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1 Israeli Killed, Many Injured As Terrorists Strike 4 Residential Buildings In Haifa

HAIFA, Oct. 22 (JTA) -- Arab terrorists struck at Haifa today. Three explosions rocked a fashionable residential section on Mount Carmel early this morning, killing one man, injuring 11 persons and causing severe damage. A fourth explosion this afternoon badly damaged a house in the Kiryat Sprinzak quarter where three more persons suffered slight injuries. Twenty persons, most of them Arabs, were detained for questioning as police cordoned off the stricken areas. Police alerted the population to search their houses, particularly the lower floors and cellers, for more bombs. Seven persons injured in this morning's blasts required hospitalization.

The first explosion occurred at 4:30 a.m. local time in a building on Berl Katzenelson St. in the Neveh Shaanan quarter while most of the residents were asleep. Chaim Mankowitz, 55, a watchman at the Haifa Technion, was killed as the blast ripped through the floor of his first story flat. Part of the stairway was wrecked and occupants of the upper floors were evacuated by police and firemen.

The second explosion was in a building on Moriah St. at 6:30 a.m. Part of the building collapsed in smoke and flames. Several cars were damaged in an adjacent garage. Again the fire brigade evacuated residents. An infant was dropped from an upper floor onto a blanket held as a net by firemen. The child was not injured. The third explosion at 7:15 a.m. damaged a newly completed building on Wedgewood St. which was unoccupied. Neighboring buildings sustained slight damage.

Another infant, seven-month-old Doudou Françoise, miraculously escaped death or injury in the fourth blast which occurred this afternoon. The child was buried under rubble for 40 minutes after an explosion wrecked four out of 12 apartments on the first floor of a residential building. Firemen extricated the baby after his parents had given up hope.

Some officials here believe the blasts were the work of the Palestine Liberation Organization whose headquarters in Beirut, Lebanon, was hit by mysterious rocket fire last week. The guerrilla group blamed Israeli agents and threatened to hit israeli cities in retaliation.

Haifa is about 20 miles from the Lebanese border. Terrorists have subotaged oil pipelines and parking lots in and around the city. The last attack occurred Aug. 31. Today's explosions were the first terrorist strikes aimed at residential areas. Mount Carmel, which rises some 1,500 feet above Haifa Bay, is a section favored by affluent Israelis. Much of it consists of quiet tree-lined streets, sumptuous private homes, luxury apartment buildings and deluxe hotels.

Israelis Alert On Northern Border As Arabs Boil Over Lebanon Anti-Guerrilla Crackdown

JERUSALEM, Oct. 22 (JTA) -- Israeli military forces were on the alert on the country's northern border today as the Arab world exploded in wrath against the Lebanese Army's crackdown on Arab guerrillas using Lebanon as a base for attacks on Israel.

Reports reaching here said that anti-Government demonstrations by pro-guerrilla elements in Beirut forced the resignation of Premier-designate Rashid Karami, President Charles Helou had selected him last April as the next Premier, but internal conflict over Lebanon's relationship with the guerrillas had prevented the formation of anything more than a caretaker Government.

The Middle East News Agency, an official Egyptian organization, reported in Cairo that Mr. Karami said he was not responsible for the current fighting between the Lebanese Array regulars and the guerrillas.

Iraq broadcast a statement that it was placing its Army, "wherever it is stationed," at the disposal of the guerrillas. The Baghdad Government also said that it supported Syria's closure of its 150-mile border with Lebanon and threatened "firmer and more effective measures" to stop Lebanese Army attacks on the guerrillas. Syria said it closed the borders in protest against a Lebanese "conspiracy" against the guerrillas.

Iraq has 12,000 soldiers in Jordan and 4,000 in Syria. Baghdad sent a stiff protest note to Lebanon and said some 250,000 Iraqis protested the crackdown in Baghdad streets. Libya called home its Ambassador in Beirut and asked its Ambassador in Cairo to call an urgent meeting of the Arab League Council to consider complaints against Lebanon. A Libyan newspaper said "there is no longer any difference berween Lebanon and Israel" and termed Lebanon as a "chesspiece" moved by American "imperialist circles." The newspaper voiced semtiments heard elsewhere in the Arab world that the United States had instigated the crackdown against the guerrillas. There was also a demonstration against Lebanon in Amman, the capital of Jordan.

Cairo Radio broadcast a statement quoting Yassir Arafat, the El Fatah leader, as pledging at a meeting with other guerrilla heads in Jordan that the guerrillas would not withdraw from Lebanon. The Middle East News Agency quoted a statement by a spokesman for the Palestinian Liberation Organization (PLO) as saying that 40 guerrillas were killed in fighting with Lebanese regulars, Fearing Israeli reprisals, which have taken place in the past, the Lebanese Army reportedly attacked guerrillas in a southern Lebanon village on Tuesday, killing a number and taking others prisoner. The Beirut Government did not confirm the assault on the village of Mejdel Selm reported by the PLO, which coordinates guerrilla actions against Israel.

