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Live Bomb Placed Under Seat in Jerusalem Cinema; Detonated in Open Without Injuries

JERUSALEM, Oct. 9. (JTA) -- Intense police activities were reported today as a relentless drive was pressed for terrorists who planted a bomb in the Zion cinema, in the heart of Jerusalem last night. The bomb was discovered and removed from the theater by a policeman shortly before it detonated in the open, where he had dropped it. It shattered windows in nearby buildings but caused no other damage or injuries.

An alert police officer, on duty in the theater, heard the ticking of the timing apparatus on the bomb, picked up the infernal machine and ran outside with it, dropping it in the square near the entrance to the Government Press Office and about 100 yards from police headquarters. The incident occurred about 9 P.M., -- the "between shows" time when the downtown area was thronged. The bomb went off before bomb experts, summoned by the policeman, could arrive to deactivate it.

Eye-witnesses told police later that the bomb was placed under a seat in the cinema by two Arab women and an Arab man. According to these reports, the trio stayed in the cinema less than 20 minutes and, on leaving, told an usher in Arabic that they didn't like the film. It was also reported that several Arab youths from East Jerusalem have been detained by the police.

The policeman who dashed out of the theater with the live bomb is expected to receive a citation for bravery, as is the police sergeant who directed him to place the bomb under some trees in an almost deserted area.

Police, Security Forces on Double Alert; Israelis Call for Tough Actions

The police and Army security forces were put on double alert immediately after the explosion. Hundreds of policemen were recalled to duty and stationed in mufti in public places in Jerusalem, particularly at bus and railway stations, to prevent saboteurs from placing additional bombs. The public was advised not to carry parcels when going to concerts or the theater.

The authorities acted on the assumption that the attempted terrorism was part of a wider plan of terrorism to be carried out by trained saboteurs and terrorists infiltrating from Syria. Army units immediately tightened border controls to prevent infiltration of terrorists, and security forces intensified the general surveillance of suspicious elements among the Arabs.

The incident sparked a strong demand among Israelis for a tougher attitude in the occupied areas to replace the present liberal attitude towards the Arab population.

An editorial in the Jerusalem Post today declared that "the potential murderers will have to learn that Israel has waited and fought for Jerusalem too long not to consider the bombing an event of political meaning." The evening daily, Yediot Ahronoth, carried a cartoon today, showing Defense Minister Moshe Dayan pasting a fresh poster on the theater billboard with the legend, "Zion Cinema, Israel Premier, 'The Road To Damascus.'"

Nahal Begins New Settlement on Mediterranean Coast of Sinai Peninsula

TEL AVIV, Oct. 9. (JTA) -- An all-male unit of the maritime section of Nahal, paramilitary pioneering youth organization, began settlement today of a new village on the Mediterranean coast of the Sinai Peninsula at a spot about midway between Egyptian-held Port Said and Israeli-held El Arish.

The new settlement is on the southwest end of the Sabkhet el Bardawil lagoon, a spot considered ideal for fishermen. The young settlers expect to develop this picturesque location into a fishing village.

600 Egyptian Nationals are Repatriated Across Canal from Sinai

TEL AVIV, Oct. 9. (JTA) -- The first group of Egyptian citizens from the Gaza Strip and the northern sector of the Sinai Desert was repatriated by Israel to Egypt today under an agreement reached in Cairo by representatives of the International Red Cross. Today's group was composed of about 600 Egyptians. They were sent back to Egypt across the Suez Canal.

Under the pact, several thousand Egyptians from the Strip and Sinai will be sent back to Egypt. Israeli authorities here noted that the repatriation agreement is being implemented "unconditionally, and out of humanitarian considerations."

Mozambique Refuses to Let Crew Disembark from Israeli Freighter

TEL AVIV, Oct. 9, (JTA) — Crew members of the 30,000-ton Israeli freighter Ein Geddi, anchored for refueling at Mozambique, East Africa, were forbidden to go ashore, according to a message received at Haifa today by the Zim Lines, owners of the vessel. The reason given for the action by the Mozambique authorities was what they called "a diplomatic conflict."

