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Legislators Differ On Ways Of Dealing With Terrorism Following Market Blast

JERUSALEM, Nov. 26 (JTA)--Divergent opinions on the best way of dealing with Arab terrorism against civilians emerged today in the Knesset (Parliament) which began a debate on last Friday's explosion in the Mehane Yehudah vegetable market here in which 12 persons were killed and 55 injured. According to one speaker who quoted Ministry of Defense figures, the blast was the 301st terrorist attack on civilians since the June, 1967 war, as distinct from attacks on military targets.

Most speakers believed there was no military means of stamping out terrorism altogether and felt it would end only when there is a political settlement of the Arab-Israel conflict. They opposed the death sentence for terrorists on grounds that it would turn them into martyrs and heroes in the Arab world. Other speakers, notably Dr. Yochanan Bader of the Gahal (Herut-Liberal alignment) and Itzhak Rafail of the National Religious Party, demanded stern measures against the Arab population. Rabbi Shlomo Lorincz of the Orthodox Agudat Israel complained of lack of understanding shown by world opinion. He compared it to "equanimity" he alleged was shown even by leaders of enlightened nations when Jews were being killed by the Nazis during World War II and when Israel's survival seemed at stake on the eve of the June, 1967 war. Meanwhile, Deputy Prime Minister Yigal Allon told a public meeting that the market place disaster justifies sterner judicial measures against saboteurs.

In related developments, three shells from a Russian-type 130mm. Katyusha rocket launcher were fired from Jordanian territory yesterday at Massada and Shaar Hagolan, settlements south of Lake Tiberias. No casualties or damage were reported. The Katyusha was used by El Fatah in recent attacks on Beisan and Eilat. A wounded El Fatah saboteur who was hit in a recent encounter with Israeli forces in the Jordan Valley hailed an Israeli patrol and surrendered today. He had been hiding for two days under dense vegetation. The captive's wounds were treated and he was questioned.

Knesset Votes To Take Steps To Alert World Opinion About West German Crimes Statute

JERUSALEM, Nov. 26 (JTA)--The Knesset (Parliament) today adopted a proposal to take steps to alert world opinion to the danger that Nazi war criminals in West Germany may go free after the statute of limitations on war crimes prosecutions goes into effect at the end of 1969. The proposal was submitted by Mrs. Emma Talmi of Mapam and, at the suggestion of Foreign Minister Abba Eban, was referred to the Knesset's foreign affairs and security committee. Mr. Eban said that continuous conversations are taking place between Israel and West Germany regarding the statute. He said that opinion within the Christian Democratic Party -- the party of West German Chancellor Kurt Georg Kiesinger -- was divided on the question. The Federal Minister of Justice, Gustav Heinemann, who visited Israel recently, wants the statute abolished. Mr. Heinemann, a member of the Social Democratic Party, the CDU's coalition partner, warned that unless the statute was at least postponed, relations between Germany and the Jewish people would be damaged. The matter has also been taken up by Ernst Benda, the West German Minister of Interior, Mr. Eban said. He reported that the Israeli delegation to the United Nations is in contact with other delegations regarding ratification of the UN anti-genocide convention which would obligate member states to take legislative measures that would make genocide a crime to which no statute of limitations could apply. Israel took such action immediately after the draft convention was adopted more than 10 years ago, Mr. Eban said. West Germany, though not a UN member, would probably comply with the anti-genocide treaty, he said.

Comay Tells UN Committee Israel Supports Extension Of Palestine Refugees Agency

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., Nov. 26 (JTA)--Israel told the United Nations Special Political Committee today that it supports a "reasonable extension" of the mandate of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees. Ambassador Michael Comay told the committee, which is considering UNRWA's mandate, due to expire June 30, 1969, that "any sudden and drastic change in its present activities, unaccompanied by a broad program for permanent integration" of the refugees, "would only cause fresh hardship and instability."

