

**JORDAN WON'T PAY WEST BANK SALARIES;
IN ISRAEL, NEW CALLS FOR ANNEXATION**
By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, Aug. 3 (JTA) -- Some 16,000 Palestinian civil service employees will not receive their August salaries from the Jordanian government, according to a senior Jordanian official in the West Bank.

He warned that Jordan's King Hussein is firm in his stated resolve to sever ties with the territory.

Dr. Yasser Obeid, health officer for the Jerusalem district, told the English-language service of Israel Radio that among those who will not be getting their salaries this month will be doctors and teachers, who had been receiving up to \$200 a month from Jordan.

Their salaries were included in a \$1.3 billion, five-year development plan for the region that was the first casualty of Jordan's new policy to cut ties to the West Bank.

Whoever thought Hussein's speech Sunday announcing the divorce was just rhetoric had "better think again," Obeid said.

But the official said another 6,000 workers, appointed prior to the implementation of the redevelopment plan, will continue to receive full salaries from Amman.

Obeid did not rule out further steps in the coming weeks, and said he assumed that Jordanian authorities are likely to issue Palestinians separate identity cards identifying them as residents of the West Bank. Most Palestinians in the territory now hold Jordanian passports.

On the Israeli side, Commerce and Industry Minister Ariel Sharon of the conservative Likud bloc proposed Wednesday that Israeli law be extended to areas of Jewish settlement in the West Bank, as well as areas with few inhabitants and those included in the Labor-backed Allon Plan.

Inner Cabinet Session

Speaking at a meeting of the Inner Cabinet, Israel's 10-member, senior policymaking body, Sharon said that in the wake of Hussein's speech, it will be possible to enlist wide support for these steps among the Israeli public.

Another Likud minister, Yitzhak Modai, proposed the abolition of Jordanian law in the West Bank, which currently is in force, and the replacement of the Israeli military government there with Israeli civilian law.

"We should stop behaving like an occupying power now that King Hussein announced he is giving up the West Bank," said Modai, who holds no portfolio.

Leaders of the ultranationalist Tehiya party held a news conference Wednesday in the West Bank town of Jericho, and demanded a total annexation of the West Bank to Israel.

Jordan's King Abdullah chose Jericho to announce the annexation of the West Bank to Jordan 38 years ago.

Knesset member Gula Cohen of Tehiya warned Hussein that if he engaged in war with Israel in the future, Israel would penetrate the East Bank of the Jordan River and make it part of Eretz Yisrael.

**JEWISH GROUPS EXPRESS RANGE
OF VIEWS ON HUSSEIN MOVES**
By Andrew Silow Carroll

NEW YORK, Aug. 3 (JTA) -- Initial reactions from a small sampling of major American Jewish groups to King Hussein's plans to cut ties with the West Bank are mixed, with one seeing the move as a challenge to the Palestine Liberation Organization and another expressing concern about it triggering further instability.

A third statement, from the Zionist Organization of America, implicates some other, unnamed, Jewish organizations in the Jordanian king's move, saying that by urging Israel to include the PLO in negotiations, they may have led Hussein to believe that Israel's rejection of the PLO "is being compromised."

The king's challenge to the PLO is "put up or shut up," according to Rabbi Alexander Schindler, president of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations. And that challenge, he added in a statement released Wednesday, is one the PLO will not meet.

The Reform leader called Hussein's announcement Sunday of his plans to sever ties with the West Bank "a tactical move," and said "the withdrawal of Jordanian influence and patronage from the West Bank forces the PLO into the position of assuming responsibility for the area's Palestinian Arabs."

But such a position is "in fundamental conflict with the PLO's continued call for Israel's destruction" and terrorism, Schindler added. He predicted Palestinian Arabs would realize that "the PLO is only a dead end."

Schindler said he hopes that such a realization will "break the logjam" over the Palestinian issue by strengthening the hand of Jordan, "the one Arab country most likely to reach an agreement with Israel."

Concern About Instability

Less sure of the prudence of the Jordanian moves was Seymour Reich, international president of B'nai B'rith. Reich said in a statement Monday that he hopes Hussein's decisions to dissolve the lower house of the Jordanian Parliament, half of whose members were from the West Bank, and to eliminate funding for West Bank development "will not contribute to further instability in the region."

