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Young Arab Terrorists Hurl Bombs And Grenades At Israeli Installations In 3 Cities

LONDON, Sept. 8 (JTA) -- Arab terrorists hurled bombs and grenades at Israeli premises in Brussels, Bonn and The Hague today in what were apparently well-coordinated attacks. Four persons including the manager were injured when a bomb demolished the front of the El Al Israel Airline office in the Belgian capital at noon. One of the injured was reported in serious condition.

A guard in The Hague captured an Arab teen-ager with a grenade in his pocket after another grenade aimed at an open window in the Israeli Embassy building exploded in the doorway of the adjacent residence of the Embassy's First Secretary, Shraga Tzur. Windows were smashed at the Israeli Embassy in the Bonn suburb of Bad Godesberg at 11:35 a.m. local time when two hand grenades were thrown from a neighboring garden onto the Embassy's rear lawn. No one was hurt.

Dutch police guarded the El Al office in Amsterdam today and police reinforcements were sent to Schiphol Airport where passengers boarding El Al and Royal Dutch Airline (KLM) flights for Tel Aviv were searched for weapons to avert a possible new aerial hijacking. The Netherlands' Chief of Protocol phoned the Israeli Ambassador, Shimon Arad, to convey Foreign Minister Josef Lun's message of shock and outrage over the bombing of the Israeli Embassy. The youngster captured with a grenade reportedly admitted being a member of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine.

A spokesman for the Front said in Amman, Jordan today that the organization was responsible for the bombings in the three European capitals. He said the attacks were carried out by the "Ho Chi Minh" unit. The guerrillas were described as "lion cubs," all teen-agers. The Front is the same organization that claimed credit for hijacking a TWA airliner to Damascus on Aug. 29. That act was carried out by two Arab commandos who styled themselves members of the "Che Guevara" unit. The identification of Arab terrorists with heroes of the radical left-wing indicated to observers here that the Arabs are trying to mobilize militant leftists, especially youth, against Israel.

(In Jerusalem, Minister of Transport Moshe Carmel said today's attacks on the Continent and the recent bombing of the Zim Lines' London office demonstrated that Arab terrorists were trying to cut Israel's lines of communication with the rest of the world. He said those connections, by air and sea, will be maintained and warned that the saboteurs "may find themselves on the receiving end of full retribution." Mr. Carmel said that nations interested in maintaining freedom of communications should do everything in their power to curb Arab terrorist activities. He said the attacks on Israeli targets abroad were a sign of weakness on the part of the Arabs.)

State Department Critical Of Terrorism On Continent

WASHINGTON, Sept. 8 (JTA) -- State Department officials today linked the European bombings with the continuing violence in the Middle East and deplored the spread of terrorism to other nations. They said it was a poor way "to grope for a settlement." Officials were reluctant to discuss security precautions for Israeli diplomatic installations in the U.S. But it seemed apparent that measures were being intensified.

(It was learned that police in some cities have responded to requests from Jewish and Israel-oriented organizations, including airline offices, for increased surveillance. Law enforcement agencies declined public comment on reports that undercover investigations are proceeding among groups of known Arab agitators in this country.)

3 Israeli Commandos Killed In Explosion Following Attack On Egyptian Torpedo Boats

TEL AVIV, Sept. 8 (JTA) -- Three Israeli naval commandos were killed last night when their vessel exploded after sinking two Russian-made Egyptian torpedo boats at their moorings off the Ras Sadat naval base on the Red Sea, 15 miles south of the Suez Canal. The Egyptian boats each carried a crew of 20 men and were armed with cannon, torpedos and radar. They had been used in mining and other sabotage activities on the Israeli-held shores of the Sinai peninsula.

A military spokesman said the Israeli commandos were returning to their base when one of their boats developed technical difficulties resulting in a fire which touched off an explosive charge.

An Arab saboteur was killed and three were captured last night in an encounter with an Israeli patrol in the Gaza Strip. The saboteurs were armed with pistols and hand grenades.

