir, who succeeded Begin, is anxious to woo the religious parties into a possible governing coalition if the November elections are close.

At a meeting of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations in New York on June 6, he equivocated on the issue.

Asked by Rabbi Eric Yoffie, executive director of ARZA, the Association of Reform Zionists of America, if he would instruct his supporters in the Knesset to oppose the bill, Shamir replied that he hoped the matter would be resolved by "cooperation" and "discussion" among the parties.

The Reform leaders saw that as a hint that some way to avoid yet another showdown on the issue might be worked out.

Shamir's political rival, Foreign Minister Shimon Peres, who heads the Labor Party, has called for a 10-year moratorium on any proposal to amend the Law of Return.

A key role in the mobilization effort against the amendment is being played by the movement

of Reform Judaism in the United States, joined by leaders of Conservative Judaism, Hadassah, the Council of Jewish Federations, Friends of Labor Israel and other groups.

**Cables, Ads And Resolutions**

Cables have been sent to Shamir, Peres and the Knesset factions of Labor and Likud, expressing opposition to the proposed changes. Passage of the measure, these messages warned, "would shatter the unity of the Jewish people and be especially disastrous at this time of political crisis."

In New York, the board of trustees of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, the congregational arm of Reform Judaism in America, resolved Sunday to urge Knesset members to resist continued legislative attempts to amend the Law of Return.

American Jewish leaders, in addition to their private calls and public representations to the politicians, have gone directly to the Israeli public.

An advertisement appeared in major newspapers here Monday sponsored jointly by the Council of Jewish Federations and the United Jewish Appeal, the principal fund-raising bodies for Israel in the United States.

The ad, an open letter to all Knesset members, referred to the "tragically divisive consequences" of the proposed amendment. The letter warned that those who voted for it "would bear responsibility for sowing the seeds of discord between the Jews of Israel and of the diaspora."

**MUBARAK AWAD DEPORTED FROM ISRAEL, PUT ABOARD TWA FLIGHT TO NEW YORK**  
By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, June 13 (JTA) -- Palestinian activist Mubarak Awad was deported to the United States Monday under strict security and out of sight of the news media.

He was brought to Ben-Gurion Airport in a windowless police van, escorted by regular and border police. His handcuffs were removed only as he was about to board the plane, TWA Flight 885, which departed at 4 p.m. local time, non-stop to New York. The flight was scheduled to arrive at Kennedy Airport at 8:19 p.m. New York time.

Awad, 44, a Jerusalem-born naturalized American, had been in prison since May 5. On June 5, the Israeli Supreme Court ruled he had forfeited his residency rights, because he had lived longer than seven years in the United States. His visa expired last November.

The high court's decision ended Mubarak's six-month legal battle to remain in the city of his birth. U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz intervened personally with the Israeli authorities to allow him to remain, but to no avail.

In Washington, the State Department criticized the deportation Monday. "As we have said before, we strongly object to the Israeli government's action," spokesman Charles Redman said. "In our view, Mr. Awad should not have been deported."

Premier Yitzhak Shamir said Monday that there was "absolutely no reason to allow a man who had been staying here illegally to remain in

Israel, and who had furthermore acted against Israel's security and good order."

Shamir added, "We considered the matter carefully and acted in full consideration of the fact that there was no alternative."

Awad, who left East Jerusalem when Israel captured it in the 1967 Six-Day War, and subsequently acquired American citizenship, is an advocate of non-violent Palestinian resistance to Israeli control over the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

#### **Refuses To Fly On El Al**

He founded an institution for the study of non-violence and urged Palestinians to resort to civil disobedience, such as refusal to pay taxes and boycotts of Israeli goods, instead of confrontations with Israeli security forces.

The authorities charged, however, that Awad abetted violence in the territories. But the case for his deportation was based only on the expiration of his visa.

Awad refused to travel by El Al, Israel's national airline, saying he would have to be carried bodily aboard. He was permitted to fly by American carrier. But the authorities took extraordinary measures to avoid media coverage of his expulsion.

Reporters were unable to see or talk to him. Ben-Gurion Airport was declared out of bounds for them until his departure, which turned out to be most of the day, because the flight was four hours late taking off.

Other passengers on Awad's flight were not permitted to board the aircraft until he was aboard and seated.

Awad's American wife, Nancy Dyc, flew to New York on Sunday to be on hand at his arrival at Kennedy Airport. She is expected to return here later to finish out the year as principal of the Friends School, an American Quaker institution in the West Bank city of Ramallah.

*(Correspondent Howard Rosenberg in Washington contributed to this report.)*

#### **TERRITORIES REPORTED MAINLY QUIET, BUT ARAB ARSON HAS ISRAELIS WORRIED** **By Gil Sedan**

JERUSALEM, June 13 (JTA) -- The Israel Defense Force is investigating the death of an Arab farmer, found shot in the forehead Monday morning outside Abucin village, near Nablus.