Reich urged the king to enter into peace negotiations with Israel. "A treaty of peace between Israel and a second Arab nation can only contribute to a process that would resolve the Palestinian problem, as well," he said.

The ZOA statement rejected two of the foundations of Hussein's apparent Palestinian policy by denying the king's contention that "Jordan is not Palestine" and criticizing his advocacy of an independent Palestinian state.

But Henry Silverman, national public affairs chairman for the ZOA, reserved most of his short statement for criticism of American Jewish individuals and organizations who "have urged Israel to include the PLO in negotiations."

He charged that they, "in some way, have served to encourage King Hussein to believe that Israel's position, which rejects the PLO, is being

compromised by the views expressed by some Jews recently in Israel and the Diaspora."

"American Jews and organizations are not in a position to give advice to the elected representatives of Israel," Silverman said.

He added that "it would be foolhardy and irresponsible for Jews in the Diaspora to continue urging Israel to make compromises on the issue of the PLO. This is the time for responsible restraint."

None of the major U.S. Jewish organizations has issued a specific call for PLO inclusion in the peace process.

In a telephone interview, ZOA's executive director, Paul Flacks, cited only the New Jewish Agenda among groups that have suggested such a move. He acknowledged that the statement would have been more accurate had it referred more specifically to Jewish individuals.

U.N. COUNCIL URGES DIRECT AID FOR PALESTINIANS' BENEFIT

By Tamar Levy

GENEVA, Aug. 3 (JTA) -- The United Nations Economic and Social Council, meeting here, has passed a resolution urging world bodies to assure that any assistance they send to the Israeli-administered territories directly benefits the Palestinian people, in cooperation with the Palestine Liberation Organization.

The council, concluding its second regular session early this week, urged the international community, the United Nations system and inter-governmental and non-governmental organizations to disburse their aid, or any other forms of assistance, to what it called the occupied Palestinian territories, solely for the benefit of the Palestinian people and in a manner that will not serve to prolong the Israeli presence.

The council requested that international organizations sustain and increase their assistance to the Palestinian people in close cooperation with the Palestine Liberation Organization.

The council also decided to extend to what they call the occupied Palestinian territories the same preferential treatment accorded the least developed countries, pending the end of the Israeli presence, and the assumption of full control by the Palestinian people over their national economy without external interference.

The U.N. council requested that U.N. bodies not extend any form of assistance to Israel. It emphasized that aid was not and could not be a substitute for a genuine and just solution to the question of Palestine.

In addition, the council called for the provision of emergency assistance to the Palestinian people in the territories, including the dispatch of teams of orthopedic surgeons.

DUTCH URGE ISRAEL TO RELEASE PALESTINIAN ACTIVIST HUSSEINI

By Henrietta Boas

AMSTERDAM, Aug. 3 (JTA) -- The Dutch government issued an urgent appeal to Israel on Tuesday for the release of Palestinian activist Faisal al-Husseini, who was arrested Sunday and placed in administrative detention for six months.

The dovish Israeli group Peace Now had petitioned Dutch Premier Ruud Lubbers to use his influence with the Israelis to gain Hussein's release.

The Dutch government's appeal, however,

was made in the apparent absence of both Lubbers and Foreign Minister Hans van den Broek, who are thought to be on vacation.

The two men visited Israel last month. Lubbers met with Palestinians and Peace Now representatives, while van den Broek met in East Jerusalem with a group of 18 Palestinians, including Hussein. Van den Broek said he found Hussein moderate and reasonable.

In a message handed to the Israeli ambassador to The Hague Tuesday, the Dutch argued that Hussein's detention would have a negative outcome for Israel, since it would show the Palestinians that Israel does not reward moderation.

But the Israeli government maintains that Hussein is anything but moderate. Authorities charge him with being a senior activist in Al Fatah, the military wing of the Palestine Liberation Organization, and the PLO's senior representative in the administered territories.

HADASHOT CLOSED BY CENSOR, THEN REOPENED AFTER APOLOGY By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, Aug. 3 (JTA) -- A one-week closure of the Hebrew daily Hadashot ordered by the military censor was cut down to one hour, after editors apologized for violating censorship regulations.

