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**PALESTINIANS STAGE GENERAL STRIKE
AS GAZA'S CURFEW ENTERS DAY THREE**
By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, Aug. 17 (JTA) — Shops were closed and public transportation came to a halt in East Jerusalem and the West Bank Wednesday, as Palestinians observed a general strike under orders of the unified command of the uprising in the territories.

The strike was dubbed "Jerusalem Day," protesting the Israeli annexation of East Jerusalem. The Palestinians were also protesting what they consider to be Israeli attempts to "Judaize" the eastern part of the city.

The Israel Defense Force, as a counter measure, placed roadblocks at the northern and southern entrances to Jerusalem, preventing Palestinians in the territories from entering.

Large police forces were deployed in East Jerusalem to prevent disturbances.

Near the village of Azoun, in Samaria, a youth who threw stones at an Egged bus was lightly injured and taken to the hospital in Nablus. The stones broke the windshield of the bus. An army patrol located the stone throwers, chased them and fired at their legs, wounding one.

Tension in the West Bank and Jerusalem mounted this week, partly as a result of the total curfew in the Gaza Strip, which continued for a third day Wednesday, and also following the riots at the Ketziot detention camp in the Negev Tuesday.

Two detainees were killed in those riots, and at least one was wounded, when camp guards opened fire to suppress the riots.

The Gaza Strip and the Ketziot camp, located in Israel proper, were both declared closed military areas. By order of Gen. Yitzhak Mordechai, commanding officer of the southern region, no reporters were allowed in.

Closed To Lawyers

Lawyers and representatives of Israel's civil rights association who showed up there were not allowed to enter the camp.

As a result, rumors spread Wednesday throughout the territories about the alleged force being used by the army against curfew violators.

According to some reports, some 80 people were admitted to Shifa hospital in Gaza, suffering from beating and gas inhalation.

But army sources reacted tersely by saying that "by and large the curfew was observed, and minor riots were dispersed."

A recent report by Amnesty International was highly critical of Israel's handling of the "intifada," but a Foreign Ministry spokesman said Wednesday that the Amnesty report was one-sided, noting that no Amnesty representative had any contact with any Israeli official before writing the report.

The renewed tension in the territories was in sharp contrast to the expressed hopes of Israeli leaders, who have said the intifada is entering a regular pattern with which Israel can cope.

The continuous curfew in the Gaza Strip was an example of the newly declared policy that army forces take initiative into their own hands.

Defense Minister Yitzhak Rabin reiterated Wednesday the need to do away with the popular committees, which have become a key public body in the territories that aim to serve as a substitute for Israeli services and Israeli-backed Arab institutions.

Rabin announced Wednesday that Israel would use all legal means to curb the activity of the local popular committees.

Addressing a symposium at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem, Rabin said this action would be taken to prevent the organizers of the uprising from using the committees as a base, whose long-term aims endanger Israel's existence.

Meanwhile, two more reserve soldiers, members of the anti-occupation Yesh Gvul movement, were imprisoned Wednesday for refusing to serve across the Green Line.

Sgt. William Danny and Cpl. Natan Gruenfeld were each sentenced to 28 days in military prison.

A spokesman for Yesh Gvul said about 33 soldiers and officers who refused to serve in the territories have been imprisoned so far by the military courts.

**FOUR ARABS DEPORTED TO LEBANON;
25 MORE RECEIVE EXPULSION ORDERS**
By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, Aug. 17 (JTA) — Four Palestinians were deported to Lebanon Wednesday afternoon, and deportation orders against 25 other residents were issued, an Israel Defense Force spokesman announced Wednesday evening.

Those deported Wednesday were issued their expulsion orders on July 7, for taking part in leading and directing the uprising in the Gaza Strip. They were deported following the completion of legal procedures.

The four were taken by helicopter to Marjayoun in the southern Lebanon security zone. From there they were driven to a crossing point beyond the zone.

Each was given \$50 dollars upon their expulsion.

