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**INTIFADA LEADERS CALL ON PLO
TO OUTLINE POLITICAL PROGRAM**

By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, Aug. 23 (JTA) -- The West Bank and the Gaza Strip were relatively quiet Tuesday, as leaders of the "intifada," in their latest pamphlet, called on the Palestine Liberation Organization to issue a political agenda that would be acceptable to the Western world.

The leaflet called on the PLO to remove the ambiguities from its policy and to produce a clear and comprehensive program at the upcoming Palestine National Council meeting in Tunisia.

The U.S. Consul General in East Jerusalem, Phillip Wilcox, denied press reports Tuesday that he had met secretly last week with Palestinian leaders on the West Bank.

The reports say Wilcox met secretly with West Bank personalities and told them that the U.S. rejected the notion of basing a settlement on the 1947 U.N. partition resolution, and supported instead the idea of bartering land for peace.

Meanwhile, 14 pro-Palestinian aides to U.S. lawmakers began a five-day tour of Israel, but refused to talk to Israeli-based newsmen. They even refused to give their names, apparently on the orders of their bosses in Washington.

Their trip is sponsored by the American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee.

The congressional aides indicated that "errors" made in the first draft of their itinerary, such as scheduled visits to the Knesset and the Yad Vashem memorial on days and at times when these are closed, would be corrected to enable them to "hear both sides properly."

Other "errors" included "planned visits" to the Ketziot detention camp in the Negev, without first having obtained IDF permission, and meetings with Israeli leaders who have so far not been approached for appointments.

**LABOR, LIKUD HOPE TO OUST KAHANE
AS KACH LEADER BOASTS HUGE GAINS**

By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, Aug. 23 (JTA) -- Legal experts from both the Labor and Likud parties are pressing for joint action to bar Rabbi Meir Kahane and his right-wing Kach party from running in the November Knesset elections.

The experts are basing their demand on an existing law outlawing parties which preach racism. They say the Kach platform and statements by Kahane and other Kach personalities provide sufficient proof of the racist and anti-democratic nature of the party.

Likud officials, meanwhile, denied a report in Monday's Hadashot that a secret Likud poll had predicted Kach could win as many as six or seven seats in the next Knesset.

Likud poll director Mina Tzemah said no such survey exists.

Kahane himself boasts that according to a weekly survey in Hadashot, his party is currently polling 9.6 percent of the vote, which would make Kach the third largest party with 11 seats.

Previous polls forecast four seats for Kach.

Geula Cohen, leader of the nationalist Tehiya party, has demanded that if Kach is outlawed,

similar action should be taken against the Communist party, whose Jewish and Arab members call for a two-state solution to the Palestinian problem.

But legal experts say it will be far more difficult to make her charges stick against the leftist party than against Kach.

Paradoxically, Cohen led efforts to introduce a recent bill to bar candidates holding dual citizenship from running for office.

Kahane, who surrendered his U.S. citizenship earlier this month as a result of the bill, claims it was aimed specifically at getting his name removed from the ballot.

In a column he wrote for Jewish newspapers abroad, Kahane refers to the effort to bar him from the Knesset as a "jihad," the Muslim word for "holy war."

LABOR TO RABBIS: STAY OUT OF POLITICS

By Cathrine Gerson

JERUSALEM, Aug. 23 (JTA) -- The Labor party issued a statement late Monday calling on rabbis and rabbinical court judges to "abstain from political activity."

The statement, issued by the party's Platform Committee for Religious Affairs, surprised many who had expected a statement more conciliatory towards the religious community.

However, campaign spokesman Avraham Burg -- son of former National Religious Party leader Yosef Burg, and himself religious -- said that "it represents a new style and therefore a new approach as well."

The statement also reaffirmed several Labor Party positions, including opposition to "religious coercion," promotion of "Jewish unity among all streams of Judaism" and opposition to the "Who is a Jew?" amendment to the Law of Return.

**ISRAELI NAVY KILLED 53 TERRORISTS,
CAPTURED 100 IN LAST THREE YEARS**

By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, Aug. 23 (JTA) -- Israel Navy Major General Avraham Ben-Shoshan said Tuesday, on the eve of Navy Day, that 53 terrorists have been killed in Israeli naval actions during the past three years, and more than 100 have been captured at sea.

