

The Israeli language movement, known by the name Eshkol-Wachman, is considered one of the world's pioneering language movements.

The members of the delegation are supposed to leave the beginning of next week for London where they will receive their visas at the PRC Embassy.

Peres Notes 10 Infiltration Attempts From Egypt
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[Text] Foreign Minister Shim'on Peres has revealed there have recently been 10 attempts by terrorists to infiltrate from Egypt, and almost all have been foiled. Peres said Egypt is aware of its responsibilities to close the border to infiltrators. Peres was speaking to the Voice of Israel's reporter in the north.

Sharir Claims Egypt Breaking Agreements
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[Text] Justice Minister Avraham Sharir thinks Egypt is not implementing most of its agreements with Israel. He feels the infiltration of two Palestinian terror gangs into Israel from Egyptian territory recently has created some uneasiness here. Shamir said he opposed media presence in the territories and also advocated expulsions as a punishment for violence by residents of the territories.

Egyptian Army Said To Violate Accord in Sinai
TA131246 Tel Aviv HADASHOT in Hebrew
13 Mar 88 p 1

[Report by Shmu'el Tal]

[Text] The Egyptian Army last week held a large-scale exercise in the Sinai, in the course of which the Egyptians deviated from the military annex of the peace agreement. They introduced larger forces into the area than permitted, but Israeli sources reported that the forces were removed from the area at the end of the exercise.

IDF sources note that this is not the first time that the Egyptian Army has deviated from the agreement with Israel. Most of the deviations have amounted to maintaining various frameworks and the preparation of an infrastructure for forces larger than those permitted in the region by the peace treaty.

The Egyptian 3d Army practiced armored and infantry assaults and mountain traverse. Artillery, armored, anti-aircraft, and air force units participated in the exercise, which was called "Tadmir" [Arabic for destruction]. It included the landing of infantry and commando forces.

Participation in Cairo Trade Fair Ruled Out
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[Text] Israel will not participate in the international trade fair in Cairo this year. The Egyptians have suggested that Israel abstain from taking part due to security reasons, and their opinion was accepted.

It has been learned from the Exports Institute that Israel has participated in the international fair for 8 consecutive years. It is feared that this year's hiatus will pose difficulties for future participation.

Israel's exports to Egypt multiplied last year, and were expected to do so again this year.

EC Parliament Rejection of Trade Pact Lauded
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[Editorial: "The Political Significance of the European Parliament Decision"]

[Text] The European Parliament's refusal to ratify the trade agreements between the EEC and Israel is a new indication of the Israeli policy's inability to deal with the political facts imposed by the Palestinian people's uprising in the occupied territories.

The history of the EEC countries is replete with economic, military, and political assistance to Israel, but Israel stubbornly ignored European advice to reassess its policy in the occupied territories and to review the rationale behind Israel's continued occupation of another people and its land.

For a long time the European countries tried to convince Israel that it cannot ask for trade privileges in the European markets while depriving the Palestinians in the occupied territories of the freedom to export their agricultural products to European countries.

Israel, which tried to mislead world public opinion about its peaceful objectives, has reached the stage where it cannot convince even its friends of the sincerity of its intentions. Thus, the responsibility for the European Parliament decision to reject the trade pact lies with Israel, because it turned a blind eye to the political realities in the region and to international developments.

The Palestinians in the occupied territories are grateful to the European Parliament members for their moral stance against Israeli practices in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip, and hope that their decision will constitute the beginning of a decisive and clear European political position on the importance and necessity of achieving peace in the Middle East and guaranteeing the Palestinian people's national rights.

The European states are called upon to take an active political role and approach the United States with a European position that would effectively contribute to the achievement of peace in this region—a peace needed by the world as much as it is needed by the nations of the region.

MAKI, Greek Communists Release Communique
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[Text] The joint communique on the talks held in Tel Aviv between a KKE Central Committee delegation and the Israel Communist Party [MAKI] Central Committee was released yesterday.