He said that "the first stage in the final settlement of the problem will have to be a thorough factual survey that will reveal how many bonafide refugees there actually are and what the real extent is of their absorption." This could then make possible rehabilitation of those Arabs that still need it and a start toward winding up the 20-year-old UNRWA relief operation, Mr. Comay said.

Mr. Comay told the committee that Israel spent \$3.5 million in services and contributions to UNRWA and the Arab refugees during the year ended June 30, 1968. Its Government plans to make another special contribution of \$285,714 to UNRWA to be utilized in cash or building materials. Responding to UN pleas to permit persons displaced by the 1967 war and facing winter hardships to return to the West Bank, Mr. Comay said Israel is "doing its best to reconcile the return" of the DPs with "responsibility for the safety, welfare and security of the local population and the security of the State itself." He said that steps, promised in the General Assembly by Foreign Minister Abba Eban, to "intensify and accelerate action to widen" the family reunion program and to process "hardship cases" are being taken.

Israelis Still Waiting For West Bank Arabs To Take Advantage Of Return Permits

JERUSALEM, Nov. 26 (JTA)--Although 7,000 West Bank Arab refugees in Jordan hold re-entry permits for themselves and their families, only one has made use of it since Israel's announcement last week that the deadline for re-entry would be extended to Jan. 31, 1969. The sole user was a 43-year-old man who crossed the Allenby Bridge alone Sunday. No one crossed the Jordan River bridge yesterday for repatriation.

The 7,000 permits represent the unused balance of 20,000 that were issued by Israel last year to applicants for repatriation and distributed to them in Jordan by the International Red Cross. Israel announced it would permit the holders to return prior to Jan. 31 in response to appeals made in the United Nations by the United States, Britain and other countries for a speeded-up repatriation program. Laurence Michelmore, commissioner-general of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestinian Arab refugees (UNRWA), said his agency could provide better shelter and services for the refugees if West Bank inhabitants who fled in the wake of the June, 1967 war were permitted to return to their homes and camps. Israel's Ministry of Interior said permits not used by Jan. 31 would be transferred to other refugees who apply for repatriation.

A curfew was lifted on the Casbah (old quarter) of Nablus today following a visit by Defense Minister Moshe Dayan to that West Bank town. The curfew was imposed four days ago after riots by high school students.

Horowitz Tells Knesset European Monetary Problems Have No 'Implications' For Israel

JERUSALEM, Nov. 26 (JTA)--David Horowitz, governor of the Bank of Israel, told the Knesset (Parliament) Finance Committee yesterday that monetary difficulties in Western Europe, particularly the crisis of the French franc, have no "implications" for Israel's economy. Mr. Horowitz' statement confirmed opinions expressed in financial circles here last week when the devaluation of the franc and possibly of other European currencies appeared imminent.

Emergency measures taken last week to protect the Israel pound were rescinded yesterday. The Bank of Israel removed the \$40 per day ceiling it had placed on currency transactions by tourists with francs or pounds sterling. Dollar exchanges were never affected and a slight drop was noted yesterday in the black market prices of dollars and gold.

See British Import Restrictions Affecting Some Israel Products

JERUSALEM, Nov. 26 (JTA)--Financial circles here said today that the additional restrictions on imports announced by Britain will affect Israel's exports of phosphates, diamonds, electronic equipment and clothing to that country. Israel's citrus exports will not be affected because there are no restrictions on British importation of foods. The reduction of French imports announced by President de Gaulle is not expected to have an appreciable affect on Israel because Israeli exports to France are small.

Dead Sea Scroll Slightly Damaged But Repaired, Archaeologist Yadin Says

JERUSALEM, Nov. 26 (JTA)--One of the Dead Sea Scrolls housed in the Israel Museum was slightly damaged recently but the damage has been remedied, Prof. Yigal Yadin disclosed today. The noted archaeologist said the 2,000-year-old parchment was slightly wrinkled because of changes in humidity while air conditioning was being installed in the room where the scrolls are kept. Ordinarily the room is kept under controlled temperature and humidity but the walls were opened for a short time to permit installation of the cooling system. Prof. Yadin said the wrinkles have been straightened out. The scroll affected was the Genesis Apocryphon, a version of the story of Genesis different from the one in the Old Testament.