Deported were:

- * Ahmed Fouad Mustafa Abu Mailak, 29, of Gaza, who served five years in jail for setting an explosive charge under an Israeli truck in Gaza and who maintains ties with Palestine Liberation Organization chairman Yasir Arafat's Fatah faction;

- * Mahmud Abdallah Ismail Jerbali, 45, of Gaza, who served two long prison sentences for terrorist activities;

- * Fathi Ibrahim Iya Aziz Shakaki, 35, of Rafah, an ideological leader of the militant Islamic Jihad movement, who had been imprisoned since March 1986 for passing grenades and a pistol to "terrorist elements";

- * Yuari Darwish Abdal Ghali al-Hams, 36, of Rafah, a Fatah member sentenced in 1970 to 15 years in prison for throwing grenades at IDF troops.

The new deportation orders were issued to 15 West Bank and 10 Gaza Strip residents.

All have been directly involved in the activities and operation of the "popular committees" that are leading and directing the disturbances, the army said.

REPUBLICANS EXPRESS STRONG SUPPORT OF QUAYLE AS BUSH RUNNING MATE

By David Friedman

NEW ORLEANS, Aug. 17 (JTA) — Jewish Republicans said Wednesday that they were as surprised as every one else by Vice President George Bush's selection of Sen. Dan Quayle of Indiana as his vice presidential running mate.

"Dan Quayle was a surprise choice for most of us," Gordan Zachs, a leading Jewish Republican, told some 150 persons attending a breakfast reception for Barbara Bush. The breakfast was sponsored by the Bush campaign's Jewish outreach section.

"I don't think anybody in this room anticipated it would be Dan Quayle."

Zachs stressed Quayle's "strong supportive position toward Israel and the national security interests of the United States as they relate to Israel."

He also noted Quayle's "strong record of support for the cause of Soviet Jewry," adding that the senator has visited the USSR and has met with Jewish refuseniks.

Quayle has "a mixed record on foreign aid," Zachs said, but he pointed out that Quayle is from a conservative state that opposes foreign aid.

Nevertheless, Zachs stressed that Quayle will be running on the platform adopted by the Republican National Convention Tuesday, which supports the continuation of the current \$3 billion economic and military aid to Israel.

Quayle's strong position on defense as a member of the Senate Armed Services Committee was also stressed by New York Rep. Jack Kemp, who addressed the group.

"I am sure somebody is going to pick out a couple of votes," Kemp said. "I can tell you that there is not a stronger supporter of the strategic alliance, there is not a stronger supporter of the understanding of the defense needs of Israel."

Barbara Bush did not mention her husband's choice of running mate, but spoke instead of the close feelings they have toward Israel.

"I fell in love with this tiny little country, a strong democratic nation made up of compassionate, learned people," she said. As for her husband, she said, "He'll never, ever let you down."

Ditto For Kitty

This was the same pledge Kitty Dukakis made to a Jewish group in Atlanta last month about her husband, Massachusetts Gov. Michael Dukakis, the Democratic presidential nominee.

Jewish Republicans interviewed Wednesday admitted they did not know much about Quayle, but liked what they were learning about the conservative senator's support for the U.S.-Israel strategic alliance.

Marshall Breger, a former liaison to the Jewish community for President Reagan, noted Quayle's ardent support of the Strategic Defense Initiative and called him the "work horse" in the Senate in providing backing for the development in Israel of the Arrow tactical anti-ballistic missiles under SDI.

Breger said Quayle would bring "youth and vigor" to the campaign, and that as a conservative, it is only "rational that he supports Israel."

Zachs conceded to the JTA that Quayle had supported the sale of arms to Arabs, but said this was understandable for a Republican senator who

supports the Reagan administration's policies.

"I think he'll play well in the Jewish community," he said.

Elliot Abrams, assistant secretary of state for Latin-American affairs, said Quayle's selection should be reassuring to Israel because of his support for a strong United States.

Mark Neumann, national coordinator for the Bush campaign in the Jewish community, emphasized that Quayle's adviser on defense and foreign affairs is a Jew, Henry Sokolski, who is active in the National Jewish Coalition.

In New York, meanwhile, a leader of Judaism's Reform movement said he was "bitterly disappointed" in Bush's choice for a running mate.

