

**IDF PARATROOPER KILLED IN CLASH
OUTSIDE LEBANON SECURITY ZONE**

By David Landau

JERUSALEM, July 13 (JTA) — An Israeli paratrooper was killed Wednesday afternoon in a brief skirmish with three Palestinian gunmen just north of the security zone in southern Lebanon. The three gunmen were also killed.

The name and age of the soldier was not immediately disclosed.

An Israel Defense Force spokesman said the clash occurred while an IDF patrol was searching for a Katyusha rocket launcher in the eastern sector of southern Lebanon, just beyond the security zone.

The IDF force subsequently withdrew into the security zone, the spokesman said.

The Itim news agency located the incident near Kaukaba village in southern Lebanon. It said the soldier was seriously wounded in an initial hail of gunfire from the Palestinians, who were hidden in bushes.

An air force helicopter carrying a medical team rescued the soldier, but he died on the way to the hospital.

Defense Minister Yitzhak Rabin, speaking at Rosh Ha'ayin Wednesday, said thousands of servicemen are engaged in continuous efforts to keep the northern border area peaceful.

"Their operations sometimes take them across the northern edge of the security zone, and there is sometimes a bitter price to pay in this relentless defensive effort," he said.

**ISRAELI FORCES BLOW UP TWO HOUSES,
SEAL A THIRD IN WEST BANK OPERATION**

By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, July 13 (JTA) — Israeli security forces, after uncovering a terrorist cell whose members allegedly throw Molotov cocktails at army patrols, blew up two houses in West Bank villages Tuesday night and sealed off a third.

According to military sources, a large Israel Defense Force detachment entered Ras-Karkar and Jiniya villages west of Ramallah. The house of Ziad Hassan Yussuf was demolished in Jiniya.

Yussuf allegedly threw a gasoline bomb at a military jeep on June 8, seriously burning two reserve soldiers, Moshe Nussbaum and Rami Levron. They are still hospitalized.

In Ras-Karkar, the IDF destroyed the house of Mutia Abdul Fatah Nofel and Mahmoud Rashid Nofel. It sealed off the house of Abdul Salah Abdul Kahir.

The three are suspected of firebomb attacks on IDF patrols in March and May. Mutia Nofel, allegedly a member of Nayef Hawatme's Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine, is accused of recruiting friends to attack Israeli soldiers.

Tension continued to run high in East Jerusalem, meanwhile, as Palestinian youths stoned an Egged bus bound for the Neve Yaakov neighborhood. The driver and a woman passenger were slightly injured.

Another Egged bus was stoned on Saladin street, the main thoroughfare in East Jerusalem, but no one was hurt.

**ARABS PLANNING DIPLOMATIC OFFENSIVE
AT THIS FALL'S U.N. ASSEMBLY**

By Yitzhak Rabi

UNITED NATIONS, July 13 (JTA) — The Arabs are planning a major diplomatic offensive against Israel during the upcoming 43rd session of the United Nations General Assembly.

According to diplomatic sources here, the Arab countries and the Palestine Liberation Organization will step up their anti-Israeli rhetoric during the three-month session of the annual conclave, and will press the world body to pass harsher resolutions against Israel in view of the continued unrest in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Diplomats said that the number of countries who will support critical resolutions against Israel may increase sharply in the upcoming assembly, because of the uprising in the territories that began Dec. 9.

Israel has been under fire not only from its arch enemies but also from traditional friends such as the European countries.

"It is going to be a very difficult session for Israel, no doubt," a member of Israel's mission to the United Nations told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency.

"We are aware of the fact that the European countries are critical of Israel's policies in the territories, and this is going to be reflected in their public speeches and probably in their pattern of voting on resolutions criticizing or deploring Israel," the diplomat said.

The General Assembly is scheduled to open here on Sept. 20. Thousands of diplomats and high-ranking officials, including scores of heads-of-state and premiers from all over the world, will attend the meetings at the glass palace on the west bank of Manhattan's East River.

Peres To Head Delegation

Foreign Minister Shimon Peres is expected to head the Israeli delegation, which will include — in addition to the five permanent members of the Israeli mission to the United Nations — eight additional delegates for the duration of the assembly.

