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**EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT RATIFIES
TRADE AGREEMENTS WITH ISRAEL**

By Edwin Eytan

STRASBOURG, France, Oct. 12 (JTA) -- The Parliament of Europe voted overwhelmingly Wednesday to approve three economic agreements with Israel it had rejected in March.

The accords were signed by Israel and the 12-nation European Community in 1987. The first, known as the financial agreement, was endorsed by a 314-25 vote, with 19 abstentions. Ratification requires a minimum of 260 votes.

In view of the strong showing, the other two accords were carried by a show of hands, without count.

This was a major victory for Israel and reversal of sentiment in the 518-member parliament, which is the European Community's legislative body.

The outcome was virtually assured when Claude Cheysson of France, the community's commissioner for Mediterranean policy, removed an issue that was partly responsible for the rebuff Israel suffered at the hands of the parliament seven months ago.

He submitted a written statement affirming that Israel will not hinder Palestinian agricultural exports to the European Common Market from the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

This satisfied the European Democratic Group in the legislature, primarily British Conservatives, who had asked for the assurances.

The Socialists, the largest single faction, had already announced they would approve the agreements, as did the French Gaullists and the Liberals.

Palestinian Uprising At Issue

Most of the negative votes were cast by the Greens and a few Socialists who refused to follow the party line. Several British Conservatives either abstained or voted against.

Cheysson expressed satisfaction after the voting. He attributed the outcome to Israel's agreement to allow the Palestinians to export their citrus and other agricultural produce under their own label and independently of the Israeli government's export agencies.

Though that had been a paramount issue in March, an unspoken reason for the rejection was widespread dissatisfaction with Israel's handling of the Palestinian uprising in the administered territories.

The uprising continues unabated. But the Western Europeans appear now to be more even-handed in their appraisal of it.

But several deputies cautioned that their decision to no longer oppose ratification of the trade accords should not be interpreted as approval of Israel's policies in the territories, but rather as "an encouragement to international negotiations."

Rudi Arndt, the Socialist leader, said his group had decided to back ratification to show Israel "our friendship, but also our determination to obtain an international peace conference and direct Israeli-Palestinian talks."

Arndt last month hosted a meeting here with Palestine Liberation Organization leader Yasir

Arafat. The Socialists said this week they not only favor dialogue with Arafat, but can also "make concrete gestures in favor of Israel."

The European Parliament was expected to approve similar economic agreements with Syria later Wednesday. It could hardly therefore have turned down the accords with Israel.

**NAZI WAR CRIMINAL'S REPUBLICAN LINK
SAID TO BE REASON HE IS STILL IN U.S.**

By Susan Birnbaum

NEW YORK, Oct. 12 (JTA) -- An activist with groups representing Holocaust survivors here has accused the Reagan administration of refusing to implement a deportation order against an admitted Nazi war criminal because of his Republican Party connections.

Menachem Rosensaft alleged that Boleslavs Maikovskis is being allowed to remain in this country -- despite the fact that his deportation has been cleared by the U.S. Supreme Court -- because of his affiliation with the Republican Party's Heritage Groups during the re-election campaign of former President Richard Nixon.

Rosensaft is founder of the International Network of Children of Jewish Holocaust Survivors. He made the charge Sunday at a gathering of leaders of more than 20 Jewish organizations organized by New York City Council President Andrew Stein and the Jewish Community Relations Council of New York.

The Heritage Groups have recently come under scrutiny because of the membership in them of several former Nazis and Nazi sympathizers who were working on the George Bush election campaign.

Maikovskis' participation in the 1972 Nixon re-election campaign was recently reported by The Philadelphia Inquirer. He is believed to be the only convicted war criminal to have ever served on any presidential campaign.

Convicted Of Mass Murder

During World War II, Maikovskis served as a police chief in the village of Audrini in Nazi-occupied Latvia, where his subordinates participated in the murder of hundreds of civilians. The district where he served was so notorious it was mentioned in one of the Nuremberg trials.

Maikovskis has admitted wearing a German uniform. He has not, however, taken responsibility for what subsequently happened to those villagers whose mass arrest he engineered.