Rabbi Alexander Schindler, president of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, said in a statement that American Jews would object to Quayle's conservative views on school prayer and abortion, and his support of sales of sophisticated arms to Arab nations.

The vice president has "hurt himself seriously with American Jewish voters by moving so far to the right in choosing a running mate," said Schindler.

ORTHODOX RABBI TO BLESS BUSH

By David Friedman

NEW ORLEANS, Aug. 17 (JTA) — It may only be coincidence, but both Vice President George Bush and Massachusetts Gov. Michael Dukakis received blessings from Orthodox rabbis when they were officially nominated as their party's candidates for the presidency.

The Wednesday night session of the Republican National Convention, which will name Bush as the GOP standard-bearer, will end with a benediction from Rabbi Marvin Hier, dean of the Los Angeles-based Simon Wiesenthal Center.

"A nation's greatness comes not from the weight of its wealth, but from the height of its ideals; not from that which is found in her vaults, but from that which is inherent in her values," Hier was scheduled to say in his prayer.

At the Democratic National Convention in Atlanta last month, the July 20 session in which Dukakis was nominated ended with a benediction from Rabbi Morris Schmidman, executive director of the Council of Jewish Organizations of Boro Park.

KEMP: ISRAEL NEEDS DIFFERENT BALL

By David Friedman

NEW ORLEANS, Aug. 17 (JTA) — Rep. Jack Kemp (R-N.Y.) suggested Wednesday that the one thing Israel lacks is American football.

Kemp, a former quarterback for the Buffalo Bills, made his comment as he was telling a breakfast meeting of Jewish Republicans a story about President Reagan dealing with the "Gipper," the Notre Dame football player Reagan played in the film "The Knute Rockne Story."

Spotting Moshe Arad, the Israeli ambassador to the United States, in the audience, Kemp said he was not talking about football as played in Israel, which is soccer and played with a round ball.

"Israel can never reach its potential until you get an oblong ball," Kemp said.

Actually, many Israeli diplomats and reporters who are stationed in Washington have become ardent fans of the Washington Redskins.

NRP LEADERS DIVIDED OVER AGREEMENT WITH DOVE PARTY

By David Landau

JERUSALEM, Aug. 17 (JTA) -- National Religious Party leaders are divided over a pre-election deal that would seemingly grant legitimacy to the breakaway dovish religious party Meimad, led by Rabbi Yehuda Amital.

The discord surrounds an "extra-votes agreement" that prevents votes for a particular party from being "wasted" under Israel's arcane election procedure.

According to the procedure, a party can win a seat in the 120-member Knesset by polling 1/120 of the total vote. With 3,000,000 Israelis expected to vote Nov. 1, 25,000 votes are needed for a single Knesset seat.

But if a party polls only a fraction of the 25,000 needed for a seat, those votes could be wasted, unless it enters into a deal with another party to combine "fractions" in order to reach the total needed for a seat. One of the two parties, usually the one with the larger fraction of votes, will then receive an extra seat.

Parties usually conclude these agreements with those closest to them ideologically: Likud has made a deal with Tehiya on the right, and Labor has made a deal with the Citizens Rights Movement on the left.

Some NRP leaders had virtually concluded a deal with Meimad, when NRP Political Secretary Shaul Yahalom demanded that the party instead cut a deal with the ultra-Orthodox Sephardic party Shas instead.

Yahalom has warned his colleagues that besides granting the fledgling party legitimacy, the NRP would be implicitly predicting that Meimad will succeed in earning enough votes for at least one Knesset seat.

Any party polling less than the number needed for a seat is disqualified from any vote-sharing agreements.

But even if Yahalom can persuade his NRP colleagues to rescind their deal with Meimad, his troubles won't be over: Shas may prefer making a deal with the other, largely Ashkenazi ultra-Orthodox party, Agudat Yisrael.

CRASH OF F-15s OCCURRED DURING MOCK DOGFIGHT

By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, Aug. 17 (JTA) -- The crash of two F-15 Israel Air Force planes that collided Monday in mid-air, killing the two pilots, occurred during a mock dogfight, senior air force officers disclosed Wednesday.