The censor ordered Hadashot closed Tuesday, after the newspaper failed to present for pre-publication censorship two stories on promotions and resignations within the Israel Defense Force. Under Israeli law, all news stories dealing with defense or national security issues must be submitted to the military censor.

The order closing the newspaper's press banned it from printing either the daily or any temporary replacement. The order was rescinded after the newspaper's editors apologized for what they said had been an oversight.

Hadashot is published by members of the Shoken family, who own and publish the influential daily Haaretz. The paper is not a member of the Israel Editors Committee, however, and as a result cannot make use of special discussion procedures between the censor and the committee that usually prevent a complete closure.

One of the uncensored stories in Hadashot referred to the alleged decision by Defense Minister Yitzhak Rabin's military secretary, Brig. Gen. Elkana Harnof, to leave the IDF after having been passed over for promotion.

The other article described, without naming individuals, the IDF posts that would be newly filled and how many candidates were competing for each post. A major reshuffling of military assignments has been under way.

SHARON MEETS WITH POLISH OFFICIAL By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, Aug. 3 (JTA) -- Commerce and Industry Minister Ariel Sharon met Wednesday with the head of the Polish interest mission in Israel, and discussed ways to strengthen commercial ties between the two countries.

Poland suggested exporting cars to Israel, but Sharon insisted on reciprocity. He said such a deal was subject to approval by the Transport Ministry and a Polish commitment to allow a similar volume of exports from Israel into Poland.

The two men also discussed exchanges of agricultural and industrial products.

'JEWISH CULTURAL SCUM' BEHIND JESUS FILM, SAYS ZEFFIRELLI

By Ruth E. Gruber

ROME, Aug. 3 (JTA) -- Italian cinema director Franco Zeffirelli has added a crude note of anti-Semitism to the continuing controversy over Martin Scorsese's film "The Last Temptation of Christ," saying that "Jewish cultural scum" who want to denigrate Christianity are behind it.

Zeffirelli, a self-acknowledged Catholic activist, issued a statement Tuesday announcing his intention to withdraw his own film, "The Young Toscanini," from this year's Venice Film Festival, where "Temptation" will have its first main public showing.

"I have seen Scorsese's work," the statement said. "I consider it truly ugly; completely crazy, phony, 15 years behind the times."

"As far as I am concerned -- speaking as someone as open as possible, which I believe is the most philo-Semitic as possible -- I can say that the film is the work of that Jewish cultural scum in Los Angeles that is always lying in ambush to strike a blow at the Christian world."

Added Zeffirelli, "I find the provocation that this work wants to represent relative to the Christian and Catholic world insupportable."

Scorsese, who is Catholic, is directing the Universal Pictures film from a script by longtime collaborator Paul Schrader, a member of the Dutch Reform Church.

Schrader based the screenplay on a novel by the late Greek author Nikos Kazantzakis, who was himself excommunicated from the Greek Orthodox Church after its publication.

MCA Chairman Targeted

Nevertheless, bitter protests in the United States that followed a preview of the film for church leaders took on an anti-Semitic tone when critics targeted Lew Wasserman, the Jewish chairman of MCA, which owns Universal.

Much of the sharpest criticism came from religious figures, like former Moral Majority leader Jerry Falwell and Rev. Robert L. Hymers of Los Angeles' Baptist Tabernacle, who had not seen the film, which is scheduled for a Sept. 12 release.

Objecting to the film's portrayal of Jesus as an indecisive man who in a dream sequence makes love to Mary Magdalene, Falwell and Hymers warned of an "anti-Semitic backlash" if the film is released.

In his statement, Zeffirelli, who in the past directed a reverent television spectacular about the life of Jesus, explained his decision to withdraw from the Venice festival: "I don't have the slightest intention of getting mixed up in the scandals, the controversy, the denunciations, which distinguish the upcoming Venice Film Festival," he said.

He added that the festival's directors "made a colossal error" in selecting the Scorsese film.

Zeffirelli's intentions may be at odds, however, with those of his own producers, who issued a second statement later Tuesday that was co-signed by Zeffirelli.