The victim was identified as Dib Mahmoud Mohammad Hussein, 43. His body was taken to the government hospital in Ramallah.

Arab sources said Israeli soldiers entered the village early Monday morning to carry out searches. Some villagers fled and were chased by soldiers who shot at them, villagers said.

A mail carrier and two other employees of the civil administration in the West Bank were attacked in Hebron on Monday with a sharp object. The same assailant was believed responsible for the three assaults. The victims were hospitalized for minor wounds.

Aside from these incidents, Palestinian unrest in the territories appeared to have abated Monday, following a week of violence and a general strike. Schools reopened and Arab day-laborers went to their jobs in Israel.

But the Israeli authorities are growing increasingly concerned over the upsurge in forest fires and brush fires in Israel proper this year, which they attribute in large measure to Palestin-

ian arsonists.

Zeev Schiff, military correspondent of Haaretz, wrote Monday that the Palestinian uprising has been brought inside Israel. He said arson has become a facet of anti-Israel terrorism that the authorities do not know how to cope with. Schiff urged stiff punishment for arsonists.

Minister of Commerce and Industry Ariel Sharon, a prominent Herut hard-liner, wants the homes of arsonists demolished. The ultranationalist Tehiya Party would deport even Arab citizens of Israel if found guilty of arson.

Premier Yitzhak Shamir said in Tel Aviv on Monday that every effort would be made to apprehend and punish those responsible for setting fires.

Three Arabs suspected of attempted arson in the Jerusalem suburb of Givat Shaul were detained over the weekend. They reportedly confessed. Two other Arabs were apprehended Saturday as they allegedly tried to set fire to the forest adjacent to Kibbutz Ma'aleh Hahamisha.

#### **THREE BOMBS THROWN FROM ROOF OF TEL AVIV DEPARTMENT STORE** **By Hugh Orgel**

TEL AVIV, June 13 (JTA) -- Three Molotov cocktails were thrown from the roof of the Dizengoff shopping mall in the heart of Tel Aviv Sunday night, but caused no casualties or damage.

More than 50 Arabs in the vicinity were taken into custody for questioning. According to police, the gasoline bombs fell on a quiet residential street shortly after 9 p.m. local time. One ignited underneath a car but was quickly extinguished by passersby.

Police found a fourth unlighted gasoline-filled bottle on the roof of the multi-level mall, which stands astride Dizengoff Street and is one of the city's largest shopping centers.

The attack, the first of its kind in Tel Aviv, was described as one of the most daring and most dastardly because it had the potential to seriously injure civilians.

The mall and its hundreds of shops employ Israeli and West Bank and Gaza Strip Arabs who do clean-up and maintenance work.

Molotov cocktails are a favorite weapon of the Arab uprising in the West Bank and Gaza Strip. Premier Yitzhak Shamir seized on the Tel Aviv attack as proof that the Palestinians' aim is not to win back territory but the destruction of Israel.

#### **LEFT-WING EDITORS RELEASED ON BAIL** **By Cathrine Gerson**

JERUSALEM, June 13 (JTA) -- Three of four editors of a left-wing paper facing charges of terrorist connections have been released from prison on bail, following a Jerusalem district court ruling Sunday that said they do not pose a threat to the public.

Deputy State Attorney Dorit Benish promptly filed an appeal with the Supreme Court to reverse the district court order. The appeal, to be heard by Justice Aharon Barak, argues that the Jerusalem court ignored the gravity of the charges facing the editors of the paper, *Derekh Hanitzotz*.

No date was set to hear the appeal. Meanwhile, Michal Schwartz, Roni Ben-Efrat and Assaf Adiv are out of jail. A fourth co-defendant, Yaacov Ben-Efrat, was ordered to remain in custody.

**FORMER ISRAELI GENERALS SAY  
WITHDRAWAL NO SECURITY THREAT**

By Howard Rosenberg

WASHINGTON, June 13 (JTA) -- A group of retired senior Israel Defense Force officers, who advocate trading land for peace, said Monday that withdrawal from the West Bank and Gaza Strip would not pose a security threat to Israel if the Arab side promised certain guarantees.

The group, known as the Council for Peace and Security, calls for a transitional period of Arab autonomy in the administered territories longer than the three years called for in Secretary of State George Shultz's initiative, as well as demilitarization of the area except for some IDF presence.

At a news conference at the National Press Club, four members of the group gave their views: Maj. Gen. Aharon Yariv, a former director of military intelligence; Maj. Gen. Ori Orr, a former chief of staff of the Israeli Defense Force Central Command; Brig. Gen. Ephraim Sneh, who headed the civil administration in Judea and Samaria from 1985 to 1987; and Brig. Gen. Yoram Agmon, who once served as Israel's air force attache at its embassy in Washington. Yariv said that 80 officers belong to the group.

