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El Al Boeing 707 Machine-Gunned By Arab Terrorists In Zurich, 8 Injured

ZURICH, Feb. 18 (JTA) -- An El Al Boeing 720B airliner bound for Tel Aviv was machine-gunned by Arab terrorists tonight as it taxied into a take-off position on the runway at Kloten International Airport. Eight persons aboard the plane, including the pilot, were reported to have been wounded. One of the attackers was killed. Five others, one of them a woman, were captured by Swiss security police and taken away for interrogation. A tight security patrol was immediately established around the airport and the authorities released little information. Gideon Rafael, director-general of Israel's Foreign Ministry, was a passenger on the plane.

It could not be established immediately whether the slain terrorist had been killed by shots fired by security officers aboard the El Al airliner or by Swiss security guards at the airport. Ever since the attack on the El Al airliner at Athens on Dec. 26, when a passenger was killed, security officers have been "riding shotgun" on El Al airliners in a style reminiscent of the stagecoach guards in the old American West.

There were 17 passengers aboard Flight 432 bound from Amsterdam to Tel Aviv and a crew of five when it taxied out for takeoff. Suddenly a Volkswagen, which had been concealed behind banks of snow, emerged near the plane. Four men jumped out and turned a machine-gun on the plane, firing at least three bursts towards the cockpit, one report said. One eyewitness reported later that the plane's cockpit and front tires had been "riddled" with bullets.

An El Al spokesman in Tel Aviv said the first officer and a trainee-pilot had been wounded. El Al officials went into conference in Tel Aviv as soon as news of the attack was received to determine what steps, if any, the line should take.

Political circles in Israel viewed the attack with the utmost gravity and would not speculate on the effect it might have on the generally tense Middle East situation.

El Al officials in New York reported, after telephone conversations with El Al representatives in Zurich, that all the passengers on the plane were safe and well and had been accommodated in the Continental Hotel at Zurich. They said that according to their information, damage to the giant aircraft appeared to be slight.

The incident was similar to one at Athens Airport Dec. 26, 1968 when two Arab guerrillas attacked an El Al airliner with grenades and a machine-gun. One passenger in Athens was killed. Israeli commandos struck Beirut Airport two days later in a reprisal action, destroying 13 commercial aircraft without loss of life. The United Nations Security Council condemned Israel for the attack.

Last year members of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, an Arab terrorist organization, hijacked an El Al plane bound from Rome to Tel Aviv and forced it to land at Algiers. The passengers and crew and later the plane were returned to Israel by the Algerian Government which had been subjected to massive international pressure. Members of the Popular Front, which claimed responsibility for the Athens incident, repeated that claim today. The commandos who attacked the El Al airliner there said they had come from Lebanon.

JTA's Washington correspondent, Milton Friedman, reporting from Jerusalem, said Israelis were angry and apprehensive over the attack. Public debate was under way, he said, over the wisdom of a reprisal that might further exacerbate Mideast tensions.

First reaction in political quarters, he said, is that Israel should not strike back, especially in view of the bi-lateral talks being conducted at the United Nations by the Big Four. He said that today's attack coupled with the recent hangings of nine Iraqi Jews as alleged Israeli spies have overcome anti-Israel reactions around the world triggered by the Beirut raid.

Eban Says Israel Will Not Return To May, 1967 Armistice Lines, Hits French Policy

JERUSALEM, Feb. 18 (JTA) -- Foreign Minister Abba Eban said in the Knesset (Parliament) today that Israel would neither permit itself to go back to the armistice lines of May, 1967, nor would it "block the path to peace by viewing the present cease-fire lines as its final and ultimate destination." The Foreign Minister's remarks were contained in a speech proposing his ministry's budget for the 1969-70 fiscal year.

He said that Israel categorically rejected negotiations with Palestinian terrorist organizations as a diplomatic undertaking parallel to its dealings with the Arab states through United Nations envoy Gunnar V. Jarring. The terrorist groups, he said, are limited in strength and are no more than tools in the hands of the Arab governments, particularly Egypt's. Mr. Eban said the question of peace concerns the sovereign states of the region. Israel does not regard itself on the same level as the terrorist organizations which seek the destruction of Israel's sovereign existence while they are devoid of sovereignty, he said.

Mr. Eban denounced France's anti-Israel stance. He said Israel rejected the French and Soviet

view that the Big Four powers "have a special responsibility and extra rights in the region." He expressed appreciation of United States declarations favoring an agreed solution of the Middle East conflict.

Mr. Eban said the aim of Israel's foreign policy was to strengthen Israel as a Jewish State within new, agreed and secure borders while fashioning a relationship of peace and good neighborliness with the Arab states.