According to the statement, "The Young Toscanini" is still being edited in hopes of being shown at Venice. It stars Elizabeth Taylor, a convert to Judaism. The statement said if it is not technically possible to show the film, "it will certainly not be because of the controversy surrounding the festival."

DEAL ON KUWAIT ARMS PACKAGE DECLARED A VICTORY FOR ISRAEL

By Howard Rosenberg

WASHINGTON, Aug. 3 (JTA) -- Two leading congressional opponents of the original \$1.9 billion arms package to Kuwait declared victory Wednesday in their effort to prevent the sale of Maverick "D" missiles to Kuwait, which could have potentially threatened Israeli tanks.

Reps. Larry Smith (D-Fla.), who sponsored a House resolution July 7 to block the sale, and Mel Levine (D-Calif.) told reporters that the compromise, hammered out at a White House meeting July 29, also includes added assurances from Secretary of State George Shultz that the weapons sold will not be used against Israel.

The sale will not officially go through until after Aug. 7, the deadline Congress has to take action against the arms package.

Attempts to find out whether the Kuwaiti government accepts the compromise were in vain, when officials at the Kuwaiti Embassy here failed to return phone calls. But Levine said that Lt. Col. Colin Powell, President Reagan's national security adviser, told him that Kuwait has accepted it.

Powell chaired the White House meeting at which administration officials, members of Congress and representatives of AIPAC, the American Israel Public Affairs Committee, worked out the compromise. Morris Abram, chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, said he met Powell privately two weeks earlier to discuss the sale, though he was not at the July 29 meeting.

Under the modified deal, Kuwait is still designated to receive 40 F/A-18 fighter planes, 300 Maverick "G" missiles, 200 Sparrow missiles, 120 Sidewinder missiles, 40 Harpoon missiles, 400 laser-guided bombs and 200 cluster bombs.

Statement On Non-Proliferation

Levine said that the administration agreed at the meeting to make a new statement on the importance of non-proliferation of weaponry in the Middle East. Israeli Defense Minister Yitzhak Rabin raised the proliferation issue repeatedly during his June visit to the United States.

The compromise, while eliminating the 100 Maverick "D" missiles from the package, increased the number of "G" missiles to 300. Smith explained that "the threat to Kuwait from Iran is currently a sea-based missile threat for which the Maverick 'G' is configured."

Smith also noted that Kuwait will be required to return to the United States one U.S.-built A-4 aircraft for every F/A-18 it receives. "This provision of the agreement ensures that the size of Kuwait's air force, which is stocked by American aircraft, will not exceed its current level," he said.

He added that Shultz signed a "letter of assurance" that prohibits Kuwait from procuring the equipment necessary to give the F/A-18s a refueling capability and forbids the nation from transferring any of the weaponry to third countries.

But a fight could occur over a Senate amendment, sponsored by Sen. Dennis DeConcini (D-Ariz.), and adopted July 7, to bar the sale of Maverick "D" and "G" missiles to Kuwait through Sept. 30, 1989, the end of the 1989 fiscal year. The matter is expected to be resolved in a Senate-House conference committee.

**ISRAEL INSTRUCTS CONSULAR TEAM
TO LOWER ITS PROFILE IN USSR**
By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, Aug. 3 (JTA) -- The Israeli consular delegation in Moscow has been instructed by the Foreign Ministry to lower its media profile.

Officials in Jerusalem are reported to believe that the massive media scrutiny accorded to the delegation since it arrived in Moscow last Thursday has displeased the Kremlin, which delayed the granting of visas for many months.

The Israelis point to the disparity between the attention given to the delegation by the Israeli news media and the foreign press corps in Moscow, and the scant publicity it has received in the Soviet press.

Some sources also expressed regret that the Israeli media had erroneously projected that the delegation would receive an enthusiastic and emotional welcome from Soviet Jews.

In fact, Soviet Jews have as yet not shown much interest in the delegation.

Only about 60 Soviet Jews came to the Moscow synagogue to meet the Israelis when they attended Shabbat services last Friday night. Local Jews have expressed mixed feelings about the delegation's presence in Moscow.

