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ISRAELI ENVOY TO PRESS WASHINGTON ON ARAFAT VISA, EGYPTIAN INITIATIVE By David Landau

JERUSALEM, Sept. 5 (JTA) -- Washington's renewed efforts to breathe some life into Israel's flagging peace initiative has created new friction between Labor and Likud and also within high echelons of Likud.

Israel, at the same time, is mounting a diplomatic campaign to forestall the prospect of a U.S. visa being granted to Palestine Liberation Organization leader Yasir Arafat, so he can come to New York to address the United Nations General Assembly.

Deputy Foreign Minister Binyamin Netanyahu, who ranks high in the Likud, departed for the United States on Tuesday and was to be in Washington next week for meetings with Bush administration officials.

His visit, which was planned some time ago, is now expected to focus on the Arafat visa issue, which could be linked to the latest U.S. peace move.

Specifically, Washington is reportedly trying to persuade moderate Arab states and the PLO to support a 10-point paper drawn up by Egypt regarding Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir's proposal for Palestinian elections in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

American officials are said to be pledging that if the Arab states accept this position paper, Washington will press all sides to agree to hold the elections.

The Egyptian paper proposes that East Jerusalem Arabs be allowed to participate in the elections and that the referendum lead to negotiations based on the "land-for-peace" principle.

Both of these positions are unacceptable to Likud, though acceptable to Labor.

The fear in Likud circles is that if the U.S. efforts are successful and the PLO, succumbing to pressure from the United States and moderate Arab states, accepts the 10-point paper, President Bush would then accede to Arafat's visa request.

Shamir Reported Angry At Arens

Likud ministers, Shamir among them, are said by reliable sources to be angry at Foreign Minister Moshe Arens for having engaged in separate discussions with the American and Egyptian ambassadors over the substance of the Egyptian position paper.

Arens, who is himself a Likud ally of Shamir's, recently told the envoys that he personally rejects the participation of East Jerusalem residents in the elections, though this is not the position of the government as such, since the Labor half of the coalition supports it.

Labor's only condition is that the actual voting take place outside the Jerusalem municipal boundaries.

But Shamir maintains that Israel need not consider any details whatever, unless and until the Arab side accepts in principle the Israeli initiative, which sees the elections as part of a two-phase negotiation process.

Shamir and other Likud ministers fault Arens for being drawn into a substantive discussion at this stage, especially since Arafat's Al Fatah wing

of the PLO was hostile toward the Israeli proposal in a statement issued at the end of its convention in Tunis last month.

Shamir points out, too, that the Egyptian position paper has never formally been submitted to Israel. That can soon become moot if the Americans are persuaded to transmit the Egyptian paper to Israel.

President Hosni Mubarak of Egypt is scheduled to visit Washington later this month.

Swedish Official Intervening

Meanwhile, Swedish Foreign Minister Sten Anderssen is once again projecting himself into Middle East peacemaking, this time with a view to persuading the PLO to accept the Egyptian paper, Ha'aretz reported Tuesday.

Anderssen is presently attending a conference of nonaligned nations in Belgrade, Yugo-slavia, together with Arafat and a number of Arab heads of government.

Anderssen took a high-profile role in Arafat's relatively conciliatory appearance at the United Nations in Geneva last December, and later took part of the credit for the PLO leader's landmark meeting with a group of American Jewish activists headed by New York attorney Rita Hauser.

It was in the wake of those verbal concessions by the PLO chief that the Reagan administration decided to launch an official, though low-level, dialogue with the PLO.

Anderssen is now reportedly signaling that if the PLO were to go another step forward, the United States would be prepared to upgrade its dialogue with the PLO.

ISRAEL INTERCEPTS INFILTRATOR, BOMBS TARGET IN SOUTH LEBANON By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, Sept. 5 (JTA) -- An Israel Defense Force patrol killed a would-be infiltrator in the southern Lebanon security zone Monday night, and much earlier in the day, Israeli air force jets blasted a terrorist target in the Bekaa Valley of eastern Lebanon.

The infiltration incident occurred south of Ramiye village in the security zone, less than a mile from the Israeli border facing Kibbutz Zar'it.

