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**PERES PRAISES EGYPT AND MOROCCO
FOR HELPING END DEPORTEE CRISIS**By Deborah Kalb
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WASHINGTON, Feb. 15 (JTA) -- Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres is crediting Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak and King Hassan of Morocco with helping to resolve the diplomatic crisis caused by the deportation of 415 Palestinians in December.

Peres praised the two leaders Sunday in an address here to the annual plenum of the National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council. He spoke of Israel's improving relations around the world, including the Arab world and the United Nations.

Egypt has been working closely with Israel and the United States to resolve the deportee crisis and get the stalled Arab-Israeli peace talks back on track.

Morocco's involvement has been pivotal since Feb. 1, when the country's ambassador to the United Nations assumed the rotating post of Security Council president.

Last Friday, the Security Council reached an informal understanding not to debate the deportations further.

This marked the failure of two weeks worth of Palestinian efforts to censure Israel further, and even impose sanctions, for its failure to comply with Security Council Resolution 799, which called for the immediate return of the deportees.

Instead, the Security Council has unofficially gone along with the American position that Israel is in compliance with the resolution if it adheres to a U.S.-brokered compromise. Under the deal, Israel is to allow 101 Palestinians to return immediately and the rest to come back by the end of the year.

While reaffirming the need to implement Resolution 799, the Security Council welcomed Israel's decision to allow the return of the 101 deportees and urged all parties in the peace negotiations to redouble their efforts.

'A Changing World'

The Security Council position takes the issue off the table, clearing the air as U.S. Secretary of State Warren Christopher travels to the Middle East this week.

The position was conveyed in an informal meeting between the president of the Security Council, Moroccan Ambassador Ahmed Snoussi, and Israeli Ambassador Gad Yaacobi.

"The fight was closed," Yaacobi told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency on Monday. Asked if the deportee crisis is resolved, he said, "Absolutely."

Peres met last Thursday with Snoussi and U.N. Secretary-General Boutros Boutros-Ghali, saying after the meeting that he felt they understood the need for the peace process to continue.

In his Washington address, Peres noted that Snoussi represents Morocco and that Boutros-Ghali was foreign minister of Egypt.

He cited this as an example of a "changing world," saying that he went "from one to another to convince them that they have to help us to

bring an end to the story of the deportees. And may I say, they did."

The Israeli foreign minister placed this in the context of Israel's improving relations with the United Nations and its members. He observed that Israel now has good relations with countries like China, Russia and India, who once were among Israel's harshest critics.

Today, the "diplomatic globe of Israel now equals the geographic globe of the world," Peres said. "Until rather recently, we were rejected and hated by almost half the world."

He said Israel would like better relations with the Vatican and with Islam. "Our enemy is neither a people nor a religion," he said. "Our enemy is the hostile state of mind."

At the same time, Peres told his audience here that peace had its price that must be paid.

"Peace calls for compromise," he said, "and we are ready to pay our share and have not just a general compromise, but a territorial compromise as well."

"We do not want to dominate the Palestinians," the foreign minister said. He added that Israel is ready to let the Palestinians "run their own life in their own environment, have a self-government" and "see them not just as neighbors, but happy neighbors and successful neighbors."

He spoke of the urgency for a resolution of the Arab-Israeli conflict. "We must be careful," he warned, "not to create a Yugoslavia-like situation in our own country. We are very near it."

(Contributing to this report was JTA correspondent Larry Yudelson at the United Nations.)

**ISRAELI MAN STABBED TO DEATH
BY ARAB IN EASTERN JERUSALEM**

By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, Feb. 15 (JTA) -- Angry residents of the East Talpilot neighborhood of Jerusalem are demanding tough action against surrounding Arab villages, following the murder of a young Israeli man by a knife-wielding Arab.

In the aftermath of the bloody attack Monday, which also left two other Jews wounded, police have bolstered patrols in the neighborhood to maintain control and protect Arabs from revenge attacks by Jews.

The stabbing was the deadliest of a spate of terror incidents that began Sunday, when an Israeli couple driving near the West Bank settlement of Kiryat Arba came under fire from a passing vehicle. They were only slightly injured.