This is due partly to Soviet Jewish opposition to Israeli government plans to institute direct flights to Israel via Bucharest. The policy is aimed at reducing the large percentage of "dropouts" -- those who change their destination for the United States on their purported way to Israel.

**HIAS AND 12 GROUPS PRESS SHULTZ
ON VISA SUSPENSION IN MOSCOW**

NEW YORK, Aug. 3 (JTA) -- Thirteen voluntary refugee relief agencies, including HIAS, the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society, have joined the list of organizations urging the U.S. government to issue visas to 3,000 potential emigrants stranded in the Soviet Union.

They have been stranded since last month, when the U.S. Embassy in Moscow suspended its visa program for refugees until Oct. 1.

The latest appeal was made in a letter to U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz by the heads of the 13 agencies belonging to InterAction, the American Council for Voluntary International Action.

The letter expresses the agencies' "deep concern" over the suspension, which the U.S. Embassy in Moscow said was the result of a shortfall of funds earmarked for refugee resettlement.

The InterAction letter applauds the State Department's decision to issue "emergency" visas to 400 Soviets.

But it says the suspension of the visa program for 3,000 others sends an "unwelcome message" to Soviet leaders and to the refugees themselves that "our government is willing to trade the prospect of freedom, for which it has fought so hard, for budgetary concerns."

As other groups, including the American Jewish Committee, have done in recent weeks, the letter urges the State Department to allocate enough funds to make up for the shortfall or to request supplemental appropriations from Congress, and to secure the necessary funds for the next fiscal year.

**ISRAELI TEAM TO GO TO EGYPT
TO TRY FOR COMPROMISE ON TABA**
By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, Aug. 3 (JTA) -- An Israeli delegation is scheduled to leave for Cairo on Sunday, to resume negotiations with the Egyptians over the Taba dispute.

The renewed negotiations are aimed at achieving a compromise on the dispute, in lieu of a binding ruling from an international panel of arbitrators, due in September, that is expected to favor Egypt.

Both countries claim sovereignty over the strip of beachfront property south of Eilat, on the Red Sea. Israel has developed the land as a popular vacation resort.

The Israeli delegation to Cairo will be headed by Yossi Ben-Aharon, director general of the Prime Minister's Office. Ben-Aharon said Wednesday that it was preferable to reach a compromise than to accept the arbitration.

But, speaking on Voice of Israel radio, Ben-Aharon said there was little room for Israeli concessions.

"We are going to see whether we can meet in the middle of the road, in a way which will allow for coexistence," he said.

Premier Yitzhak Shamir has rejected an offer from Egypt to give Israel free access to the resort properties it developed, should Egypt be granted the disputed land.

**CANADIAN ANTI-HATE LAW UPHELD,
IN SURPRISE MOVE BY ONTARIO COURT**
By Ben Kayfetz

TORONTO, Aug. 3 (JTA) -- In a surprise move, the Ontario Court of Appeal has upheld the conviction of Donald Andrews and Robert Smith for violating Canada's anti-hate law, thereby maintaining the constitutionality of the statute.

Tuesday's decision was in direct contradiction to one reached in the Alberta Court of Appeal two months ago that overturned the hate crimes conviction of schoolteacher and anti-Semitic propagandist Jim Keegstra. The Alberta court ruled June 6 that the statute was contrary to Canada's Charter of Rights, portions of which protect free speech.

Andrews, born in Yugoslavia, is leader of a neo-Nazi group formerly known as Western Guard and later renamed the Canadian Nationalist Party. His bimonthly bulletin, edited by Smith, carried propaganda targeting Jews, blacks and immigrants from Third World countries.

While upholding the conviction, the three-judge panel reduced Andrews' 12-month sentence to three months and Smith's seven-month sentence to one month.

The judges gave differing reasons for upholding the constitutionality of the hate crime law. Judge Peter Cory found that while the anti-hate law does infringe on the charter's guarantee of free speech, nevertheless it can be considered a reasonable limit on this freedom, as permitted by the charter's first section.

The other two judges, Samuel Grange and Horace Krever, went further, stating that the guarantee of freedom of expression was not intended to give constitutional protection to willful dissemination of hatred.

Both cases are being appealed and will likely go before the Supreme Court of Canada, where the anti-hate law will face its ultimate test.