

EVENTS IN UPRISING ESCALATING; CABINET MINISTER'S CAR STONED

By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, July 14 (JTA) -- The 7-month-old Palestinian uprising seems to have escalated in the past two weeks, and the Israel Defense Force's top-ranking officer admitted it is not likely to end soon.

A Cabinet minister's car was stoned in the West Bank Thursday, while the deaths of two Palestinian youths, wounded in clashes with the IDF earlier in the week, triggered fierce rioting in Nablus Wednesday night in defiance of a curfew.

A separate curfew was clamped on Ein Yabrud village in the Ramallah region Thursday, after violent demonstrations there by Palestinian students.

Curfews remained in force in Kalkilya, Beit Sahur, Nablus, Anabta village, and at the Askar refugee camp near Nablus and the Aida camp near Bethlehem.

The civil administration in the West Bank shut down all Arab schools Thursday in Tulkarm and Kalkilya until the end of the school year.

Security sources said the drastic action was taken because of repeated disturbances at the schools, despite warnings that the students could lose a year's work.

Yosef Shapiro, a minister without portfolio in the coalition Cabinet, came under a hail of stones Thursday as his car drove near the Arab village of Dahariya, south of Hebron.

The windshield was smashed and a woman aide was scratched by glass, but the minister and others in the car were unhurt.

Soldiers combed the area but found no suspects. "I don't think it is any big deal," said Shapiro, who is a member of the National Religious Party.

"It is good to feel once the experience which the people of Judea, Samaria and the Gaza Strip feel daily," he said.

According to Shapiro, more could have been done to suppress the Palestinian uprising much sooner, so that it would not have reached its present stage. He did not elaborate.

But the IDF chief of staff, Gen. Dan Shomron, said during a visit to the Bethlehem area Thursday that while the IDF's task is "to reduce the violence to the level where we can live normally, there is no possibility of eliminating the problem."

ISRAEL EXPRESSES OUTRAGE OVER GREEK FERRY ATTACK

By Jean Cohen

ATHENS, July 14 (JTA) -- Israel sent a message to Greek Foreign Minister Karolos Papoulias Wednesday condemning the terrorist attack on a Greek car ferry last Monday, and calling for "strong and adequate measures in order to counter and eliminate international terrorism through determined actions."

The message from Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres expressed condolences over the loss of nine lives and the 88 people wounded, 60 of them seriously.

There has been no confirmation on what group was responsible for the actions, but it now appears that there may have been a Palestinian link to the action.

A previously unknown group, calling itself the Organization of the Martyrs of the Popular Revolution in Palestine, sent a statement to a Western news agency in Beirut Wednesday claiming responsibility.

The Palestine Liberation Organization, however, has strongly condemned the attack.

Greek authorities are circulating photographs of two suspects, identified as Mohammed Zozad and Hamoud Abdul Hamid, who both entered Greece last May on Lebanese passports.

Peres' message said: "I would like to express on behalf of the government and people of Israel our shock and abhorrence at the criminal terrorist act which was carried out against a Greek tourist boat and each innocent passenger."

'Barbaric and Vicious'

"This barbaric and vicious act proves again to all of us the crying need to undertake strong and adequate measures in order to counter and eliminate international terrorism through determined actions and by international cooperation."

The attack on the ferry, City of Poros, was also deplored by Seymour Reich, international president of B'nai B'rith.

In a statement released in Washington Wednesday, Reich said "We deplore the loss of life taken so brutally and casually and extend our sympathies to the victims and other families, so removed from any connection with the Arab-Israeli conflict."

But Reich chided Greece for being "one of the most accommodating" among the Western European nations "in according diplomatic status to the Palestine Liberation Organization."

"Athens is now learning that appeasement of international terrorism . . . serves to invite terrorist disdain, lawlessness, violence and murder," the B'nai B'rith leader said.

The City of Poros, a car ferry employed as an excursion ship, was attacked Monday while on a one-day cruise Monday in the Saronic Gulf in the Aegean Sea with 471 passengers.