An IDF patrol opened fire on three infiltrators, killing one of them. The other two escaped in thick underbrush.

The gang is believed to have been on its way to attack targets in Israel. The dead man carried a Kalachnikov assault rifle and grenades. He was wearing a flak jacket, jeans and sneakers.

Earlier Monday, in a rare, predawn air raid, Israeli jets struck a base of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine-General Command, a terrorist group headed by Ahmed Jabril.

It was located in Majdel Balihis village, south of Lake Karoun in the Bekaa Valley.

The air raid was the 11th this year on targets in Lebanon and the third on installations of the Jabril group.

The terrorists said one of their men was injured. But Lebanese sources said at least four men were buried in the rubble of a one-story building that served as the operations room.



700 HARD-CORE ACTIVISTS TARGETED AS 'INSTIGATORS' OF THE INTIFADA By Gii Sedan

JERUSALEM, Sept. 5 (JTA) -- The Israel Defense Force is busy tracking down 700 hardcore activists of the intifada considered the "instigators" of violence against Israeli soldiers and Arabs they see as collaborators, Gen. Dan Shomron, the IDF chief of staff, told a Knesset panel Tuesday.

According to military statistics Shomron cited to members of the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Desense Committee, 468 Arabs have been killed by the security forces since the Palestinian uprising began more than 20 months ago, and another 100 were murdered by fellow Arabs for allegedly collaborating with Israeli authorities.

There are still 21 unsolved Arab murder

cases, the chief of staff said.

Nasser Hospital in Rafah, at the southern end of the Gaza Strip, reported receiving the body of a local man dead on arrival Tuesday. It also admitted a badly injured youth.

A preliminary investigation indicated both were attacked by other Arabs. Gaza residents said the two were beaten by masked men who accused them of collaboration with Israel.

Shomron said the principal objective of the Palestinian uprising remains "attracting the sympathy of public opinion around the world, including Israel."

He said public opinion was also a concern of Israel, which is one reason the Israel Defense Force refrains from using live ammunition to quell disturbances.

reputation in its public relations battle," Shomron improper funding. said.

The military-run civil administration in the West Bank shut down eight local schools Tuesday because their pupils were involved in disturbances.

Open And Shut Schools

Since July 22, when West Bank Arab schools were reopened after a prolonged closure, 18 have been shut down again. But five were reopened after their student bodies were warned to stay out of trouble.

The civil administration's policy is to close individual schools where disturbances occur instead of a blanket shutdown as in the past.

Unlike last year, schools will be closed for short periods, more as a warning than punishment.

Elsewhere in the West Bank, a leader of the militant Jewish settlement movement, Rabbi Moshe Levinger, says the IDF has provided him with armed guards because his life has been threatened by Palestinians.

Levinger, who lives in Hebron, was indicted for manslaughter on Aug. 28 in connection with the shooting death last year of an Arab shoe vendor in that town.

Free on bail, Levinger says "Arabs in Hebron" have warned him that his life is in danger.

He said the threats were repeated on Damascus radio, which warned that he could be kidnapped just as easily as Sheikh Abdul Karim Obeid, the Hezbollah leader who was seized in southern Lebanon by Israeli commandos July 28.

Levinger said Damascus radio taunted that he would not be found alive like Shaul Mishanya, an Israeli jeweler who was kidnapped by Arabs in Tulkarm on Aug. 23 and found by a search party unharmed 36 hours later.

MESSAGE ON ARAB FUNDING ALLEGATIONS TO BE BROADCAST WITH 'DAYS OF RAGE' By Allison Kaplan

NEW YORK, Sept. 5 (JTA) -- A controversial documentary on the Palestinians will be broadcast Wednesday on public television stations across the United States, despite charges that the film was partially funded with money coming from Arab countries.

But a message informing viewers of the allegations about funding will be broadcast immediately before and after the documentary, which is entitled "Days of Rage: The Young Palestinians."

The film will be broadcast as the main component of a Public Broadcasting Service presentation titled "Intifada: The Palestinians and Israel."

