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Jerusalem Supersol Re-opens For Business; 2 Young Bombing Victims Are Buried

JERUSALEM, Feb. 23 (JTA) -- Many housewives brought bouquets of flowers today to the employees of Supersol, Israel's largest supermarket, but the bright spring colors could not overcome the evidence of grisly destruction wrought by a terrorist bomb last Friday. The two victims of the Supersol bombing, Leon Kaner, 21 of Netanya, and Edward Jaffe, 22, or Kiron, a Tel Aviv suburb, were buried Sunday side-by-side as thousands stood by. They were friends, room-mates and students together at Hebrew University. They had been buying canned food for a botanical field trip when they were blown to bits.

The supermarket re-opened for business today and was thronged, mostly by Israelis who wanted to view the damage to the rear of the store, which is part of a chain in several municipalities. Nine persons were injured in the blast--the eighth terrorist bombing since the 1967 war. All told 15 persons have died and 151 have been injured in Jerusalem and Tel Aviv bombings.

About 150 persons, mostly women and children, were in the store doing their pre-Sabbath shopping--at 11 A.M., one of the peak shopping hours--when the explosion sent goods flying and broke glass. They ran screaming into the streets. Police said that the explosives consisted of "primitive gelignite charges" placed in coffee cans on a shelf among oil cans.

About 15 minutes after the store had been cleared, a second somewhat smaller bomb was found and de-fused. A third one was found in front of the British Consulate in East Jerusalem and detonated in a field. The explosion recalled the dynamiting of the Mahane Yehuda marketplace in Jerusalem last November which killed 12 persons and wounded 55. After that incident, angry young roving Israelis beat up Arabs. To head off incidents Friday, police escorted Arabs in West Jerusalem to their homes and moved into East Jerusalem to forestall rioting.

In Amman, the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, a guerrilla organization, claimed credit for the bombing as it did for last Tuesday's terrorist sub-machinegun attack on an El Al jetliner in Zurich. Israel held its anger in check and took no reprisal action for the incidents. But Gideon Raphael, director-general of the Foreign Ministry, raised the possibility of retaliation after the Supersol incident. Asserting that the Palestinian guerrilla groups have "extended themselves from Zurich to Jerusalem, from Athens to Gaza," he said, "they should know that this country's arm is not short either." Excluding Syria, he said Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon and Iraq were responsible for these "irregular forces."

Police rounded up more than 150 Arabs immediately after the explosion and many were still being questioned today. A call for strikes in Jerusalem by Jordanian press and radio failed to materialize in the city. There was a small response to it on the West Bank.

Diplomats In Israel Welcome Resumption In Mideast Of Jarring's Peace Mission

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., Feb. 23 (JTA) -- Diplomatic circles here and in Jerusalem today welcomed the forthcoming resumption in the Middle East of United Nations special envoy Dr. Gunnar V. Jarring's peace mission. Some Israelis viewed his imminent return to Cyprus to renew the mission that he suspended late last year as indicative that no substantial progress had been achieved in bi-lateral talks among the Big Four at United Nations headquarters. Secretary-General U Thant's special representative was expected to return via his home in Sweden to his Nicosia headquarters Tuesday and was expected to visit Jerusalem, Cairo and Jordan in an effort to bring the contending parties together on a settlement and tamp down the escalating Mideast violence.

The decision to send Dr. Jarring on another circuit of the capitals was made despite a reported lack of progress in conversation among the United States, French, Russian and British UN envoys aimed at seeking an accord that would strengthen his mission.

Those nations have been conferring on the possibility of holding a formal, full-dress Big Four Conference to work out a program for a Mideast settlement to be effected by Dr. Jarring. The United States was said to be resisting a French and Soviet desire to have the UN impose peace--an approach that Israel likens to a "Munich settlement." The U.S. was said to be awaiting answers from the other major powers on a proposed Four Power statement re-endorsing the Jarring mission, which was mandated by the Security Council's Nov. 22, 1967 Mideast peace resolution.

Dr. Jarring, who suspended his Mideast-circuit riding late last summer in favor of direct action at UN headquarters, resumed his position as Sweden's Ambassador to Moscow late last year and returned to the UN Secretariat in January. He was expected to report back to the UN following his latest contacts with the Arabs and Israel. He was apparently dissuaded by the major powers from his decision, leaked to the press last week, to give up his UN mission unless there were signs that it would not be fruitless.

