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MRS. MEIR WARNS ARAB STATES THAT THEY BEAR FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE LYDDA AIRPORT MASSACRE

JERUSALEM, May 31 (JTA)--Premier Golda Meir today warned the Arab states, now gloating over the Lydda Airport massacre, that they would have to bear full responsibility for it. She said that the deed would not deter Israel. Delivering a special statement to a full Knesset which replaced all other parliamentary business this afternoon, Mrs. Meir promised that Israel would find a way to foil the new Arab terror menace, as it had foiled similar threats in the past.

She urged all government and international airlines to cooperate in instituting thorough security checks of planes and passengers. Proper probes would have prevented the Sabena hijack of three weeks ago as well, she added. It was high time, Mrs. Meir said, that the world took note of her criticism expressed two years ago after the Swiss-air tragedy. At that time she said that the Arab capitals' harboring terror gangs were still ports of call for international airlines.

Mrs. Meir named Beirut, the capital of Lebanon, as a center of terrorist headquarters. She stressed, however, that she did not consider the three Japanese terrorists as representatives of their nation, and said that Israel's friendly ties with Japan would not be affected.

Several Christian representatives here expressed their sorrow and condolence to Foreign Minister Abba Eban. The Deputy Apostolic representative in Jerusalem, Msgr. Zambini, was asked by Israeli officials to request the Vatican to condemn the crime. Arthur Lurie, Eban's councillor, emphasized in a talk to the apostolic delegation that most of the victims were Christian pilgrims. Talks on the same topic were held with Latin Patriarch Geokomo Beltritti, who agreed to come to the Foreign Ministry office for the first time since the Six-Day War, and with the head of the Lutheran church, the Reverend Helmut Glatte.

RELATIVES DESPERATE TO KNOW NAMES OF VICTIMS; IDENTIFICATION DELAYED

At Least Six Of 25 Killed Were Jews

TEL AVIV, May 31 (JTA)--Tel Hashomer Hospital was flooded today with cables and telephone calls from Puerto Rico and elsewhere from relatives desperate to know the names of the victims of the Lydda Airport carnage. Identification of victims was delayed, however, because luggage and documents were scattered and in some cases destroyed. By this evening nine of the injured had been released from Tel Hashomer and two from Beilinson Hospital. Ten victims were on the critical list, and many of those shot were said to face the loss of the use of their hands, legs or both.

Of the six known Jewish dead, four were identified as Prof. Aharon Katzir-Katchalsky, 58, of the Weizmann Institute of Science; Yehoshua Berkowitz, a customs official; Adam Zamir; and Henia Tartner, a 39-year-old mother of three who was at the airport to meet her husband. The injured included the following, all believed to be Israelis: Aneta Kaufmann; Pinna Goldberg, Liza Geron, Shaul Morgenstein; Reuben Yanevi, Henri Ben-Shitrit, Bety Gast; Simona Morgenstern, Chaim Marina, Nadia Kurtz, Sarah Cohen, Isidor Stern, Mendel Steinberg and Shlomo Blachner.

Japanese Ambassador Aetji Tokura visited Tel Hashomer to express regrets and to wish the injured a speedy recovery. Later, in a special broadcast on television speaking in Hebrew, he expressed his government's regret over the "massacre."

Premier Golda Meir cut short her Swiss vacation and visited Tel Hashomer in tears last night, and looked shaken as she left. She also went to the scene of the shooting. Deputy Premier Yigal Allon and Defense Minister Moshe Dayan paid their respects at the hospital. Dayan called the incident an act of insanity and condemned what he called the hiring of Japanese to do Arab dirty-work.

JAPANESE EXPRESS SORROW

NEW YORK, May 31 (JTA)--Kuniji Oguro, a staff correspondent of Jiji Press, one of the two largest Japanese news agencies, tendered personal condolences today to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency on the loss of life in Tel Aviv in the shooting outbreak by three Japanese. Jiji--Japanese for "news"--and JTA have their offices on the same floor at 660 First Avenue. Jiji, which is 27 years old, services Japanese newspapers and publishes a news bulletin here. The Japanese Mission also volunteered regrets to the JTA.

RABIN EXPRESSES ISRAEL'S CONDOLENCES TO BEREAVED FAMILIES OF AMERICANS

WASHINGTON, May 31 (JTA)--Yitzhak Rabin, Israel's Ambassador to the US today expressed Israel's condolences to the bereaved families of Americans who were the victims of the "senseless act of terrorism" at Lydda Airport. In a visit to Under Secretary of State John N. Irwin II, Rabin related the tragic events at the airport and transmitted Israel's urgent request that the US "adopt all necessary measures" for the safety of passengers and planes bound for Israel. He stressed that Israel put the blame for the terrorist attack on the Arab governments, particularly Lebanon.