King Hussein, El Fatah Leader Confer, Begin New Relationship

LONDON, Feb. 18 (JTA) -- King Hussein of Jordan and Yasir Arafat, leader of El Fatah, the Palestinian commando organization held a friendly meeting in Amman on Sunday, the first between the Hashemite monarch and the head of an Arab terrorist band. Observers said the meeting appeared to have opened a new and more cordial relationship between the Jordanian Government and the Palestinian commandos who have often been a thorn in its side.

Mr. Arafat was welcomed by the King as the newly elected chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organization, a group with which King Hussein had been at odds since its establishment in 1964. It is now recognized by Jordan and other Arab governments, and the King was said to be interested in getting along with it. Mr. Arafat, sometimes known as Abu Ammar, was accompanied by the PLO's entire executive committee.

The most serious issue between Jordan and the PLO--the projected transfer of the 3,000-man Palestine Liberation Army from Egypt to Jordan--was not mentioned during the meeting. Official sources hinted that the subject has been dropped for three months or more, pending the outcome of Big Four talks on the Middle East. The Jordanian Government was not consulted about the transfer and was believed to be opposed to an additional influx of marauders on its soil.

(Terrorism drew fire late today from Foreign Minister Abba Eban in a reaction to the attack on the El Al airliner in Zurich. Calling the act "despicable," he said it "demonstrates the character of these organizations which Egypt's President Nasser unreservedly praised only a few days ago. There is no doubt that the executors of this act, as well as their masters, drew encouragement from the air of forgiveness shown towards them after the attack in Athens on Dec. 26.

"It should be recalled," he said, "that the UN Security Council in its resolution (condemning Israel) did not devote even one word of condemnation to the attack at Athens...It will be surprising and indeed shocking if the world conscience will not be aroused against these kinds of criminal attacks on innocent civilians, on the freedom and safety of civilian aviation, and on the sovereignty of peaceloving countries.)

(At the UN, a spokesman said Secretary-General U Thant voiced hope that the attack, "dastardly as it is," will not be followed by retaliation, "but rather by constructive international action to prevent such acts of violence against international civil aviation in the future." If the hitherto peaceful world of civil aviation is to be saved from chaos and anarchy, governments and peoples, regardless of their political views, must condemn actions of this kind and take all possible measures to prevent them," the spokesman said.)

Arabs Begin Crossing Jordan To West Bank As New Return Applications Are Processed

JERUSALEM, Feb. 18 (JTA) -- More than 50 Arab men and women crossed the Damiya Bridge over the Jordan River early today as Israeli authorities permitted resumption of the return of former West Bank residents to their homes. They were the first of about a hundred families which presented themselves to qualify for the 7,000 family permits which Israel announced would be issued beginning today. Early this afternoon, another 50 families were waiting to be processed. Ministry of the Interior officials said they would make every effort to expedite the issuance of the permits and complete the baggage customs examinations in time for all the applicants to cross before nightfall.

Some 7,000 family permits, issued last year, were not utilized by the holders and the Israeli Government announced last October that permits not used before Jan. 31 would be cancelled. Only 99 families made use of the time extension to return to the West Bank. Israel subsequently announced that the old permits were cancelled and that the authorities would accept 7,000 new applications. The family return crossings will be permitted each Tuesday.

Former Jordanian Defense Minister Becomes Member Of Israel Bar Without Asking

JERUSALEM, Feb. 18 (JTA) -- Anwar Nuseibeh, former Jordanian Minister of Defense, was officially listed as a member of the Israeli bar although he did not apply for admission and, in fact, is one of the West Bank lawyers observing the "strike" against the Israeli courts decreed by Amman. Mr. Nuseibeh was one of 20 Arab lawyers residing in the Old City whose names appeared in the official gazette. The listing was done by the Ministry of Justice on the basis of a roll of lawyers found in the former Jordanian Government offices in East Jerusalem.

Eichmann's Prosecutor Urges More Public Education On Nazi Holocaust

JERUSALEM, Feb. 18 (JTA) -- The man who prosecuted Adolf Eichmann called today for a thorough educational campaign in Israeli schools and for the public on the causes and dimensions of the Nazi holocaust which destroyed six million European Jews. Gideon Hausner, a member of the Knesset (Parliament), addressed his appeal to the Yad Vashem, the heroes and martyrs remembrance authority, at a meeting of its 88-member council. The body, which was established as both an archive and a memorial, is having financial difficulties. Katriel Katz, former Israel Consul General in New York, who is chairman of its Executive, said that one economy measure is not to replace retiring staff members.

Israel Grants Amnesty To Citizens At Home and Abroad Who Have Not Served In Military

JERUSALEM, Feb. 18 (JTA) -- An amnesty has been granted to Israelis at home or living abroad who have not reported for military service as required by law. A special ministerial committee considering the matter said today that Israelis abroad have until Aug. 27, 1970 to report and those at home until April 23, 1969. Citizens reporting by these deadlines will not be subject to prosecution.