The American Jewish Congress is sponsoring their U.S. tour, which was to include a closed-circuit hookup Tuesday to 22 Jewish federation board rooms throughout the United States.

Robert Lifton, AJCongress president, said the tour is a product of his group's decision last September to speak out openly about the dangers of maintaining the status quo in the territories.

Yariv said the dangers of the Palestinian uprising are that IDF and civilian morale suffer; Israel's image is tarnished abroad; Israel has to divert resources to this "nonproductive" area; and the strife undermines relations with Arab countries, especially with Egypt, which "sooner or later will lead to the drawing together of Arab states" in a war against Israel.

Sneh said the group's "basic motive" is to save the next generations from having to fight future wars.

Orr said the main threat to Israel is demography, not geography. He said relinquishing the territories for peace solves the demographic problem of having 650,000 Arabs in the Gaza Strip and 850,000 on the West Bank, who could become a majority in Israel if those lands were annexed.

Pointing to a map, he argued that although the distance from Netanya to the West Bank is just 10 miles, security could be maintained by barring non-Israeli forces west of the Jordan River.

Yariv said that in return for peace, he would be willing to part with the West Bank, the Gaza Strip and the Golan Heights. But he said the group has not assessed the future status of East Jerusalem, which Israel has annexed, because it is an issue of politics, and not security.

**REFORM BODY, 12 OTHER GROUPS  
SUPPORT SHULTZ INITIATIVE**

NEW YORK, June 13 (JTA) -- Reform Judaism's central body hailed the Mideast peace initiative of Secretary of State George Shultz Sunday, and said Israel should announce its willingness to withdraw from some of the administered territories as a way "to stimulate the peace process."

The group passed a resolution commending the 30 U.S. senators who endorsed the peace initiative and wrote Shultz to that effect in March.

The resolution was adopted by members of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations board of trustees at their semi-annual meeting in New York.

Twelve other American Jewish organizations also made an announcement of support of Shultz, in a telegram sent to Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir on June 9.

The telegram, sent during Shamir's visit to the United States, proposed that peace and security for Israel could only be achieved through a "political resolution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict based on the recognition of both peoples' right to self-determination."

Sponsoring organizations included the Labor Zionist Alliance, Americans for Progressive Israel, Holocaust Survivors Association U.S.A., International Center for Peace in the Middle East and Progressive Zionist Caucus.

**SOVIETS PLAN TO SUE IN ISRAEL  
OVER BACK PAYMENT OF RENT**

By David Landau

JERUSALEM, June 13 (JTA) -- The Soviet consular mission plans to sue in Israeli courts for back rent on certain Soviet-owned properties in downtown Jerusalem.

Mayor Teddy Kollek said that the Russians have a good case, and the municipality would pay what is legally owed.

Nimrod Novik, a senior aide to Foreign Minister Shimon Peres, said he thought the Soviets were more interested in having their right to the property sites formally recognized than in the rent claims against the various public and private tenants.

"We all knew they had various properties which, in the absence of diplomatic ties, were being put to various uses by various tenants," Novik said.

Kollek said jovially that he was pleased the Russians are looking after their land, and hoped it was with a view to building their embassy on it in the future.

He said the claims in the name of the Russian Orthodox Church, which is a major landholder in Jerusalem, were not unexpected or unfamiliar to him.

The sites in question include a car park on King George Street, and at least part of the land on which the Tirat Bat-Sheva Hotel stands on King George Street.

The Soviet officials reportedly concluded they deserve back rent and have hired local attorneys to file suits.

The Soviet mission arrived in Israel in June 1987 to look after Soviet property, mainly held in the name of the Russian Orthodox Church in Jerusalem, and also the interests of Soviet nationals, mostly church personnel.

The mission established an office in Ramat Gan, a suburb of Tel Aviv, the first Soviet diplomatic presence in Israel since Moscow broke relations after the 1967 Six-Day War.

Meanwhile, the Foreign Ministry announced Sunday that it has extended the visas of the members of the Soviet mission. This followed the announcement last Thursday, that an Israeli consular mission will soon be allowed to proceed to Moscow.

**DAIMLER-BENZ GRANTS \$5.8 MILLION  
TO AIDE JEWISH VICTIMS OF NAZIS**

NEW YORK, June 13 (JTA) -- Daimler-Benz AG, the West German automotive giant that manufactures the Mercedes car, has agreed to make 10 million marks (\$5.8 million) available to the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany.