Y. L. Levin's 75th Birthday Observed; Report Only 2 U.S. Rabbis Attend Event

LONDON, Feb. 23 (JTA) -- The 75th birthday of Rabbi Yehuda Levin of Moscow's Central Synagogue was observed today with many rabbinical leaders from various parts of the world attending, it was reported here. Apparently only two American rabbis were present. They were Arthur Schneider of New York, who brought several gifts--including one from Mayor John V. Lindsay, and David Hollander of the Bronx. Rabbi Pinhas Teitz of Elizabeth, N.J., who had received a visa, did not leave the U.S. (He could

not be reached for comments by JTA in New York.)

"I would have liked with all my heart to come and congratulate you personally but I have been prevented from this by Soviet authorities who have not granted me a visa," Israel's Sephardic Chief Rabbi Itzhak Nissim cabled Rabbi Levin. Rabbi Nissim was one of several spiritual leaders, including Chief Rabbi Immanuel Jakobovits of Britain, who were invited but did not receive visas.

Rabbi Nissim said today that despite the receipt of an invitation by the chairman of the Central Synagogue, he was not admitted because of a "fear that Jewish feeling in the Soviet Union would have erupted despite the walls of iron set up around it." He called the Moscow Jewish community a "show window" designed to conceal the real condition of Soviet Jewry.

Rabbi Schneier reportedly received a visa before getting the invitation. Chief Rabbi Jacob Kaplan of France, Chief Rabbi emeritus Israel Brodie of the British Commonwealth, and Isser Untermann, Israel's Ashkenazic Chief Rabbi did not accept the bids.

More than a thousand Jews attended a Sabbath service in the overflowing 90-year-old Central Synagogue yesterday. Among the participants were Jews from Soviet Georgia and Armenia and from beyond the Urals. Rabbi Levin voiced gratitude to the Soviet Government for delivering the Jewish community from the "barbarians" (Nazis).

Eban Tells Cabinet That Reply Awaited On Israeli Letter Dealing With Terrorism

JERUSALEM, Feb. 23 (JTA) -- Foreign Minister Abba Eban advised the Cabinet today that United Nations Secretary General U Thant had not yet replied to his message of last Thursday on the problem of terrorist attacks against civilian aircraft. Mr. Eban had called upon Mr. Thant to explain concretely what "constructive international action" he had had in mind when he had called for it, following the Arab terrorist attack on Tuesday on an El Al plane in Zurich, to prevent "acts of violence against civil aviation in the future." Israel is duty-bound, Mr. Eban told the Cabinet, to invoke the right of self-defense against the terrorist groups which continue to announce their intention to carry out acts of bloodshed against Israel and are supported by Arab governments.

Transport Minister Moshe Carmel said that very few El Al reservations had been cancelled in the wake of the attack, and that many Jews and non-Jews had demonstratively switched reservations to El Al from other airlines. He said a number of U.S. Jewish organizations had informed him of their intention to increase flight bookings.

Report Rachamim Admits Being Security Agent; He Faces Possible 20-Year Sentence

ZURICH, Feb. 23 (JTA) -- Attention here focused today on the fate of Mordechai Rachamim, 22, Iraqi-born former Israeli paratrooper who killed one of four Arab terrorists in last Tuesday's attack on an El Al Boeing 720B jet at Zurich's Kloten Airport which injured a pilot. He reportedly admitted to Zurich District Attorney Dr. Jurg Rohberg that he was a member of Israeli security forces and said that he had fired in defense of the plane, its passengers and crew. Legal experts said that under Israeli or Anglo-Saxon law he would be acquitted automatically on grounds of self-defense, but under Swiss law, he faces charges of either homicide or manslaughter and a possible maximum sentence of 20 years in prison unless the judge decides that there were extenuating circumstances in his favor.

The three surviving Arab terrorists also face long prison terms if convicted. It was expected that they will be charged, among other things, with attempted murder, inflicting bodily injury, wilful destruction of property, use of explosives for illegal purposes and disrupting air traffic. Swiss police were reportedly searching for three other Arabs believed to have been accomplices of the four who carried out the attack.