The amnesty was aimed at Israelis living in foreign countries who feared returning home because they had not fulfilled their military obligations. Under Israeli law, Israeli citizenship is retained by Israeli nationals even if they have accepted another nationality and passed it on to their children.

Jewish Agency Official Says U.S., Britain, Canada Will Send 8,500 Immigrants

JERUSALEM, Feb. 18 (JTA) -- An official of the Jewish Agency's immigration department predicted yesterday that the United States, Canada and Great Britain would account for some 8,500 new immigrants to Israel in 1969, half again as many as they sent last year. According to Yehuda Dominitz, the total immigration would be at least 35,000 and perhaps higher. He said the Latin American countries would provide about 1,500 persons, South Africa not more than 500-600, and some 2,000 would come from the Scandinavian and Benelux countries. He noted that Australia sends a steady 100-200 families to Israel every year.

The forecast was made at a conference of Jewish Agency emissaries in charge of various regions to acquaint them with new developments in Israel and the division of functions between the Agency's immigration department and the new Ministry of Immigrant Absorption. Emissaries were advised to tell new immigrants to settle on their own if they possess the necessary means.

Soviet Denies Visa To Pittsburgh Rabbi Invited To Moscow Rabbi's Fete

PITTSBURGH, Pa. Feb. 18 (JTA) -- A Pittsburgh rabbi who was invited to attend the 75th birthday celebration of Rabbi Yehuda Leib Levin in Moscow has been denied a visa. Rabbi Bernard A. Poupko said today that an official of the Soviet consular service in Washington advised him that his application for a visa was rejected on orders from Moscow. Rabbi Poupko, who is vice president of the Religious Zionists of America, was designated by the Rabbinical Council of America as its official representative to the Moscow fete.

In London, Chief Rabbi Immanuel Jakobovits said that invitations to him and other rabbis to attend Rabbi Levin's birthday celebration seemed to indicate a Russian desire "to repair some of the ruptures of the past." He said, "naturally, we are very keen to respond."

The birthday celebrations for the Chief Rabbi of Moscow's Central Synagogue will also be attended by Rabbi Itzhak Nissim, the Sephardic Chief Rabbi of Israel. He will be the first Israeli rabbi to visit the Soviet Union but no political significance is attached to his invitation, observers said. However, it was noted that the visit of the Israeli rabbi could have a significant effect on the spirits and morale of the Soviet Jewish community.

Another guest at the celebration will be Dr. Abraham I. Katsh, president of the Dropsie College for Hebrew and Cognate Learning at Philadelphia, who spent some time in the Soviet Union microfilming the Russian Hebraic collection. Dr. Katsh disclosed today that he had received an invitation to attend the celebrations and would leave later this week.

Britons Cool To Military Ban On Jewish Labels And Books For Gulf-Bound Troops

LONDON, Feb. 18 (JTA) -- A Defense Ministry order to British soldiers assigned to the Arab shiekdoms of the Persian Gulf to remove brand labels of Jewish firms from their clothing and leave behind books by Jewish authors or on Jewish themes has generated public protest. It also drew a reprimand from the Board of Deputies of British Jews and laughter on the floor of the House of Commons.

British Army spokesmen said that the shirt or underwear label of a Jewish firm or one believed controlled by Jews could cause trouble in parts of the Gulf area. Such articles of clothing, together with books by Jewish authors, have been confiscated by local authorities.

The Board of Deputies said in a statement today that if the Arab states wished to look ridiculous in the world's eyes, it was their concern. "But it seems unfortunate that the Ministry of Defense should have allowed itself to become involved in a matter associated with the anti-Jewish boycott."

Labor MP Emanuel Shinwell asked for assurances in Commons yesterday that "in any future talks with which the British Government are associated, it must be clearly understood that no Arab from any of the Arab countries will be allowed to interfere with the underpants of a British soldier." Mr. Shinwell, who was Defense Minister in 1950-51, received no reply but his remark sent a roar of laughter through the House. Another Laborite, Stanley Henig, requested a ministerial statement on the subject.

Defense Ministry officials reported many telephone calls after the order was made public. One woman said, "Don't forget to tell the chaplains to leave their Bibles behind; they were written partly by Jews." Joseph Gal, counselor for economic affairs at the Israel Embassy here, said that many British firms traded with both Israel and the Arab states and continued to do so, despite the Arab boycott. A spokesman for the Egyptian Embassy said all faiths were respected in the Middle East and advised Britons not to "worry about any labels on clothes."

Exhibition Of Contemporary Israeli Paintings Opened In Bucharest

BUCHAREST, Feb. 18 (JTA) -- An exhibition of contemporary Israeli painting opened here today in the presence of several high Government officials and Israel's Ambassador Eliezer Doron. The exhibit contains 89 paintings by 24 Israeli artists. It was compiled by Yona Fisher, art director of the Israel Museum.