He said that the terrorists are now using a wide variety of naval vessels, including cargo ships sailing under the registry of "straw companies," which the Israeli sailors have to identify with accuracy.

Ben-Shoshan said he hoped the Navy's new equipment purchase program would be signed by the end of this year, and the new vessels would be in commission in the mid-1990s.

The navy commander said that both Iraq and Iran have updated their war equipment with Western technology, which will probably spread to terrorist activities in the Mediterranean. This might also include sea mining and could represent a real threat to Israel.

Ben-Shoshan said that the Navy also fights a drug battle. During the past year, Israeli naval vessels have intercepted over 10 ships smuggling drugs and have seized some 10 tons of drugs.

JUSTICE OFFICIAL DENIES REPORTS THAT ISRAEL BLOCKS EXTRADITIONS

By Tom Tugend

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 23 (JTA) -- A U.S. Justice Department official has denied published reports that Israel has stonewalled American requests to extradite suspected criminals wanted for trial in the United States.

At the same time, the official declined comment on whether his department has formally asked Israel to extradite Robert Steven Manning, a West Bank resident, who is charged with participating in a mail-bomb murder in Los Angeles in 1980.

Roger Yochelson, senior trial attorney in the Justice Department's Office of International Affairs, said in a phone interview from Washington that since 1965, five people have been extradited from Israel to the United States, and others have agreed to return voluntarily.

Significantly, some of those in the group -- including at least one person holding Israeli citizenship -- were extradited after 1977, when Israel passed a law prohibiting the extradition of its nationals to any other country.

According to reports in The Jerusalem Post and the Los Angeles Times last month, U.S. officials were angry that Israel has habitually dragged its feet in extraditing suspected criminals, despite the joint extradition treaty signed by the two countries over 30 years ago.

In the Manning case, the prosecuting U.S. attorney, Nancy Wieben Stock, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that a provisional arrest warrant, the first step in the extradition process, has been sought from Israeli authorities.

Yochelson declined to confirm or deny this action, or any other matter pertaining to the extradition.

"It is up to Israel to make the first announcement," he said, adding that a case usually becomes public when the suspect is arrested at his place of residence.

Mailed Bombing Device

A federal grand jury has indicted Manning, 36, and his wife, Rochelle, 48, on charges that they mailed a disguised bomb device to a Los Angeles computer firm, with the intention of killing its owner.

The package was opened by a secretary, who was killed instantly.

Both Mannings were members of the Jewish Defense League in 1980 and allegedly concocted the bomb scheme at the behest of William Ross, a wealthy JDL supporter.

The government charges that Ross was involved in a bitter real estate dispute with Brenda Crouthamel, the owner of the computer firm at the time.

Robert Manning has also been named as a prime suspect in the 1985 bomb slayings of Alex Odeh, an Arab-American activist in Los Angeles, and Tschirim Soobsokov, an alleged Nazi war criminal.

Manning and his wife emigrated to Israel in 1973, where they hold dual American and Israeli citizenship.

Rochelle Manning was arrested in June at the Los Angeles International Airport as she and her two children arrived on a plane from Israel.

A trial date for Ross and the two Mannings has been set for Nov. 1 in the U.S. District Court in Los Angeles.

ARAFAT THANKS ITALIAN LEADER FOR HIS SUPPORT OF PLO

By Ruth E. Gruber

ROME, Aug. 23 (JTA) -- Palestine Liberation Organization chairman Yasir Arafat thanked Italian Socialist Party leader Bettino Craxi for his support, as Craxi met with Arafat and other PLO leaders in Tunisia over the weekend.

According to the Socialist Party organ Avanti, Arafat praised Craxi for his backing of a Palestinian state, and said he hoped for greater and more direct Italian humanitarian aid for Palestinians living in territories "militarily occupied by Israel."

Craxi reportedly told Arafat the human rights situation in the West Bank and Gaza Strip was "absolutely intolerable."

Craxi, a long-time supporter of the Palestinian cause, has met several times previously with the PLO head. His visit in Tunisia, described as a "vacation," also included meetings with PLO "foreign minister" Farouk Kadoumi.

