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Terrorist Bomb Explodes In Nablus; 21 Persons Injured Including American Tourists

TEL AVIV, April 22 (JTA)--A grenade exploded in a Nablus square today injuring 21 persons including tourists from the United States, South America, South Africa and West Germany. Eleven local Arabs and four Israelis were among the injured. Three tourists from Chile were hospitalized and released. The explosion occurred in Clock Square in the center of Nablus, the largest West Bank town. Police and security forces sealed off the area and arrested several suspects. A local source said the grenade was aimed at the crowded market place and apparently not at a tourist bus parked 90 feet away. Egyptian MIG-17 fighter-bombers attacked Israeli military positions in the Sinai peninsula yesterday and one was shot down by an Israeli Hawk missile. A military spokesman said the attack, the second since Saturday, was limited to the northern sector of the Suez Canal zone and penetrated the Sinai to a depth of 15 miles. But there were no casualties or damage, he said. The Egyptian raid last Saturday killed three Israeli soldiers and injured eight. Israeli Hawk missiles brought down one MIG-21 and scored hits on two others. The spokesman said yesterday's raid was lighter than the one Saturday.

Some sources said the recent activity of the Egyptian Air Force was intended to challenge Israeli jets to retaliatory raids to test Egypt's new air defense system. The latter is based on newly installed Soviet SAM-3 anti-aircraft missiles and a new early warning radar system delivered from Russia. Israeli and Jordanian units battled with machine guns across the Jordan River north of the Dead Sea last night. Neither side reported casualties. An Israeli soldier was wounded in an artillery exchange with Egyptian units in the southern section of the canal zone yesterday. Terrorist infiltrators from Syria damaged equipment at a new ski center under construction on Mt. Hermon in the northern Golan Heights last night. The center is known as Ramat Haslom. Jordanians opened fire on settlements in the Beisan Valley last night. No casualties were reported.

Hussein Seeking Soviet Arms; Russians Deny They Seek Liquidation Of Israel

LONDON, April 22 (JTA)--King Hussein, of Jordan is seeking Russian arms for the first time, it was reported here yesterday. The Hashemite monarch, one of the few pro-Western rulers remaining in the Arab world, has made indirect requests through Egypt for Soviet anti-aircraft guns, the reports said. Heretofore the United States and Britain have been Jordan's main arms suppliers on the ground and in the air. The Soviet press attache in Jordan, George Sukhatchev, meanwhile has denied he said Soviet policy favored the liquidation of the State of Israel and its replacement by a "democratic state in Palestine" with an Arab majority. The denial was promptly backed by a Soviet Foreign Ministry official in Moscow who said there has been no change in Russian Middle East policy and that no Soviet Embassy official could have made the statement attributed to Sukhatchev.

But newsmen who attended a press conference Sunday called by Sukhatchev insisted that he had indeed made the remark and elaborated on it. They quoted the Soviet official as having said that his government "supports any struggle aimed at overthrowing any racist state based on religious fanaticism such as the state of Golda Meir." In addition, according to the newsmen, Sukhatchev attributed Moscow's recognition of the State of Israel in May, 1948 to a desire "to get the British out of Palestine." He said he supported a statement by the Soviet Charge d'Affairs in Baghdad Felix Fedotov, circulated by the Iraqi news agency Saturday, that the Soviet people supported the elimination of Zionism and the creation of an Arab Palestinian state in place of Israel. Mr. Sukhatchev claimed yesterday that he never heard of Fedotov or his reported statement, that he called a press conference in Amman on the occasion of the Lenin Centenary which was not relevant to the reported remarks on the Mideast question. But the Reuter correspondent in Amman who first reported Sukhatchev's alleged remarks said they were confirmed by another Arab journalist who attended the press conference. The latter reportedly checked the specific remark with Sukhatchev by phone later and was allegedly told to delete it from his dispatches and stick to generalities, the Reuters man said.

Nixon Did Not Consider Passover Observance When He Presented Vietnam Statement

WASHINGTON, April 22 (JTA)--President Nixon did not take into consideration the Passover observance when he scheduled his Vietnam troop withdrawal speech for Monday night, the White House said today. John Andrews, Assistant Press Secretary, said Nixon's decision to make his announcement on the additional troop withdrawal was based solely on getting the information to the public as soon after the Apollo 13 splashdown as possible. Monday was the night of the first seder. "The speech was originally scheduled for Thursday, April 16," Mr. Andrews said. When the flight of Apollo 13 was aborted because of an explosion Wednesday night, Nixon postponed his speech "as a courtesy to the American people and from a practical standpoint." Mr. Andrews added that Nixon chose the "first weeknight following the Apollo drama. On any given night it would have inconvenienced some people." Mr. Andrews had been asked by the Jewish Telegraphic Agency why Nixon had chosen the first seder night, when many Jews could not watch television, to make a major policy statement. Before Mr. Andrews issued the official White House statement, he told the JTA: "I have had this question from other quarters and I have been put off and unable to get an answer." He did not say who had put him off.