Predicts Bright Future For Developing Aircraft Industry In Israel

TEL AVIV, Nov. 26 (JTA)--A bright future was predicted today for Israel's aircraft industry which is expected to have a strong effect on Israel's economic growth and stability. Al Shwimmer, director-general of Aircraft Industries, forecast that Israel's exports of commercial aircraft would triple in the next three years and amount to about \$52 million annually.

Mr. Shwimmer told an annual symposium on civil aviation that his own firm's first Israel-made commercial aircraft, the turbo-prop "Executive," would make its maiden flight early next year. Another aircraft, the "Jet Commander," will be in production toward the end of 1969, he said.

Moshe Peled, head of Israel's Civil Aviation department, told the symposium that despite the present Middle East political situation, Israel must consider eventual commercial flights to neighboring countries when it plans future civil aviation installations. He said a budget was approved to rebuild and enlarge the main passenger terminal at Lydda Airport which was gutted by fire recently. The rebuilt terminal will be more functional and more convenient than before, Mr. Peled said.

Dedicate New Vocational High School Provided By Philanthropist Samuel Rothberg

TEL AVIV, Nov. 26 (JTA)--A new vocational high school was dedicated in Ramat Hasharon today by its benefactor, Samuel Rothberg, an 82-year-old philanthropist from Atlanta, Ga., who named it in memory of his parents, Kalman and Minnie Rothberg. The school, which has already opened, will train youngsters in the region to be technicians and skilled workers.

West Berlin Court Grants Temporary Injunction Against Dissolution Of NPD Branch

BONN, Nov. 26 (JTA)--A West Berlin court today granted a temporary injunction against the voluntary liquidation of the extreme right-wing National Democratic Party (NPD) branch in that city. The branch was eliminated last month. The court acted on a complaint filed by a party member who said that the decision to disband taken by the NPD's general assembly violated a party statute that required a two-thirds vote for such action.

The reputedly neo-Nazi party disbanded after the West Berlin Senate (city council) authorized Mayor Klaus Schutz to ask the Allied occupation powers (United States, Britain and France) to declare the NPD illegal. That request embarrassed and angered leaders of the Federal Government who are still debating whether to ask the High Court in Karlsruhe to declare the NPD unconstitutional. Federal officials maintain that whatever action is taken on the NPD should be uniform throughout the Federal Republic. Observers pointed out that an anomalous situation would exist if the right-wingers were outlawed in West Berlin but continued to function as a party in the rest of West Germany.

Offer \$2,000 In Rewards For Information On Desecration Of 108 Tombstones

WINNIPEG, Canada, Nov. 26 (JTA)--Rewards totalling nearly \$2,000 have been offered by various agencies and individuals for information leading to the arrest of the vandals who desecrated 108 tombstones at the Shaaray Zedek cemetery here. Officials said it was the worst act of vandalism against any religious institution in this area in many months. Many of the tombstones were shattered beyond repair. The West Kildonan City Council posted a reward of \$100 as did the Canadian Jewish Congress. Private contributions have provided the balance of the total, according to Sam Miller of the western region office of the CJCongress. Mr. Miller said that original estimates that the damages exceeded \$100,000 appeared exaggerated, but he said it was difficult to set a value on the shattered hand-carved stones which cannot be replaced at any price.

Canadian Jewish Congress Supports Striking San Joaquin Grape Workers

TORONTO, Nov. 26 (JTA)--The Canadian Jewish Congress today announced its support of the San Joaquin Valley (California) table grape field workers who are striking for better wages and working conditions. A statement issued by Sydney M. Harris, chairman of the CJCongress' central region, called on consumers, wholesalers and retailers of California table grapes to recognize the issues involved and "act according to the dictates of their consciences." The statement deplored repressive measures being taken against the strikers and noted that "the true meaning of our Jewish tradition rests on the efforts we put forth to secure justice and righteousness as a foundation stone of our civilization." The statement was issued on the occasion of a "silent march" here in which representatives of various faiths joined to protest the conditions of California grape workers.