SOLDIER KILLED IN LEBANON IS BURIED

By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, July 14 (JTA) -- An Israel Defense Force paratrooper killed Wednesday in a skirmish with guerrillas in southern Lebanon was identified as Lt. Ori Maoz, 22, of Yesud Hama'ala, a village in northern Israel. He was buried there Thursday.

According to military sources, Maoz was leading a routine patrol searching for Katyusha rocket launchers just north of the Israeli-controlled security zone in southern Lebanon. The patrol came under heavy fire from gunmen concealed in dense undergrowth.

Maoz was wounded and died on the way to the hospital. Three gunmen were killed.

Hezbollah, pro-Iranian group of Shiites, announced in Lebanon that three of its fighters were killed in the clash, including its eastern sector commander, and three were wounded.

**LIKUD WILL ASK OMETZ FACTION
TO SACRIFICE SAFE KNESSET SEAT**

By David Landau

JERUSALEM, July 14 (JTA) -- The Herut and Liberal partners in the Likud bloc reportedly reached agreement Thursday to break a pledge to one of Likud's smaller constituencies for so-called safe spots on their 1988 election slate.

The idea is to free a safe spot or two for their own members, quite possibly a woman candidate.

Under Israel's election system, citizens vote for parties rather than candidates. Parties win a share of Knesset seats determined by the percentage of total votes they receive.

Each party ranks its candidates on a slate, so candidates at the bottom of the list are unlikely to get elected.

According to an Israel Radio report, Likud will demand a sacrifice from Ometz, a tiny splinter faction headed by former Finance Minister Yigael Hurvitz, once a Likud Liberal.

Hurvitz, a minister without portfolio in the present coalition government, will not be asked to relinquish the No. 6 spot. But his No. 2 man, Zalman Shoval, will be reassigned to a slot near the bottom of the list.

This reportedly was arranged in a private conference between David Levy and Haim Corfu, representing Herut, the largest component of Likud, and Moshe Nissim and Yitzhak Modai, representing the Liberal faction.

But Shoval, a onetime Knesset member for the now defunct Rafi faction and a longtime close adviser to the late Moshe Dayan, claimed Thursday he was not told of his demotion on the party list, and he professed disbelief.

"Surely they cannot afford to break their solemn agreement with us," he said.

As the Likud Knesset slate now stands, Herut will have 31 candidates among the top 45; the Liberals will have 12; and Ometz and the Tami faction, represented by a former religious affairs minister, Aharon Abuhatzzeira, will get one each.

Slot May Go To Sara Doron

The safe slot that Shoval will be expected to vacate may go to one of Likud's few women Knesset members, Sara Doron, a Liberal. She did poorly in her party's internal elections.

Now she may be given the No. 40 slot, which, if current opinion polls are correct, is a safe one.

A Herut woman candidate, Limor Livnat, who also placed low in the internal elections, can now expect to be 43 or 44 on the ticket.

But a question mark hangs over the Hurvitz candidacy, because he is embroiled in legal proceedings over the collapse of companies run by his two sons.

The elder Hurvitz guaranteed their loans and is now being sued by the Bank Leumi for several million dollars.

There is speculation he may be forced into bankruptcy, in which case he would withdraw his candidacy for the Knesset.

The Labor Party, meanwhile, is delighted at the spectacle of Likud breaking its pledge to one of its constituents.

Some Laborites may contemplate the same sort of breach with respect to the three men of Ezer Weizman's Yahad faction, who have been promised safe seats on the Labor slate.

**MINISTER THREATENS RESIGNATION
IF CABINET APPROVES SALARY HIKE**

By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, July 14 (JTA) -- Finance Minister Moshe Nissim said Thursday he might resign if the Cabinet approves a proposed 5 percent salary increment for doctors at public hospitals.

He told Israel Radio that he urged the Cabinet to reject the increase on grounds that it would undermine the foundations of the existing wage structure in the public sector, which is intended to reduce the annual inflation rate.

The increase is the center of a compromise agreement reached by Health Ministry and Hista-drut representatives to end the current health care crisis.

It would compensate doctors for second-shift duty in operating rooms that would reduce the huge backlog of patients waiting for non-emergency surgery.