6 Israeli Soldiers Killed, 6 Wounded In Action Since Last Thursday

TEL AVIV, Sept. 8 (JTA) -- Six Israeli soldiers were killed and six others were wounded in shooting and mining incidents in the Suez Canal zone, the Arab areas south of the Dead Sea and in the southern Gaza Strip since last Thursday, a military spokesman disclosed. A seventh Israeli soldier died today of wounds he received in a clash with Arab guerrillas near El Hamma two months ago. He was identified as Nahum Aharon, 21.

Two Israeli soldiers, Privates Sallah Sallah and Claude Pinto, were killed Thursday night during an Egyptian mortar attack across the Suez Canal. Sgt. Shlomo Linkenberg was killed by Egyptian mortar fire Friday night. The mining of an Army vehicle near Hatzeva in the Arava region took the lives of Housein Guanama, Jacob Mandel and Sigmund Wander. Three other soldiers were injured in the same incident and three more were injured when their vehicle struck a mine nine miles north of the Gaza Strip town of Raffah.

Four Arab saboteurs were killed last night in clashes with Israeli patrols in the Golan Heights and near Beer Menuha, south of the Dead Sea. There were no Israeli casualties in either of the encounters.

Israeli and Egyptian forces battled with mortars and artillery for 40 minutes last night in the Suez Canal zone. Several mortar shells were fired during the night at Beth Yossef settlement in the Beisan Valley. The shells came from Jordanian territory. A military spokesman said the region has been generally quiet as a result of recent Israeli ground and air assaults on guerrilla bases.

A Nablus Arab died last night of wounds received when a hand grenade exploded at the entrance to the Nablus branch of the Bank Leumi where he was a watchman last Monday. Three other local residents who were injured have been released from the hospital.

Eban Says U.S. Can Be Counted On To Provide Israel With Needed Weapons

JERUSALEM, Sept. 8 (JTA) -- Foreign Minister Abba Eban said yesterday that the United States could be counted on to supply Israel with the weapons necessary for its security if the arms balance in the Middle East turns against Israel. Mr. Eban spoke on a television and radio interview in connection with the delivery to Israel of the first consignment of F-4 supersonic Phantom jets purchased from the U.S.

One of the new Phantoms made its maiden flight over Tel Aviv and other cities yesterday, reportedly with the commander in chief of Israel's Air Force, Gen. Mordecai Hod, in the co-pilot's seat.

Mr. Eban said the supply of the Phantoms to Israel did not relieve France of its obligation to deliver the M50 Mirage V supersonic jets bought and paid for in full by Israel but embargoed by order of former President Charles de Gaulle. The Foreign Minister said that when Israel negotiated with the U.S. for the purchase of 50 Phantoms it expected to receive the Mirages as well.

Mr. Eban said he thought there was some truth to rumors that the Soviet Union had tried to pressure Washington into delaying the delivery of the Phantoms. However, he said, it has been U.S. policy for years to supply Israel with arms in keeping with its security needs.

Egyptian Government Continues Denunciation Of Phantom Delivery

LONDON, Sept. 8 (JTA) -- The Egyptian Government today continued to denounce the sale of Phantom jets to Israel by the United States. An official spokesman called the delivery of the first Phantoms a grave development in the Mideast conflict and said that the U.S. had been expected to end its policy of supplying arms to Israel. Iraq and Syria voiced similar sentiments.

The Guardian reported from Beirut today that President Gamal Abdel Nasser of Egypt is expected to fly to Moscow within a few days for talks with Soviet leaders. The paper said the 51-year-old Egyptian leader will also undergo treatment for the same leg ailment that brought him to Moscow over a year ago.

According to the Guardian, the dispute between Palestinian guerrillas and Lebanese authorities is reaching "crisis proportions." The guerrillas have rejected an ultimatum by the Beirut regime to hand over the men responsible for an armed clash with Lebanese troops at a refugee camp 10 days ago. The clash occurred when Lebanese soldiers tried to pull down an unauthorized structure in the camp that was to be used as headquarters for the "Palestinian armed struggle command." A Palestinian guerrilla leader was quoted as warning that his men would turn their guns on the Lebanese Army if the latter attempted to interfere with their campaign to "liberate" Palestine.