In another incident Monday, a 1-year-old baby was seriously hurt in northern Jerusalem after a car she was riding in with her parents was stoned, apparently by Arabs. The baby underwent surgery after suffering skull fractures.

The attack in East Talpilot began at about 6:20 a.m., when an Arab man repeatedly stabbed an Israeli woman at a bus stop. The spot lies on the edge of the Jewish neighborhood in eastern Jerusalem, near the Arab villages of Jabel Mukaber and Sur Bahir.

East Talpilot resident Moshe Mizrahi heard the woman screaming and rushed to help her. In the ensuing scuffle, Mizrahi was also injured.

The attacker began to flee the scene, ran into Yehezkel Mizrahi, Moshe's 28-year-old son,

and stabbed the young man to death. A bus driver who noticed what was happening fired two shots toward the fleeing attacker, but missed his target.

Police immediately conducted a manhunt for the assailant, who was seen running toward the neighboring Arab villages. Security forces sealed off the Arab villages and directed the search using a helicopter hovering overhead.

Police trackers followed footprints from the site of the attack to the nearby village of Sheikh Sayyid, where two suspects were detained.

The stabbed woman, meanwhile, underwent surgery at Hadassah Hospital and was described as being in fair condition.

Angry Jewish Residents

Monday's murder triggered angry reactions from Jewish residents of East Talpityot, with some demanding that the attacker's village be leveled and its residents deported.

When Police Inspector-General Ya'acov Terner arrived on the scene, he was greeted with angry shouts demanding tougher action against the neighboring Arab villages.

Meanwhile, the weekend shooting incident in the West Bank was seen as signaling a further deterioration of the security situation in the territories.

Soon after the attack, groups of Jewish residents of Hebron and Kiryat Arba rushed to the scene and began to damage Arab vehicles in revenge.

The tactic of attacking Israeli vehicles from a passing car has been used by Arabs in the Gaza Strip and Hebron areas during recent months, but until now only against military patrols.

DESPITE HITCHES, ISRAEL GOING AHEAD WITH PLANS TO SHELTER BOSNIAN MOSLEMS By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, Feb. 15 (JTA) -- Israel is going ahead with plans to shelter temporarily 101 Moslem refugees from Bosnia-Herzegovina, despite a last-minute rejection of the plan by the Arab Israeli villages that were supposed to host them.

The Bosnian refugees were expected to arrive here Tuesday afternoon on a flight from the Croatian capital of Zagreb, arranged by the European Jewish Congress.

On Monday, the European Jewish Congress received express written approval for the project from the Bosnian government and final preparations for the flight were being made.

The idea of absorbing Bosnian refugees in Israel was first suggested several months ago by heads of the Moslem community in Israel and was encouraged by Knesset member Yossi Sarid of the left-wing Meretz bloc, who visited the region.

Sarid continued his work on the project after he became minister of environment two months ago.

Last week, it was officially announced that 25 families, 101 refugees in all, would come to Israel and live in the Arab towns of Umm el-Fahm and Tira until the fighting subsided in Bosnia.

However, a committee of heads of the Arab community in Israel announced Sunday that it was no longer taking part in the project.

Although Arab leaders said they were backing out because the Bosnian government did not approve of the project, they were reportedly pressured to reject the plan by Palestinian nationalist groups.

The Palestine Liberation Organization supposedly asked the Israeli Arabs to refrain from involving themselves in a project that would make Israel look good at a time when it is suffering from international criticism over the Palestinians it deported in December to southern Lebanon.

After the Israeli Arabs withdrew their support, Sarid said he would continue his efforts on behalf of the refugees, provided the Bosnians approved the project in writing.

By Monday afternoon, Zlatko Lagumdžija, vice president of Bosnia, faxed a letter to the Tel Aviv office of the European Jewish Congress, approving the operation. The Bosnian government stressed, however, that the Moslems are to return once conditions improve at home.

Israeli Arab leaders said they would re-evaluate their position in light of the Bosnian government's approval and denied they had withdrawn support because of outside pressure.