The doctors, demanding extra pay, have been applying selective work sanctions against state-run hospitals and those of Kupat Holim, Hista-drut's health care agency.

Their initial reaction to the compromise was a wary wait-and-see.

The proposal was credited to Premier Yitzhak Shamir, who heads an ad hoc committee set up in June -- with Foreign Minister Shimon Peres and Health Minister Shoshana Arbeli-Almoslino -- to resolve the situation at the hospitals.

Nissim said he would not rule out resignation if the Cabinet ignored his objections to the deal. But his final decision would depend on the outcome of Sunday's Cabinet meeting.

**MEHTA TO APPEAL TO HAMMER
FOR RELEASE OF REFUSENIK**

By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, July 14 (JTA) -- Zubin Mehta, the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra's conductor and musical director, will seek the intervention of Armand Hammer, the Russian-born American oil magnate who is on good personal terms with the Kremlin leadership, in the case of Elena Keiss-Kuna of Leningrad.

Keiss-Kuna, the sister of philharmonic violinist Anna Rosnovsky, has been trying since 1974 to get emigration permits from the Soviet authorities for herself and her husband.

Mehta told a news conference here Wednesday that he will ask Hammer, the oil industrialist who came to Israel this week to celebrate his 90th birthday, to intercede on behalf of Keiss-Kuna.

Mehta said he himself had appealed for the release of the couple when he conducted the New York Philharmonic Orchestra in Moscow earlier this year.

Keiss-Kuna, who was fired from her job as an engineer when she applied for exit visas 14 years ago, was told at the time she could not leave "because of state secrets she knows."

Mehta said he told Soviet officials "that the only secret she could now have was a recipe for borscht."

Her husband, also an engineer who lost his job, has been working as a truck driver.

Their son, who is of military age, will soon be drafted into the Soviet armed forces, meaning that the family will not be allowed to leave for many years unless special arrangements are made now, Mehta said.

**ARAB ACCUSED OF HIJACKING
ADMITS SMUGGLING EXPLOSIVES**
By David Kantor

BONN, July 14 (JTA) -- An Arab accused of air piracy and murder admitted in a Frankfurt court Wednesday that he smuggled explosives into West Germany on two occasions.

But Mohammed Hamadei, a Lebanese national, claimed he did not know what the explosives were to be used for when he brought them into the country as a favor for Lebanese friends.

He insisted he is innocent of any other crime.

Hamadei is wanted by the United States in connection with the June 1985 hijacking of a TWA airliner in Beirut and the murder of one of its passengers, U.S. Navy diver Robert Dean Stethem of Waldorf, Md.

West Germany did not comply with an American extradition request, possibly out of a fear for the life of a West German national, Alfred Cordes, who was kidnapped and held hostage in Beirut last year. It was decided to try Hamadei here instead.

The kidnapping in Beirut was believed to be the work of Hezbollah, the extremist Shiite militia in Lebanon. Hamadei denied any connection with Hezbollah.

Hamadei is being tried here as a juvenile for the time being, because allegedly, he was under age at the time of the hijacking.

But the prosecutor has questioned the authenticity of Lebanese documents attesting to his age. His actual age remains to be determined.

Hamadei complained in court Wednesday that West German investigators pressured a confession from him by threatening extradition to the United States where he might face the death penalty.

**LEFT-WING OFFICIALS IN GENEVA
DEPLORE CONDITIONS IN WEST BANK**
By Tamar Levy

GENEVA, July 14 (JTA) -- Four Geneva municipal officials who have just returned from the West Bank said here Wednesday that they had witnessed "a real state of siege."

"We found villages and refugee camps under curfew, general strikes, military siege, dead and wounded persons, concentration camps and deportees," the group said at a news conference.

The officials are preparing a report, which they will present to the Swiss government, the International Red Cross and other organizations.

The four, all members of left-wing parties, spent four days in the West Bank. They had declared prior to leaving that their purpose was to observe conditions that could be used to promote an international peace conference, and to reaffirm their solidarity with the Palestinians.

