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**HERUT PICKS LEVY TO TOP SLATE;  
SHARON BEATS ARENS FOR SECOND**

By David Landau

JERUSALEM, July 6 (JTA) -- The Herut Central Committee elected David Levy on Wednesday to the No. 1 slot of its 1988 election slate, as recommended by Premier Yitzhak Shamir, the party leader, who automatically tops the list as candidate for prime minister.

It voted Ariel Sharon No. 2 and put Moshe Arens in the No. 3 spot.

By doing so, the 2,000-plus delegates, meeting in Herzliya, deviated significantly from Shamir's suggestion. He had stipulated that Arens, his close political associate, get the second spot and Sharon the third.

But the outcome was not a rebuff to Shamir in the view of most pundits. Levy's camp struck at Arens and Sharon benefited, they said. Moreover, Arens simply lacked sufficient supporters to defeat the combined Levy and Sharon forces.

Levy is housing minister in the present government; Sharon is minister of commerce and industry; and Arens is a minister without portfolio and, like Sharon, a former defense minister.

The three are the most powerful figures in Herut, after Shamir, and have made no secret of their ambition to succeed him.

They went to the Herut convention to battle each other for the first spot, after Shamir, on the Likud ballot the voters will get on election day, Nov. 1. Herut is the largest component of the Likud bloc, which also includes the Liberal Party.

The situation defused itself Monday when Sharon and Arens announced within hours of each other that they would not contend for first place. Both men said they acted in the interests of party harmony.

**Netanyahu Ranked Fifth**

That left Levy unchallenged. Shamir endorsed him on Tuesday, stressing at the same time that the order in which the candidates appear on the ballot would not determine his choice of Cabinet ministers, should he be called upon to form the next government.

He claimed the fight for first place on the list was exaggerated beyond its importance. But he saw fit to intervene, because it had become a matter of prestige among his three top lieutenants, which threatened to lead to "disputes and discord," Shamir said.

Arens accepted his setback in good grace. He congratulated Levy and Sharon, but refused to acknowledge he may have made a tactical error by withdrawing his candidacy for first place.

Under Herut voting rules, each candidate runs for a specific slot, but their supporters may cast votes for a higher place on the list.

Arens stood for the second spot, but received 626 votes for first, where he was topped by Levy with 909 votes. The 626 votes, added to the 297 cast for Arens in second place, were not sufficient to beat Sharon, who had a combined total of 944 votes for the first and second spots.

The No. 4 place went to the popular minister of labor and social affairs, Moshe Katsav, who ran unchallenged. The fifth was won by Benjamin

Netanyahu, Israel's former ambassador to the United Nations, who left the diplomatic service last April to enter politics.

Knesset member David Magen, a top Sharon supporter, edged out Shamir's aide, Ronni Milo, for sixth place. The seventh slot went to Binyamin Ze'ev Begin, son of former Premier Menachem Begin.

The initial Labor Party reaction to the Herut slate came from Ezer Weizman, a minister without portfolio. He called it "extremist" with "no policy message" and "if elected to office, would lead the country perilously closer to war."

**ISRAEL WILL LOOK INTO ABC CHARGE  
THAT SHIN BET POSED AS REPORTERS**  
By Andrew Silow Carroll

NEW YORK, July 6 (JTA) -- Israel will investigate a charge by ABC News that members of the Shin Bet internal security service impersonated ABC camera crews in order to take into custody a Palestinian accused of throwing a firebomb at an Israeli bus.

Avi Pazner, press adviser to Premier Yitzhak Shamir, said Wednesday in Jerusalem that a full investigation into the incident would be carried out.

According to a report Tuesday night by ABC correspondent Dean Reynolds, Nizar Dakdouk of the West Bank village of Salfit was detained by two carloads of what appeared to be Israeli civilians carrying television cameras. The cars bore ABC News stickers.

Dakdouk was suspected of having thrown a firebomb last month, and on June 16, his family's home was demolished by the authorities.

Reynolds reported that authorities apparently thought of the idea of impersonating news personnel to capture Dakdouk after the Palestinian and his mother appeared on Israeli television a week earlier and complained about the demolition of their home.

