

**SHARON CALLS FOR ELIMINATION  
OF ARAFAT AND TERRORIST LEADERS**

By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, July 17 (JTA) -- Likud hard-liner Ariel Sharon called Monday for the assassination of Yasir Arafat and other leaders of the Palestine Liberation Organization.

Speaking to reporters on a visit to the Golan Heights, Sharon said he would be prepared to support demands from the Defense Ministry for a \$200 million supplemental budget if he was assured the security forces would "eliminate the heads of the terrorist organizations, and first of all Arafat."

His remarks, which made big headlines here, were immediately criticized by Labor Party politicians and officials in Washington.

Sharon, who was defense minister during the war in Lebanon, is minister of industry and trade.

Touring the town of Katzin, he told reporters Monday that he had asked at the Cabinet on Sunday how the Defense Ministry proposed to utilize the additional funds it sought.

"I asked how the proposed budget increase was to bring about the end of the violence and terror" known as the intifada, Sharon said.

"This must be done before any negotiations," he said, "and this should include the killing of the terror organization leaders, and especially the master butcher, Yasir Arafat."

If that is acted upon, Sharon said, he would support even larger increases in the defense budget.

He was chided later by Mordechai Gur, a Labor Party minister without portfolio and former Israel Defense Force chief of staff.

Noting that while he was defense minister Sharon had opportunities to get rid of Arafat, Gur said, "Talk is cheap and easy, but Sharon has not acted on his own proposals."

In Washington, Deputy State Department spokesman Richard Boucher said Monday that "U.S. policy is to support a de-escalation of violence in the Middle East -- not an escalation of violence."

If Sharon's remarks are true as reported, they "would obviously not help in that process," he said.

**RABIN SEEKING EXTRA \$200 MILLION  
TO SUPPRESS PALESTINIAN UPRISING**

By David Landau and Hugh Orgel

JERUSALEM, July 17 (JTA) -- Defense Minister Yitzhak Rabin is engaged in a tug-of-war with the Treasury over a \$200 million defense budget supplement he says is imperative to pay for measures to suppress the Palestinian uprising.

The Treasury is reported to have suggested he make do with \$50 million.

The Cabinet advised him to continue discussions with Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir and Finance Minister Shimon Peres, with a view to reaching an agreement by next Sunday.

Michael Bruno, governor of the Bank of Israel, told the Cabinet that all ministerial budgets would have to be trimmed if it eventually decides on an increase for defense. The alternative, he said, was spiralling inflation.

Rabin argued that the unanticipated high cost of containing the 19-month-old Palestinian uprising in the West Bank and Gaza Strip placed a severe financial strain on the Israel Defense Force at a time when a new external threat is looming from Iraq.

Rabin recalled that back in 1985, he agreed to a \$600 million cutback in the defense budget, the largest ever undertaken by a defense minister. It was possible, Rabin said, because Iraq was locked in a prolonged war with Iran and the peace with Egypt was holding well, as it is today.

But now that the Persian Gulf war has ended, powerfully equipped, battle-hardened Iraqi armed forces have altered the regional balance of power, Rabin said. That makes it imperative for Israel to keep up its own defense outlay and preparedness, he argued.

Rabin got support from air force Cmdr. Avihu Bin-Nun, who warned Monday that if the government does not reimburse the IDF for its expenses fighting the intifada, the air force will be forced to make cuts that would impair its ability to meet increasing threats from the Arab states.

Speaking to military correspondents, Bin-Nun said if the supplemental budget was not forthcoming, the air force would have to transfer \$50 million of its budget to the logistics branch of the army to pay for rubber bullets and other riot-control equipment.

That money, he said, would come out of the air force's weapons development and flight training budgets.

He said the air force's routine activities were aimed at deterring strategic threats, including surface-to-surface missiles and chemical warfare attacks from Syria and Iraq.

**AL FATAH SAID TO BE LOSING SUPPORT  
OF PALESTINIAN REFUGEES IN LEBANON**

By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, July 17 (JTA) -- The Palestine Liberation Organization's main fighting arm, Al Fatah, is losing ground to terrorist extremist groups among residents of Palestinian refugee camps in Lebanon, Ha'aretz reported Sunday.