Last week, Craxi issued a stinging attack of Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir, accusing Shamir of "fanaticism."

With the exception of the Republicans, most of Italy's political parties tend to support the Palestinians.

On Monday, Republican official Guglielmo Castagnetti sharply criticized Craxi for displaying to the PLO "solidarity and friendship that far too indifferently forgets the tremendous responsibility that PLO terrorism carries with it."

BATTERY WORKERS ASSAULT PRESS

By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, Aug. 23 (JTA) -- Workers of the battery division of the Histadrut-owned Tadiran Electric Equipment and Electronics Complex, locked out by its management last week because of the refusal of the staff to accept efficiency layoffs of workers, ran amok at a press conference called by the company Tuesday.

The communications division of the company called the press conference -- held at Bet Sokolow, headquarters of the Israel Journalists Association -- to explain the efficiency measures planned by the division to avoid a situation similar to that which has arisen in the battery plant.

Angry battery workers charged into the press conference and threw chairs and tables about, injuring two woman journalists.

A woman employee of Bet Sokolow was hit in the stomach and taken to the hospital for treatment.

A heavy police force rushed to the scene and arrested a number of rioters.

ITALIANS TO SPONSOR PALESTINIAN KIDS

By Ruth E. Gruber

ROME, Aug. 23 (JTA) -- Italian celebrities, town councils and businesses are intending to participate in a two-year program under which 1,000 Palestinian children in Israeli-administered territories will become long distance foster children of Italian sponsors.

According to the published reports, the sponsors will each pay \$80 a month toward support of a child. The money is to be deposited in an Italian bank which is linked with a bank in Jerusalem.

DIPLOMAT KILLED IN AIR CRASH IS MOURNED AS FRIEND OF ISRAEL

By Howard Rosenberg

WASHINGTON, Aug. 23 (JTA) -- The late U.S. Ambassador to Pakistan Arnold Raphael, who died last week in the airborne plane explosion that also killed Pakistan's President Mohammad Zia ul-Haq, was not hindered by his Jewishness and was "trusted" by his hosts in Pakistan, Raphael's brother, Murray, recalled Tuesday.

Raphael, 45, "was not a deeply religious person except in the greater sense of the word," Murray said. He said his brother "respected all religions" and was full of "wit and humor, and intelligence, and ability."

Arnold, who had been serving in Pakistan--one of the largest Muslim countries in the world -- since May 1987, was killed in the explosion Aug. 17 that also took the lives of 34 others, including Brig. Gen. Herbert Wassom, the top U.S. military official in Pakistan since July 1987.

Murray said Arnold did not attend Hebrew school, although he received special instruction for his Bar Mitzvah. Arnold has one daughter, Stephanie Raphael, from his first wife, Myrna Feigenbaum, who lives in Orlando, Fla.

He added that because Myrna later married a "more Orthodox man," Stephanie was raised in an Orthodox household. Stephanie attends Oberlin College in Ohio.

Arnold's second wife, Robin Raphael, is a policy officer in South Africa for the State Department's Foreign Service.

Last year, Arnold married Nancy Ely, who had been working for the State Department's Office of the Legal Adviser since 1975. After their marriage, she became legal adviser to the U.S. Embassy in Pakistan.

Arnold is also survived by his parents, Sara and Harry Raphael of Atlantic City, N.J.

Arlington Memorial Service

Hundreds of friends and colleagues attended a memorial service at the Fort Myer chapel in Arlington Monday, which was conducted by Rabbi A. Nathan Abramowitz of Tifereth Israel Congregation in Washington.

Raphael did not belong to any synagogue in Washington during his periodic stays here going back to 1972, friends recalled.

Dignitaries in attendance at the service included former Secretaries of State Edmund Muskie and Alexander Haig. Raphael was buried at Arlington National Cemetery.

One of the four eulogies was given by Leon Wieseltier, literary editor of The New Republic, who said that when he visited Pakistan earlier this year, Raphael mused that they were possibly the only two Jews in Pakistan at the time.