Palestinian Intellectuals Favor Replacing Israel With Multi-Racial State

NEW YORK, April 22 (JTA)--"Would the U.S. have gone to the peace table after Pearl Harbor? Well, we've had the same traumatic shock." That remark was made last week by Taher Kanaan, a United Nations staff economist in Beirut, one of six eminent Palestinian intellectuals interviewed by the senior

editor of Newsweek magazine, Arnaud de Borchgrave and correspondent Milan J. Kubie in the Lebanese capital. The colloquy is published in the April 27 edition of Newsweek, following a similar group interview with six leading Israeli liberal intellectuals published a week earlier. The Israelis were "bluntly critical of their government's 'inflexibility,'" Newsweek reported. "However, the Palestinians displayed somewhat less 'give' and an even greater sense of frustration" in discussing ways to end the Middle East conflict. The Palestinians interviewed included Mohammed Rashid, chief of foreign relations for El Fatah; Ibrahim Ibrahim, a professor of political philosophy; Burthan Dajani, a writer on economic development; Dr. Henry Cattán, a lawyer and former UN negotiator; and Usama Khalidi, a professor of biochemistry.

All of them passionately supported the idea of replacing Israel, which they called a Zionist "settlers' state," with a multi-racial Palestinian state inhabited by Jews, Moslems and Christians on a basis of equality. They said they were prepared to give "reassurances" to the Jews of Israel but insisted that the first peace overtures must come from Israel. They warned that the present struggle could last for another 20 years, blamed the United States for supporting Israel and claimed that the U.S. could pressure Israel into admitting two million Arabs and reconstituting itself into a Middle Eastern rather than an "outsider" nation. Mr. Rashid, presumably speaking for El Fatah, said, "We've taken up arms. Until we did that we were ignored. Now the world is sitting up and paying attention." He claimed that the Palestinians were not offering the Jews a "blood bath" but "concrete proposals for a new state that would bring lasting peace to the Middle East."

Prof. Ibrahim spoke of a "new policy adopted by the Palestinian movement, namely that we are now willing to live in peace and harmony with all the Jews in the land of Palestine." Mr. Kannan said, "The initiative, in the short term, lies in Israeli hands." Dr. Cattán said, "The sovereignty of Palestine does not belong to the Arab states and therefore cannot be bargained away under cover of the UN resolution." He insisted that if Israel had pulled back from the occupied Arab territories immediately after the June, 1967 war; "it would not have been in return for nothing." Prof. Khalidi said, "The Israelis must begin thinking about how they can fit into the Middle East and dismantle Fortress Israel. They are wedded to a colonial concept, thinking of Arabs as inferior. The only thing they understand is force. We Palestinians are hardly backward. We have 60,000 university graduates." The interviewees rejected the idea of a Palestinian state on the West Bank because "a puppet state coexisting with a racist state... (is) unacceptable." All of the Palestinians conceded that even if the Israelis agreed to a multi-national Palestine it would take a long, drawn out process to achieve it. Dr. Cattán said, "After two decades of warfare reasonable men can sit down and work out some form of government that would ensure full rights for all concerned." Prof. Ibrahim said, "If they can take in two million Jews, why not two million Palestinians?"

Lebanese-American Newspaper Urges Direct Talks Between Arab Nations And Israel

DETROIT, April 22 (JTA)--A weekly newspaper published here in English and Arabic, the Lebanese Gazette, has issued a "declaration in favor of direct Arab-Israel peace talks." Using the form of a petition, the newspaper urged readers to sign it and sent it to President Nixon and Secretary of State William P. Rogers or to the newspaper for forwarding to both officials. The petition reads: "The issues which divide Israel and the Arab States can be resolved in the spirit and service of peace, only if the parties involved meet in direct face to face negotiations without prior conditions. The recent history of the Middle East demonstrates the bitter truth that great power efforts to impose a settlement have resolved nothing."