Israeli officials are concerned by this trend, which reflects growing frustration and radicalization among the refugees, the newspaper said.

The Palestinians in Lebanon have shifted their support in recent months from Fatah, which is controlled by Yasir Arafat and has practiced restraint for the last half year, to the Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine and the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine.

Both are extremist groups led respectively by Nayef Hawatmeh and George Habash, who still operate under the PLO umbrella but consider Arafat too moderate.

Membership has increased in the even more extreme Tala'at Yacub organization, at Fatah's expense.

Israelis fear second- and third-generation refugee camp residents are turning away from Fatah because they believe it is prepared to forgo the right of return of Palestinians to their former homes in what is now Israel.

While Arafat has not explicitly commented

on the right of return, he has called for the creation of a Palestinian state in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, thereby appearing to abandon aspirations to win back all of what is now Israel.

Since Arafat announced in Algiers last December that he recognizes Israel's right to exist and renounces terrorism, Fatah has refrained from sending infiltration squads from southern Lebanon to penetrate Israel's borders.

The more extreme groups have stepped up such activities in recent months.

But Fatah squads responsible for attacks in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, as well as one inside Israel proper, have been apprehended recently.

#### FAMILY OF MURDERED BUSINESSMAN TRIES TO KEEP EXTREMISTS AWAY

By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, July 17 (JTA) -- The grieving family of Zalman Shlein, an Israeli businessman murdered by Arabs last Friday, appealed to the police Sunday to prevent right-wing extremists from exploiting their tragedy.

Specifically, the family asked that Rabbi Meir Kahane and his followers in the anti-Arab Kach movement be kept from joining a demonstration of mourners Sunday night or entering their home in Gan Yavne, near Ashdod.

More than 1,000 relatives, friends and neighbors of the family marched 500 yards from the Shlein home to a building site where the 64-year-old subcontractor was knifed and bludgeoned to death Friday morning by two Arab teen-agers from the Gaza Strip.

Both youths were apprehended about an hour after the crime and have confessed. According to the police, the murder was an initiation rite for joining a terrorist organization.

The Shleins were described as popular in town and "liberal" in their political outlook. The elder Shlein and his son, Arik, who was in the family business, had been on good terms with their Arab employees.

Arik appeared in a television interview Sunday to complain about the police. Although they swiftly solved the murder, they let it be known originally that the motive may have been money.

Only later did the police confirm that Zalman Shlein was another victim of the Palestinian uprising.

"The police and government leaders had no right to try to calm tempers by turning attention away from the nationalistic intifada motive for this murder," the son said.

There were cries of "death to Arabs" at Shlein's funeral Friday. But the Sunday night mourners were relatively quiet and orderly.

Tempers flared, however, when Rehavam Ze'evi, a retired general who heads the far right-wing party Moledet exhorted the crowd to force the government to take action.

"This government is responsible for this murder," he shouted. "We will have peace only when all the Arabs are gone from here."

Ze'evi advocates the mass deportation of Arabs from Israel and the territories it administers as part of a negotiated peace settlement.

Meanwhile, police established Monday that arsonists were responsible for a fire Sunday night in an abandoned building on the outskirts of Gan Yavne. It was used as a shelter by Arabs from the Gaza Strip who worked in town.

#### THREE ISRAELI SEPHARDIC LEADERS TO MEET IN CAIRO WITH MUBARAK

By Catharine Gerson

JERUSALEM, July 17 (JTA) -- Three Israeli Orthodox leaders, all prominent in the Sephardic community, left Monday evening for a two-day visit to Egypt, at the invitation of President Hosni Mubarak.

They are Ovadia Yosef, the former Sephardic chief rabbi of Israel, and two leaders of the ultra-Orthodox party Shas: Interior Minister Arye Deri and Immigration and Absorption Minister Yitzhak Peretz.

They will meet in Cairo on Wednesday with Mubarak and Foreign Minister Esmat Abdel Meguid, who conveyed the invitations when he visited Israel earlier this year.