Ambassador Yohanan Bein is the acting chief delegate of Israel, a post he assumed following the resignation March 30 of Ambassador Benjamin Netanyahu, who is now a candidate on the Likud list for the next Knesset.

The diplomatic sources predicted that the disturbances in the territories will intensify with the opening of the General Assembly session in New York.

"The PLO knows the importance of keeping the issue of the unrest in the territories on the mind of the international community, and there is nothing better to achieve this goal than increasing the violence in the territories while the leaders of the world are gathered at the U.N. to discuss the world's problems," one of the sources said.

Although resolutions adopted by the General Assembly are not enforceable, the broader support that anti-Israeli resolutions may gain this year can further harm Israel's standing in the international community, the sources pointed out.

DOCTORS WARY OF NEW HEALTH PLAN AS COMPROMISE PROPOSAL IS OFFERED

By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, July 13 (JTA) — A compromise proposal to end the health care crisis at Israel's public hospitals appeared to have won the approval of government and Histadrut officials early Wednesday.

But striking doctors said they didn't know enough about the plan yet to decide whether or not to accept it. Hospital nurses rejected it outright on grounds it does not address their specific needs. They called a hunger strike to protest.

The compromise, credited to Premier Yitzhak Shamir, was accepted by representatives of the Treasury, the Health Ministry and Kupat Holim, Histadrut's health care agency, after some 12 hours of continuous debate that ended at dawn Wednesday.

So far, details of the plan released to the public are sketchy. It calls for a 5 percent premium to cover second-shift use of operating rooms at public hospitals.

Presumably part of the money will be used to recompense doctors for the extra duty. It replaces a 75 percent allocation to the physicians' pension fund, which was one of the doctors' early demands.

Still, Finance Minister Moshe Nissim, who absolutely refuses to consider salary increases for publicly employed doctors, said Wednesday he had "certain reservations" about the proposals. He said he would discuss them with the prime minister.

Second-shift surgery, with commensurate remuneration, has been the center of the dispute that has created havoc in recent months at Israel's many public hospitals.

It is intended to reduce the large backlog of patients who have been waiting as long as two years for non-emergency operations and other medical procedures.

Thousands On Waiting List

Government officials put their number at 15,000 and say the waiting list can be crased in nine months. Doctors say the number of patients waiting for elective surgery and other treatment is closer to 45,000 and will take much longer to complete.

The strongest reaction to the compromise came from the nurses union, which sent a delegation to start a demonstrative hunger strike outside the prime minister's office Wednesday.

The nurses said the arrangements appear to have been made to satisfy the physicians' demands for extra pay for extra shifts, but ignore the nurses' demands for higher single-shift salaries.

Negative reactions were also expected from hospital administrative, maintenance and cleaning staffs, who say second-shift use of operating rooms will add to their workload.

Meanwhile, doctors continued their work sanctions, shutting down hospital outpatient clinics and performing only emergency surgery.

They were joined in their job action Wednesday by pharmacists at the government and Kupat Holim hospitals in the southern region of the country.

The druggists said they were closing their dispensaries for three days because their own wage demands are being ignored.

News of a compromise brought an end to a

hunger strike by about 10 opposition members of the Knesset. It began Sunday with a demonstration outside the prime minister's office while the Cabinet was in session.

The Knesset members, representing parties on the far right and left, said they would subsist on water and fruit juices for a week to protest the government's failure to resolve the hospitals crisis.

By Tuesday, however, hunger took its toll. Three of the strikers had to be hospitalized.

RESOLUTION TO BAR SALE OF ARMS TO KUWAIT INTRODUCED IN HOUSE

By Howard Rosenberg

WASHINGTON, July 13 (JTA) — Rep. Lawrence Smith (D-Fla.) introduced a resolution Tuesday in the House of Representatives to block the proposed \$1.9 billion arms sale to Kuwait. The bill has 113 co-sponsors.

Smith and other members of the House Foreign Affairs Committee were to meet for breakfast Thursday with Kuwaiti Prime Minister and Crown Prince Sheik Saad Abdulla as-Sailim as-Sabah.