There are about 200,000 Palestinian refugees in Lebanon, many armed, who are ardent supporters of the Palestine liberation and guerrilla cause. Lebanon is the only Arab nation bordering Israel that has opposed the guerrillas. The commandos have been operating from border villages and Mount Hermon for months.

There were unconfirmed reports that mobs rioted in the teeming Moslem quarter of Beirut, stoning police from improvised barricades.

The United States, which has been under Arab fire for days for permitting its citizens to serve in the Israeli armed forces, was blamed for the Lebanese move against the guerrillas. Cairo Radio said yesterday that thousands of Americans were serving in the Israeli Army, and repeated past claims of U.S. collusion with Israel during the Six-Day War.

In Cairo yesterday, Yousef el-Sibai, editor-in-chief of the weekly journal Akher Saa, suggested that Egypt might accept volunteers, especially pilots, from non-Arab states like Pakistan, India, Russia and Communist China, to serve in its armed forces. Mr. el-Sibai's suggestion came in the wake of the anger steraming from the two-year-old United States Supreme Court decision that American immigrants would not lose their citizenship if drafted into thestraeli armed forces.

The Belgian Foreign Ministry today categorically denied an Egyptian allegation that Belgian soldiers had served or were presently serving in Israel's armed forces. The charges were made by Anouar Sadate, a member of the executive committee of the Arab Socialist Union, Egypt's only political party, and published in the semi-official Cairo daily Al Ahram.

Israeli Jets Hit Egyptian Positions On Gulf Of Suez

TEL AVIV, Oct. 22 (JTA) -- Israel Air Force jets attacked Egyptian military positions and other unspecified targets on the west shores of the Gulf of Suez today. A military spokesman said exchanges of fire took place in the Beisan area this morning following attacks on Israeli patrols near Beth Yosef. Tirat Zvi and Neve Urr. No Israeli casualties were reported.

An Israeli soldier and a civilian died yesterday of wounds they received Monday during an Egyptian mortar attack across the Suez Canal. The soldier was identified as Ptt, Abraham Gabbai. The civilian was Aryeh Feldman of Haifa, a Hebrew University Law School graduate who spent several days a week entertaining Israeli troops on the cease-fire lines. Mr. Feldman was buried in Haifa with full military honors. A military spokesman said he was hit just as he ended an entertainment program for soldiers in the Canal zone. Another civilian entertainer, Rammi Nir, was wounded.

In a related development, six members of a Gaza Strip terrorist and sabotage gang were sentenced to life imprisonment today for a series of terrorist acts which included the killing of a young Israeli girl in the Gaza marketplace. The other gang members were sentenced to one to 10 years in prison and four years respectively.

The saboteurs were captured in Gaza last August. They were held responsible for blowing up railway lines, attacks on Israeli cars and buses and a grenade attack in 'he Gaza market. The grenade was thrown into a jeep, killing the girl who was travelling with her parents.

A Jerusalem district court sentenced Mohammed el-Hazina,40, an East Jerusalem businessman, to five years' imprisonment for providing Jordanian intelligence officials with maps of Israeli towns and lists of Arabs who collaborated with Israeli authorities. An East Jerusalem boy, 19, was fined \$120 and given a suspended sentence for incitting Arab mobs against police and firemen during the Aug. 21 El Aksa Mosque fire.

Dayan Reiterates Concept Of 'Strategic Security Borders,' Implying Annexation

TEL AVIV, Oct. 22 (JTA) -- Defense Minister Moshe Dayan implied in an election speech here last night that he favored Israel's annexation of large areas of the Arab territories it occupied during the June, 1967 Six-Day War. Gen. Dayan spoke of "strategic security borders" controlled by Israeli forces, not a United Nations peace-keeping force.

He said that both the Syrian Golan Heights and Sharm el-Sheikh on the southern tip of the Sinai Peninsula were needed to secure such borders. He referred to the Sinai strongpoint as a "Jewish Gibraltar" guarding the Straits of Tiran which give access to Israel's port of Ellat, He did not discuss the West Bank or East Jerusalem.

Gen. Dayan's remarks repeated a stand he took last August which brought him into conflict with Premier Golda Meir and Foreign Minister Abba Eban. At the time, he insisted on the inclusion in the Labor Tea's planorm of a plank that would put the party on record as favoring Israel's retention of large parts of the occupied territories.