Mr. Rachamim reportedly described the events of Tuesday to Dr. Rehberg. He reportedly said he was in a state of shock after the shooting began and he saw a crew-member stagger out of the plane's cockpit streaming blood. He left the plane and ran toward a barrier behind which the terrorists were firing. He said that he fired automatically at the man aiming a rifle after shouting at him in English to throw away his gun.

He has been visited several times in jail by Israeli Consul General Moshe Gur-On. Under Zurich cantonal procedure, he will be allowed legal counsel only toward the end of the preliminary investigation. He has not yet seen a lawyer. Dr. Georg Freitvalla, legal advisor to the Israeli Consulate here, said the trial of Rachamim, who has not been officially charged, could start at the earliest late next summer or in the fall. Swiss Federal Attorney General Hans Walder said in Bern that it might start later if the case came up before a Federal court instead of the Zurich cantonal court. This was not considered likely, however.

The jet flew home today following preliminary repairs. El Al sources estimated damage at at least \$100,000. The wounded pilot trainee, Yoram Peres, was still hospitalized. Doctors said he was rapidly recovering from wounds that had necessitated emergency surgery.

(In Athens, Algerian lawyers who will defend two Arab terrorists who attacked an El Al jet there last Dec. 26, killing an Israeli, said they thought the Zurich attack would help their clients' case. Jacq Verges and Amar Ben Tunni told newsmen that they would ask prisoner of war status for the defendants. They said they would argue that their clients' actions were not criminal but an act of war.

Stewart Assures 4 Arab Envoys Britain Will Not Enter Into Arms Deal With Israel

LONDON, Feb. 23 (JTA) -- Foreign Secretary Michael Stewart assured four Arab ambassadors yesterday that Britain has not entered into any arms deal with Israel and was not attempting to fill the gap left by France's recent embargo on military equipment and spare parts to Israel. Mr. Stewart denied reports that Britain had agreed to sell 240 Centurion tanks to Israel. Those reports led to his meeting with envoys of Saudi Arabia, Lebanon, Iraq and Egypt who had opposed an arms deal with Israel.

Mr. Stewart said that Britain would like an international agreement to limit arms shipments to the Mideast. He said his Government scrutinized all applications for arms from that area and would do nothing to impair prospects for peace. Defense Minister Denis Healey told the House of Commons last Thursday that Britain has arms contracts with Israel and the Arab countries which it intended to honor. The Israel Embassy denied a Daily Mail report that it had said Israel was seeking Centurions.

About 2,000 Arabs chanting "down with Zionism" marched on the American Embassy here today to protest what they called "Israeli-U.S. aggression in the Middle East." The march was organized by the Council for the Advancement of Arab-British Understanding.

Swedish Intellectuals Link Soviet Anti-Semitism To Red Bloc, Arab Action On Jews

STOCKHOLM, Feb. 23 (JTA) -- The Soviet Government's allegedly official anti-Semitism was linked here today to anti-Semitic manifestations in other Eastern European countries and to the situation in Arab countries where Jews have been deprived of citizenship rights, imprisoned and executed. The conclusion was reached by a group of Scandinavian intellectuals attending a symposium on the condition of Soviet Jews which was organized by members of Sweden's three major political parties, the Social Democrats, the Liberals and the Center Party. The event was attended by scholars, teachers, editors, writers and representatives of the professions and arts in Sweden, Norway, Denmark and Finland. Observers were present from other countries.

Speakers declared that Russia was the source of anti-Semitism which radiates to the "peoples' democracies." They said the recent Iraqi executions and the harassment of Jews in other Arab countries generally was connected with the Soviet anti-Jewish campaign which made anti-Semitism respectable in the eyes of some groups and created an atmosphere in some societies in which barbarities could be perpetrated against Jews.

Report 50-60 Iraqi Jews Still Held In Prison; Tells Of Reign Of Terror in Syria

LONDON, Feb. 23 (JTA) -- Fifty or sixty Jews arrested in Iraq at the time of the Six-Day War are still held in prison and other Jews are subjected to a variety of restrictions and are not permitted to leave the country, the Sunday Times reported. According to the paper, Jews possessing passports were forced to turn them over to police. Jewish businessmen were required to surrender stocks, and receive a monthly allowance of \$264. According to the Times, 11 Jews have had telephones disconnected.