Saad met Tuesday with President Reagan, who pledged that he would fight for the package, which includes 40 F/A-18 fighter planes, 300 Maverick "G" missiles, 200 Sparrow missiles, 120 Sidewinder missiles, 400 Harpoon missiles, 400 laser-guided bombs and 200 cluster bombs.

The sale will go through unless both houses of Congress vote to block it by the end of August. The Senate has not yet introduced a resolution against the sale, but it voted last week to ban the sale of Maverick "G" or "D" missiles to Kuwait through Sept. 30, 1989.

At a news conference Wednesday, Smith particularly criticized Saudi Arabia and Kuwait for "playing one dominant power off of another." He cited the Arms Control and Disarmament Agency's 1987 report that shows that from 1982 to 1986, Kuwait purchased \$230 million in U.S. arms while purchasing \$220 million from the Soviet Union and \$420 million from France.

Over the same period, Saudi Arabia bought \$6.1 billion from the United States, \$6.8 billion from France and \$1.2 billion from Great Britain, Smith quoted the report as saying.

PALESTINIANS TO SELL CITRUS IN EUROPE

By Henrlotta Boas

AMSTERDAM, July 13 (JTA) — Palestinian citrus growers in the West Bank and Gaza Strip will soon have direct access to the European market.

The European citrus importers have signed a contract with the Palestinian exporters to accept their produce without the intervention of the Israel Citrus Marketing Board.

Holland was largely instrumental in arranging the deal, which is expected to greatly improve the Palestinian economy in the territories. Palestinian citrus growers export about 16,000 tons a year to Western Europe.

A Dutch agrarian expert visited the territories three times in recent weeks to advise the Palestinians on export procedures.

Dutch Foreign Minister Hans van den Broek is visiting Israel next week and is expected to urge the authorities there to cooperate fully with the new contract. It was signed under the auspices of the European Commission.

**WJCONGRESS SHOULD APOLOGIZE
TO WALDHEIM, SAYS NAZI-HUNTER**
By Reinhard Engel

VIENNA, July 13 (JTA) — Tuviah Friedman, director of the Nazi war crimes documentation center in Haifa, said in a radio interview Tuesday that charges against Kurt Waldheim are unfair, and that the World Jewish Congress should apologize to the Austrian president for linking him to Nazi atrocities.

"The World Jewish Congress made one of the most important Nazi murderers out of him and almost equated him with Eichmann, Globochik and Kaltenbrunner," Friedman said.

"It is high time to apologize for these attacks," he said.

Friedman, a historian who has defended Waldheim in the past, called on the Jewish community of Vienna to rally behind their president, whom he described as "an intellectual, a very decent man and everything but an anti-Semite."

The Jewish community council here reacted angrily to Friedman's remarks.

Edmund Reiss, the council's deputy president, said, "He is only a private person. We, the Austrian Jews, have a different moral approach to this matter. We never accused Waldheim of war crimes."

"But not having committed war crimes is no qualification yet for the presidency here."

Other Jewish community officials called Friedman's ideas "unacceptable," and accused him of seeking the limelight. The 24 council members voted unanimously to reject his arguments.

Friedman, the chief Nazi-hunter who captured Adolf Eichmann in 1960, arrived here Monday and met with Waldheim on Tuesday.

In the radio interview, Friedman reiterated his previous statements that he had checked every document available to him, and on the basis of the evidence had to consider Waldheim guiltless of crimes against Jews.

Friedman referred to the WJC as "a group of 50 officials" who have no right to decide about Jewish matters in Austria.

**AUSTRIAN JEWS NOW VIEW
POPE'S VISIT AS 'POSITIVE'**
By Reinhard Engel

VIENNA, July 13 (JTA) -- The Austrian Jewish community considers the visit here by Pope John Paul II last month to have been "positive" and as good as could have been expected.

That assessment was given by the president of the Jewish communities of Austria, Paul Grosz, in an interview Sunday with the Austrian news agency APA.

The positive evaluation contrasts sharply with the reaction of Jews when the pope visited Austria the last week of June.