Las Vegas Rabbi Plans To Marshall Opposition To Proposed Statue On Public Ground

LAS VEGAS, Oct. 22 (JTA) -- Las Vegas' lone rabbi said today he planned to ask local interfaith organizations to support his effort to persuade sponsors of a proposed peace shrine, featuring a life-size statue of Christ. to drop the idea.

Rabbi Aaron Gold of Temple Beth Shalom told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that he had objected initially to the proposal when he had been approached about it last summer. He said he had learned that the Jewish owner of a major Las Yegas hotel had been induced by the sponsors to underwrite the proposed memorial but that the hotel owner withdrew his support when he was informed by the synagogue's cantor, Joseph Cohen, an old friend, about the nature of the memorial.

Rabbi Gold said he had assumed that this was the end of the matter until yesterday, when he learned that the Las Vegas Convention Authority, the city's tourism agency, voted to allow a private group to build the peace shrine on county property in front of the convention center. A plaque would list the names of the dead from Nevada in all wars.

James Bilbary, the Clark County assessor, said the design of the \$25,000 shrine had not yet been completed. In response to Rabbi Gold's objection that not only Christians, but Jews and other faiths were among the state's war dead, the assessor was reported to have said, "if they want a Star of David standing on it, we'll do that too," Rabbi Gold told the JTA he had informed the assessor that he objected to any sectarian element for such a memorial.

Rabbi Gold, who is president of the Clark County Ministerial Association, said he planned to call an early meeting of the group to seek backing for his campaign against the shrine. He said he also planned to bring the issue before the local unit of the National Conference of Christians and Jews. He said he did not know the nature of the private group which was reported as sponsoring the project but that he had been told the sponsors hoped to complete the memorial within a year.

He said that he has also urged against the memorial as one "to a war still going on" in Vietnam which he said was "challenged by many Americans as immoral."

(In New York, the American Jewish Congress today told Rabbi Gold that it would be willing to extend to him all the necessary legal support to fight the erection of the statue. Dr. Leo Pfeffer, the AJCongress' special counsel who is an authority on church-state law, told the rabbi that the organization's experience and skills in protecting the church-state separation principle would be put at his disposal if his efforts to stop the 'peace shrine' by voluntary means were not successful.

(Earlier this month, the Supreme Court of Oregon ruled that a 51-foot cross on public property in the city of Eugene was unconstitutional and had to be dismantled. Mr. Pfeffer served as chief counsel for 10 Jewish and non-Jewish plaintiffs in the case.)

American Jewish Committee Slates Oral Library To Preserve U.S. 'Jewish Experience'

DETROIT, Oct. 22 (JTA) -- The American Jewish Committee has established an Oral History Library to preserve the "sights and sounds of the American Jewish experience" with a grant from the estate of the late William E. Weiner. The library will be located at the AJCommittee's Institute of Human Relations in New York.

Louis G. Cowan, president of the Broadcasting Institute of America, who directed the organization of the Oral Library, told a meeting of the AJCommittee's national executive board here that 41 prominent American men and women have agreed to serve on the national board of the Library. Mr. Cowan, who is also director of special programs at the Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism, said the project "embodies one of the most exciting techniques of historic reportage of the 20th century."

He said that "through the use of audio and video tape, the sights and sounds of the American Jewshe experience will be faithfully recorded and preserved for the benefit of future generations." He said the library would record not only the memoirs of nationally known figures but also those of little known individuals in cities, towns and farms throughout the nation. It will also draw on subjects of historical concern to the AJCommittee, including anti-Semitism and other forms of prejudice and discrimination, civil rights and civil liberties, Jewish community organization and philanthropy, and Jewish identification and relations with Israel and Jews in other countries

Wives Of 2 Israelis Held Captive In Syria Bring Pleas To British Officials, Jews

LONDON, Oct. 22 (JTA) -- The wives of the two Israeli aerial hijack victims who have been held captive in Syria since Aug. 29 arrived here yesterday to continue their campaign for international support to get their husbands released, Mrs. Shlomo Samueloff and Mrs. Sallah Muallem visited the Foreign Office where they were received by J.P. Tripp, head of the Middle East desk.

They appeared on television, held a press conference sponsored by the Federation of Women Zionists, and had dinner with Dr. O.G. Etholm of the Medical Research Council, a colleague of Prof. Samueloff. The professor, a member of the faculty at the Hadassah-Hebrew University Medical School in Jerusalem, was returning home from a scientific meeting in London aboard the TWA air-liner that was hijacked by Arab commandos and forced to land at Damascu's.