Israel Cabinet Endorses Ratification Of Tokyo Convention Against Hijacking

JERUSALEM, Sept. 8 (JTA) -- The Israeli Cabinet yesterday endorsed ratification of the 1963 Tokyo Convention against aerial hijacking and other forms of crime against civilian aircraft. The Knesset is expected to ratify the convention when it reconvenes after next month's national elections. The Cabinet has already approved a draft bill that will make Israeli law conform to the provisions of the Tokyo convention. The action was taken in the wake of the Aug. 29 hijacking on a TWA plane bound for Tel Aviv. The plane was landed in Damascus, where two Israeli passengers are still being held.

The convention has been ratified so far by 10 nations. It requires 11 ratifications to make it binding on all members of international civil aviation associations. Action by the Knesset would automatically put it into force. The convention chapter dealing with hijacked planes provides for the immediate return of the aircraft, its passengers and crew and punishment for the hijackers.

(According to reports from Paris, the French Government will propose that Parliament ratify the Tokyo convention. French Foreign Minister Maurice Schumann has reportedly urged ratification at the earliest possible time.)

Belgrade Paper Criticizes Hijackers

LONDON, Sept. 8 (JTA) -- The Yugoslavian daily Politika has warned that Arab commandos who hijack airliners are seriously damaging the Arab cause before world opinion, which, it claimed, has already shifted away from Israel.

Dr. James A. Pike Is Buried In Israel A Day After His Body Is Found In Desert

JAFFA, Sept. 8 (JTA) -- Dr. James A. Pike, the former Episcopal Bishop of California who died of exhaustion in the Judean desert after becoming lost a week ago, was buried today in this Biblical seaport town. His widow, Mrs. Diana Pike, who accompanied him on his fatal journey to Israel and later walked a whole night in search of help, said yesterday that her husband had loved the Holy Land "as if it were his own" and that it would be appropriate if he were buried here. Funeral arrangements were made by Mrs. Pike and her brother, Richard Scott Kennedy, after consulting with Dr. Pike's 84-year-old mother in California.

The 56-year-old cleric, who was a controversial figure at home and a staunch champion of Israel, was interred at St. Peter's Protestant cemetery near where the Bible says the Prophet, Jonah, set forth on his fateful voyage. The funeral was attended by only a dozen mourners. When the two-car cortege reached the cemetery, there were not enough pall-bearers to carry the aluminum coffin draped with black tasselled gold cloth. Five nearby residents along with a local clergyman and Mrs. Pike's brother carried the coffin down the sloping hill to a grave site overlooking the sea.

Dr. Pike's body was discovered yesterday by a volunteer search party of Bedouin tribesmen and Israeli police after a week of fruitless searching by land and helicopter. According to the Pathological Institute in Tel Aviv, where an autopsy was performed, Dr. Pike succumbed to fatigue, hunger and thirst. The medical examiners said he had been dead since last Tuesday, a little more than a day after he and Mrs. Pike found themselves lost in a trackless wilderness after their car broke down.

In Jerusalem yesterday, Mrs. Pike had high praise for Israeli authorities and police. She said they did everything humanly possible to find her husband and could not have been more cooperative. She said her husband "loved the Israeli people and the Holy Land so deeply, I feel there is no more appropriate place for him to die if he had to die."

She said his last words to her were, "If I die here, I am at peace. I have no regrets." Dr. Pike had visited Israel several times in connection with his ministry and in behalf of Jewish and Zionist causes. On his last trip he was gathering material for a book on the origins of Christianity which he planned to write in collaboration with his wife. Mrs. Pike said she would finish the book alone.