In Paris, an offer by the French Foreign Ministry to lend an airplane for the project was withdrawn at the last moment.

But Jean Kahn, head of the European Jewish Congress, was able to persuade Gilbert Trigano, the Jewish owner of the Club Med resort chain, to provide a plane and half the expenses.

The French government reportedly backed out of the agreement because it did not want to play a part in what might look like an Israeli public relations stunt. French television has also declined to cover the event.

(Contributing to this report was JTA correspondent Michel Di Paz in Paris.)

KNESSET MEMBER CREATES UPROAR BY CALLING BIBLICAL FIGURES GAY By David Landau

JERUSALEM, Feb. 15 (JTA) -- Labor Party enfant terrible Yael Dayan jolted Israel's delicate governing coalition last week by asserting from the Knesset rostrum that the biblical heroes David and Jonathan were homosexual lovers.

Orthodox Knesset members walked out of the chamber in protest as Dayan, speaking in a debate on gay rights, quoted from David's poem on the death of Jonathan: "I grieve for you, Jonathan my brother, you were very dear to me. Your love for me was wonderful, more wonderful than that of women." (II Samuel 1:26)

Dayan, daughter of the late Israeli war hero Moshe Dayan, went on to assert that the medieval sages and poets Yehuda Halevi and Shlomo Ibn Gvirol were also homosexuals.

Knesset member Yosef Azran of the Orthodox Sephardic Shas party urged the party's spiritual leader, Rabbi Ovadia Yosef, to order Shas' immediate secession from the coalition.

Yosef urged party members to remain cool, advising the Shas Knesset faction to address a strong letter of warning to the prime minister.

But Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin did not wait for such a letter. He sternly warned the left flank of his party, of which Dayan is a leading figure, that any further provocation would result in the breakup of the present coalition and the formation of a new government that would include the right-wing Tsomet party and National Religious Party instead of Shas.

Dayan said she had not expected to trigger a storm of protest.

"There are people who can't bear the Bible being everyone's heritage, not just their own," she said.

CLINTON PICK FOR ATTORNEY GENERAL SEEN AS COMMITTED TO CIVIL RIGHTS

By Deborah Kalb
States News Service

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15 (JTA) -- As state's attorney in Dade County, Fla., Janet Reno may not have dealt with federal issues, such as the separation of church and state, that are of special concern to American Jews.

But Jewish community leaders in the Miami area, some of whom have worked closely with Reno over the years, say they are thrilled President Clinton has selected her as his new nominee for attorney general.

These Jewish leaders paint a glowing picture of a woman committed to reaching out to all religious, racial and ethnic groups, a woman who, they believe, would stand up for civil rights issues once in charge of the U.S. Justice Department.

Judy Gilbert-Gould, director of community relations for the Greater Miami Jewish Federation, who worked for Reno over a decade ago, called the nominee an "outstanding human being."

In 1989, Reno won an award from the Miami section of the National Council of Jewish Women for her work in helping children and others.

The award is "given to a person who has really been an advocate" in working to "change the lives of others," said Nan Rich, the organization's national vice president.

"Whenever there's a march, or whatever the occasion, she is always out there expressing her support for every racial and ethnic part of the community," said Rich, a Florida resident.

Reno, 54, has served as state's attorney in Dade County since 1978. A graduate of Harvard Law School, she is single and childless, and therefore did not have any of the "nanny problems" that proved to be the downfall of Clinton's previous nominee, Zoe Baird, and would-be nominee, Judge Kimba Wood.

Reno, whose nomination was announced Feb. 11, has demonstrated "a commitment to everyone's human rights, especially those who could fall through the cracks, like children," said Jane Fishman, NCJW's Florida state public affairs chair.

"Not every state's attorney makes a commitment to protecting the rights of the poor," said Fishman, who is a criminal defense lawyer. "The mystery is why she wasn't the first one thought of" to be attorney general.

Crossed Swords With Far Right

According to Fishman, Reno has crossed swords with various groups over the years, including gun owners, conservative Christian groups and "the far right." Those groups do not like her "for all the reasons we tend to like her," she said.