The ABC report said unidentified sources confirmed that the Shin Bet was involved.

ABC News President Rooney Arledge wired a protest to Shamir over the incident, saying, "There are no circumstances that could justify security forces impersonating ABC news personnel. Such activity presents grave peril to the safety of legitimate journalists."

He demanded that Shamir ascertain who authorized the action. The Shin Bet chief, whose identity is secret, reports directly to the prime minister.

**State Department Reacts**

In Washington, a spokesperson for the State Department's Bureau of Near East and South Asian Affairs issued a carefully balanced statement on the matter Wednesday.

"We understand that ABC has protested to the government of Israel. We have also seen press reports indicating that the government of Israel plans to investigate the incident," the spokesperson said. "Our strong support for freedom of the press and the maintenance of its integrity is well known."

A spokesperson for the Israeli Consulate in New York said Israeli officials investigating the

incident hope to produce a report by the end of the week.

"It would be premature to say offhand that such a thing did or did not happen," said the spokesperson. "Presumably ABC heard about it from (Dakdouk's) family. I would say an assertion made by a family should be checked very carefully."

Members of foreign press watchdog groups said the practice of security forces impersonating journalists to gather incriminating information has long been deplored by bona fide news-gatherers.

According to Carol Drake of the New York-based Committee to Protect Journalists, there have been innumerable examples of the practice worldwide and corresponding incidents in which representatives of government-controlled press services have cooperated with the authorities.

In September 1985, for example, journalists spotted five South African police officers impersonating reporters at a funeral in a black township, she said.

Foreign journalists are concerned that the practice could hamper their ability to gather the news from confidential sources and, more seriously, endanger their lives.

#### Justice Department Guidelines

In the United States, the Justice Department has established guidelines whereby law enforcement officials must seek permission from the Attorney General's Office before impersonating journalists. The practice has usually sparked complaints by the media, and some states have police guidelines which discourage the practice.

The ABC charge is the latest in a series of disputes between Israel and the foreign press corps covering the nearly seven months of violence in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

NBC's coverage of an Israeli incursion into Lebanon in May sparked an investigation into whether the network had violated censorship rules, and delayed the return of press credentials to correspondent Martin Fletcher.

Fletcher's credentials were suspended in April, when the Government Press Office alleged he violated censorship rules in reporting on the assassination of Palestinian Liberation Organization military strategist Abu Jihad.

The press office also suspended the credentials of Washington Post reporter Glenn Frankel. Their passes were subsequently returned.

ABC became the object of protests by Jewish groups in New York and other cities earlier this year. The groups, led by the Zionist Organization of America, claimed ABC's coverage of the unrest in the territories was heavily biased toward the Palestinian side.

*(JTA correspondents Gil Sedan in Jerusalem and Howard Rosenberg in Washington contributed to this report.)*

#### **POLICE CLOSE TWO JERUSALEM SCHOOLS**

By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, July 6 (JTA) -- Police closed down two East Jerusalem schools Wednesday following stone-throwing incidents at several places in East Jerusalem.

One Israeli bus was damaged, but there were no injuries. Police arrested 12 suspects.

One of the schools closed was in the Old City, and the other was in the Jabel Mukaber neighborhood, where police used tear gas and rubber bullets Tuesday to disperse stone-throwers.

A gasoline bomb was thrown at a police car on the main street of Gaza Wednesday. It caused no injuries or damage.

Defense Minister Yitzhak Rabin, meanwhile, told military correspondents Wednesday that he believed violent incidents were decreasing in the administered territories.

Rabin said the army's job was to prevent all forms of violence and see that life returns to normal.

#### **AGENCY OFFICIAL SAYS SOVIET DROPOUTS WILL CONTINUE DESPITE NEW POLICY**

By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, July 6 (JTA) -- A Jewish Agency official defended Israel's new policy with respect to Jews leaving the Soviet Union, but said he did not believe it would solve the dropout problem.

Uri Gordon, head of the agency's immigration and absorption department, said Soviet Jews do not know enough about Israel or Judaism, and cannot learn as long as there are no diplomatic ties between Jerusalem and Moscow.