The decision to air the message was made by PBS after an article in The New Republic, a weekly political journal, charged last week that Jo Franklin-Trout, the producer of "Days of Rage," received funds for distribution rights to the film from the Arab American Cultural Foundation.

The foundation, whose director is Hisham Sharabi, a Palestinian professor at Georgetown University, receives funds from Arab nations. Franklin-Trout sits on the foundation's board.

PBS spokeswoman Mary Jane McKinven said that the message broadcast before and after the presentation will state that although Franklin-Trout has told PBS that the film was funded independently, there have been charges that funds have come from improper sources.

The message goes on to say that PBS inves-Live bullets would only "hurt the army's tigated the matter but found no hard evidence of

> According to PBS guidelines, documentaries may not be financed by parties with vested interests in the content of the film.

'Premeditated Effort To Propagandize'?

Following the publication of the charges regarding the funding, several major Jewish groups asked PBS to reconsider its decision to air the film.

"It seems to us incomprehensible that a single private investigator (The New Republic) should have been able to unearth materials which remain undiscovered by a team of investigators looking at this question on behalf of a major broadcasting network," Phil Baum, associate executive director of the American Jewish Congress, said in a statement.

Paul Flacks, the executive vice president of the Zionist Organization of America, has written to PBS asking for cancellation of the broadcast.

He said in a statement that if the documentary is aired as planned, PBS has an obligation to make it clear to viewers that "what is being broadcast may, in fact, be based on bias and a premeditated effort to propagandize public opin-

During the broadcast Wednesday evening, a local group called the Coalition of Concern will stage a demonstration outside WNET, the PBS affiliate in New York that is sponsoring the broadcast. The group is chaired by Rabbi Avraham Weiss, who led a controversial demonstration at Auschwitz on July 14.

After Jewish groups denounced "Days of Rage" as anti-Israel propaganda, WNET produced programming to surround the broadcast. It includes interviews in Israel and a panel discussion.

JEWISH LEADER MAY GO TO VATICAN TO SMOOTH WAY FOR CONSULTATION By Allison Kaplan

NEW YORK, Sept. 5 (JTA) -- The group that formally represents world Jewry in its dealings with the Vatican has authorized its chairman to travel to Rome to smooth the way for an impending meeting between high-level Catholic and Jewish leaders.

Rabbi James Rudin, chairman of the International Jewish Committee for Interreligious Consultations, said there is "a strong possibility" that a trip to Rome will be necessary, in order to finalize plans for a meeting between an IJCIC delegation and top Vatican officials, notably Cardinal Agostino Casaroli, the Vatican secretary of state.

IJCIC first requested the urgent meeting with Casaroli last month, in the midst of the continuing controversy over the presence of the Carmelite convent at Auschwitz.

The request for the consultation came after the archbishop of Krakow, Cardinal Franciszek Macharski, announced he was canceling a 1987 agreement between Catholic and Jewish leaders to relocate the nuns to an interreligious center to be built off the grounds of the death camp.

Since then, remarks by the head of the Roman Catholic Church in Poland, Cardinal Jozef Now the Polish primate, Cardinal Josef Glemp, have further heightened tensions between Catholics and Jews.

Glemp offended Jews with statements Aug. 26 widely seen as anti-Semitic and a call at the end of last week for a renegotiation of the agreement to relocate the convent.

Meeting May Be Pushed Back

Rudin said he has been in constant touch with Vatican officials trying to finalize the arrangements for the meeting, which IJCIC originally requested for Sept. 12. But he said there is a strong likelihood that the date of the consultation will now be closer to the end of September.

Rudin said his first priority is not the timing of the meeting, but the ability of the IJCIC delegation to meet with the proper officials, in particular Casaroli.

"To go to Rome without meeting with the principal players makes no sense," he said.

At an IJCIC meeting Thursday, members voted to authorize Rudin "to pursue all contacts with the Vatican vigorously," including the option of going to the Vatican.

Publicly, the Vatican has said it will not take sides in the convent dispute.

On Monday, a Vatican spokesperson in Rome maintained that the pope considers the convent a local problem. The Vatican "has taken no side in the discussion now, and it did not four years ago when the issue arose," the spokesperson said.