Political sources said that reports have reached Jerusalem that 11 Jews scheduled to have been included in the latest Iraqi spy trials were spared apparently as a result of world-wide protests against the hanging of nine Iraqi Jews on Jan. 27. Eight Iraqis were executed last week on charges of spying for Israel, none of them Jews.

Reports in Israel of a reign of terror over Syria's remaining 4,000 Jews were attributed today to a Greek tourist who visited Syria recently. According to the tourist, Syrian authorities appointed special controllers over the Jewish communities, each responsible for several families, following the Six-Day War. Officially they were supposed to safeguard the Jews but they have become the "chief oppressors," the tourist said. Jews must stay near their homes and head-counts are regularly taken, he said.

West German Rightists Holds Party Convention, Hopes To Enter Bundestag In Fall

BONN, Feb. 23 (JTA) -- West Germany's extreme right-wing National Democratic Party (NPD) called "neo-Nazi" in some quarters, opened a political campaign today which it hopes will sweep it into the Bundestag (Lower House) in next fall's national elections. Significantly, the party convened its national convention in Bavaria, birthplace of Hitler's Brownshirts, and the German state in which the NPD has scored its most impressive local victories to date.

Political rallies were scattered between rented halls in six Bavarian townships. But the main convention was being held at Schwabach, near Nuremberg in Central Franconia. It was to have taken place in the Bayreuth town hall, but city authorities there won a court ruling permitting them to refuse to rent the premises to the NPD.

The NPD holds seats in seven of West Germany's eleven provincial legislatures. But it never polled more than two percent of the vote on a national basis. It must win at least five percent in order to gain Bundestag representation. Party leader Adolf von Thadden predicted, in a keynote address, that the NPD would win 50 seats in the next Bundestag. About 300 demonstrators jeered the delegates as they filed into the Schwabach town hall. They shouted "Nazis get out" and waved placards reading, "One Adolf Was Enough." Mr. von Thadden told his audience that the demonstrators were doing the party more good than harm. "Whatever does not kill us makes us stronger," he said. The NPD so far has taken a relatively moderate line and seems to be basing its election campaign on appeals for law and order aimed at left-wing student demonstrators.

This line was expected to have strong appeal among middle class Germans and was, in fact, the theme adopted by two other major parties. Mr. von Thadden assailed the Government's "war of nerves" which he claimed was forging greater unity in the NPD. His reference to moves under consideration in Bonn to ask the Constitutional Court at Karlsruhe to ban the NPD as anti-democratic under German law. The move which appeared to gain impetus several months ago, now seems to be stalled.

National Committee For Labor Israel Raises \$2.9 Million Toward 1969 Goal

NEW YORK, Feb. 23 (JTA) -- The sum of \$2.9 million has been raised so far this year in the United States social welfare programs operated in Israel by Histadrut, the nation's labor federation, it was announced today by Dr. Sol Stein, executive director of the National Committee for Labor Israel. He told 800 delegates to the mid-winter emergency conference that \$1 million had been raised in cash toward the group's 1969 goal of \$6 million and an additional \$1.9 million in the form of deferred commitments such as wills and bequests assigned to the American Histadrut Development Foundation. The Foundation, established nine years ago, now has a total of almost \$13 million, Dr. Stein reported.

The 45th anniversary luncheon of the National Committee for Labor Israel was addressed by Gideon Hausner, chief prosecutor in the trial of Adolf Eichmann and a member of the Knesset (Parliament), and by Leon H. Keyserling, Washington economist elected National Committee President last November. Mr. Hausner called on the "civilized countries" to take collective action to safeguard Israeli civilian aircraft from attacks by Arab terrorists like the ones at Zurich last Tuesday and at Athens last Dec. 26. He urged them to withhold all forms of military and economic assistance to governments that harbor terrorists.

Conservative, Orthodox, Reform Rabbis To Form United Jewish Appeal Advisory Unit

NEW YORK, Feb. 23 (JTA) -- More than 100 Reform, Conservative and Orthodox rabbis who travelled to Israel recently on a mission sponsored by the United Jewish Appeal have decided to form a permanent body to serve as "a spiritual arm" of the UJA, it was announced today. They were members of a rabbinic study mission that studied conditions and problems faced by the Israelis.