BADILLO DEEPLY SHOCKED

NEW YORK, May 31 (JTA)--Rep. Herman Badillo (D. N.Y.), the only Puerto Rican Congressman, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency he was "deeply shocked" at the airport killings. The presence of Puerto Ricans in Israel "underscores the fact that Israel belongs to the world and is an international center for Christians as well as Jews." Thus, he said, "it is all the more urgent that we have stability in Israel and throughout the Middle East."

JAPANESE KILLER CONFESSES CARNAGE PLANNED WEEKS AGO; TRAINED IN LEBANON FOR SUICIDE MISSION

TEL AVIV, MAY 31 (JTA)--The captured Japanese gunman who with two others massacred at least 25 people including a two-year-old girl and wounded more than 70 with grenades and submachinegun fire in the Lydda Airport passenger terminal last night, told his Israeli interrogators today that he and his companions had trained in Lebanon where they arrived six weeks ago and that theirs was a suicide mission.

Namba Dai Saka, who was seized by an airport technician in the midst of the carnage, said the

attack had been planned weeks ago. The other gunmen were slain. All belonged to a fanatic underground leftist group known as the Red Star. Saka said that after completing their training in Lebanon, the trio stayed with Arab terrorists in Germany and Austria until they boarded an Air France flight to Tel Aviv at Rome Airport yesterday. It was not clear if they were hired killers or ideologically motivated.

Six of the known dead were Jews. The rest were non-Jews including at least 11 Puerto Ricans on a pilgrimage to Christian holy places in Israel.

Israel's Transport Minister Shimon Peres declared last night that the "blood bath" at Lydda Airport was "one of the most serious things in the history of aviation and in human behavior." He said "The government of Israel will take every step to fight this new madness. The human price we paid in blood can never be repaid." Peres remarked that wonton terrorism in the past "involved only Arabs and Jews. The introduction of Japanese into the picture... shows what the Arabs think of their ability to fight us."

In Cold Blood

The machinegun and grenade attackers were likened to the kamikaze (suicide) squads of fanatic Japanese during the closing stages of World War II. The slaughter was obviously carefully planned and carried out with robot-like precision. Blood covered the floors and walls of the airport terminal. Human bodies blown to bits by grenades were strewn over the floor and the walls were pock-marked with bullet holes.

The carnage was witnessed by hundreds of visitors at the airport to greet arriving passengers. Only moments earlier--at about 10:30 p.m. local time--the scene at the crowded terminal was normal. About 250 passengers were waiting at the baggage conveyor for their luggage. The three gunmen, well dressed, were part of a large group of passengers, including Puerto Rican pilgrims, who had just debarked from the Air France flight and passed passport control.

When their luggage arrived they zipped open their valises and took out three Russian-made Kelachnikoff submachine guns. In seconds the weapons were assembled, cocked and were firing long bursts all around the densely packed hall. Hand grenades exploded in the middle of the crowd. A group of passengers trying to escape out into the airfield was followed by one of the gunmen who fired bursts at them and threw a grenade.

Airport Technician Captures Gunman

Another gunman, apparently mistaking his companion for a fleeing passenger, shot him to death. A second later he was killed by the explosion of his own grenade. The third gunman continued to spray the hall with bullets. He was pounced upon by Claude Zeitoun, an airport technician who held him until assistance came and dragged the man, later identified as Saka, into an anteroom.

The dead and wounded lay on the floor. Luggage was scattered. As stunned witnesses and airport personnel recovered from the shock, ambulances were speeding toward the terminal from all directions. At least 12 of the wounded were reported in serious condition as they were rushed to hospitals in Tel Aviv, Petach Tikva and Sarafand.

Avivim Massacre Recalled

The massacre happened two years and eight days after the tragic death of eight school children and four adults whose bus was ambushed near the Lebanese border. Twenty-one other passengers, mostly children were also injured. All the youngsters and two of the adult victims were from Avivim, a settlement in the Upper Galilee. They were traveling to

their district school in nearby Dovev when attacked by terrorists using bazookas and small arms. As in yesterday's attack in Tel Aviv, the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine claimed credit for the bus ambush. Only three weeks ago--on May 10--Lydda Airport was the scene of bloodshed when Israeli paratroopers stormed a hijacked Sabena jet to liberate its 100 passengers and crew members being held hostage by four Palestinian terrorists. One Israeli woman, a passenger, was fatally wounded and two terrorists were killed and two captured.

The Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, an extremist terrorist organization headed by Dr. George Habash claimed responsibility for last night's massacre and said it was intended in part to avenge the deaths of the two terrorists on May 10. But Saka's confession that the attack was planned weeks ago belied the PFLP's claim.

Saka told Israeli interrogators that there are many more Japanese in Arab terrorist training camps and that he assumed that many of them were being trained for acts against Israel. His group, the Red Star, is held responsible for 14 assassinations in Japan and the hijacking of a plane to Korea two years ago.

The gunman at first refused to answer questions which were put to him in English and in Japanese. But after identifying his slain companions he agreed to cooperate. The gunman burst into tears. He said that he should have died with his friends. He said that minutes before the shooting, they had ripped their photographs out of their passports and even cut identifying trade-marks out of their shoes.

TEKOAH TO BUSH: CARNAGE PART OF WANTON MURDER BY ARAB TERRORIST GROUPS

UNITED NATIONS, May 31 (JTA)--Israel demanded today, in a letter to the United Nations Security Council, that the Arab governments "and especially Lebanon," put "an immediate and effective end" to such attacks as the massacre yesterday at Lydda Airport. The letter from Yosef Tekoah, Israel's Ambassador to the UN, was addressed to George Bush, the United States Ambassador, who is this month's president of the Security Council.

Tekoah asserted that the "act of premeditated mass murder of innocent civilians is part of the campaign of wanton and indiscriminate slaughter waged by Arab terrorist organizations." Charging that the attack at the airport was carried out "by hired henchmen," the envoy added that it was not the first time that Arab terror organizations had employed "foreign mercenaries to strike at helpless men, women and children."

Tekoah said that "it is a matter of common knowledge that Beirut is the seat of the Arab terror organizations' headquarters and that those organizations also maintain offices in other Lebanese towns and in refugee camps located in Lebanon."

He added that "despite repeated calls by Israel to terminate these criminal activities, Lebanon and the other Arab states have continued to harbor the terror organizations on their soil and to give support to their operations. Israel must insist that the Arab governments and especially Lebanon, from whose territory and under whose patronage terror organizations continue to operate in complete freedom, put an immediate and effective end to these nefarious activities."

LEBANESE ENVOY CONDEMNS SHOOT-OUT

UNITED NATIONS, May 31 (JTA)--Lebanese Ambassador Edouard Ghorra condemned today the shoot-out at Lydda Airport and disclaimed his government's responsibility for it.

KILLINGS CONSTITUTE THREAT TO ALL INTERNATIONAL AIR TRANSPORTATION

JERUSALEM, May 31 (JTA)--Political sources asserted here today that last night's massacre constituted a threat to all international air transportation which could occur in any country. That evaluation came as Israel's Cabinet was called to an extraordinary session to hear a report on the attack by three Japanese gunmen and as the Japanese Ambassador to Israel made a formal statement to the Israel Foreign Ministry of his "feelings of shock over the horrifying murderous deed committed by Japanese nationals."

The sources stressed that the "slaughter"--as the attack was described by Israeli officials--had a fundamentally international character. They cited the fact that most of the injured and slain victims were Puerto Ricans, the murderers were Japanese who were motivated by "leftist ideologies," and the plane on which they arrived was French.

Transportation Minister Shimon Peres told the Cabinet that the gunmen "apparently came here to commit suicide." He called the attack "wild, inhuman, inexplicable." He declined, however, to speculate on any political motives of the killers. He called the attack "an unprecedented, absolutely unknown act in the history of civil aviation. I cannot explain it in human terms or in logic."

Aeiji Tokura, the Japanese envoy, told newsmen that Israel and Japan were now negotiating on what Japan could do to help in the investigation of the crime. The Israel government stressed today the "good relations" between Israel and Japan and that Israel did not blame Japan for the airport assault.

Religious Affairs Minister Zerach Warhaftig expressed "shock and profound regret" over the "brutal crime." He noted that the slain victims included Christian pilgrims who had come to visit Christian holy sites. He said the outrage contained an "implicit" goal of preventing free access to the holy sites under Israeli administration. He expressed the hope that "this criminal act" would not deter pilgrims and other tourists from further visits to Israel. He said the Israel government would do its utmost to safeguard the welfare of visitors, as it had done "very successfully" since the Six-Day War.