According to Jewish Agency sources, during the first three months of this year, every Jew who emigrated from the city of Kharkov with an Israeli visa went to the United States.

The dropout rate from Kiev, Odessa and Minsk was 95 percent, and agency officials told reporters they doubted the situation would improve in the near future.

Gordon said he approved of the Cabinet's decision of June 19, which stated that Israel would issue Israeli visas only to those Jews committed to settling in Israel when they leave the USSR.

To ensure that policy, Soviet Jews will have to pick up their visas at the Israeli Embassy in Bucharest, Romania, from where they will be flown directly to Tel Aviv.

The policy is aimed at reducing the dropout phenomenon -- Jews who leave the Soviet Union with Israeli visas but settle in Western countries, chiefly the United States.

Gordon urged Israelis to write letters to Soviet Jews describing life in Israel, so that the potential emigres will not think only in terms of settling in the United States.

He also said efforts should be made to take advantage of the more liberal policies of Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev to teach Soviet Jews more about their heritage.

#### **11TH-HOUR STRIKE SETTLEMENT AVERTS WALKOUT BY 400,000 MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES**

By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, July 6 (JTA) -- An 11th-hour wage agreement between the government and Histadrut averted a general strike on Wednesday that would have idled some 400,000 public sector employees.

Negotiators labored into the early hours of the morning to reach a compromise between the Treasury's offer of an 8 percent wage hike over two years and the trade union federation's demand for a 12 percent increase.

They finally settled for 11 percent, and at about 3 a.m. local time, the strike was canceled. Workers learned of the settlement from the morning radio news broadcasts.

Several matters remained unresolved, however, as the weary negotiators went home.

## DUKAKIS' MIDEAST ADVISER DEBATES BUSH SUPPORTER ON CANDIDATES

By Howard Rosenberg

WASHINGTON, July 6 (JTA) -- Hyman Bookbinder, in his political debut Thursday for Michael Dukakis' campaign, tried to extend an olive branch to a Jewish supporter of Vice President George Bush by saying both of the likely presidential nominees were equally strong on Israel.

But Marshall Breger, former White House liaison to the Jewish community, virulently attacked Dukakis' foreign policy views at the monthly meeting of Washington representatives of U.S. Jewish groups.

Breger said Dukakis' support for multinationalism over unilateral U.S. military action, and opposition to a large defense build-up, could put Israel in jeopardy.

He added that the presence of the Rev. Jesse Jackson in the Democratic Party could also affect Mideast policy.

Breger said Jackson's influence has already resulted in new Democratic "left-wing positions on defense and the economy, which in the past were fringe positions outside the party."

In a strong warning to Jackson, Bookbinder, now special adviser to Dukakis on the Middle East, human rights and the underprivileged, said Jackson's forces will be "trounced again" if they try to influence the party's position on the Middle East.

Bookbinder also lashed out at the National Jewish Coalition, a Republican Jewish group here, for trying to "scare" Jews -- in a June 10 direct mail membership drive -- by saying that this year "won't be the first time that the Democrats have sacrificed Jewish interests."

Chris Gersten, executive director of the coalition, said the Democrats previously "sacrificed" Jewish interests in 1984 and 1985, when 60 to 70 members of the House of Representatives opposed foreign aid bills containing \$3 billion in aid, plus an additional \$1.5 billion in supplemental aid, because the bill also included aid to the Nicaraguan rebels, or Contras.

Bookbinder further criticized the letter's assertion that "the Democrats will give Jackson what he asks for at the Democratic National Convention."

Gersten defended his letter, contending "it was said at a time when Jackson and the Jackson forces were aggressively winning fights in the state Democratic parties, and when Michael Dukakis was not opening his mouth" to Jackson's efforts.

### Anti-Israel Pressure

While acknowledging that the Dukakis forces prevailed in Denver, where the final Democratic Party platform was formed, Gersten said the failure to insert a pro-Palestinian plank "doesn't change the fact" that for the first time, one of the major parties has faced such anti-Israel pressure from the inside.

Gersten stood by the letter's contention that "clearly the Democrats have lost their claim to the unquestioning loyalty of the Jewish community that they once enjoyed."