Rabbi Dudley Weinberg, of Milwaukee, chairman of the UJA Rabbinical Advisory Committee who served as mission coordinator said today, "We rabbis went...together to demonstrate the solidarity of American Jewry in its concern for the welfare and the security of our brothers and sisters in Israel." Rabbi Gilbert Klapperman, president of the New York Board of Rabbis, observed, "It is proper that we rabbis should join together, in spite of our...differences. The joint expression of our fundamental unity will...move our people to deepen their attachment to...our fellow Jews in Israel."

Workmen's Circle Asks Attorney General To Investigate Arab Propaganda Outfit

NEW YORK, Feb. 23 (JTA) -- The Workmen's Circle has called on Attorney General John Mitchell to investigate the Action Committee for American-Arab Relations, an Arab propaganda group, for possible violation of the Foreign Agents Registration Act. In a telegram to Mr. Mitchell, Israel Breslau, president of the Jewish labor fraternal organization, and Benjamin Gebiner, executive secretary, noted that extremist Negro militant groups such as the Black Panthers, Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee, and the Republic of New Africa have recently echoed Arab propaganda against Israel. "We are entitled to a full report on violations on American soil by Arab groups either financing or furnishing propaganda to extremists designed to inflame Americans against each other," the telegram said.

Sen. Bayh Warns On Creation Of 'False Climate' Of Danger By Arab Extremists

NEW YORK, Feb. 23 (JTA) -- Sen. Birch Bayh (D., Ind.) warned today that the U.S. must proceed with "extreme caution" in four Power consultations on the Mideast because "the extremists' policy of provocation in that area may very well be designed to create a false climate in which peace at any price appears as the only alternative to another war." Sen. Bayh told the 61st annual dinner of B'nai Zion, American Zionist fraternal order, that renewed warfare would be deterred by "a strong Israel, equipped with Skyhawks (jet planes), hawk missiles and, most important, F4 Phantom jets." The order's America-Israel Gold Medals was presented to former Rep. Herbert Tenzer for his efforts to further American-Israel friendship.

Yitzhak Manger, Yiddish Poet And Essayist, Dies In Israel At 67

TEL AVIV, Feb. 23 (JTA) -- Yitzhak Manger, the Yiddish poet and essayist, died here Feb. 20 at a private sanatorium after a long illness. He was 67. He settled in Israel two years ago. Born in Rumania, he came to the United States in 1951. He had fled from Warsaw to London when World War II broke out. He had visited Israel a number of times before deciding to settle there. An adaptation of one of his major works, "The Megillah" was performed recently in New York City. He had written more than a dozen books of Yiddish poems and essays. His poems had been translated into more than a half dozen languages.

An anthology of all Mr. Manger's works written until that time was published in 1954 under the title "Poems and Ballads." He subsequently published a book of essays and a collection of poetry entitled "Stars in the Dust." Among his best known books of poetry were "Poems From the Chumash," "Stars Over My Roof" and "Clouds Over My Roof." He wrote several plays based on Yiddish folk themes.

Federal Services Held For Alexander Konoff, Major Benefactor Of Technion

NEW YORK, Feb. 23 (JTA) -- Funeral services were held today for Alexander Konoff, a one-time immigrant with no formal education who amassed a fortune as an industrialist and was one of the chief benefactors of the Technion--Israel Institute of Technology in Haifa. Mr. Konoff, a vice president of the American Technion Society, died at the Albert Einstein Medical Center on Friday at the age of 85. In 1949 he received an honorary degree in mechanical engineering from the Technion.

N.Y. Police Distributes Checklist To Aid Houses Of Worship Against Burglars, Vandals

NEW YORK, Feb. 23 (JTA) -- The New York City Police Department has distributed 10,000 copies of a checklist of ways to prevent burglaries and vandalism in houses of worship. The list was prepared at the request of religious institutions in the wake of suspicious fires and vandalism that have hit synagogues, Hebrew schools and churches all over the city in recent months. Mayor John V. Lindsay announced the distribution as part of Operation Safe City at a meeting of the Mayor's Criminal Justice Coordinating Council. He noted that the police department had established a special investigating unit and had increased patrols in synagogues and churches.