An official from the World Jewish Congress has taken issue with that statement, pointing to a speech that Pope John Paul II delivered to Austrian Jews in June 1988.

In the speech, the pope said that "among the many modern initiatives which are being undertaken to further the dialogue between Jews and Christians" was "the center of information education, friendship and prayer which is being established in Poland."

At the time, the pope gave the interfaith center his blessing, wishing that "its work be fruitful and may it serve as an example for other nations."

POLISH MUSEUM DIRECTOR AT AUSCHWITZ URGES CONVENT ACCORD BE IMPLEMENTED By David Kantor

BONN, Sept. 5 (JTA) -- The Polish director of the Auschwitz Memorial and Museum believes the agreement to remove a convent from the former death camp's grounds must be upheld.

"Our first priority is to restore calm in this place and the best way to do that is to practice what has been agreed upon by both sides," the museum director, Kazimierz Smolen, was quoted as saying.

Smolen spoke to a delegation representing West German youth organizations, the Hessischer Jugendring, which visited Auschwitz over the weekend. His remarks were quoted Monday by the daily Frankfurter Rundschaeu.

He referred to the conflict raging over the Polish Church's refusal to honor an agreement reached more than two years ago to relocate a Carmelite convent built on the site of the death camp, where some 2 million Jews perished in the Holocaust.

The agreement was signed Feb. 22, 1987, in Geneva by ranking members of the European Catholic clergy, including the archbishop of Krakow, Cardinal Fransciszek Macharski, and world Jewish leaders.

Glemp, is demanding that the agreement be "renegotiated."

But Smolen made clear that "the museum directorate will not participate in any negotiations to change this agreement."

He explained that the directorate of the Auschwitz memorial and museum could not intervene in the dispute, adding, "We would not have acted if the Jews built a synagogue at the site."

500 Stage Protest In Brussels

Smolen told the visiting German youths that when the convent was opened, it aroused a storm of emotion among Jews that the Polish Church leaders had not anticipated.

But meanwhile, Poles also became emotional over the issue, and that was "very negative in this particular place," he said.

According to the Frankfurter Rundschaeu, the museum director was visibly upset by the conflict.

"If there is an agreement to move the convent elsewhere, it should be carried out," he was quoted as saying.

In Brussels meanwhile, some 500 persons protested Monday outside the Polish Embassy against remarks Glemp made on Aug. 26 that were viewed by many to be anti-Semitic. The cardinal accused Jews, among other things, of controlling the international news media and using it to defame Poland.

The protesters where mostly Jews but included a liberal sprinkling of Poles and other Christians, as well as World War II veterans. They had responded to an appeal by the Coordinating Committee of Belgian Jewish Organizations.

A delegation of protesters was received by Polish Embassy officials.

David Susskind, who heads the secular Jewish community center in Brussels, urged the Polish government to end its "neutrality" on the convent issue and pressure the Polish Church to conform to the Geneva agreement.

(JTA correspondent Yossi Lempkowicz in Brussels contributed to this report.)

MIAMI COMMUNITY HOPES FOR HEALING AFTER DIVISIVE ELECTION RUNOFF By Linda Brockman The Miami Jewish Tribune

MIAMI, Sept. 5 (JTA) -- Ileana Ros-Lehtinthe newly elected U.S. representative to Congress and its first Cuban-American, now faces the challenge of uniting an ethnically diverse South Florida community, after an election runoff against a Jewish candidate that several local leaders believe polarized the Hispanic, black, Jewish and Anglo communities.

Jewish and political leaders said last week that they hope the ethnic groups in Miami will come together as a community now that the

campaign is over.

The Republican Ros-Lehtinen, who received 49,638 votes, or 53 percent of the total in the Aug. 29 election, was expected to host a meeting with community leaders "to discuss the future and set a course," said Wendy Donath, Ros-Lehtinen's campaign press secretary. "Ileana is hopeful and optimistic that the community can unite."

This is an attempt to heal wounds caused by a series of campaign tactics used by both candidates which were criticized by many as ethnically divisive. The runoff election was held to fill the seat of the late Claude Pepper, who had represented the 18th Congressional District since 1962.