"The time has passed when a concert of 'big powers' can or should impose their will on smaller nations. The only basis from which the search for a genuine and lasting peace can proceed is to ensure direct negotiations which will hopefully lead to a mutually secure and contractual peace settlement, freely and sincerely signed by the parties themselves." The petition notes that "the most useful role for 'big power' involvement is that of encouraging such direct negotiations by every appropriate means." It urges President Nixon and Mr. Rogers to "remove any doubt about our government's current position by reaffirming America's original policy of support of direct negotiations."

Sorensen Contends Russia May Permit Jewish Emigration After Settlement Of Mideast War

NEW YORK, April 22 (JTA)--Theodore C. Sorensen disclosed Monday night that the Soviet Union may become "more lenient" toward Jewish emigration, but only after the settlement of the Middle East war. In a radio interview here, the Democratic state committee candidate for United States Senate said Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko had told him during his recent Moscow visit that the U.S. was to blame for the emigration impasse because of its alleged escalation of the Mideast conflict. Mr. Sorensen said the Minister was "resentful" of his bringing up the subject of emigration of Jews and other ethnic and religious minorities. Mr. Sorensen, who spoke at Moscow's Institute of the U.S.A. on April 13, at the invitation of the Soviet Academy of Science, said in the radio interview he was "rather encouraged" by "one small ray of light" on the Mideast by Mr. Gromyko, who he said agreed to the possible "simultaneous" Israeli withdrawal from the occupied territories and its security against subsequent Arab attack. The Soviet Union has made Israeli withdrawal a prerequisite to peace.

Mr. Sorensen, former adviser to the late President Kennedy, said he would report on his Gromyko talk to top Presidential confidant Dr. Henry Kissinger. Cautioning that the Kremlin is not "mellowing" or getting "soft-hearted," he asserted that it nevertheless "recognizes the dangers of major-power confrontation in the Middle East, and they don't want that." The Kremlin, he reported, is wary of "irresponsible Arabs" forcing it to commit Russia to full-scale military action in the Mideast, and of having that area become the Soviets' Vietnam. Mr. Sorensen repeated his recommendation that President Nixon "reconsider" his decision against immediate new plane sales to Israel to prevent "imbalance." In his Moscow address, Mr. Sorensen had urged that emigration be permitted and was met by what he later called a negative response. He also called on the Russians to help seek a Middle East peace, grant increased freedom of speech and agree to halt the arms race.

Canadian Zionists Urge Direct Israel-Arab Talks And UN Probe Of Jews In Arab Countries

MONTREAL, April 22 (JTA)--The Federated Zionist Organization of Canada, holding its second national convention here, approved six resolutions on the Middle East and on Soviet Jewry. The organization called for a Mideast peace through direct negotiations between the Arabs and Israel and to back a "united Jerusalem" as the Israeli capital. It called on the Canadian government to support Israel in the UN and in general, and on the French government to revoke its current Mideast policy and "return to its traditional friendly relationship with and its former moral commitment to Israel." Another resolution urged the UN to investigate immediately the condition of Jews in Arab lands, and to release a report on its findings. Calling for the freedom of emigration of Soviet Jews, the convention recommended that declarations toward this end be made at all cultural and sports events involving Russian participants, and that information on the condition of Soviet Jewry be continuously sought out and publicized. The convention elected Hyman Bessin of Ottawa, industrialist and Jewish community leader, as president and head of the executive board of the organization; Nathan Silver of Toronto, president of the Zionist Revisionist Organization, as first deputy president and Syd Zack of Vancouver, president of the organization's Pacific region, as second deputy president. Also elected were seven other executives, 15 at-large board members and six regional vice-presidents.

Poland's Official Jewish Organ Presents Warsaw Ghetto Uprising As Non-Jewish

LONDON, April 22 (JTA)--The 27th anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto uprising was marked in Poland last week in a manner that sought to obliterate the Jewish character of that suicidal struggle against the Nazis. Folkstimme, the officially sanctioned weekly of the Jewish Social and Cultural Association in Warsaw, wrote, "The battle of the ghetto of Warsaw was a Polish battle in the first place. Those who fought it were Jews but they spilt their blood for the freedom of Poland. This must be remembered and we remember it." In Vilna, one of the most important Jewish cultural centers of Eastern Europe before World War II, a Lithuanian Jewish partisan leader was honored this week with the publication of his biography. But the book presents Jacob Smuschkovich, son of a well known Jewish family, simply as a Lithuanian. It is published in Russian and there is no Yiddish version. Similarly, a Jewish artist in Vilna, Samuel Razin, is described only as a "Lithuanian painter" in an album of his works just published. The reproductions of his paintings include several on Jewish subjects and several sketches of a visit to Israel the artist made a few years ago. The album appears in Lithuanian with no Yiddish translation.