Police Arrest 24 During Melee Following NPD Leader Von Thadden Address In Bonn

BONN, Sept. 8 (JTA) -- Police arrested at least 24 persons in a melee that broke out here yesterday during an election rally of the ultra right-wing National Democratic Party (NPD) addressed by party leader Adolf von Thadden. Police formed a protective cordon around the Beethoven concert hall where the rally was held. They dragged out scores of screaming left-wing students who heckled von Thadden with jeers and shouts of "siege heil", the Hitlerite salute. One of those arrested was said to be an NPD usher.

Von Thadden said yesterday that he was sure his party would poll eight to 12 percent of the vote in the forthcoming West German national elections and "possibly even more."

Von Thadden told a press conference that he would be disappointed if his party polled only the five percent required to win seats in the Bundestag. He said he would resign if it got less. According to Von Thadden, the NPD contains no more ex-Nazis than any other West German party. He thought that the rioting which has attended many NPD election rallies recently would help rather than hinder his party's chances. In reply to questions, he said the NPD would support Chancellor Kurt Georg Kiesinger's Christian Democratic Union "if it had logical proposals that we could support." The NPD wants, among other things, to end the prosecution of Nazi war criminals. The party has also demanded the return to Germany of the Nazi territories lost in World War II.

Iraq Executes 3 More Nationals -- None Of Them Jews -- As Spies For Israel And The U.S.

LONDON, Sept. 8 (JTA) -- Iraq executed three more of its nationals -- none of them Jews -- today as alleged spies for Israel and the United States. According to Baghdad radio, the latest victims were Private Mohammed Rabah Haidar of the Iraqi Army, who was shot by a firing squad, and Ambarkhud Al-Kar-am and Amis Abbas, civilians who were hanged.

The broadcast gave no details of the charges nor was there any indication that the three had stood trial. Their execution brought to 54 the number of alleged spies executed by Iraq this year, among them 11 Jews. Fifteen civilians and soldiers including two Jews were executed in Baghdad on Aug. 15. About 100 Iraqis, among them a former Premier and several former Government ministers, are in custody on spy charges.

(In Washington, State Department officials today voiced shock and dismay over the executions. They said that the additional executions were a source of grave concern following the recent criticism by Secretary of State William P. Rogers that earlier killings were repugnant to the conscience of mankind. The State Department had officially described previous executions as "blood baths.")

Wexler Denounces Hangings, Calls For Intensified Western Protests

WASHINGTON, Sept. 8 (JTA) -- The international president of B'nai B'rith called today on Western leaders to intensify their protests against Iraq's "unconscionable defiance of civilized conduct" in continuing its secret spy trials and executions.

Dr. William A. Wexler, of Savannah, Ga., in a statement on today's executions, said that any relaxation in efforts to halt further "closed door trials and executions" would encourage Iraq to proceed with its "brutal terror tactics." He said the West must utilize all available channels.

Senator Everett M. Dirksen Was Friend Of Zionists, Favored Israel's Security

WASHINGTON, Sept. 8 (JTA) -- Sen. Everett M. Dirksen, the Republican minority leader in the U.S. Senate who died here yesterday at the age of 73, favored Zionist aspirations and Israel's security during most of his long Congressional career which began in 1933.

As a member of the House of Representatives in 1942, the Illinois Republican joined in a Congressional resolution endorsing the 25th anniversary of the Balfour Declaration. He visited Palestine two years later and told the press that there was room in the country for hundreds of thousands of additional refugees. In 1945 he urged President Harry S. Truman to support the establishment of a Jewish commonwealth and a year later joined the advisory council of the pro-Zionist American Christian Palestine Committee.

An early supporter of U.S. arms sales to Israel to maintain a regional balance of power, Sen. Dirksen in 1962 urged President John F. Kennedy to supply Israel with Hawk anti-aircraft missiles. In 1968 he offered a Congressional resolution honoring Israel's 20th anniversary and calling for direct Arab-Israeli peace talks. Later that year, he urged the Johnson Administration to approve the sale of Phantom jet fighter-bombers to Israel.

Over the years, Sen. Dirksen had advocated the resettlement of Arab refugees in Iraq, and has criticized American aid to Egypt. He also joined in a Congressional resolution protesting the treatment of Jews in Soviet Russia.