Murray said that his brother's interest in the Near East did not stem from his Jewish roots, but that Arnold visited Israel and was a "staunch supporter" of the Jewish state. He added that Arnold helped negotiate the Camp David Accords between Israel and Egypt in 1978-79.

Before his service in Pakistan, Arnold was Principal Deputy Secretary of State for Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs at the State Department.

Born in Troy, N.Y., Raphael joined the Foreign Service in 1966, after receiving his master's degree in political science from the Maxwell School at Syracuse University and two years after graduating from Hamilton College.

Murray said Arnold wanted to be a diplomat ever since he was 12, when he wrote then-Secretary of State John Foster Dulles about his interest in diplomacy. Murray said Dulles told his brother to "study hard, work hard and we'll see you in ten years."

JUSTICE DEPARTMENT FILES AGAINST NAZI

By Howard Rosenberg

WASHINGTON, Aug. 23 (JTA) -- The Justice Department filed denaturalization papers in a federal court in Minneapolis Monday to take away the citizenship of an alleged Nazi guard during World War II.

The action in U.S. District Court is the first by the U.S. government against Edgars Inde, 79. If the lawsuit is successful, the Justice Department can then begin deportation proceedings.

Inde is being accused of serving in the Arajis Kommando, which Office of Special Investigations Director Neal Sher called a "notorious unit which had as its principle objective the murder of unarmed Jews and other civilians."

The group, based in Latvia, where Inde was born, aided in the persecution and murder of those persons considered by the Nazis to be racially undesirable or enemies of the Third Reich, the complaint said.

The U.S. Attorney's office and the Office of Special Investigations, which searches for and prosecutes Nazi war criminals, charged that Inde lied and concealed his past when he entered the United States in 1949 and became a U.S. citizen in June 1955.

Inde, who has 20 days to answer the charges, is a retired factory worker. The Washington Post reported Tuesday. The Post reported that at Monday's proceedings, Inde denied that he participated in killing unarmed Jews and other civilians in 1941 and 1942.

The newspaper also quoted Inde as saying he wants to remain in the United States since Latvia is under Soviet control.

U.N. CONFERENCE ON TERRITORIES DRAWS PLO LEADER -- AND RUMORS

By Tamar Levy

GENEVA, Aug. 23 (JTA) -- Palestine Liberation Organization "foreign minister" Farouk Kadoumi's planned participation in next week's U.N. symposium on the Israeli-administered territories has raised speculation that PLO chairman Yasir Arafat will attend and issue a Palestinian declaration of independence.

As many as 200 are expected to attend the international symposium, beginning Aug. 29, which will examine the consequences of the 9-month-old uprising in the territories.

Before adopting a final declaration, participants will attend workshops on "Children Under Occupation," "Women for Palestine," "Political Solution of the Question of Palestine" and "Action to Improve the Economic and Social Condition of the Palestinian People in the Occupied Territories."

Eight recently deported Palestinians will also be among the participants at the symposium.

A spokesman for the deportees, who arrived here from Tunis after they were expelled April 2 for alleged security violations, told a news conference Tuesday that they will testify that Israeli expulsions of Palestinians violate the Fourth Geneva Convention.

JNF LAUNCHES 'TREE FOR TREE' CAMPAIGN TO OFFSET RESULTS OF INTIFADA FIRES

By David Landau

JERUSALEM, Aug. 23 (JTA) -- The Jewish National Fund hopes to replace every one of the million trees that were destroyed this summer by fires.

The fires -- 1,100 of them in June and July alone, and many of them set deliberately -- consumed acres and acres throughout all of Israel, four to five times the average number of forest fires for this time of year.

Those were "terrible" months, according to JNF World Chairman Moshe Rivlin. He announced that JNF hopes to replace each and every tree and to buy new fire prevention equipment as part of its campaign, called "A Tree For A Tree."

The campaign will be launched Tuesday in a day-long appeal on Israel army radio.

Some of the fires occurred because of carelessness, and spread quickly through thick undergrowth resulting from last winter's heavy rains.

But, said Rivlin, "a substantial number were definitely acts of arson inspired by the Palestinian uprising."