Air force Brig. General Ron Pecker, an experienced pilot, told Israel Television Tuesday night that such crashes were "inevitable" considering the high speed -- more than 1,500 miles per hour -- at which the F-15 is flown during aerial fights.

The dangers of crashes during simulated air battles were a calculated risk, Pecker said, which had to be taken to ensure top efficiency at crucial moments.

Air force sources stressed that Israel has an excellent safety record, probably higher than in most other air forces.

Since 1980, Israel's air force has achieved a steady drop in the rate of air accidents. In 1987, the sources said, the accident rate of Israel's air force was only one-fifth that of 1980.

ENGINEER CORPS UNVEILS NEW TANK

By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, Aug. 17 (JTA) -- The engineering corps of the Israel Defense Forces, celebrating "Engineers Day" this week, has unveiled a new Israeli-designed, heavy-weight armored personnel carrier (APC).

The new Israel APC is based on the chassis of the British-made Centurion tank, which has its gun removed and replaced with a turret produced by Israel military industries.

Commanding officer of the engineering corps, Brig. Gen. Yosef Ayal, told military correspondents Tuesday that the IDF is preparing itself for any battlefield possibilities, including the need to have to perform front-line battle duties in areas contaminated by gas or chemical agents.

The newsmen were shown sophisticated anti-chemical warfare equipment, including a locally-made desktop detection device which analyzes the chemical content of the air.

Ayal, who described it as "among the best in the world," said the unit cost about \$20,000 and is intended for special chemical warfare units, air bases and hospitals.

POLISH DEFECTOR SEEKS ASYLUM

By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, Aug. 17 (JTA) -- Sygmond Erenusz, the Polish dancer who defected at a folk dance festival in Haifa last week, has applied for political asylum in Israel.

Erenusz gave himself up to well-known prisoners'-rights activist Herut Lapid of Kibbutz Ayelet Hashahar.

Appearing with Lapid at a press conference in Tiberias Wednesday, Erenusz denied that he defected to be with an Israeli woman and fellow folk dancer he met in Canada last year.

He indicated, however, that he and the Jerusalem woman may indeed get married.

Erenusz explained that he had been brought up a strict Catholic, but some years ago his grandfather informed him that his grandmother had been Jewish. Since then he had come to love Israel, and now wished to remain here.

Erenusz said he had run afoul of the Polish authorities when he took part in student demonstration at Krakow University, where he studied.

Lapid said the dancer would be given work on the kibbutz and would enter a Hebrew language ulpan next month.

PERES CELEBRATES 65TH BIRTHDAY

By David Landau

JERUSALEM, Aug. 17 (JTA) -- Foreign Minister Shimon Peres marked his 65th birthday Tuesday at a surprise party thrown by his old friend, Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kollek.

Kollek, who was Peres' friend and colleague under Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion, staged the celebration at a cafe in a Jerusalem suburb where the two men were touring.

Kollek had invited other friends and Foreign Ministry staffers, who all drank a "l'chaim" to Peres.

The Labor Party leader will have 65 trees planted in his name in the Jewish National Fund Peace Forest outside Jerusalem.

Ezer Weizman, Labor campaign director, said, "I'll give him my present on November 1," a reference to Israel's election day.

FOR ONE YOUNG DELEGATE, THE GOP IS THE PLACE FOR JEWS

By David Friedman

NEW ORLEANS, Aug. 17 (JTA) — Debbie Schluskel, a 19-year-old Orthodox Jew from the Detroit suburb of Southfield, is a non-voting Michigan delegate to the Republican National Convention, and a staunch and articulate spokeswoman for conservatism.

"Jews should be conservative," Schluskel said in an interview with the Jewish Telegraphic Agency.

"Judaism is a conservative religion, its teachings, its tradition, its philosophy — they are conservative."

Schluskel, a junior at the University of Michigan majoring in political science and Judaic studies, concedes that most young Jews her age do not share her philosophy.

"But I will say this, a lot more are conservative today than even four years ago," she said.

"Things are changing."

Schluskel arrived at the convention by a circuitous route. She was originally elected as an alternate delegate for Rep. Jack Kemp of New York.