In 1965, he was convicted in absentia of mass murder by a Soviet court in Latvia. He was ordered deported from the United States in 1984, after admitting in court that his men rounded up the civilian population of Audrini, Latvia, and burned the town to the ground.

In June 1986, the U.S. Supreme Court denied a petition to review his case, thereby clearing the way for this deportation.

But despite a full panoply of legal efforts to oust the Nazi war criminal from the United States, Maikovskis still resides in his home in the New York suburb of Mincola.

Journalist Christopher Simpson, in his book "Blowback," which details America's post-war recruitment of former Nazis, writes that Maikov-

skis was on the payroll of Nazi-dominated Baltic emigre groups financed by the Central Intelligence Agency.

Rosensaft said Sunday that Maikovskis "has been well rewarded for his services" to the Republicans.

Tantamount To Asylum

"Instead of having to face punishment for his crimes, he has apparently been granted asylum by politicians who are more interested in votes than in justice," he charged.

He called on Attorney General Richard Thornburgh "to put a stop to this perversion of justice and to immediately deport Maikovskis."

A spokesperson for the U.S. Justice Department had no immediate comment Wednesday on Rosensaft's charges.

Kathryn Murray, director of communications for the Republican National Committee, said Rosensaft "ought to check his facts. I never heard of this guy." She called the Heritage Councils an "unofficial auxiliary" of the Republican Party that has "absolutely no influence."

In May, Rosensaft was among representatives of 11 Jewish organizations who joined Brooklyn District Attorney Elizabeth Holtzman in a letter urging then-Attorney General Edwin Meese III to deport Maikovskis.

Holtzman said Tuesday that "since that time, there has been silence."

She said she believes that "not designating a country to which he is to be deported is virtually the same as granting him asylum."

Holtzman noted with disgust that the Immigration and Naturalization Service had initiated deportation proceedings against Maikovskis 12 years ago, in 1976.

As a member of Congress in 1978, Holtzman authored legislation to deport former Nazi war criminals. She has since asked that the procedures of denaturalization and deportation be streamlined.

IDF DEMOLISHES FIVE HOUSES, IS TARGET OF GRENADE ATTACKS

By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, Oct. 12 (JTA) -- Security forces demolished four houses in Nablus on Wednesday and sealed off five more.

A curfew was clamped on the city, which is the largest Arab municipality in the West Bank.

Israel Defense Force troops, meanwhile, have come under grenade attack, indicating a new, deadlier turn in the Palestinian uprising.

The houses destroyed or sealed by the IDF belong to nine members of a vicious terrorist gang that has been murdering Arabs suspected of collaborating with the Israeli authorities, according to Gen. Amram Mitzna, commander of the central region, which includes the West Bank.

The murder victims were three local residents, allegedly stabbed and hacked to death with bayonets and hatchets.

Security sources acknowledged that the families of the terrorists, who probably had no part in the murders, were made to suffer by the demolitions.

But this was necessary to demonstrate Israel's determination not to allow terrorism to take over the streets, the sources said.

As four successive explosions shattered the silence of the curfewed city, cries of "Allah akbar" (God is great) rang through the streets, an expression of both piety and defiance.

Mitzna claimed the terrorist cell was associated with the wing of the Palestine Liberation Organization controlled by Yasir Arafat.

"I don't remember any other cell that operated so brutally, with so little consideration," the IDF commander said.

Meanwhile, two IDF soldiers were slightly injured by a hand grenade attack Tuesday afternoon.

Another grenade was thrown Wednesday at an army patrol in Gaza, causing no casualties or damage. It was the third such attack there in the past two weeks.

A remote-control explosive charge planted at the main entrance to the city was safely dismantled by army sappers Wednesday. An electric wire was traced to a nearby olive grove.

Arab extremists, meanwhile, are trying to extend the 10-month-old Palestinian uprising from the administered territories into Israel proper.

They have circulated "Leaflet No. 1" among Israeli Arabs in Galilee. It contains threats against "collaborators with the authorities."