"She's going to do such a good job, even Clinton doesn't know it," said Arthur England, chairman of the board of the Anti-Defamation League's Florida region. "She's a straight arrow and a bright lady."

England, a law partner of Reno's for a couple of years in the 1970s, said he has gone camping and hiking with her. He described her as "down to earth, with no pretenses."

"It's a remarkable appointment," England said. "I'm thrilled about it."

Reno "cares about children," England said, and "worries about multiculturalism." She taught herself Spanish, he said, to communicate with the

large Spanish-speaking community in the Miami region.

Last year Reno served as co-chair for ADL's Jurisprudence Award luncheon.

Mark Freedman, executive director of the American Jewish Congress's Southeast region, called Reno's appointment "spectacular."

"She is clearly qualified to deal with the significant issues that await the next attorney general," he said.

Freedman pointed out that during the time Reno has headed the State's Attorney's Office, Florida has enacted laws calling for enhanced penalties for perpetrators of hate crimes.

"There's a recognition on Janet Reno's part of religious and racial minorities' needs, of the special protection these laws offer," he said.

Freedman said he hoped that as attorney general, Reno would seek reforms in the Justice Department's Immigration and Naturalization Service allowing Haitian refugees greater ability to seek political asylum in the United States.

He said he also hoped the Justice Department would remedy "inequities" in the Civil Rights Act of 1991 that allow greater awards of punitive damage for racial discrimination than for religious or gender-based discrimination.

Freedman observed that over the past 12 years, organizations like AJCongress that support the separation of church and state, and civil rights issues, have been in an "adversarial position to the Justice Department."

The appointment of Reno, he said, could "open a new era in relations between the civil rights community and the Justice Department."

GERMAN RESERVE POLICE FORCE KNOWINGLY HIRED NEO-NAZIS

By David Kantor

BONN, Feb. 15 (JTA) -- The Berlin Volunteer Reserve Police has for years hired known neo-Nazi activists, a top municipal official and a spokesman for a far-right group have confirmed.

The ultrarightists apparently joined the force, known as the FPR, in order to get select information and practice using arms.

The information was confirmed here Saturday by Armin Jaeger, a top official of Berlin's Interior Department, and by Thomas Salomon, the Berlin spokesman of the National Democratic Party, a right-wing group.

"We have a number of men within the FPR," Salomon said. "We believe this is important and helpful in protecting us from police raids and in helping to promote political goals intended to serve the public's interest."

Last week, five members of the FPR were arrested for having deliberately infiltrated the force for political reasons. The arrests were initially kept secret to avoid embarrassing the authorities.

Jaeger acknowledged that the investigation's conclusion had been kept secret but said the department resolved to act swiftly.

He said that two high-ranking officials were probably responsible for deliberately hiring the extremists and may face suspension or even dismissal.

The Interior Department has ordered a thorough examination into the records of all FPR members, Jaeger reported. He said results will be available in about a week and action will be taken promptly to clear the force of extreme right elements.

SERIOUS ANTI-SEMITIC INCIDENTS ARE UP BY 15 PERCENT IN AUSTRALIA

By Jeremy Jones

SYDNEY, Australia (JTA) -- The number of incidents of anti-Semitic violence, serious vandalism and harassment in Australia rose 15 percent last year, although the number of less serious incidents fell to the lowest in three years.

The report, issued by the Executive Council of Australian Jewry, pointed out that there were over 10 incidents a month.

Isi Leibler, the president of the council, said that "the levels of violence and damage caused" in 1992 did not match "the horrific heights of the arson attacks on synagogues" during 1991.

However, he noted that the sheer number of incidents was a reason for community concern.

Leibler stressed that incidents reported represented only a "bare minimum" of incidents actually occurring.

"Associated individuals and associations spread malicious lies about the Nazi genocide of the Jews of Europe, the Jewish religion and the role of Jewish Australians in public affairs. Anti-Jewish invective from a variety of other sources is also reported" to the Executive Council "irregularly, but far from infrequently," he added.

Holocaust survivors are a particular target of the racists, Leibler noted, with pro-Nazi harassment coupled with the racism of the Holocaust deniers.