A dispute in the Michigan delegation was settled recently when 30 delegates who were elected to represent Kemp and the Rev. Pat Robertson were given non-voting places in the delegation.

Schluskel filled a spot in her congressional district and became the second youngest delegate at the convention.

However, Schluskel and her fellow non-voting delegates were chagrined Monday when they found they were seated 50 feet from the 77 voting members of the delegation.

Schluskel is also scheduled to play a key role in the upcoming campaign to elect Vice President George Bush to the presidency.

She is the head of the Jewish campaign for Bush in Michigan and is national co-chairman of the Bush youth campaign.

Rallied for North

She also has practical experience in government. Since 1985, when she was a 16-year-old high school student, Schluskel has spent her summers working as an intern in congressional offices in Washington, D.C.

She worked for two summers for then Rep. Mark Siljander of Michigan, last summer for Rep. Donald Lukens of Ohio and this year, Rep. Philip Crane of Illinois, all of whom, needless to say, are Republicans.

During the Iran-Contra hearing, she led a large rally on Capitol Hill in support of Lt. Col. Oliver North, the former National Security Council aide.

"I believe Jews should not just be Democrats, we have to be Republicans too, else we will be taken for granted," Schluskel asserted. "I felt there wasn't enough of a Jewish presence in the Republican Party and I wanted my voice to be heard."

But it is not just pragmatism that led her to the Republicans. She is ideologically committed, too, readily reciting conservative litany.

The Republican party "is the party that's pro-Israel," Schluskel exclaimed.

Schluskel noted that unlike the Democrats, the Republicans enunciated opposition to a Palestinian state.

"If you look at other issues, the Democrats — the liberals — are soft on communism, which has a great effect on Soviet Jewry," she said.

She also stressed the strong defense position of the Republicans, noting that "a strong America leads to a strong Israel and vice versa."

Schluskel also listed Republican support for the Strategic Defense Initiative, "which is one of the major projects that Israel is conducting now, bringing a lot of revenue to Israel. The Democrats are opposed to that."

Cool on School Prayer

Schluskel is a little more ambivalent about the Republican push for prayers in school.

In his address to the convention Monday night, President Reagan again urged voluntary prayers for school children.

"I don't believe there should be mandatory prayer in schools," Schluskel said. "But it's a violation of freedom of speech if you don't allow prayer in school. It's also a violation of freedom of religion. I think a moment of silence would suffice."

Schluskel is more emphatic in criticizing what she said was the shunning of fundamentalists by the Jewish community.

"I think fundamentalist Christians, like Jerry Falwell and Pat Robertson, conservatives like that, are some of the best friends Israel and the Jews have," she said.

"We should really have a natural alliance. We share a lot of the same values and the same beliefs; at least Orthodox Jews share them."

"I find it really disturbing that these people are ostracized by the Jewish community. Israel now is at a time when it cannot afford to pick and choose its friends."

Schluskel credits her political involvement to her two grandfathers. Her paternal grandfather, Irving Schluskel, was a leader of the Detroit Jewish community.

Although he was an active liberal Democrat, she believes if he were alive today, "he would be a conservative."

From her maternal grandfather, Isaac Engel, a Holocaust survivor, she learned the necessity of preventing a totalitarian government from arising as happened in Germany in 1933, Schluskel said. She said that is why she also favors decentralized government.

Schluskel first became involved in politics as a sixth grader, when in 1980, her father, Dr. Herschell Schluskel, was active in Michigan in the National Jewish Republican Coalition campaign for Ronald Reagan.

Democrats Until 1980

By the time Reagan was running for reelection in 1984, she was taking an active part on her own in the Jewish campaign in Michigan.

Schluskel said her family had been Democrats until 1980. "We switched to the Republican Party because we saw Jimmy Carter was the man who helped force Israel to give part of the country away. He wasn't good on Israel, he wasn't good on the Soviet Union, he wasn't good domestically for this country."

While a serious young woman, Schluskel is also enjoying the fun of the convention, especially meeting the many friends she has made across the country through her political activities.

While concentrating on the 1988 campaign, Schluskel has her eye on 1994, when she will be old enough to run for Congress.