The Egyptian Embassy in Tel Aviv said the trip was arranged in the hope that Israel's Sephardim could serve as a bridge between Jews and Arabs in the quest for peace.

Deri is conveying a message to Mubarak from Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir. It is believed to contain assurances that Israel's peace initiative is unchanged, despite the Likud Central Committee's July 5 vote to attach new conditions to the plan.

The interior minister has opposed his party's hawkish foreign policy line in favor of the Labor Party's proposals for peace talks with neighboring Arab states.

On Tuesday, the three Israelis will meet with the tiny Jewish community in Cairo, once one of the largest in the Middle East, and will visit the ancient Jewish cemetery.

Yosef is no stranger to Cairo. He was a rabbi there before immigrating to Israel. Deri and Peretz are of Moroccan origin.

#### ISRAEL WELCOMES PRESIDENT OF CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC

By David Landau

JERUSALEM, July 17 (JTA) -- Gen. Andre Kolingba, president of the Central African Republic, placed a wreath on the tomb of Theodor Herzl here Monday, the second day of a delayed state visit to Israel.

He was also greeted by President Chaim Herzog of Israel, in colorful ceremonies at the Jerusalem Rose Gardens.

Herzog assured his guest that Israel and the Central African Republic are "like old friends who have renewed their friendship."

The republic recently restored diplomatic relations with Israel, which it and most other black African nations broke after the 1973 Yom Kippur War as a gesture of solidarity with Egypt.

Kolingba has meetings scheduled with Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir and Vice Premier Shimon Peres, who is also finance minister. Israeli technical aid and private business ventures in the African nation are to be on their agenda.

Kolingba and his 33-member entourage arrived at Ben-Gurion Airport on Sunday, some six weeks late.

Last month, when they set out to fly directly from the capital city of Bangui to Tel Aviv, Sudan refused to allow the presidential plane to enter its airspace. The plane had to return.

The incident led to a rupture of diplomatic relations between Sudan and the Central African Republic. This time Kolingba and his party flew to Israel via Europe.

## GERMAN UNIVERSITY STILL USING SAMPLES FROM NAZI EXPERIMENTS

By David Kantor

BONN, July 17 (JTA) -- A West German university is continuing to conduct research with human tissues taken from people subjected to Nazi scientific experiments, an independent commission investigating the practice charged in a report issued Friday.

The commission, chaired by Professor Albin Eser, director of the Freiburg-based Max Planck Institute, said Tuebingen University persisted in using microscopic tissue samples.

The commission said it could not establish the exact number of samples from victims of Nazism, but demanded that the samples be buried and the practice abandoned.

The use of samples taken in Nazi experiments was exposed in January by the state-owned ARD television network. The investigatory commission was established in April.

The administrators of three of West German universities mentioned by ARD said they knew of no tissue samples taken from victims of the Nazis.

The fourth school, Tuebingen, said two microscopic samples from its anatomy collection had been withdrawn. According to Chancellor Georg Sandberger, the ARD report was grossly exaggerated.

But the news media, especially Israeli reporters who pursued the ARD report, wrote later that the universities mentioned had used body parts from victims of the Nazis, including Jews, Communists, handicapped and mentally ill people and so-called criminals.

### University Stance Differs

Sandberger stated in many interviews that Tuebingen had conducted a thorough inquiry of its own and found that the only samples came from a young Polish woman and a young German who were decapitated by the Nazis in Stuttgart.

"The tissues may have been left over from the times when the Nazis delivered corpses to universities for anatomical study. In our collection now there are neither body parts nor tissues which we can trace to the Nazi time," he said.

That statement clearly contradicted the commission's report.

University officials are now saying there was a misunderstanding of who constituted a Nazi victim. They said members of the commission failed to differentiate between individuals executed because of their race or beliefs and those who were convicted criminals.

The Eser commission responded that it reached its conclusions on the basis of a thorough analysis and considered only Nazi victims, not criminals in the general sense.

## VETERAN ISRAELI ACTOR DEAD AT 85

By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, July 17 (JTA) -- Shmuel Rodensky, a veteran actor of the Israeli stage who said he preferred "Yiddish characters" to the great Shakespearean roles, died here Sunday night at the age of 85.