The group consisted of Jean Spielmann, a member of the Geneva City Council, who is secretary-general of the Swiss Labor Party; Erica Deuber-Pauli, also a City Council member and a member of the Swiss-Arab Friendship Association; Anjuska Weil, a Jewish political activist from Zurich; and Marie-France Spielmann, municipal councillor of Geneva.

They praised the work done by doctors and international voluntary organizations in the territory, but said conditions were deplorable.

The Palestinian population, they said, live a life fraught with terror and atrocities that have become banal.

The closure of Arab schools by the Israeli authorities was intended to "annihilate a whole culture," the officials maintained.

They also spoke of the use of tear gas, which harms pregnant women; old women being beaten; houses destroyed; and everyday humiliations.

**BRONFMAN IN BONN TO DISCUSS
KRISTALLNACHT, NACHMANN SCANDAL**
By David Kantor

BONN, July 14 (JTA) -- Two matters of Jewish concern are occupying the attention of World Jewish Congress President Edgar Bronfman, who is visiting here with top West German officials and leaders of the Jewish community.

A spokesman for Bronfman said the main items on his agenda are how West Germany plans to observe the 50th anniversary of Kristallnacht in November, and the scandal surrounding the late Werner Nachmann, president of the Central Council of Jews in West Germany, who is accused of embezzling millions of dollars in reparations funds entrusted to the council's care.

Kristallnacht, the Night of Broken Glass that occurred Nov. 9-10, 1938, was the first organized pogrom of the Nazi era. It marked the start of public and sanctioned persecution of Jews, which culminated in the Holocaust.

The WJC spokesman said there was a marked contrast between the way West Germany is confronting its past and the attitude in Austria where President Kurt Waldheim symbolizes forgetfulness.

With respect to the Nachmann scandal, the spokesman said the WJC is concerned "that the victims do not suffer and there is no cover-up."

He noted that there has been no serious attempt in West Germany to use the scandal for anti-Semitic purposes.

Bronfman was scheduled to meet Chancellor Helmut Kohl Friday before he leaves Bonn.

Bronfman has already met with representatives of most of the major political parties, with Foreign Ministry officials and with the ambassadors of the United States and Israel.

**ISRAEL ELECTRIC GETS ZAP
FROM THE POWERS THAT BE**
By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, July 14 (JTA) -- Israeli politicians feuding with the government-owned Israel Electric Corp. are generating more heat than light. But the utility, an easy target in an election year, is fighting back.

The latest round was touched off by power outages earlier this week. A leaky boiler at the Hadera generating plant forced a temporary reduction of wattage, in the middle of a heat wave. Customers who couldn't use their air conditioners were irate.

The politicians seized on this to accuse the IEC of "lack of foresight," and demanded the resignations of its top management. They also dredged up a 50-year-old issue, dating from the first hydroelectric plant built on the Jordan River by Pinhas Rutenberg.

It was agreed at the time that employees of what was then the Palestine Electric Corp. would receive free power. They still do, and the politicians accuse them of wasting electricity.

The utility retorts that if the "perk" were revoked, there would be havoc in a vital industry.

NOBEL PRIZE WINNER LOOKS BACK 50 YEARS AFTER ITALIAN MANIFESTO

By Ruth E. Gruber

ROME, July 14 (JTA) -- Fifty years ago, on July 14, 1938, a group of fascist scientists published a racist manifesto that became the official rationale for anti-Semitism in Italy.

It marked a major step by Benito Mussolini to align fascist Italy with Nazi Germany. The manifesto was an Italian version of the Nuremberg Laws.

It affirmed the existence of biologically superior and inferior races. The Italians, so went this myth, were pure Aryans. Jews, therefore, were not part of the Italian race and, by definition, inferior.

At the time, there were about 50,000 Jews in Italy, almost completely assimilated. Their contributions to the nation, especially in scientific fields, were far out of proportion to their numbers.

Within months after the manifesto was published, the regime promulgated race laws. Jews were forbidden to intermarry with Italians. They were forbidden to practice many professions, to serve in the armed forces or to hold public office.