STATE DEPARTMENT, JAPANESE EMBASSY EXPRESS SHOCK, REGRET

WASHINGTON, May 31 (JTA)--The State Department and the Japanese Embassy expressed shock and regret today at last night's tragedy. Acting Secretary of State John N. Irwin II decried the "murderous and indiscriminate attack on innocent civilians, including women and children." The "senseless terrorist act," he said, "underlines the very urgent need to employ more efficient measures to deal with such threats to the passengers traveling on international civilian air carriers." Irwin, Undersecretary of State, said the United States was in contact with the Israeli and Lebanese governments in connection with the incident.

Stressing that "it behooves us to protect ourselves," Irwin urged tighter surveillance over international carriers, but did not fix blame for the security leak that allowed the gunmen to board the Air France airliner. Irwin said the government was issuing condolences to the families of the victims, some of them Americans whom he refrained from naming pending notification of kin. He said Ambassador Walworth Barbour visited victims and relatives last night. Irwin received personal regrets this morning from Japanese Ambassador Nobukiko Oshiba. Also present at that meeting was Jorge L. Cordova, Resident Commissioner of Puerto Rico. Apologies were also expressed to the US Embassy

in Tokyo, according to the Japanese Embassy here. (In Tokyo, the Foreign Ministry exoriated the "criminal offense" as a "totally unforgivable act" and offered its "most heartfelt condolences and apologies.")

(At the United Nations, Secretary General Kurt Waldheim voiced "shock" at the "ruthless and irresponsible act of violence." In a statement, he said the act must be "deplored as a purposeless, cruel interference with peaceful international civilian travel.")

JEWISH, NON-JEWISH LEADERS VOICE SHOCK, CONDEMNATION OF KILLINGS

NEW YORK, May 31 (JTA)--Jewish and non-Jewish leaders issued statements of shock, regret and condemnation of the murderous attack last night. A Kaddish for the victims was recited last night by the 400 delegates attending the 43rd annual convention of the National Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs in Miami Beach.

Jacob Stein, chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, declared that "all civilized persons must decry and abhor this senseless destruction of human life." He declared that "the guilt for this horrible crime against humanity must be shared by Lebanon, which provides a haven, base and encouragement for the terrorist organizations which sponsored this monstrous act."

Stein said the Presidents Conference urged "every government in the world, the United Nations and church organizations to condemn without reservation these brutal murders" and that airlines and pilots should refuse service to nations "housing the terrorist groups."

Church Leader Appalled

A leader of the two-million-member United Church of Christ said today that "Men of every religious faith are appalled by the horror of the massacre of the innocent people in the Tel Aviv Airport." Dr. David Stowe, executive vice-president of the United Church Board for World Ministries, the overseas missionary arm of the UC of C, said "The world cannot endure such senseless and unfeeling disregard of the sanctity of human life nor such haphazard and hopeless attempts to settle political differences through terror."

Dr. Stowe, who has taught in Lebanon, continued: "It is not enough to make moves toward disarmament in Moscow and leave a fire raging in the Middle East. The governments of the United States and the Soviet Union have a responsibility to follow their first steps toward peace with a determined effort to bring about a settlement of the differences between Israel and the Arab people and to establish and help maintain lasting peace in the Middle East."

Israel's Spirit Will Not Be Broken

Rabbi Israel Miller, president of the American Zionist Federation, asserted that "Israel's spirit will not be broken nor will American Jewry be deterred from visiting the Holy Land because of acts of terror." He said "we cannot understand the deafening silence of world and spiritual leaders to the murderous deed and the boast of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine which proudly claims credit for this bloodshed.

Rabbi Miller declared American Jewry "will rise to the challenge to Israel's integrity with additional support." He also warned that unless the nations of the world "take effective steps to stop this madness now, we are all at the mercy of political malcontents and terrorists" throughout the world.

Rabbi Irving Lehrman, president of the Synagogues Council of America, expressed "profound shock and sorrow" over the massacre and said "that Arab organizations should gleefully welcome and take credit for this human carnage defies and numbs the imagination." He said "the innocent victims" were "heartbreaking witness to the responsibility that must be borne by all who have lent their support, moral or political, to the Arab terrorist movement."

Arab Governments Must Take Lead

Philip E. Hoffman, president of the American Jewish Committee, said "no one now is safe from the cowards who attack defenseless people in the name of Arab nationalism. The time is long past for the legitimate Arab governments not only to condemn and disavow these acts but to take concrete measures to avert further disasters." He said that "the situation demands" that the Arab governments "take the lead in a concerted and cooperative effort to stop these outlaws by all means open to the international community."