The acting Republican Senatorial leader and possible successor to Sen. Dirksen is Sen. Hugh Scott, of Pennsylvania, who has also been a leading supporter of Israel's cause. Sen. Scott was instrumental in securing a pro-Israel plank in the Republican platform at the party's national convention in Miami Beach last year. Sen. Scott, a liberal, also led the Republican bloc which criticized the Eisenhower administration's Mideast policy during the Suez-Sinai crisis in 1956-57.

Minority Leader Hailed By ZOA President For Stand On Jews, Israel

NEW YORK, Sept. 8 (JTA) -- Jacques Torczyner, president of the Zionist Organization of America, today said that the late Sen. Dirksen "was a close friend of the Jewish people and always stood behind Israel." He recalled that the Senator, at the 71st national convention of the ZOA in Washington in 1968, said that Israel should not become "another Czechoslovakia." Mr. Torczyner said that the Illinois Senator followed events in Israel and was concerned with seeing that Israel's security be maintained.

Sharef Launches Israel Bond Organization's Fall Campaign In U.S.; Goal is \$200 Million

NEW YORK, Sept. 8 (JTA) -- Israel's Finance Minister Zeev Sharef launched the Israel Bond Organization's fall campaign today in a telephone conference with more than 2,700 Jewish leaders all over the United States. The campaign goal is \$200 million to finance Israel's economic development.

Mr. Sharef, who also holds the portfolio of Minister of Commerce and Industry, urged maximum support for Israel's economy, which he said was crucial to the nation's ability to withstand "unrelieved crisis." He was seconded by Samuel Rothberg, national campaign chairman of the Israel Bond Organization and Dr. Joseph J. Schwartz, its vice-president.

Mr. Sharef said that defense needs required Israel to spend between \$2.8 million and \$3 million a day while at the same time continuing to invest in economic development and absorb newcomers. He said 35,000 new immigrants are expected this year and 40,000-45,000 in 1970.

"From each dollar of taxes paid by citizens of Israel, 80 cents is spent for defense, leaving only 20 cents for all other purposes," Mr. Sharef said. "Without Israel Bonds, we could not carry on our development program. You are partners in our new roads, housing, telephone system, schools, hospitals, and loans to industries. We must spend \$450,000,000 for development in the coming year, and we count on Israel Bonds for at least half that sum. We must improve our foreign exchange position," he said, "and we need major assistance in this direction from Israel Bonds."

Hebrew Day Schools Increase In New York Area, Rest Of U.S., Says Torah Umesorah

NEW YORK, Sept. 8 (JTA) -- An increase in the number of Hebrew day schools in the New York metropolitan area and in the rest of the country was recorded today as the new school year opened here. According to a report by Torah Umesorah, the national society for Hebrew day schools, about 50,000 students were enrolled in New York area Hebrew schools that provide religious and secular studies, an increase of three percent over last year. The organization estimated that the nationwide enrollment in such schools will probably reach 73,000 this year.

Five new Hebrew day schools were established in the New York area during the summer bringing the total to 170. Of these 110 are elementary schools and 60 are high schools. Outside of New York, 15 new day schools, including four at the high school level, were established in various communities of the United States and Canada. The nationwide total of such schools now stands at 361 in the U.S. and 43 in Canada.

Speer, Former Top Nazi, Feels 'Personally Responsible' For Auschwitz Murders

NEW YORK, Sept. 8 (JTA) -- A former top Nazi has admitted that he feels "very personally responsible" for what went on in the Auschwitz death camp during World War II, according to a report in the current issue of Time magazine. Albert Speer, 64, Hitler's one-time Munitions Minister, said his guilt feelings stemmed from the fact that he never personally investigated conditions at Auschwitz "out of fear that I might discover something which would have forced me to certain steps," Time reported. "I did not want to know what was happening there . . . I shut my eyes," Speer wrote in his memoirs to be published this week. Speer was released from Spandau prison in 1966 for using slave labor.