Report Discloses 'Several Hundred' German And Austrian Nazis Work For Nasser

NEW YORK, April 22 (JTA)--A pro-Israel group in London has issued a dossier of former German Nazis which it claims are still in the employ of President Gamal Abdel Nasser and the Egyptian government and would have been in charge of liquidating the Jews of Israel had the Arabs won the 1967 war. The list and background material was prepared by the Labor Friends of Israel, an organization of British Labor Party MPs and other Laborites. It was re-printed in the April issue of Shalom, a publication of the American Trade Union Council for Histadrut, Israel's labor federation. According to the British group, the partnership with the Nazis entered into by the former Grand Mufti of Jerusalem, Haj Amin el Husseini and other Arab leaders early in World War II has continued between contemporary Arab rulers and surviving Nazis who found a haven in Arab countries. They charge that "The number of German and Austrian Nazis who work directly for the Egyptian government is estimated at several hundred" including former SS and SA members, ex-Gestapo officers, members of Hitler's propaganda ministry and former Nazi scientists. In addition, they charge that certain Nazi war criminals high on the wanted list were given material aid by Arab governments enabling them to escape and hide out in South America for the past 25 years. One of them, Treblinka death camp commandant Fritz Stengle, was recently extradited from Brazil to stand trial for war crimes in Austria. For years Stengle was "holed up in Damascus," the British report said. It claimed that "These Nazis are deeply involved in a propaganda machine aimed at Israel and world Jewry."

Young Jews To Picket Yiddish Newspapers; Demand They Become Relevant

NEW YORK, April 22 (JTA)--A Jewish youth group that claims to be interested in the survival of Yiddish will start picketing New York's two Yiddish daily newspapers tomorrow to protest what it considers to be their antiquated style, language and content. An announcement by Yugntruf--Youth for Yiddish--said the picketing would continue through Sunday, though not on Saturday. The group described itself as an organization of Yiddish-speaking high school and college students who find themselves unable to read the Jewish Daily Forward and the Day-Morning Journal because they use "an antiquated German-like spelling and dozens of obsolete Germanisms and Anglicisms not admissible in the standard Yiddish taught in all schools and colleges." The youngsters charged that "The contents of these newspapers is geared, moreover, to the interests of the immigrant grandparent generation and the younger reader consequently finds little that appeals to his interests and concerns." They contrasted New York's two Yiddish dailies, the only Yiddish dailies in the country, with Yiddish newspapers published in Israel, France and Mexico. They cited the lack of sports news or news of Jewish youth activities and organizations.

Five Students Chain Themselves To Soviet Embassy In Plea To Allow Jewish Emigration

WASHINGTON, April 22 (JTA)--Two college students and three high school students, all Jewish, chained themselves to the Soviet Embassy yesterday to dramatize their plea to the Kremlin to allow Jewish emigration to Israel. It took the police 52 minutes to sever their chains. The Washington students, aged 16 to 18, were booked at police headquarters. In addition to the chaining, they had smeared on themselves and the embassy five pints of what they described as their own blood. Declaring that they were "just young Americans, not revolutionaries," and "representing only ourselves," the five issued a statement calling on the Soviet Union to act on emigration in observance of Lenin's 100th birthday anniversary and the first day of Passover. "Even Pharaoh let the Jews go," they asserted. This was the third group, and the first with high schoolers' participation, to demonstrate at the Soviet Embassy since last November. The first two were from Philadelphia and Washington.

Founding Convention Of American Zionist Federation Set For Decoration Day Weekend

NEW YORK, April 22 (JTA)--The Founding Convention of the American Zionist Federation will be held in Philadelphia May 28-31. Some 1000 delegates are expected to attend. Dr. Seymour P. Lachman, co-chairman of the national executive committee of American Professors for Peace in the Middle East will preside at the convention. The adult Zionist organizations sending delegates are Americans for Progressive Israel, American Jewish League for Israel, Association of Americans and Canadians for Aliyah, B'nai Zion, Farband, Hadassah, Pioneer Women, Poale Zion, Religious Zionist of America (including Hapoel Hamizrachi Women and Mizrahi Women), United Zionists-Revisionists of America, and the Zionist Organization of America. The participating youth groups are Betar, B'nai Akiva, Dror, Hamagshimim, Hashachar, Hashomer Hatzair, Ichud Habonim, Masada, Mizrahi Hatzair and Noar Mizrahi. The foundation was created in February under a 1968 World Zionist Congress decision to set up territorial Zionist Federations in all countries. Louis A. Pincus, chairman of the Executive of the Jewish Agency and the World Zionist Organization, called the Federation a "historic step forward in American Zionism." It is open to individual as well as group membership. Its first four U.S. offices will be in New York, Los Angeles, Chicago and Philadelphia.