The leaflet also calls for the "emancipation of the Arabs." It was signed by the Urban Popular Committee, a hitherto unknown group.

U.N. PANEL URGES APPROVAL OF ISRAEL'S CREDENTIALS

By Yitzhak Rabi

UNITED NATIONS, Oct. 12 (JTA) -- The U.N. Credentials Committee has recommended unanimously that the General Assembly accept the credentials of 123 member states, including Israel, when they are formally presented here next Tuesday.

A resolution to that effect was adopted without dissent by the nine-member committee late Tuesday. But the Arab group of nations, nevertheless, will attempt once again to oust Israel from the world organization.

Diplomats here said the Arabs intend to offer an amendment to the committee's resolution that would single out Israel from the 122 other countries and challenge its credentials.

The Arabs have resorted to this tactic year after year, each time with diminishing support from other member states.

Observers will be watching to see whether they gain or lose support in next week's exercise. A two-thirds vote by the General Assembly is required to reject the credentials of a member state.

The members of the Credentials Committee are Bolivia, People's Republic of China, Luxembourg, Thailand, Togo, Trinidad-Tobago, Soviet Union, United States and Zimbabwe.

NEO-NAZIS RECRUITING THE SWISS

By Tamar Levy

GENEVA, Oct. 12 (JTA) -- A group of German neo-Nazis is trying to recruit like-minded persons in Switzerland.

According to a Swiss radio report, their initial target is Germans living in Switzerland. Letters have been sent to hundreds, asking them to join the movement.

So far, the only serious Swiss neo-Nazi organization is based in Lausanne. It is headed by Francois Genoud, a banker.

The Swiss authorities say they can take no action against it, because Switzerland has no laws specifically prohibiting racist activities.

27 ISRAELI PARTIES GET ON BALLOT, BUT KACH WAITING FOR COURT RULING

By David Landau

JERUSALEM, Oct. 12 (JTA) -- The Central Election Committee gave its formal approval Wednesday to 27 party lists that will compete in the Knesset elections on Nov. 1.

The fate of a 28th, Rabbi Meir Kahane's Kach party, is in the hands of the High Court of Justice.

The court is hearing arguments on an appeal of the election committee's decision last week to disqualify Kach from running.

Kahane's faction was barred from the election on grounds that it is racist and opposed to the democratic nature of the state. The High Court opened hearings Tuesday and was to resume them Thursday.

Likud, meanwhile, is beginning to show internal stresses and strains as the fiercely fought election campaign enters the final stretch.

Its conduct has been criticized by two of the party's most powerful men, Housing Minister David Levy and Commerce and Industry Minister Ariel Sharon, both of the Herut wing.

Considering their political clout, neither has done much campaigning. Levy has yet to appear on the nightly Likud television broadcasts. On Tuesday night, he publicly derided the party's campaign jingles and other gimmicks.

Sharon flew off to Hungary on Wednesday for a weeklong visit. He had returned only a few days before from a trip to Bulgaria. His supporters are increasingly critical of the Likud campaign chairman, Moshe Arens, a close ally of Premier Yitzhak Shamir.

Likud Strategy Criticized

They charge that Shamir-Arens backers, such as Benjamin Begin and Herut Knesset members Ronni Milo, Dan Meridor and Ehud Olmert, are promoting themselves to the exclusion of the party's other factions.

There has been criticism, as well, of overall campaign strategy. This prompted Shamir to issue a statement Tuesday night in praise of the campaign's substance and the way it is being conducted.

A spokesman for the prime minister said he was pleased with the party's performance so far.

The polls predict a close race between Likud and Labor. Some political observers attribute Sharon's uncharacteristic reticence to a desire to distance himself from the campaign if Likud fares worse than expected.

His lieutenants deny this. They say the former defense minister and Yom Kippur War hero simply dislikes set-piece performances in front of cameras. He prefers large public meetings where he can speak extemporaneously, they say.

Much of Likud's time this past week was devoted to condemnations of the rowdiness that has characterized the campaign to date.

The party rejected charges that it has abetted and even instigated violence against Labor politicians. Likud activists charged that Labor's complaints are themselves a form of incitement.