The Ein Geddi was chartered for two sailings from the United States to India with a cargo of bulk grain. She had unloaded her last shipment and was on the way back to Haifa when the ship put in at Mozambique for water and fuel. There are 36 members of the ship's crew, all Israelis.

British Firm is Licensed to Use Chemical Process Developed in Israel

TEL AVIV, Oct. 9, (JTA) — Israel Mining Industries, the Government-controlled firm for prospecting and exploiting the country's mineral resources, announced today it had signed an agreement with a British industrial group licensing it to use a process developed here for purifying phosphoric acid. The British group is Albright & Wilson.

New Tel Aviv Group Says Its 'Activists' Will Defend Sabbath Sanctity

TEL AVIV, Oct. 9, (JTA) — A new organization set up here to protect the Sabbath pinpointed its first target as sight-seeing Israelis using the Sabbath to visit the occupied areas of Samaria, Judea and the Golan Heights.

The National Organization for the Sabbath also proclaimed its objection to motor touring of the holy places on the Sabbath, and asserted that it would organize a corps of "Sabbath Activists" to guard the sanctity of the day.

270 Non-Cooperating East Jerusalem Teachers Told to Go Back to Work by End of Week

JERUSALEM, Oct. 9, (JTA) — Two hundred and seventy East Jerusalem teachers who have not reported for work since the opening of the school term have been given until the end of this week to return to their classrooms or be considered to have vacated their jobs.

Of the East Jerusalem teachers who taught under Jordanian rule, only about 30 have returned to school. The rest have been replaced by substitutes, mainly Arabs who had taught in other Arab countries.

196,000 Israelis Reported Living Abroad; 25% Are Native-Born

JERUSALEM, Oct. 9, (JTA) — A total of 196,000 Israelis are now living abroad, and 96,000 of them have officially declared themselves to be emigrants, according to figures released here today by the Central Bureau of Statistics.

More than half of the number are European or American born Israelis, and a quarter are Sabras, including a large percentage of Israel-born children under the age of 15. The Bureau reported that Israel's Jewish population as of December 31, 1966 stood at 2,344,877.

Israeli Freighter Opens Regular Zim Cargo Service to Melbourne, Australia

MELBOURNE, Oct. 9, (JTA) — The 7,000-deadweight-ton Israeli motorship Tappuz, of the Zim Lines, has called at Melbourne to reopen a regular monthly cargo service between Israel's Red Sea port of Eilat and Australia.

The Tappuz is the first Israeli vessel to visit Australia since the Six-Day War last June. Her course took her through the Strait of Tiran, the blockade of which was one of the factors in starting the war. The vessel's master, Captain Ilan Merson, held a luncheon aboard for Melbourne Jewish community leaders who foresaw an increase in trade between Israel and Australia stemming from regular, reliable shipping services. The Tappuz, built in West Germany in 1955, was one of the first ships handed over to Israel under the reparations agreement between the two countries.

Israel Fashion Week is Launched in London's Mayfair

LONDON, Oct. 9, (JTA) — Israel Fashion Week, a display organized jointly by the Israel Export Institute and the Anglo-Israel Chamber of Commerce, was opened here last night, drawing an audience of prominent personalities to the event at the Mayfair Hotel Theater. Among those participating in the opening ceremonies were Israel's envoy to London, Ambassador Aharon Remez; Dr. Alec Lerner, chairman of the Anglo-Israel Chamber of Commerce, and leading commercial representatives from Britain and the Continent.

On display, which will continue all this week, are beachwear and sportswear for men and women, informal summer dresses, rainwear, evening clothes and infantwear, all in traditional Israeli fabrics or in leather.

Member of Australian Parliament Sees Israel Protecting Self at Arab Borders

SIDNEY, Oct. 9, (JTA) — The first Australian Parliamentarian to visit Israel since the Six-Day War declared in a speech here that "it is quite clear that Israel will ensure that the Golan Heights, the Gulf of Akaba and Gaza will not be used against her again." The speaker, a member of the Labor Party, E.G. Whitlam, addressed the first Joint Communal Appeal dinner which launched Sidney's United Local Appeal drive. He and Mrs. Whitlam were the guests of honor.

U.N. Sentiment Grows for Shift of Mideast Question from Assembly to Council

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., Oct. 9. (JTA) — The United Nations General Assembly, now in the final week of general debate, may not turn to debate of the Middle East question next Monday, as scheduled, it was indicated today.