The Republican Gerald Richman, 48, who garnered 43,759 votes, or 47 percent, said he is still upset that his "American seat" campaign theme was misinterpreted and used to turn the Hispanic community against non-Hispanics.

Richmond's original cmpaign slogan was "This is an American seat," which was later watered down to a seat "for all the people."

During the campaign, Ros-Lehtinen called Richman's comment "bigotry."

In her own campaign, Ros-Lehtinen, 37, mailed a brochure which said, "We want Richman to understand . . . we, too, are Americans. No, we weren't born in Brooklyn, N.Y., like him. No, we don't speak English the same way he does."

Campaign Practices Criticized

Both Richman's campaign theme and Ros-Lehtinen's brochure were criticized by the Fair Campaign Practices Committee in Dade County.

Donath, Ros-Lehtinen's press secretary, would not discuss the brochure when contacted by telephone. "We're looking ahead. Enough has been said about the campaign."

Ros-Lehtinen could not be reached for comment.

Arthur Teitelbaum, Southern area director of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, called the campaign a "tragically divisive political experience that has left a temporary wreckage which needs repairing.

"But that docs not and must not be the way Jews and Cubans define their relationship in the future," he added.

"The community was split down the middle," said Andrew Rosenblatt, executive director of the Fair Campaign Practice Committee. "I don't know if the election was seen as the Jews versus the Cubans, as much as the Hispanics versus the non-Hispanics."

Rosenblatt blamed the problem on candidates filmed for television. who were "more concerned with personal political gain than maintaining the fragile unity of this community. We must take immediate steps to join together and close these wounds."

William Gralnick, Southeast regional director of the American Jewish Committee, said part of the problem is simply that Ros-Lehtinen, a conservative, and Jews, who tend to be liberal. disagree on a variety of domestic issues.

"But we plan to meet with her and begin to go over those areas," he said.

Gralnick said he fears "lingering resentment both on the grass-roots level and in leadership of her campaign."

But Howard Schloss, spokesman for the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee, believes "the wounds will heal and they shouldn't have real long-lasting effects on the community."

READING OF ANTI-WAR POEM IN CEMETERY BANNED BY COURT IN WEST GERMANY By David Kantor

BONN, Sept. 5 (JTA) -- The staging of an anti-war poem by Bertolt Brecht at the German war cemetery in Bitburg was banned by a court in Trier last weekend.

It was to have been part of an observance of the 50th anniversary of the start of World War

The Bitburg municipality asked the court for a restraining order on grounds that the dramatization would offend relatives of soldiers buried at Bitburg.

Those soldiers include members of the Waffen SS, the Nazis' elite fighting corps whose members took a blood oath of allegiance to Hitler.

There were worldwide expressions of outrage in 1985 when President Reagan, escorted by West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl, placed a wreath at the Bitburg cemetery.

Brecht's poem, "Legend of a Dead Soldier," was to have been read and acted out at the site.

An actor portraying the soldier would be taken out of a mock grave and, in the words of Brecht, restored to life so that he could fight in a war again.

The staged scene, arranged by a group of West German artists and intellectuals, including Oscar-winner Volker Schloendorff and sormer High Court Judge Martin Hirsch, was intended as a warning against war and to convey the message that peace serves the best interests of soldiers, past and present.

Brecht's daughter, Hanne Hiob-Brecht, said the group would appeal the court's ruling.

ISRAELI TRANSPLANT PATIENT DOING OK By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, Sept. 5 (JTA) -- Shaul Mizrahi, Israel's seventh heart transplant patient, was reported doing well Tuesday morning, more than 48 hours after an operation that was recorded by an Israel Television camera crew.

Mizrahi, a 33-year-old resident of Or Yehuda, underwent seven hours of surgery, beginning midnight Saturday, at Hadassah University Hospital in Ein Kerem, a suburb of Jerusalem.

His heart was donated by the family of a 15-year-old boy who had died shortly before in a traffic accident.

The transplant was the third performed at Hadassah's Ein Kerem facility and the first to be

It was done at the request of the Health Ministry, which is conducting a program to increase public awareness of the importance of donating organs to save lives.