A winner of the coveted Israel Prize, Rodensky continued to appear regularly until he suffered a heart attack a year ago.

A star of Habimah, the Israeli national theater, he was best known for his portrayal of Tevye, the milkman, in "Fiddler on the Roof."

## CONDUCTOR WITH BRILLIANT CAREER AND A NAZI PAST IS DEAD AT 81

NEW YORK, July 17 (JTA) -- Famed conductor Herbert von Karajan, whose Nazi past did not deter a brilliant musical career, died Sunday of a heart attack at his home in Anif, in the Austrian Alps. He was 81.

Despite his Nazi affiliations and protests against his appearance in the United States, von Karajan, for 35 years director of the Berlin Philharmonic, remained one of the most renowned figures in the world of classical music.

He was the definitive interpreter of the music of Richard Wagner, another Nazi favorite.

Soul-searching articles in the press, debating artistic merit versus morality and ethics, appeared last year when the German record company Deutsche Grammophon issued recordings of von Karajan's Nazi-era performances. But there was no public outcry to his concert appearances last winter in the United States.

This stood in contrast to his appearance in this country in February 1955, when Jewish groups and musicians vigorously protested his impending musical tour and attempted to have the State Department ban von Karajan's entry.

At that time, the State Department advised protesters that all legal requirements for the entry of von Karajan and the Berlin Philharmonic had been met.

Protesters at the time included the Jewish Labor Committee and the Workmen's Circle, who asked the West German government to recall von Karajan and other members of the Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra who were affiliated with the Nazis. They also called for boycotts of the performances.

### Conducting Banned By Allies

Von Karajan's 1955 tour was his first following a two-year ban of his conducting by the Allied Powers.

The ban resulted from a "de-Nazification" trial after World War II, which found that von Karajan had joined the Nazi Party in Austria in 1933, despite his claim that he joined in 1935 to maintain his career.

In fact, Von Karajan, a native of Salzburg, Austria, joined the Nazi Party not once but twice: first in Austria in 1933, when the Nazis were not yet in power, and again a year later in Germany, after membership was banned in Austria.

He often included the Nazi "Horst Wessel" song in his concerts, as well as other Nazi musical favorites.

In a cultural power struggle, von Karajan was favored by Hermann Goering, president of the Reichstag and second only to Hitler in the Nazi Party, over Nazi propagandist Joseph Goebbels' choice of Wilhelm Furtwangler.

Israel Radio refused to play his recordings. But, according to a 1978 report, the Israeli Embassy in Bonn agreed to von Karajan's participation in a pro-Israel information campaign.

A former wife of von Karajan visited Israel in an unsuccessful attempt to try to get Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kollek and the Israel Philharmonic to allow von Karajan to conduct in Israel before playing at the Metropolitan Opera in New York.

Shortly after von Karajan resigned last month, it was announced that Israeli conductor Daniel Barenboim would conduct the Berlin Philharmonic in Israel next spring. The orchestra has never performed there.

## BEHIND THE HEADLINES: SPAIN AND ISRAEL HOPE TOURISM PACT WILL LEAD TO BROADER COOPERATION

By David Kantor

MADRID (JTA) -- A tourism agreement signed here last week by Spain and Israel may open the way for broader cooperation between the two nations.

While the Israelis are anxious to receive more visitors from Spain, the Spaniards hope their pact with Israel will lead to a breakthrough in American tourism to their country.

At present, Spain attracts mainly European tourists, but relatively few Americans. Wealthy Jews from the United States would be most welcome visitors in Spain.

Cooperation with Israel in that field, plus Spain's recent emphasis on its rich Jewish cultural heritage, are considered ideal ways to gain the good will of American Jews.

Officials here hope to end the isolation of Spain that has persisted in Jewish circles long after the end of Francisco Franco's dictatorial regime. Madrid's establishment of full diplomatic relations with Israel in 1986 was seen as the first step in that process.

Israel's minister of tourism, Gideon Patt, just spent almost a week here, visiting Toledo and other sites of particular Jewish interest.

Patt had two days of meetings with Jose Barrionuevo, Spain's minister of transportation, communications and tourism, and with the vice minister for tourism, Ignacio Fuego.