World News Briefs

PARIS, Nov. 26 (JTA)--The Jewish writer, Elie Wiesel, of New York, yesterday was awarded the Prix Medicis, a top French literary prize for his book, "The Beggar of Jerusalem." He is an Auschwitz survivor.

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AMSTERDAM, Nov. 26 (JTA)--Abie Nathan, Israel's "peace pilot" who has been active in relief for the stricken secessionist province of Biafra in Nigeria, is in Holland organizing the shipment Dec. 20 of a Christmas cargo of food and drugs that will be sent by ship to Biafra via the island of Sao Tome.

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LONDON, Nov. 26 (JTA)--Helena Ivanova, a great granddaughter of the 19th Century Russian novelist, Fyodor Dostoyevski, is one of the group of private individuals who sponsored and erected a memorial to the Jewish community of Rosslavel which was exterminated by the Nazis in World War II. Rosslavel is near Smolensk, which was taken by the Nazi Army in the early stages of its invasion of Russia in 1941.

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LONDON, Nov. 26 (JTA)--Reports reaching here today state there are presently 70,000 Jews living in Tashkent, capital of the Uzbekistan Soviet Republic, a Central Asian city of some 594,000 inhabitants. The community numbers three Yiddish writers, Yossef Itzkov, Max Tanenzap and Mendel Goldman, the latter originally from Bialystok. A number of the Tashkent Jews are Bukharan but the majority came to Tashkent during World War II from European Russia and the Baltic states.

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BONN, Nov. 26 (JTA)--A Lufthansa airliner returned here from its inaugural flight to Israel which established twice-weekly service between Lydda, Frankfurt and Munich. Lufthansa is West Germany's national airline. Passengers on the flight included the Federal Minister of Transport, Georg Leber; Prime Minister Georg August Zinn of the State of Hesse; and Ambassador Asher Ben-Nathan, Israel's envoy to West Germany.

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BONN, Nov. 26 (JTA)--The trial of Kurt Buchholz, a former SS man charged with war crimes in Czechoslovakia during World War II, opened in East Berlin today.

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LONDON, Nov. 26 (JTA)--A bill ratifying the United Nations' anti-genocide convention passed its third reading in the House of Lords today and will become British law as soon as the bill is given Royal assent.

Mrs. Meir Tells Hebrew University Group That Prospects For Middle East Peace Are Dim

NEW YORK, Nov. 26 (JTA)--Israel's former Foreign Minister Mrs. Golda Meir said here yesterday that prospects for peace in the near future were dim. In the absence of a Middle East settlement, Israel must depend on her own military forces to maintain her security, she said. Addressing a dinner of the American Friends of the Hebrew University, Mrs. Meir based her pessimism on Egyptian President Nasser's vision of "glory in destroying Israel," a recent agreement between Jordan's King Hussein and Palestinian commandos, and the Soviet Union's Middle East policy which is hostile to Israel. She said that Israel cannot entrust its security to a United Nations force, recalling the UN Emergency Force's pull-out from Sinai preceding last year's Arab-Israel war. No nation can guarantee that a peace agreement signed by the Arab countries would be an "iron-clad guarantee" that Israel would not be attacked again, she said.

Avraham Harman, president of Hebrew University and former Israel Ambassador to Washington, told the audience that the old university facility on Mount Scopus is being reconstructed and repaired for use beginning next February. He said the campus would prepare for entry into the main university, in West Jerusalem, former soldiers, new immigrants and Arab students from East Jerusalem and the West Bank. Mr. Harman and Mrs. Meir both spoke of the symbolic importance of Mount Scopus to Israel in the light of the liberation of Jerusalem from Jordanian occupation during the Six-Day War. The American Friends presented the Scopus Award, the organization's highest honor, to Max M. Low, an industrialist and philanthropist, for humanitarian work in Israel and the United States. Mr. Low is a founder of the Harry S. Truman Center for the Advancement of Peace at the university. The American Friends conduct an education-information program in the U.S. about the university.