Jews were limited in the amount of property and other holdings they could own. They were forbidden to go to vacation resorts, employ Aryans, own radios, publish books or even have their names listed in the telephone directory.

Beginning in December 1938, a long list of scientists and university professors were dismissed from their jobs because they were Jews.

This grim anniversary occurs at a time when the Jewish community has warned of a possible new wave of anti-Semitism in Italy. This time, Jews are being made scapegoats for widespread displeasure with the way Israel is dealing with the Palestinian uprising.

The events in the Middle East, however, may be no more than a pretext for those who harbor anti-Semitic prejudices to publicly indulge them.

What caused the explosion of anti-Semitism in Italy in the late 1930s?

The highly respected newspaper La Repubblica explored the subject in a four-page supplement this week, containing articles and essays on its many facets.

'Aryan Dignity'

In a brief introduction, La Repubblica suggested that "Italians believed that Mussolini had to bow to pressure brought to bear by the Nazis, or that he wanted to claim an Aryan dignity for our people so that the Germans would not consider us inferior."

Unleashing a violent campaign against the Jews may well have been motivated by a deep inferiority complex. But there was no single turning point.

The manifesto of July 14, 1938, "was consistent with all that had gone on before. The seeds were already there," the newspaper said.

It published a long interview with Emilio Segre, who was forced to leave his teaching post at the University of Palermo in 1938 because he was Jewish.

Segre, who won a Nobel Prize in physics in 1959, was in the United States in the summer of 1938. He simply did not return home. Now, at age 83, he still lives in California and is active at the university in Berkeley.

"It was one of the most shameful moments in the history of our country," he told La Repubblica. "People don't remember, maybe they don't want to remember. The young people don't know anything about it. It's up to us to tell them, to put them on their guard so that such infamy does not happen again," Segre said.

The fascist race laws not only affected the personal lives of Jews, Segre said, but they led to "a hemorrhaging of Italian culture which slowed down the progress of our country."

Brain Drain

In other words, there was a brain drain. "Mussolini could not have done a more stupid thing," Segre said. "He cut off a leg of Italian science which at that time was flourishing."

Segre cited as an example the field of higher mathematics. When the race laws were passed, 30 percent of Italian scholars in that discipline were Jews.

"They were swept away overnight," Segre said. "If we think of physics, the great (particle) accelerators today are found in three places: Geneva, Chicago and California. If what happened had not happened, there may also have been one in Italy," he said.

Segre noted that Italy was at first a refuge for Jewish scholars and scientists fleeing Hitler's Germany and there were close links between Jews and non-Jews in the intellectual community.

"My first wife, a German linguist, fled Germany in 1933 and immediately found work in Italy," he said.

"The forced exodus of scholars from Germany was much more serious, certainly, than the forced exodus from Italy.

"The Nazis so shattered Germany's culture and science that it was set back by at least 50 years," Segre said.

Why did Mussolini resort to anti-Semitism? According to Segre, "he wanted to do the least damage -- to get rid of a few thousand Jews didn't seem to him so serious.

"With the manifesto and the race laws, Mussolini succeeded in doing what he wanted, that is, to ally himself with Nazi Germany."

TORAHS BOOKS BURIED IN JERUSALEM

By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, June 14 (JTA) -- Torah books damaged and desecrated by the Nazis in Hungary during World War II were brought to Jerusalem for burial Thursday, in accordance with Jewish custom.

The remains were carried in pottery jars by members of the chevra kadisha, the burial society, to the place of interment on the Mount of Olives.

The books were shipped to Israel by the Menora organization and the Religious Affairs Ministry. Zvi Fixler, president of the Orthodox Jewish community in Budapest, apologized for the condition of the books, which were all that could be saved.

But, he added, "Torah has returned home, for out of Zion shall go forth the law, and now it has returned."

Moshe Moskovits, chairman of Menora, said negotiations were going on with other East European countries to bring Torah books to Israel.

The Jewish communities in those countries are small and the Torahs can be spared. In Israel, they would be distributed to synagogues in new settlements, Moskovits said.