At that time, they expressed shock and anger over the pope's failure to mention Jewish suffering when he spoke at the site of the Mauthausen concentration camp, and his reference to Austria as a "victim" of Nazism rather than as the collaborator it was.

After the pope met with Jewish community leaders here on June 24, Grosz and Austria's chief rabbi, Paul Eisenberg, described the encounter as "disappointing."

But Grosz now told the Austrian news agency that the papal visit was seen by the Jewish community as "extraordinarily positive."

The initial reactions were somewhat limited, he said, because the pope did not answer questions of Jewish concern directly but rather "circumspectly."

But "given the circumstances, one really could not have expected more, and I mean this in a positive sense," the Jewish community leader said.

**BRONFMAN SAYS CHANCES ARE GOOD
EAST GERMANY WILL PAY REPARATIONS**
By David Kantor

BONN, July 13 (JTA) — The chances are good for a speedy agreement with East Germany to make available reparations for Jewish persecutees of the Nazi era, World Jewish Congress President Edgar Bronfman said Tuesday.

Bronfman spoke in West Berlin after meeting with Heinz Galinski, chairman of the Central Council of Jews in West Germany. He described as "historic" what he said was an East German decision to pay reparations.

Bronfman is expected to meet with East German Communist Party boss Erich Honecker later this month to discuss the issue.

The Communist regime until now has consistently rejected reparations payments to Jews on the grounds that it bears no responsibility for what happened to them during the Nazi era. The East Germans describe themselves as early "antifascists" who allegedly resisted the Nazi regime.

Most observers believe the East Germans' sudden willingness to consider reparations stems from a desire to win Jewish good will, especially in the United States. They seem to think American Jews exert enough influence in Washington to gain for their country the coveted most-favored-nation trade status.

Bronfman's discussions with Galinski also reportedly touched on the scandal of the late Werner Nachmann, who, as chairman of the Central Council until his death last January, allegedly embezzled millions of dollars provided by the Bonn government for reparations to former Jewish persecutees.

Bronfman and WJC Secretary-General Israel Singer visited the Ploetzensee memorial site in West Berlin.

They were scheduled to meet with Richard von Weizsacker, president of the Federal Republic, and with Chancellor Helmut Kohl in Bonn on Thursday.

**CANADA CAN SEARCH CZECHOSLOVAKIA
FOR EVIDENCE ON WAR CRIMINALS**
By Ben Kayfetz

TORONTO, July 13 (JTA) — Canada has reached an agreement with Czechoslovakia that will allow Canadian legal officials to gather evidence in Czechoslovakia, for use in the trials of suspected war criminals in Canadian courts.

Canada already has such agreements with the Soviet Union, Holland and Israel, which stem from a law passed last year allowing the trial in Canada of persons living in this country who are suspected of war crimes in another country.

The memorandum of understanding with Czechoslovakia was introduced in the House of Commons last week.

Like the earlier agreements, it provides for taking evidence in accordance with Canadian rules of evidence and safeguarding the identity of the suspect until brought to trial.

IOWA CIVIL RIGHTS ADVISER RESIGNS FOLLOWING BOOK REVIEW CONTROVERSY

By Susan Blinbaum

NEW YORK, July 13 (JTA) — The chairman of the Iowa State Advisory Committee to the U.S. Civil Rights Commission has resigned his post, following controversy over his public support for racist ideas.

Dr. Ralph Scott submitted his resignation by letter June 21 after the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith challenged his suitability for the position.

Jeffrey Sinensky, director of the ADL's Civil Rights Division, received a letter July 5 from Dr. Murray Friedman, the commission's acting chairman, notifying him of Scott's resignation.

In early May, Sinensky told the commission that Scott was unsuitable for the position because of his "insensitivity" to racial and religious minorities. Sinensky spoke after two articles blasting Scott appeared in the Des Moines Register and The Nation magazine.

In 1972, Scott approvingly reviewed "The Dispossessed Majority," a book that charges that the United States is degenerating as its northern European majority is displaced by "inferior" peoples, such as blacks, Hispanics, Jews and people of Mediterranean origin. The review appeared in Spotlight, a publication of the anti-Semitic Liberty Lobby.