Sam H. Massell, Jr., 41-Year-Old Jew, is Elected Mayor Of Atlanta

ATLANTA, Oct. 22 (JTA) -- Sam H, Massell, Jr. was elected yesterday as the first Jewish Mayor of this southern city. The 41-year-old incumbent Vice Mayor, a Democrat, defeated Rodney Cook, 45, a moderate Republican, in a race that was marked by charges of anti-Semittism. A major factor in Mr. Massell's successful campaign, political observers said, was the heavy vote given him by the city's Negro population. Mr. Massell's Vice Mayor will be Maynard Jackson, a Negro.

Mr. Massell accused former Mayor Ivan Allen, Jr. and other members of the city's power structure of anti-Semitism following Mayor Allen's televised appeal to him last Sunday to withdraw following charges that he had used a city policeman to help collect campaign donations.

Mr. Massell rejected the accusation and said that Mayor Allen, Mr. Cook and other business leaders had conspired against him because of his religion, Mr. Cook, a former state legislator and city alderman, denied the charge and claimed that Mr. Massell himself had injected anti-Semitism into the campaign.

It appeared that Mayor Allen's charge that Mr. Massell had used a police vice squad captain to help Mr. Massell's brother solicit campaign funds from nightclub owners had swung many sympathy votes to the new Mayor-elect. Mr. Massell will take office in January.

Mr. Massell, a realtor, has been extremely active in civic affairs. He has been a member of the American Jewish Committee, B'nai B'rith and its Anti-Defamation League, holding offices in those organizations locally. He is also a member of the Hebrew Bencvolent Congregation. Mr. Massell attended the University of Georgia where he held membership in a Jewish fraternity. He married a non-Jewish woman who converted to Judaism. They have three chifacen who are being raised as Jews.

The fact that Mr. Massell is Jewishhad less to do, pro or con, with his election than his "distinguished record" as vice-mayor and community leader, according to Adolph Rosenberg, editor and publisher of the Atlanta Jewish weekly, "The Southern Israelite."

Mr. Massell worked energetically in the city's pursuit of improved human relations. He led interfath and intergroup efforts, in his campaign he stressed the achievements of a community whose human relations were based upon "iliving, practicing, and believing."

A majority of the city's Jews supported Mr. Massell's candidacy. But some voted for his opponent, suggesting that the vote was not entirely along religious lines. Mr. Massel's uncle, the late Samuel Massell, was a well-known philanthropist who supported Jewish and general causes. His father Sam is an Atlanta attorney.

Mr. Rosenberg said that many Atlantans did not know or care that Mr. Massell is Jewish. He recalled the notorious persecution of Leo Frank in Atlanta over 50 years ago and said that Atlantans showed by this election that they had "risen above racial and religious bigotry." Mr. Massell was "judged on his record of eight years of good public service" and elected on that basis, Mr. Rosenberg said.

An element of anti-Semitism might have been present in the "subtle background of exclusive social clubs and the white power structure," but no mass appeal to such prejudice was injected and all conceded that Mr. Massell's opponent, Mr. Cook, was certainly no anti-Semite, Mr. Rosenberg said.

Meyer W. Weisgal Honored On 75th Birthday, Retirement As Weizmann Institute Head

NEW YORK, Oct. 22 (JTA) -- President Richard M. Nixon led a host of dignitaries in tribute to the Weizmann Institute of Science which marked its 25th anniversary at an international tribute dinner here last night at the Americana Hotel. The function was a tribute to Meyer W. Weisgal to mark his 75th birthday and his retirement as president of the Rehovoth Institute.

Guests at the dinner contributed more than \$1 million to the Institute and a group of Mr. Weisgal's close associates announced establishment of a \$250,000 fund for a professional chair at the Institute bearing Mr. Weisgal's name. Seventy-five persons contributed \$2,500 each to establish 75 Weisgal scholarships at the Institute's Feinberg Graduate School.

In a message read to the dinner guests by Dr. Dewey W. Stone, chairman of the American committee of the Weizmann Istitute, President Nixon described the Institute as "a worthy memorial" to the late Dr. Chaim Weizmann and said that "flifting men's hearts and minds to an unrelenting pursuit of knowledge and of wisdom, you have speeded the pace of progress and constructive development."

Sen. Edmund J. Muskie of Maine, principal speaker at the dinner, described Israel as "a dream come true and a challenge to all those who believe in freedom and the rights of man." He declared that Israel 'deserves our continuing support in the preservation of its freedom and independence."

In introducing Mr. Weisgal, Dr. Stone described him as "a volcanic, imaginative genius whose refusal to recognize any obstacle as insurmountable built the Institute." Mr. Weisgal, who was presented with New York City's Cultural Award, declared that during its 25 years of existence, the Weizmann Institute has "freached what is perhaps the highest possible plateau any institution of higher learning canhone to achieve in so short a time."