Most of the 77 speakers who have already been heard in the general debate have aired their positions on the Middle East situation and advanced their views on the procedures necessary for resolution of the Arab-Israeli dispute. Most of the remaining 36 national representatives still to speak in the general debate are also expected to cover the Middle East situation in their expositions. Under the circumstances, there is increasing question here whether anything can be gained by having the entire Middle East debate repeated, as scheduled, "as a matter of priority."

Increasingly, there is sentiment that continued debate and recrimination in the 122-member General Assembly will not create conditions under which solutions might be found and that the cause of peace might better be served by shifting the entire Middle East question back to the 15-member Security Council. Discussions on this proposal were continuing today without, however, any decision being reached.

Israel announced today its pledge of the equivalent of \$218,000 in Israeli pounds to the United Nations Development Program. Uzi Nodiv, the Israeli representative, told the pledging conference that "owing to adverse economic circumstances related to our acute needs to balance expenditures for developmental purposes against dangerous inflationary tendencies, Israel is not in a position to announce an increase in her contribution to the U.N. Development Program."

Confederation of Free Trade Unions Calls for Arab-Israel Negotiations

BRUSSELS, Oct. 9. (JTA) — A call for bilateral negotiations between Israel and the Arab countries to settle the Middle Eastern conflict and to move toward cooperation for social and economic progress was issued here at the 43rd session of the executive committee of the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions (ICFTU).

The call for negotiations was contained in a lengthy resolution on the Middle East in which the ICFTU stated that it "considers that a peaceful solution in the Middle East cannot be found outside the governments primarily concerned." Warning that the present conflict in that region "clearly constitutes a danger to world peace," the resolution appealed to the United Nations, to other governments and to international organizations to support or encourage all peaceful initiatives for bilateral negotiations.

British Foreign Office Group Opposes Crossman's Role in Balfour Day Observance

LONDON, Oct. 9. (JTA) — Foreign Secretary George Brown, and a powerful pro-Arab element in the Foreign Office, have been aroused by announcement that Richard Crossman, Lord President of the Council, had accepted an invitation to speak at a rally here to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the issuance of the Balfour Declaration promising the Jewish people a national home in Palestine. Foreign Minister Abba S. Eban of Israel is to come here to participate in the celebration. The anniversary falls on Nov. 2.

According to the pro-Arab bloc in the Foreign Office, the Arabs will interpret the presence of Mr. Crossman at the function as evidence of British Government support for Israel. The London Sunday Telegraph pointed out in this connection yesterday that Mr. Brown is making restoration of relations with Egypt and the Arab world the center of his policy. Mr. Crossman, the paper recalled, clashed violently with the then Foreign Minister, Ernest Bevin, over his anti-Zionist policy prior to 1948 and is regarded by Israelis as "one of their best friends in Britain."

Poll Shows More Americans Support Israel's Control Over Jerusalem

NEW YORK, Oct. 9. (JTA) — Results of a fresh Harris Poll on the Middle East situation, taken in September and announced today, reported that 42 percent of the American respondents favored Israel's retention of control of all of Jerusalem. Against full Israeli control of the Holy City and in favor of internationalization of Jerusalem were 33 percent of the respondents, while 24 percent were listed as "not sure."

The Harris polls are conducted by Louis Harris, one of the foremost public opinion surveyors in the country. The figures showed that, last June, immediately after Israel took control over all of Jerusalem, only 10 percent of Americans favored Israeli control of the city, 60 percent voted for internationalization, and 20 percent were not certain on that issue.

By a margin of 42 to 36 percent, Americans favor the idea of United States supply of arms to Israel as long as the Russians seem to be rearming the Arab states. However, the figures showed also that 59 percent of Americans flatly oppose armed intervention by the United States in case another Arab-Israeli war breaks out. On the same issue, 42 percent favored U.S. intervention.

In reply to another question, as to whether the respondents believed a settlement of the Arab-Israeli conflict was in the offing, 19 percent thought there would be a peace settlement; 50 percent thought that war would break out again soon; while 31 percent were not certain.