AJCongress To Challenge Constitutionality Of State Aid To Private Schools

NEW YORK, April 22 (JTA)--The American Jewish Congress has decided to file suit to challenge the constitutionality of a newly passed bill providing \$28 million in public funds to aid secular functions of private schools. The bill, approved by the State Legislature last week, earmarks the monies for attendance-keeping and other record-keeping. George Soll, chairman of the AJCongress' Commission on Law and Social Action, said today that the bill was "a flagrant giveaway" and "a device to circumvent" Federal and state laws on the separation of church and state. Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller, who supported the bill, is expected to sign it within the week. Mr. Soll charged that the bill "represents a powerful attack on the principle that public funds may be given only to public institutions. The Jewish community has a special stake in the unitary principle of church-state separation and religious liberty. The security of all racial and religious minority groups depends on the health of American democracy. Any encroachment on the Bill of Rights and any challenge to its integrity presents a threat to the security of every Jew, for religious liberty is the basis of all freedom."

Chicago Board Of Rabbis Calls For Day Of Remembrance For Six Million Jews

CHICAGO, Ill., April 22 (JTA)--The Chicago Board of Rabbis has called on all congregations and individual Jews to observe "Yom HaShoah," a day of remembrance for the six million Jews of Europe slaughtered by the Nazis in World War II. The memorial will be held May 2-3 which coincides with the 27th day of the Hebrew calendar month of Nissan. The call for observance suggested that special services and memorial meetings be held on the date and that Jewish groups and individuals should refrain from participating in festivities or celebrations on the occasion. A community wide memorial meeting sponsored by the Chicago Board of Rabbis will be held on Sunday, May 3.

A United Methodist College Working With Jewish Federation To Enroll Jewish Youth

SIoux CITY, Iowa, April 22 (JTA)--A cooperative effort has been initiated here by the Jewish Federation and Morningside College of Sioux City to provide enrollment for Jewish youth losing admissions to colleges of their choice in metropolitan centers because of preferential admissions for ghetto students. The college is a private United Methodist-run co-ed school with full time enrollment of 1300-1500 students. The Federation, reporting on the program in its current Newsletter, asserted that some of the large state universities and city colleges, "under pressure from militant minorities, have recently begun a policy of blocking out a number of admission openings for ghetto students who fail to meet grade-score qualifications." The Newsletter declared that "these preferential admissions are inevitably made at the expense of Jewish students, good students who meet grade qualifications, but whose places have been given to others." The Newsletter said that there was no way to determine how many Jewish students were being affected by that policy, either in Sioux City or elsewhere in the United States.

Federation officials agreed that some of the bypassed Jewish young people "undoubtedly could benefit from one or more years of the kind of academic experience offered by a small midwestern college, especially if the school is located in a medium-size city with a friendly Jewish population and a well-organized Jewish community." A meeting to launch the enrollment drive was attended by Dr. Thomas S. Thompson, college president; Dr. Jack Pommrehn, admissions director; Mrs. Sid Shapiro, a faculty member, and Oscar Littlefield, Federation director. It was decided that the college should launch a campaign to recruit some of the Jewish youth and, "given assurance that the Jewish community endorses the effort, Morningside College set a recruitment goal of at least 50 Jewish students."

The Newsletter reported that a nation-wide recruitment drive had been started, "directed specifically at youth memberships of 200 Jewish community centers located in the most densely populated metropolitan areas." Youth activity directors at these centers are being personally contacted and, "wherever the numbers warrant, a representative of Morningside College will visit and meet with the students." Mrs. Shapiro is coordinating the visits. The Newsletter noted that the campaign has so far "attracted a favorable response, especially in the larger cities." According to the Newsletter, the college needs students and "wants to diversify the ethnic and geographic make-up of its total student body." The Jewish community "can likewise benefit from the infusion of a substantial number of young people from out of state." The Sioux City Jewish community center was said to be planning a special program of activities for these new students.

Jerusalem's Mayor Kollek To Make Tour For Israel Bonds Next Month

NEW YORK, April 22 (JTA)--Mayor Teddy Kollek of Jerusalem, will arrive in the United States on Friday, May 22 for a sixteen-day tour of major cities to promote the sale of State of Israel Bonds for the economic development of his country.