Of the 27 parties now on the ballot, 14 are new ones, seeking Knesset representation for the first time. The Election Committee has approved code letters for each of them.

When voters enter the booths on Nov. 1, they will select the ballots with the code of the party they support.

ISRAEL TO OPEN OFFICE IN PEKING, IN LATEST SIGN OF IMPROVED TIES

By Cathrine Gerson

JERUSALEM, Oct. 12 (JTA) -- Israel and the People's Republic of China are approaching bilateral relations. But there is some distance to be traveled before diplomatic ties can be viewed as imminent.

Nevertheless, China has agreed to allow Israel to open an academic liaison office in Peking. And on Sunday, a contract was signed to allow the Peking Opera to perform next May in Israel.

The liaison office also will deal, informally, with bilateral business issues and the coordination of economic projects by government-linked companies in both countries.

The agreement has yet to be formalized. It is still unclear whether the Israeli academic representative will live in Peking on a permanent or temporary basis.

The Chinese are proceeding with considerable reserve. Foreign Minister Qian Qichen asked Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres last month that "no news of bilateral relations between the countries be made public," the Jerusalem Post reported.

The two met in New York, where they attended the opening of the 43rd session of the United Nations General Assembly.

GREEK OPPOSITION LEADER MAKING UNPRECEDENTED VISIT TO ISRAEL

By Jean Cohen

ATHENS, Oct. 12 (JTA) -- Konstantinos Mitsotakis, leader of the opposition New Democracy Party, was to arrive in Israel on Wednesday for a three-day visit.

The conservative politician is the first Greek party leader to visit the Jewish state.

He is making the trip at considerable political risk. Israel's image in Greece is at an all-time low, because of disapproval of Israel's handling of the Palestinian uprising.

In an interview with the Jewish Telegraphic Agency before leaving here, Mitsotakis explained his party's position in the Middle East conflict and how it differs from that of the ruling Socialist Party of Premier Andreas Papandreu.

He stressed that Greece must establish full diplomatic ties with Israel. At present, relations between the two countries are at the consular level, although the Israeli representative here, Moshe Gilboa, holds ambassadorial rank.

"As I have stated in the past, one of the first foreign policy actions we will take if elected in the next elections is the recognition of Israel," Mitsotakis told the JTA. The Greek elections are due not later than June 1989.

With respect to the Arab-Israeli conflict, the opposition leader said, "Although we are in favor of Palestinian self-determination, we have said time and time again that Israel must not only have the right to exist but be within secure, defensible and recognized borders."

On the status of the Palestine Liberation Organization, Mitsotakis said: "We consider the PLO as the legal representative of the Palestinian people. But they must understand that Israel is here to stay."

Mitsotakis has talks scheduled with Premier Yitzhak Shamir, Foreign Minister Shimon Peres and President Chaim Herzog.

GERMAN CHURCH CONDEMNS KRISTALLNACHT SILENCE

By Tamar Levy

GENEVA, Oct. 12 (JTA) -- "What happened in November 1938 happened in public, in full view of everyone . . . And no one could say he or she knew nothing about what was going on," the German Evangelical Church declared in a statement released here Wednesday.

The statement noted the 50th anniversary of Kristallnacht, Nov. 9, the first organized Nazi pogrom against German Jews.

It acknowledged and condemned historic Christian guilt for the persecution of Jews, and its support, indifference or "fearful silence" in the face of atrocities.

The German Evangelical Church in East Germany, which embraces the United, Reform and Lutheran branches of Protestantism in both Germanys, issued its statement through the Geneva-based World Council of Churches.

Kristallnacht, or night of broken glass, received its name from the smashed windows of Jewish homes, shops and synagogues that littered the sidewalks of German cities and towns after the pogrom.

The statement by the Evangelical Church begins by noting that "Nov. 9, 1988 marks the 50th anniversary of the day when the Nazi leaders of the German Reich ordered the synagogues to be burnt, Jewish places of worship desecrated, Jewish shops and homes plundered and Jewish citizens mistreated, abducted or murdered.