The book, written by Wilmot Robertson, a pseudonym, also vilifies Jews for having such traits as "intrusiveness, disputatiousness and haggling" and alleges that they are disproportionately represented in the "inner circles" of the American government.

Discussing the "Jewish problem," the book says that "separation is obviously part of the solution."

Robertson also publishes a magazine, Instaurator, which seeks to prove the Holocaust was a hoax.

Author Of Book On Busing

Scott called "The Dispossessed Majority" a valuable book, because it throws a "bright, clear light on facts which our politicians have kicked into dark corners. For those 'majority' Americans who seek to understand their cultural heritage, this book is a family must."

In 1975, Scott himself published a book, "The Busing Coverup," using a pseudonym, Edward Langerton. The book's publisher, Howard Allen Enterprises of Cape Canaveral, Fla., also published "The Dispossessed Majority."

According to a May 7 article in The Nation, written by University of Illinois history Professor Barry Mehler, Scott also organized anti-busing groups throughout the United States; was in 1974 an Iowa gubernatorial candidate of the right-wing American Party; and received grants from the Pioneer Fund, an organization that subsidizes academic racists who seek to prove the intellectual inferiority of blacks.

Mehler claims Scott also used Pioneer funding to study "forced busing and its relationship to genetic aspects of educability." He also wrote that since Scott was appointed to the commission advisory committee, he has written regularly on how black children suffer under desegregation.

Scott refused to discuss his case with the Jewish Telegraphic Agency.

But in his resignation letter, he said: "I have concluded that adverse and inaccurate pub-

licity has significantly impaired my effectiveness as a representative of the commission. I believe that my record on civil rights is clear; upon completion of my service with the commission, I anticipate making continued contributions to the goal of a color-blind society."

'No Reflection In His Performance'

Friedman, who is also regional director of the American Jewish Committee in Philadelphia, thanked ADL for its disclosures about Scott and said he concurred with the assessment that Scott's "enthusiastic review of a bigoted book is inconsistent with the attitudes and role of a civil rights official."

But Friedman, who was not on the commission at the time of Scott's appointment, said he had been "informed by commission staff, including the regional director who oversees the Iowa regional committee, that during Dr. Scott's tenure on the committee, there was no reflection in his performance of the views embodied in that book."

Sinensky, expressing his gratification that Scott had resigned, said the continued presence in an important civil rights post of a person who defends racist views is "an affront to those working to advance the cause of civil rights in this country."

It is not clear who nominated Scott to the position in 1985. John Eastman, director of congressional public affairs for the commission, explained that regional offices, commissioners and other staff members will often recommend people, to be approved by the regional office.

DUKAKIS ADVISER PRODS BUSH ABOUT SUNUNU STAND ON ZIONISM

By Howard Rosenberg

WASHINGTON, July 13 (JTA) — Hyman Bookbinder, special adviser to Michael Dukakis' presidential campaign, wrote Vice President George Bush this week urging him to use his meeting Thursday with New Hampshire Gov. John Sununu to discuss Sununu's unwillingness to approve a resolution condemning the 1975 United Nations vote equating Zionism with racism.

Bookbinder, adviser on the Middle East, human rights and the underprivileged, said that Sununu, national co-chairman of the Bush campaign, is the "only governor out of 50 unwilling to repudiate a terrible law."

He added that Sununu "now serves as a key leader and strategist of the Bush campaign and would presumably be a key adviser in a Bush administration."

Sununu, an Arab-American, told reporters at the National Press Club last week that he has not signed such a resolution because he did not feel it is appropriate for a governor to meddle in foreign policy.

He added that the main thrust of his policy input in the Bush campaign has been on the domestic side.

DUTCH WON'T SELL SUBS TO ISRAEL

AMSTERDAM, July 13 (JTA) — The Dutch government said Tuesday it will not grant export licenses for two submarines Israel wants to order from the RMD Shipyards in Rotterdam.

A Foreign Ministry spokesman said the reason is that Israel is considered a country at war and the Netherlands, in principle, denies military equipment to countries at war.