

No Improvement In Egypt-Israel Ties

JERUSALEM (WNS) — The Egyptian government has rejected an approach proposed by Israel which would separate trade from political issues such as the Israeli presence in Lebanon, the Palestinian autonomy talks and other matters which have soured relations between Jerusalem and Cairo.

This account was provided by Israeli Minister of Commerce Gideon Patt who returned from a three day official visit to Cairo where he attended the opening of an international trade fair. He was the guest of Egypt's Economics Minister Mustapha Said. He also held lengthy discussions with Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Kamal Hassan Ali and Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, Butros Ghali.

Patt said the Egyptians rejected the suggestion to separate trade from political issues. He said the

declining trade between the two countries is directly related to Egypt's unhappiness over the state of political relations. He blamed this "linkage" for the drop in Israeli exports to Egypt from \$25 million in 1982 to half that value in 1983. Egyptian exports to Israel remained at \$5 million during both years.

Meanwhile, Israeli Ambassador to Washington, Meir Rosenne, warned that unless Egypt returns its Ambassador to Israel soon, "Israel will have to think twice before accepting any negotiations with another Arab state." Addressing 2,000 persons attending the Fourth National United Jewish Appeal Leadership Conference in Washington, Rosenne said: "If the end result of such negotiations is to see that you fulfill your obligations while the other does not, it is not very encouraging for the peace process."

Three People Killed In Terrorist Attack On Bus In Ashdod

TEL AVIV (WNS) — Three people — two women and a man — were killed and eight wounded when an explosion ripped through an Egged bus near the central market and bus station in Ashdod on March 7. Security forces detained over 100 people for questioning. Two of the dead were

first described as a husband and wife, killed instantly. But police later said that the two were not related. The second woman was critically injured and died later in the hospital.

The terrorist attack was the first carried out in Ashdod, and the Town Council met in special session to decide on

steps to be taken to try and prevent recurrences. Council spokesmen said they would consider whether to bar Arabs from attending the weekly open market in the town, which attracts Arabs from the nearby Gaza Strip who come to sell their wares and agricultural products.

According to the bus

driver, the bus was carrying 10 to 15 people at the time of the explosion, which went off under a seat in the middle of the bus. It was the worst bombing in Israel since last December when an explosion on a bus in Jerusalem killed six people and wounded 44.

Suit Against Former Nazi

LOS ANGELES (WNS) — Five Holocaust survivors from Yugoslavia, who are now American citizens, have filed a class action legal suit against Andrija Artukovic, the former Minister of the Interior of the Nazi puppet state of Croatia, the Simon Wiesenthal Center at Yeshiva University reported. The action was taken when the complaint was filed in the U.S. District Court Central District of California.

The survivors have asked the court for a jury trial with the hope that the final judgement will enable them to recover compensatory and punitive damages for personal loss and injury sustained by them, as a result of Artukovic's crimes against humanity and other violations of international and Yugoslavian law. The suit also seeks a declaration of rights on behalf of the class members, so they can establish, in the litigation, the fact that Artukovic is legally responsible for those war crimes.

Artukovic, currently a resident of Surfside (Seal Beach), California, is believed to be the highest ranking former Nazi official known to be living in the U.S. He has successfully dodged all attempts by the government to have him deported since 1951.

Kibbutz Programs In Israel This Summer For Teenagers



Physical work is an essential part of life on the kibbutz. (Photo by Mark Sands)

NEW YORK . . . Teenagers and young adults can spend several weeks this summer on a kibbutz in Israel through two unique programs offered by the Kibbutz Aliya Desk — Experiment in Kibbutz Living and the Short Summer Ulpan.

Experiment in Kibbutz Living, open to teenagers between the ages of 15 and 17, is designed to introduce American and Canadian youth to Israel and to the realities of kibbutz life, according to Kenneth Bob, Director, Kibbutz Aliya Desk.

Applicants can choose to participate in either a 35-day program — in which they will work on a kibbutz and take part in kibbutz activities — or a longer, 43-day program, featuring the kibbutz experience, as well as a three-day seminar and a week of sightseeing.

In either case, each participant will be "adopted" by a kibbutz teenager, adding to the project's personal touch by allowing the American and Canadian youth to share everyday life with their Israeli peers.

Both programs begin in July, with the 35-day program costing \$1,400 and the 43-day program costing \$1,610.

College students and young adults can take part in the Short Summer Ulpan, a 10-week program open to anyone between the ages of 18 and 27.

The program's first eight weeks take place on a kibbutz, with participants spending five hours a day working alongside kibbutz members and two hours a day at Hebrew class and lectures.

Students will be eligible to receive three semester credits from Haifa University for their studies.

The program also features a one-week tour of Israel, including Jerusalem, Ein Gedi, the Dead Sea and other sites, and a week in which participants are free to arrange their own schedules.

Short Summer Ulpans will be offered this year on three separate occasions, starting on May 23rd, June 13th and June 17th.

The program's cost — which covers roundtrip airfare, ulpan tuition and touring — varies from \$1,095 to \$1,260, depending upon the departure date.

Other programs offered by the Kibbutz Aliya Desk this summer include the Kibbutz University Semester in Israel, giving college students the chance to work on a kibbutz and study at the Overseas Program of Haifa University; the Kibbutz Ulpan, a six-month program, consisting of work and the study of Hebrew, open to anyone between the ages of 18 and 35; and Temporary Worker on Kibbutz, in which participants work for a month or longer alongside kibbutz members.

Full information on these programs — or on living and settling on a kibbutz — is available through: Kibbutz Aliya Desk, 27 West 20th Street, New York, New York 10022.



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