Both Gersten and Breger, who chairs the Administrative Conference of the United States and is a senior fellow at the Heritage Foundation, said that Democratic parties in eight states, including California, have approved resolutions this year supporting the Palestinians.

Gersten said five states included language supporting the establishment of a Palestinian state.

Breger, when asked about Bush's ties to New Hampshire Gov. John Sununu, an Arab-American, said Sununu is a "close friend" of Bush's, but that he won't influence Middle East policy since "that's not his area of expertise."

Sununu is the only U.S. governor who did not sign a statement condemning the United Nations resolution equating Zionism with racism.

### Resolving International Problems

On foreign policy matters, Breger said Dukakis is "obsessed" with allowing international organizations to resolve regional problems, such as the Organization of American States in Latin America and the United Nations in the Persian Gulf.

Breger said Dukakis' emphasis on the United Nations is outdated since it is a "source of Third World anti-Israel sentiment."

Dukakis' hesitancy about projecting U.S. military power could "allow enemies to seize more opportunities in the Middle East," Breger argued.

Israel may need U.S. defense supplies in a crisis situation, Breger said, and Bush would best ensure adequate military forces.

Breger said Israel relied on U.S. reserves during the 1973 Yom Kippur War, when U.S. forces in Europe "drew down" their supplies.

Breger said it is "no accident" that strategic cooperation has "flourished" during Reagan's two terms, citing as an example last week's U.S.-Israel "Star Wars" accord to build the Arrow anti-tactical ballistic missile to protect Israel against Syrian missiles.

But Bookbinder called Breger's contentions "bum raps," including one accusing Dukakis of "naive liberalism" by granting prison leave to convicted criminals.

Bookbinder said that unlike the Reagan administration, Dukakis would oppose arms sales to Arab countries at war with Israel.

Breger said Bush opposes the Equal Rights Amendment to the Constitution because it would not necessarily "do the things its proponents want it to do," noting a recent Supreme Court vote against male private clubs that he said is a preferable route to changing law.

### Not Been 'Christianized'

On the influence of the Rev. Jerry Falwell and other evangelicals in the Republican Party, Breger said despite worries from Jews, "the sky has not fallen" during Reagan's second term. He said Falwell is not running the National Security Council, for example, and that the United States has not been "Christianized."

Bookbinder said the "serious influence" of evangelicals can also be seen in Bush's support of a constitutional amendment banning abortion and support for voluntary school prayer.

He predicted that between 60 percent and 85 percent of Jews will vote for Dukakis.

But Breger said "time moves on," citing figures that a majority of Jews under the age of 24 voted for the Reagan-Bush ticket in 1984.

While acknowledging that Jews have historically supported Democrats and have felt comfortable in the party, Breger said a new "critical mass" of Jews has emerged in the Republican Party, and that Jews have been addressing its platform committee this year, which is hearing testimony through Aug. 8.

**ITALIANS FEAR NEW ROUND OF TERROR  
AFTER SENTENCES, AIRPLANE DISASTER**  
By Ruth E. Gruber

ROME, July 6 (JTA) — Italy may be a target for new terrorist attacks by Islamic extremists, because of the stiff sentences its courts imposed recently on Arab terrorists, Interior Minister Antonio Gava warned this week.

The danger has been heightened by the downing Sunday of an Iranian civilian airliner by a U.S. Navy missile cruiser in the Persian Gulf, with a loss of 290 lives.

Speaking Monday at a gathering here of police chiefs from all over Italy, Gava said that the incident could provoke Hezbollah, the pro-Iranian Lebanese Shiite extremists, to carry out reprisals in Western countries.

"Within our borders are known to be about 60 members of Hezbollah," the interior minister said.

But sentences imposed on the Arab terrorists who perpetrated the Christmas 1985 attack at Rome's international airport may also trigger revenge attacks, he said.

Hameida Rashid, the only one of four Palestinian gunmen to survive the airport shootout, received a 30-year prison sentence. A life sentence was pronounced in absentia on the Palestinian terrorist leader Abu Nidal, who is believed to have masterminded the airport attack, in which 16 people were killed and scores injured.