They are busy planning for 1992, when Spain will observe for a full year the 500th anniversary of Columbus' discovery of the New World.

It is also the 500th year since the expulsion of Jews from Spain by King Ferdinand and Queen Isabella.

### 'Outstanding Jewish Achievements'

Spanish officials are speaking now of a "Reencuentra" -- a new encounter between Spanish and Jewish cultures.

The officials who attended the talks with Patt view the commemoration as an excellent opportunity to build on the historic ties between Spaniards and Jews.

They said Spain hopes to attract Israeli and other Jewish visitors from all over the world to such places as Toledo, Granada and Seville, where Jews once made important contributions to science, medicine, culture and politics.

An official of the Tourism Ministry told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, "Not only are we aware of the outstanding Jewish achievements here, we have launched an ambitious program aimed at preserving and, if necessary, renovating buildings and monuments which remind us of our Jewish past."

A working group has been assigned to arrange tours of special interest to people who want to trace the sources of Sephardic culture.

Patt said he was deeply impressed by the sincere efforts the Spaniards are making to keep memories alive and, wherever possible, establish new contacts with Jewish groups.

He and his hosts agreed on the need to launch an information campaign.

Spanish tourism to Israel increased by 40 percent last year. But the numbers are lower than for other Western European countries.

One reason is that Spaniards do not regard Israel as a vacation land. Extensive media cover-

age of the Palestinian uprising has given the impression that it is dangerous to visit Israel.

Patt's efforts to overcome that image were not made easier by the prominent media coverage given Silvia Martinez, a Spanish student from Barcelona who was injured in the bus disaster on the Tel Aviv-Jerusalem highway July 6.

But in the long run, Spanish tourism to Israel may have a chance. Many visitors to date have been members of religious groups interested in the Holy Land.

Lately, Spanish scholars, intellectuals and others have come to Israel to discover the wide range of activities and events it offers.

## FRENCH JEWISH LEADER WARNS POLAND THAT CARMELITE CONVENT MUST BE MOVED

PARIS, July 17 (JTA) -- A French Jewish leader warned the Catholic hierarchy of Poland on Sunday that Catholic-Jewish relations would be in jeopardy if the church fails again to honor its commitment to remove a Carmelite convent from the grounds of the former Auschwitz death camp.

"There is a limit to patience," declared Jean Kahn, president of CRIF, the Representative Council of Jewish Institutions in France.

"A time comes when one has to draw conclusions if the Polish Church does nothing to respect the commitment given through the signature of one of its highest dignitaries," Kahn said.

He was referring to Cardinal Franciszek Macharski, the archbishop of Krakow, one of four European cardinals who signed a pledge to European Jewish leaders in Geneva on Feb. 22, 1987, that the convent would be gone within two years.

Although the deadline passed six months ago, the nuns have refused to leave.

Neither the Polish branch of the Catholic Church nor the Vatican has exerted any noticeable pressure on the nuns to do so.

Earlier this year, Jewish organizations set a new deadline of July 22. But it appears little progress toward resolving the issue will be made by Saturday.

Kahn referred to this in an address to more than 1,000 people here Sunday.

They were marking the 47th anniversary of the roundup of 13,000 French and foreign Jews in Nazi-occupied Paris on July 16, 1942.

### Not 'Against The Carmelites'

The thousands of men, women and children were herded by French police into a sports stadium where they were confined in stifling heat for several days, then put in box cars on a train bound for Auschwitz. Only a few survived the journey.

Kahn stressed that Auschwitz is ground hallowed by Jewish martyrs. "We have nothing against the Carmelites," he said.

"They can pray and meditate as they wish on another location, but not on this spot that belongs first to the martyrs, to all of humanity, but to no one in particular.

"No one has the right to claim it," he said.

The 59-year-old Paris attorney, who was elected to head CRIF on May 21, expressed French Jews' solidarity with seven American Jews who were assaulted by local workers while demonstrating at Auschwitz last Friday for removal of the convent.

"The images of the inhabitants of Auschwitz beating the children of those who perished there will leave us with very raw feelings," he said.