The rise in incidents categorized as "violence, serious vandalism and harassment" and also in the category of "hate mail" was balanced by a decrease in reports of anti-Semitic telephone calls, and a significant drop in the number of reported anti-Jewish graffiti, posters and leaflets.

The total of all incidents showed a slight decrease over the two previous years, confirming the Jewish community's belief that fallout from the Persian Gulf War was responsible for the dramatic upsurge in the number and violence of incidents in late 1990 and early 1991.

Regarding the anti-Semitic incidents, Leibler argued that anti-racist legislation and effective political leadership to combat racism could minimize the number of attacks on Jewish targets.

2 CHARGES DROPPED IN NAZI CASE

By Jeremy Jones

SYDNEY, Australia, Feb. 15 (JTA) -- Ivan Polyukhovich, the first Australian charged under 1988 Nazi war crimes legislation, will face only two of the remaining four charges against him, his defense lawyer has announced.

Polyukhovich, 76, had been slated to face two trials in the South Australian Supreme Court, with the first starting March 1.

The director of Public Prosecutions has now dropped the charges that would have been heard in the second trial, alleging Polyukhovich murdered two Jewish men and a Jewish woman in Nazi-occupied Ukraine.

He will still face charges relating to one individual murder and knowing involvement in the murder of 850 other Jewish villagers.

The presiding magistrate, Justice Cox, responded to the dropping of the charges by lifting a suppression order preventing media coverage of the Polyukhovich case in South Australia.

This means that when the first trial takes place, South Australia will be able to receive the same reports as all other parts of the country.

DUTCH UNIVERSITY CONFISCATES PAPER THAT MOCKED ANNE FRANK

By Henriette Boas

AMSTERDAM (JTA) -- The University of Groningen, in northern Holland, has confiscated all remaining copies of a student newspaper that poked fun at Anne Frank and made anti-Semitic remarks about the country's Jewish community.

The director of the student union that publishes the paper immediately suspended three of its editors and is considering expelling them from the student group.

One of the editors, Peter Mooiman, wrote an article titled "Anne Frank Is Not Dead," in which he alleged that Anne Frank is alive in Buenos Aires, where she has changed her sex.

The article was also contemptuous of Dutch Jews.

The public prosecutor is now examining whether the editors can be prosecuted for discrimination.

The student union director apologized for the insulting publication and as a compensatory gesture will give a certain amount of money to the Anne Frank Foundation, which exists to perpetuate Anne Frank's memory and teach tolerance.

In his defense, Mooiman said his article must be seen as a "column" in which license must be allowed.

He said he also wrote it to draw attention to the suffering of the some 400 Palestinian Islamic fundamentalists who have been expelled by Israel and are now in a no-man's land in southern Lebanon.

The publication of the insulting issue of the paper follows the acquittal a few weeks ago by an Amsterdam high court of a writer, Theo van Gogh, who wrote a similar column that made objectionable remarks about Anne Frank.

Like Mooiman, van Gogh said the comments were "only sick jokes," to which a columnist is entitled.

2 CHARGED AS RAVENSBRUCK VANDALS

By David Kantor

BONN, Feb. 15 (JTA) -- Two men have been charged by the state prosecution in Potsdam with desecrating the memorial at the former Ravensbrück concentration camp.

But authorities have conceded that despite continuous efforts, they have no clues whatsoever to the identities of the vandals who last September caused the fire in the so-called "Jewish barrack" of the former concentration camp of Sachsenhausen.

The arson touched off a wave of condemnations and played an important role in making clear to the political leadership in Bonn that neo-Nazi violence should be taken seriously.

The authorities in Potsdam said they have followed 234 different leads with no success.

The state of Brandenburg, in which Sachsenhausen is situated, has been in recent months the scene of repeated attacks against asylum-seekers and on Jewish memorials.

A high-ranking aide to Prime Minister Manfred Stolpe said last Friday that the state will make available this year 300,000 marks -- more than \$180,000 -- to support the newly formed Jewish community in Brandenburg. Many of the Jews living in the state came from the former Soviet Union.