Nixon Calls For Racial, Religious Harmony In Brotherhood Week

NEW YORK, Feb. 18 (JTA) -- A plea to all Americans to contribute toward the creation of racial and religious harmony in the nation was addressed by President Richard M. Nixon to the National Conference of Christians and Jews on the occasion of Brotherhood Week which is being observed from Feb. 16-23. The President noted in his message that since its birth in 1928, the Conference "has persevered in its effective campaign to destroy the walls of prejudice that divide our nation." He added, however, "We still have far to go... we have much to do to create a climate in which all may live in harmony and peace. To pursue this commitment to America, we need a new commitment from our people. For without it, no organization and no government can fulfill the goals we seek."

Javits Bill Would Make Attack On House Of Worship A Federal Crime

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18 (JTA) -- A bill that would make destruction of a house of worship a Federal crime was introduced in the Senate today by Sen. Jacob K. Javits (R., N.Y.). The bill would extend the Civil Rights Act of 1960 which grants Federal protection to religious buildings only against destruction by explosives.

Sen. Javits said today that the Federal Government must "help protect the guarantee of religious freedom just as it protects civil rights." His measure calls for penalties of up to one year in prison for arson or attempted arson, 10 years if there is personal injury, and life imprisonment if arson causes death.

Assail Anti-Semitic, Anti-Israel Propaganda At Wayne State University

DETROIT, Feb. 18 (JTA) -- The Jewish and Christian communities here were aroused by a wave of anti-Semitic, anti-Israel propaganda that has spread over the Wayne State University campus. The propaganda, apparently originating with the Arab Student Organization, was abetted by campus and off-campus adherents of the New Left, among them a number of Jewish students. It took the form of anti-Israel, anti-Jewish blasts in the campus newspaper, South End, and reams of anti-Israel material publicly displayed in the University library. Arab students and New Leftists also conducted a "teach-in" in which Israel was excoriated and the Arab terrorist organization, El Fatah, glorified.

The propaganda barrage was denounced by a group of Christian clergymen associated with the office of religious affairs on the WSU campus. Others in the community assailed WSU librarian Flint Purdy for refusing to remove the anti-Semitic propaganda from the library and criticized WSU president William R. Keast for his mild admonition to the campus editor, John Watson, a militant New Leftist. It was disclosed that Mr. Watson was not an enrolled student at the time he assumed the editorship of South End, a newspaper financed by Michigan taxpayers.

The Christian clergymen, headed by Rev. Hubert Locke, a Negro, affirmed their belief in freedom of the press. They added, however, that they "also cling to the hope that discussion in the academic community will be concerned with the ideas and actions of rational men and women, not their bigotries." They called articles appearing in the student newspaper "manifest acts of racism, in this case, anti-Semitism."

The Wayne State University Fund denounced the campus propaganda and declared that it presented a distorted image of the Wayne State community.

Chide Jews For 'Sensitivity' And 'Persecution Complex'

A confrontation between advocates and opponents of the New Left and black militancy occurred at a campus forum last week. The subject was "Racism, anti-Semitism, Nationalism--Is unity possible?" The forum was moderated by Father Michael Hunt, Catholic chaplain at WSU.

According to the Detroit Jewish News, Larry Hochman, a physics instructor at Eastern Michigan University and a self-proclaimed radical, chided the Jewish community for its "sensitivity and persecution complex." He said the Jews cannot forget their history of torture and that organizational Jewry has a "paranoia" in which it sees itself besieged by Arabs in Israel and blacks in America.

Rev. Locke warned that only the forces of anti-Semitism and white racism stand to gain from the widening gap between Negroes and Jews. Such forces are not only "willing but gleeful to see black and Jew pitted against each other," he said. He declared that unity "is not only possible, but indispensable."

David Wineman, professor in the WSU school of social work, refuted the charge that Jews cannot take criticism. "If Jews as a group are vilified as a special form of white with the most hate-filled imagery known in the history of Jewish persecution, then that's anti-Semitism," he said.

South End editor Watson, a participant in the forum, denied that his paper or his New Left associates were anti-Semitic. He claimed, "If blacks would respond to criticism the same way Jews did, blacks would be burning down this city every day of the week." He said the Detroit "establishment" personified by the Detroit News and the Chrysler Corp. were trying to crush his paper and were using anti-Semitism to do it. He said, "half if not all of these people are anti-Semitic themselves." Mr. Watson claimed his group wanted to see "an independent and autonomous Jewish community and an independent and autonomous black community in cooperation."

Otto Feinstein, professor at WSU's Monteith College, said South End had walked unknowingly into a potential trap because the editors didn't fully understand the feeling of the Jewish community stemming from its experience with genocide.