The communique stressed that both sides believe a just, comprehensive, and lasting peace can be realized only on the basis of a complete Israeli withdrawal from all the Arab territories it has been occupying since June 1967, as well as the fulfillment of the Arab Palestinian people's right to self-determination, including their right to establish an independent Palestinian state next to Israel.

Shamir Decides Not To Deport Activist 'Awwad
TA151143 Tel Aviv HADASHOT in Hebrew
15 Mar 88 p 5

(Report by Ran Levi)

[Text] The State Attorney's Office informed the High Court of Justice yesterday that after due consideration, the interior minister has decided not to deport Mubarak 'Awwad, head of the Palestinian Center for the Study of Nonviolence in East Jerusalem. Nili Arad, an attorney representing the State Attorney's Office, refused yesterday to spell out the prime minister's reasoning. She said the prime minister, who is acting interior minister, is not required to present his reasons.

The judges were amazed by this stand. Justice Beisky pointed out that the minister has veiled his motives behind a shroud of secrecy. Arad responded that there is no reason for the minister to obscure his reasons because the appellants to the High Court of Justice, Attorney Elyaqim Ha'etzni and the Tehiya, do not have recourse to the judges. Attorney Ha'etzni responded: "I mock the prime minister's reasoning. He has neither reasoning nor knowledge."

Rabin on 'Grave' Economic Steps in Territories
TA111301 Tel Aviv HADASHOT in Hebrew
11 Mar 88 p 3

(Report by Yosi Werter)

[Excerpt] "We will not be able to solve the problem in the territories by the method of detentions and the use of force which we are allowed by law. It is probable that we will have to use grave economic measures in order to convince that it is impossible to continue with violence

anymore." This was stated by Defense Minister Yitzhaq Rabin yesterday, in an appearance before the Labor Party's political committee in Tel Aviv.

Rabin said that if the IDF does not manage to quell the violence within a short while, "the need will arise to also resort to means of pressure on the entire population in the territories, in certain areas, to obtain results." He did not elaborate on which means he will adopt. [passage omitted]

Palestine Press on 'New Tactic' Against Unrest
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[Palestine Press Service feature: "Economic Measures Where Force Has Failed"]

[Text] The Israeli ban on fuel distribution in the West Bank marks the employment of a new tactic in the attempt to end the Palestinian uprising in the occupied territories. The use of economic restrictions as a form of collective punishment has not been unknown before. Last week, for example, saw the prohibition on exportation of stone from the Qabatiyah quarry, the main source of income in this village which saw a suspected collaborator lynched. In other villages, such as Biddiyya, Silat al-Zahr and Silat al-Harithiyah, hundreds of fruit trees have been felled by the authorities on the grounds that demonstrators had using them for cover.

Restrictions were also placed on the movement of funds across the bridges to Jordan, thus inhibiting Palestinian economic activity. In the predominantly agricultural city of Jericho today, all shops and street markets were forcibly closed by the Israeli army, thus preventing the sale of local produce. One farmer saw this as an attempt to prompt farmers to pressure merchants to end their strike. "It is part of a new policy of economic pressure," he maintained.

But the widescale ban on fuel distribution is unprecedented. Supplies of petrol, diesel and kerosene are all affected, and only a few institutions will continue to be supplied. Yesterday afternoon and today saw long queues form at filling stations throughout the West Bank, and severe shortages are anticipated in the next few days, affecting most businesses and services.

A spokesman for Hebron Municipality predicted that their operations will "definitely be seriously affected" by mid-week, aggravating "our already serious economic situation." Israeli officials maintained that the move follows a series of attacks on fuel trucks by youths throwing stones and Molotov cocktails. Palestinians, however, are adamant that this is a mere pretext concealing the more sinister objective of imposing collective "sanctions" against local residents as an attempt to force them to end their protest.