Gava said there are now 22 Palestinian, Lebanese and other Islamic prisoners in Italian jails.

**ISRAEL HOSTS FIRST INTERNATIONAL  
THIRD WORLD CONCERT IN THE NEGEV**  
By Catherine Gerson

JERUSALEM, July 6 (JTA) — Israel's first Third World music festival drew some 5,000 spectators to its opening in Eshkol Park near Ofakim in the Negev Tuesday night.

They seemed to enjoy the wide variety of musical styles offered, but not the speeches by politicians.

The performers, from Britain, France, Africa, South America, the West Indies and the United States, had the audience literally jumping as they sang along and danced into the early hours of the morning.

Among the favorites were the Terekunda Brothers from Senegal; Ziggy Marley, son of the late reggae king Bob Marley, of Jamaica; and musicians from Martinique in the French West Indies and from France.

It was a mixed crowd, mainly teen-agers and young adults, with a sprinkling of families with babies.

During a break between a French group and the "All Stars" from England, the festival organizers introduced "a very important personality" from the Foreign Ministry.

It turned out to be Foreign Minister Shimon Peres, whose presence was legitimate considering the international nature of the festival and the help he provided in organizing it.

But the spectators were in no mood for oratory, as Peres had to shout to make himself heard over the whistles and screams that greeted his short speech.

"During the first 40 years, Israel worked to develop its cultural rebirth and development," Peres said, "and during the coming 40 years we shall work to redeem the Negev."

Switching from English to Hebrew to French while addressing the performing artists, Peres said he hoped the musicians don't just come for this festival, but will return every year.

"It was here that the song 'Let My People Go' was first heard," the foreign minister said, "and Israel shall continue working to stop slavery and oppression. It is better to conquer the desert than develop hatred."

The festival, part of Israel's 40th anniversary celebrations, will continue until Saturday.

**HEALTH MINISTRY GRANTS PERMISSION  
FOR TWO LIVER-TRANSPLANT CENTERS**  
By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, July 6 (JTA) — The Health Ministry has given two Israeli hospitals permission to open liver-transplant centers as soon as possible, while suspending the certification of another.

Permission was granted Wednesday to the Hadassah University Hospital in Jerusalem and Beilinson Hospital in Petach Tikva, which belongs to Kupat Holim, the Histadrut health care agency.

Rambam Hospital in Haifa, which last year became the first and only hospital in Israel licensed to perform the delicate surgery, will no longer do so.

Rambam Hospital shut down its facility earlier this year when the head of its liver-transplant center, American-trained Dr. Yigal Kam, returned to the United States.

Kam, regarded as one of the world's leading liver-transplant surgeons, will open a transplant center in Denver, Colorado. It was on the strength of his reputation that Rambam Hospital received its original certification.

The hospital's license has been stamped "frozen" pending the return of Kam, who has officially taken a year's leave without pay.

Kam had complained of a lack of cooperation from other Israeli hospitals and of the shortage of organ donors, in part due to religious beliefs.

Hadassah and Beilinson hospitals have promised to cooperate in their liver-transplant endeavors. A computer center is being set up at Beilinson to register donors and match their tissues with potential recipients. It will be linked to the Hadassah transplant center.

**ANTI-SEMITIC PAMPHLETEER GETS POST**  
By Tamar Levy

GENEVA, July 6 (JTA) — An extreme right-wing polemicist who edits an anti-Semitic periodical has been named legal adviser to the Foreigners Police Bureau, the department that deals with foreigners' requests to stay in Switzerland.

Claude Paschoud, editor of "Pamphlet," which is notorious for its anti-Semitic, xenophobic views, was selected for the post out of many candidates.

The equally anti-Semitic expressions of his wife, Mariette Paschoud, first appeared in "Pamphlet."

A high school history teacher in Lausanne until last year, her public denial of the Holocaust shocked the local Jewish community. She had participated in a meeting of French fascists, where she questioned whether the gas chambers ever existed.

Outraged reactions in the news media and among parents of her pupils forced her to resign her teaching job and take an administrative position.