The money will be earmarked for social care programs for elderly Jewish victims of Nazism, with special priority for those used as forced laborers by German companies during World War II, Daimler-Benz among them.

The agreement was announced Monday by Dr. Israel Miller, president of the New York-based Claims Conference. He noted that "the demand for shelter or home care by Jewish victims of Nazi persecution is rapidly increasing as the Holocaust survivors age and experience greater frailty."

Miller said the funds for such care greatly exceeded the funds available. "The funds provided by Daimler-Benz for these purposes will assist the Claims Conference in helping to respond to these unmet needs," he added.

The Claims Conference approached Daimler-Benz several years ago to pay reparations to Jewish Nazi victims compelled to do forced labor at its plants. The company refused to make direct payments to individuals, according to Saul Kagan, executive director of the Claims Conference.

But it offered instead to make available funds for grants to Jewish institutions that provide shelter or home care to infirm persecutees.

**SOUTH AFRICAN ZIONIST FEDERATION  
DISTANCES ITSELF FROM MEIR KAHANE**

JOHANNESBURG, June 13 (JTA) -- The South African Zionist Federation on Monday denied reports that it had invited Rabbi Meir Kahane, leader of the anti-Arab Kach Party in Israel, to South Africa, and said that it would have no contact whatever with him.

In Jerusalem, Israel Radio reported Monday that the South African federation had canceled an invitation for Kahane to address the group. The move, it said, followed strong protests from a broad spectrum of Israeli and Zionist leaders.

But in a cable Monday to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, Solly Sacks, chairman of the South African Zionist Federation, stated, "The South African Zionist Federation wishes to place on record that at no stage has it invited Rabbi Meir Kahane to visit South Africa, nor will it associate itself with his visit."

The message said that the board of the federation instructed the chairman and president to have nothing publicly to do with Kahane. But a small majority of the board voted to hear his views privately in the interests of free speech.

However, "on reconsidering the matter, it was decided by an overwhelming majority that we have changed our decision and we will have nothing whatsoever to do with the visit of Meir Kahane, either publicly or privately," the cable said. It urged the organizers of Kahane's visit to withdraw their invitation.

In Jerusalem, World Zionist Organization Chairman Simcha Dinitz called Sunday for the federation to cancel its invitation to Kahane.

"An organization that would receive Kahane, who defends a racist policy, has no place in the WZO," Dinitz said in a cable to Sacks.

**EL AL SCALES DOWN OPERATIONS  
AS UPRISING CAUSES DROP IN TOURISM**  
By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, June 13 (JTA) -- El Al, Israel's national airline, is scaling down operations in anticipation of an \$11 million drop in revenue this year, caused by the adverse effects of the Palestinian uprising on tourism.

El Al President Rafi Har-Lev told a news conference Sunday that the company planned economy measures, including combining flights, use of smaller aircraft and the dismissal of temporary workers.

He warned that 1989 could be even worse if the disturbances continue and tourism does not increase.

In addition, fewer Israelis are expected to travel abroad next year because there is expected to be less money available after the Knesset elections in November.

Har-Lev said a study showed that El Al has carried only 70 percent of the number of passengers they expected to fly so far this year. The number from the United States is expected to be down by a third.

The drop in bookings is especially noticeable in France, where the number of passengers in a given month has been half the number of the corresponding month last year.

Business has also dropped sharply in the Scandinavian countries, and Har-Lev said "economically, it would be worthwhile to suspend flights to Copenhagen for three or four months."

**EUROPEAN SOCIALISTS NO LONGER AGAINST  
RATIFYING TRADE ACCORDS WITH ISRAEL**  
By Yossi Lempkowitz

BRUSSELS, June 13 (JTA) -- A change of position by the Socialist group in the Parliament of Europe may have paved the way for speedy ratification of three European Community trade agreements with Israel that the parliament refused to endorse last March.

But it is not certain whether the economic accords, which the European Community signed with Israel last year, will be reintroduced for ratification at the June plenary session, which opens Monday.

The parliament, based in Strasbourg, France, is the legislative body of the 12-nation European Community. The Socialists, representing 165 of the 518 deputies, constitute the largest single political faction.

The parliament's refusal three months ago to ratify the trade agreements was a blow to Israel's economy and prestige. It was seen at the time as an expression of displeasure by many deputies with the measures Israel was taking to suppress the Palestinian uprising in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Many Socialists voted against ratification, along with the Communists, the Greens, some Christian Democrats and British Conservatives.

But Rudi Arndt of West Germany, president of the Socialist group, said this week that the group had dropped its reservations to ratification. With the support of the Socialists, the accords seem sure of getting the 260 votes necessary to be approved.

If they do, Foreign Minister Shimon Peres may win a lot of the credit. During a recent visit to the European Parliament, he stressed that "any measures against Israel are counterproductive."