Moscow Chief Rabbi Receives Succoth Supplies Sent by Canadian Jewish Congress

MONTREAL, Oct. 9. (JTA) — The Canadian Jewish Congress received confirmation today through the Canadian Department of External Affairs that an air shipment of religious supplies for the Succoth holiday it had sent to Moscow had been received by Chief Rabbi Yehuda Leib Levin there.

The decision to send the supplies to Moscow was taken by the Canadian Jewish Congress when one of its officers, returning from a private business trip to the Soviet Union, reported that religious Jews there were concerned that the traditional ethrogim and lulavim might not be available for the Jewish holiday which falls later this month.

The supplies were gathered in the United States and Israel. Their dispatch was facilitated by the Canadian Department of External Affairs which aided in obtaining necessary certification from the Department of Agriculture and the Soviet Consulate-General, and by Air Canada which aided in clearing the shipment through the Canadian and Soviet customs and delivered it to the Central Synagogue in Moscow.

See Danger of 'Religious War' in Fight Over New York State Constitution

NEW YORK, Oct. 9. (JTA) — President Frank O'Connor, President of the New York City Council, warned today that the fight over adoption of the proposed new State Constitution for New York could result in "a religious war." A major issue in the battle over the new charter is the fact that it eliminates a 73-year-old provision against use of public funds for church-controlled schools.

Instead of the specific injunction against this, popularly known as the Blaine Amendment, the proposed constitution uses the language of the Federal Bill of Rights to prohibit establishment of religion and gives any taxpayer the right to challenge in the courts expenditures which he considers unconstitutional.

The Catholic Church and most Catholics in the state are in favor of adoption of the new charter which will be submitted to the electorate on Nov. 7. A number of Orthodox Jewish organizations, particularly those interested in developing parochial Jewish schools, also support the new constitution. Other Jewish organizations and most Protestant groups oppose elimination of the Blaine Amendment on the grounds that it represents a constitutional safeguard against violation of the principle of separation of church and state.

Mr. O'Connor, who announced his support of the new draft constitution yesterday, said that the opposition to it was centered around the religious issue. He said he hoped a "religious war" would not develop but he said there was that possibility and he expressed the belief that it should be avoided.

Rev. Dr. Donald S. Harrington, leader of the Liberal Party and minister of the Community Church, called for rejection of the new constitution because it eliminated the Blaine Amendment.

In an editorial today calling for rejection of the charter, The New York Times said it would be "a fatal error" to assume that inclusion of the language of the First Amendment "offset" the elimination of any specific ban on the expenditure of state funds for denominational schools" such as exists in the Blaine Amendment. It said that "the absence of this limitation is the most fundamental flaw in the new Constitution. It would drive a wedge into the wall of separation between church and state, and would do grave injury to the public school system."

Atlanta Community Merges Three Agencies into New Federation

ATLANTA, Oct. 9. (JTA) — Formation of the Atlanta Jewish Welfare Federation as the central agency of the Atlanta Jewish community, was announced today. The new federation merges the Jewish Welfare Fund and the Jewish Social Service Federation.

The merger was in line with recommendations made in a study begun in 1965 by a structure committee representing the three agencies to determine the kind of organization that would most effectively meet the needs of the Atlanta Jewish community. The charter of the new federation says it is to be "operated exclusively for religious, charitable and educational purposes" and is to do whatever is necessary to continue the work, program and purposes of the three agencies merged into it.

The boards of the three agencies unanimously approved the merger and named an interim board of directors. Abe Goldstein, president of the Jewish Welfare Fund, was named as interim president of the federation and M.C. Gettinger, executive director of the three merged agencies, was designated its executive director and secretary.

American Red Mogen Dovid to Launch Drive for Haifa Blood Bank

NEW YORK, Oct. 9. (JTA) — The American Red Mogen Dovid for Israel announced today that it was launching a campaign to finance construction of a new blood bank and hospital complex in Haifa. The new Mogen David Adom Center in Haifa will cost between \$750,000 and \$1 million.

The Mogen David Adom organization maintains 63 medical aid stations in Israel for emergency first-aid and short-term out-patient treatment. American Red Mogen Dovid recently reported that United States, Canadian and Latin American contributors had provided 120 ambulances for the Israeli organization during the past four months.