Israelis Pleased By Nixon Election, Adopt 'Wait And See' Attitude, AJCommittee Finds

NEW YORK, Nov. 26 (JTA)--Israelis are generally pleased by the election of Richard M. Nixon as President and believe his "traditional" anti-Communism will bolster their security against Soviet expansionist aims in the Middle East. But most Jews in other countries have adopted a "wait and see" attitude toward the President-elect. These findings were the result of a survey of Jewish opinion overseas recently completed by the American Jewish Committee and released here today.

According to the survey, analysts in Israel see the Mediterranean area as having been converted into "a genuine and legitimate area of cold war concern" but believe "that the USSR will be disinclined to test Mr. Nixon in the Middle East as Khrushchev once did with Kennedy in Cuba." Flowing from this widely held premise, the report said, "is Israel's acceptance of Mr. Nixon as being a logical and forceful individual who will not hesitate to stand up to the Soviet Union and thereby insure Israel's survival."

Much is made in Israel of Mr. Nixon's campaign statement that the balance of military power in the Middle East should be tipped in Israel's favor as a deterrent to Arab aggression. The Israelis are also pleased by Mr. Nixon's "lukewarm" attitude toward the nuclear non-proliferation treaty which Prime Minister Levi Eshkol has said Israel should not "rush" into signing, the AJCommittee report noted. The Israelis fear the treaty would require them to dismantle their experimental reactors and pilot plants under Soviet-Arab supervision while the Arabs would have nothing to dismantle or submit to inspection, it said.

In Europe, the report indicated, the main Jewish reaction was "wait and see" but some believe that "because of Mr. Nixon's more pronounced anti-Communist line, he might be more active in seeking to check Soviet expansionist efforts in Eastern Europe and elsewhere and this may also have direct bearing on Soviet use of anti-Semitism as a weapon of its foreign policy." According to the survey, Jews in Latin America appeared less concerned over what Mr. Nixon might do than with the fact that 13 percent of American voters cast ballots for George Wallace which they regard as "a dangerous symptom of certain political trends...and a menace for democracy."

Police Probe Fires In Bronx Hebrew School And Synagogue, Occurred Within 24 Hours

NEW YORK, Nov. 26 (JTA)--A Bronx Hebrew school and a synagogue less than two blocks away have been damaged by fires of suspicious origin within 24 hours. Police were seeking Tuesday, four youths who were seen inside the Hebrew Institute of University Heights shortly before a fire broke out in a fourth floor classroom Monday night. Police are also investigating Sunday night's fire which destroyed the altar and some sacred items at nearby Congregation Toirei Zonov causing Rabbi Eisis Lieber and his family to flee their quarters in the building. The Hebrew Institute building houses a synagogue and a YM-YWHA. Police said a caretaker had chased four youths from the building about 90 minutes before the fire was discovered. Swastikas were found soon afterward chalked on walls in the vestibule and in the auditorium. According to firemen, vandals broke into the classroom and set fire to a stack of religious books which were also torn and defaced. Twenty persons were evacuated from the building. Rabbi Maurice Lamm of the congregation said he thought it was the work of "a few pranksters" and said there was no "untoward evidence of anti-Semitism" in the neighborhood. Police were reported to be taking a more serious view of the incidents.

Arnold Zweig, German Author, Dead At 81; Was Member Of East Berlin Parliament

BONN, Nov. 26 (JTA)--Arnold Zweig, a German Jewish author who found refuge in Palestine in 1933 and returned to East Germany in 1948, died in East Berlin today at the age of 81. Mr. Zweig, who served in the German Army during World War I, was best known for his war novels which reflected his own experiences in the trenches of France. An ardent Socialist, his return to East Germany was hailed by the Communists who elected him a member of the "Peoples' Chamber" -- the East Berlin Parliament, president of the "Cultural League," and honorary president of East Germany's Academy of Science.