"What happened in November 1938 happened in public, in full view of everyone. Targets of this persecution were all Jewish people. Racial hubris thus revealed its cruel disdain for human rights," the statement added.

No One 'Knew Nothing'

"No one could say he or she knew nothing about what was going on. Those who planned and carried out this crime could reckon with the support, indifference or fearful silence of the majority of our nation.

"Christians -- with few exceptions -- also remained silent," the statement noted.

It said it recalled these events "not to level accusations at the generation of those who were involved in them.

"Instead, we are aware of the fact that the guilt of that time will retain its power to bind us if we remain silent or try to suppress the memory."

The statement acknowledged that "both theology and the church played a part in the long history of alienation from and enmity toward the Jews. The church did not recognize the deep inner ties between Judaism and Christianity."

The statement went on to say that "for this reason, our thinking, our words and our deeds must never again help to promote enmity toward the Jews."

ISRAELI ELECTED AT U.N. CONFERENCE

GENEVA, Oct. 12 (JTA) -- An Israeli industrialist, Israel Goldwasser, has been elected vice chairman of the Industrial Conference on Chemicals, which is being held here under the auspices of the International Labor Organization.

Goldwasser is representing Israel's chemical industry at the conference, which is attended by 27 countries.

RIGHT-WING EXTREMIST PARTY GAINS IN BELGIAN ELECTIONS

By Yossi Lempkowitz

BRUSSELS, Oct. 12 (JTA) -- An extreme right-wing party that is xenophobic and favors amnesty for Belgian Nazi collaborators, scored important gains in the local elections Sunday.

The Flemish Bloc won eight seats in the Antwerp City Council, to emerge as the third largest political faction there, after the Socialists and Social-Christians. More than 15,000 Jews live in Antwerp.

The party's leader, Karel Dillen, is a member of the Belgian Senate. It has two deputies in the lower house of Parliament. Although not overtly anti-Semitic, the Flemish Bloc is suspect because of its anti-immigrant campaign, which smacks of racism.

Political observers attribute its electoral success to the growing presence of North African immigrants in Antwerp, one of Europe's largest seaports. The party also made substantial gains in other large cities in Flanders.

But Karel van Miert, president of the Flemish Socialist Party, says its success is temporary.

He compared the Flemish Bloc with Jean-Marie Le Pen's extremist National Front in France, which has gained political ground on the immigrant issue over the last two years, but suffered serious setbacks in the most recent elections.

Observers here also noted that the success of the Flemish Bloc in Sunday's elections was confined to the Flemish part of Belgium.

The only other extreme right-winger, a French-speaking candidate, was elected in Brussels, a city with a large immigrant population.

Two Jewish candidates were elected in Antwerp on the Liberal Party list.

ACTRESS HENRIETTA JACOBSON IS DEAD

NEW YORK, Oct. 12 (JTA) -- Funeral services were held Wednesday for Henrietta Jacobson, veteran star of the Yiddish theater, who died Sunday in Manhattan after a long illness following a stroke. She was 82 years old.

Born in Chicago in 1906, the daughter of two Yiddish actors, Jacobson made her stage debut at age 3. She spent the next 75 years of her life appearing on the Yiddish stage, mainly on New York's Second Avenue, starring in scores of musicals and plays.

For most of that time, she starred with her husband Julius Adler. On Broadway, she appeared in Neil Simon's "Come Blow Your Horn," and also appeared in the John Kander-Fred Ebb musical "70 Girls 70."

More recently, Jacobson appeared in the film "Hero at Large" with John Ritter and Ann Archer. She also played in dinner theaters with her husband across the country in such shows as "Don't Drink the Water" and "Hello Dolly."

In April 1986, the couple won a Golden Globes award for lifetime achievement in the theater. The awards are presented by the Congress for Jewish Culture. Their son, Bruce Adler, the third generation of the family in the theater, presented the couple with the award.

Jacobson was the sister of the late Irving Jacobson, remembered for his role as Sancho Panza in "Man of La Mancha" on Broadway. Their brother Hymie was also active in the Yiddish theater.