In an interview with the Jewish Telegraphic Agency last week, Rivlin explained that the deliberate fires had been far more difficult to control, as they were often started simultaneously at several different points.

Rivlin noted, however, that the fire total for the month of August had been lower, in part through overdue preventive measures such as clearing dry grasses and opening up of fire paths that stopped flames from spreading.

But Rivlin cautioned that "the summer is not yet over," with a few more weeks of heat and dry weather still to come.

JNF plans this year to clear over 400 miles of access roads, build lookout towers at 10 of its 40 forest observation posts, and buy a fleet of small emergency fire engines that would be stationed right at the forests.

Fire Engines Needed

In the past, the JNF has been severely impeded by the limited number of fire engines in Israel, which could not be freed up from one fire in time to extinguish another.

JNF's regular fire-prevention budget of some \$4 million annually would not begin to cover these extraordinary expenses, with the cost of buying and maintaining a fire engine \$125,000.

Rivlin estimated that JNF will need about \$30 million just for fire prevention and forest rehabilitation this year. With JNF's budget around \$25 million, that would leave no funds left for the three to four million trees planned for this year.

JNF is determined not to curtail its planting plans. Hence, the financial appeal -- this week on Israel radio, and during the coming festivals in Jewish communities abroad.

Rivlin aims for every Jewish child to donate one tree, and every family to buy 10. Those who buy 1,000 trees would be designated "Guardian of the Forests" and every donated fire engine will bear a plaque with the donor's name.

JNF has already made plans with the Ministry of Education for every Israeli schoolchild to plant a tree with his own hands this year. Rivlin expects some three-quarters of a million trees to be planted by schoolchildren and Israeli and foreign volunteers.

ISAAC STERN VIEWS MIDDLE EAST, SAYS HE'S PESSIMISTIC ON PEACE

By Ruth E. Gruber

ROME, Aug. 23 (JTA) -- Celebrated violinist Isaac Stern was quoted Sunday as saying he was pessimistic over the current situation in Israel, but hoped that a solution to the conflict between Israel and the Palestinians could be found in time.

"It's a very difficult moment," Stern told the Rome daily *Il Messaggero*.

"I don't see any realistic solution that can be accepted by both sides. Historically, you can't speak of a Palestinian state," said Stern, who is in Italy to perform a series of concerts.

"But the Palestinians exist, and they are there, even if their Arab brothers have abandoned them," he said.

"What's necessary is to find a *modus operandi* in order to arrive at a *modus vivendi*."

"This does not mean peace and love right away, but would signify at least putting an end to the killing. Then, time and history will do the rest."

Saturday night Stern opened the annual summer music festival at Pompeii, performing at the ancient Roman theater there.

GULF STATE'S ANTI-ISRAEL STAND LEADS DUTCH AIRLINE TO CANCEL OMAN TRIPS

By Henrietta Boas

AMSTERDAM, Aug. 23 (JTA) -- KLM, the well-known Dutch air carrier, has cancelled four planned trips for its personnel to the Gulf state of Oman because of that country's discriminatory policy toward Israel and those who have visited the Jewish state.

Oman does not permit persons carrying either Israeli passports or other passports bearing stamps of entry into Israel.

A spokesman at the Oman embassy in London, however, said Oman does not require visitors to declare they are not Jewish.

The trips had been planned for October and November. Few KLM employees showed much interest in the flights, however.

TWO EARLY SYNAGOGUES UNCOVERED

By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, Aug. 23 (JTA) -- Two synagogues from the Talmudic period have been uncovered in the southern Hebron Hills region.

One of the ancient synagogues was found at Tel Maon, between Carmel and Susiya, and the other at the Anim ruins, located in the Yatir Forest.

The recently completed excavations were a joint project of the Kfar Etzion Field School in Maon; the West Bank civil administrations archeology staff officer; the Education Ministry's Antiquities and Museums Department; and the Jewish National Fund.

SHIVIA READY FOR NUCLEAR PLANT

By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, Aug. 23 (JTA) -- A 10-year, \$10 million study conducted by the Israel Electric Company has determined that Shivia, located in the Northern Negev, is suitable for the establishment of Israel's first nuclear power station.

The report said that the area is ready once the decision is made for such a project.