Rabbi Bernard L. Berzon, president of the Orthodox Rabbinical Council of America, announced that his organization had sent a telegram to United Nations Secretary General Kurt Waldheim, urging that the UN and its "appropriate agencies" express their condemnation "and to take steps to prevent the recurrence of such violence."

He also announced that, in congregations served by Rabbinical Council members, "special prayers" would be recited in memory of those slain in the massacre. He denounced Lebanon and also Air France for its "laxity" in permitting the Japanese gunmen to board with submachineguns and hand grenades they used in the attack.

Sen. George McGovern (D, S.D.), issued a statement from his presidential primary headquarters in Los Angeles, denouncing the "mindless terrorism" of the attack. He said the dead and wounded "are the most recent victims of an unremitting and unrelenting refusal" by the Arabs "to accept the statehood of Israel." He declared that until the leaders of the Arab states and of Israel meet in direct negotiations "to end the war and make the peace," there was danger not only of "more wanton attacks but also of renewed hostilities and perhaps even Big Power confrontation." He expressed the hope that "now that we have entered a new period of negotiation" with the Soviet Union, "we may persuade the leaders of the USSR to join with us" to encourage a "non-imposed settlement that could mark the beginning of a new and fruitful era of peace."

ICAO OFFICIAL SAYS IT IS DUTY OF COUNTRY WHERE LUGGAGE IS LOADED TO CHECK FOR EXPLOSIVES

MONTREAL, May 31 (JTA)--An International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) official said today that it was the duty of the security forces in the country where the luggage was loaded to check for explosives. An Air France official in New York has placed the airport of boarding for the three killers as DaVinci in Rome.

The ICAO official said that the only measure which could have been taken to prevent last night's catastrophe would have been a serious electronic control of luggage at the point of departure because at the time of arrival it is already too late. He also said that some nations "often refuse to check everything" and in his opinion, checking everything amounts to a point of diminishing results.

Many Countries Talk, Few Act

Mrs. Rosalie Galbraith, director of public relations for the International Air Transport Associa-

tion (IATA), said that year after year many resolutions have been passed in order to have the governments of various countries adopt necessary measures for preventing acts against the security and life of passengers and aircraft.

According to Mrs. Galbraith, Knut Hammarskjöld, director general of the IATA, had recently met with UN Secretary General Kurt Waldheim in New York and asked that something be done in order that governments should put "new teeth" in the anti-hijacking convention which was adopted in The Hague on December 16, 1970.

At a Montreal convention last Nov., clauses concerning sabotage, the bombing of aircraft on the ground and air piracy were added to The Hague convention document. But as yet, only two of the 39 signatory states who attended the Montreal convention have ratified the convention. They are Trinidad-Tobago and Panama. Ten ratifications are necessary before the Montreal convention can come into force.

500 STUDENTS DEMONSTRATE OUTSIDE AIR FRANCE OFFICE

NEW YORK, May 31 (JTA)--Some 500 members of the Jewish High School Students Alliance demonstrated for 90 minutes this afternoon outside the Air France office here and demanded tighter security on all Air France planes going to Israel. The students charged that Air France was "partially" responsible for last night's violence.

LE MONDE SAYS DESPERATE ACTIONS WILL NOT HELP PALESTINIANS REGAIN RIGHTS

PARIS, May 31 (JTA)--The influential daily Le Monde, stresses today that "such desperate actions as those perpetrated last night at Lydda Airport will not help return to the Palestinians their rights and dignity." In a front page editorial, Le Monde added that the "horrible massacre has just reminded the Big Powers and the interested states that they have the duty not to let a situation decay, a situation which if allowed to perpetuate itself, can only engender violence." The editorial said that the dead and wounded have been added to the long list of victims of attacks committed blindly by terrorists claiming to be the Palestinian resistance movement.

"How can the PFLP affirm with such lightness that the tourists who 'arrived in Lydda Airport were not innocent, because they chose our occupied land to visit,'" Le Monde wrote adding that the majority of the passengers were Puerto Rican pilgrims. Such an affirmation does not correspond to the humanist Arab tradition, the newspaper said. Le Monde asked if the PFLP will finally realize that blind violence never helped a cause. It recalled that the North Vietnamese never took civilian airline passengers as targets for machine-gunning Americans.

LENINGRAD JEWS EXPRESS CONDOLENCES

NEW YORK, May 31 (JTA)--The Irish Committee for Soviet Jewry based in Dublin reported that the Jews of Leningrad today expressed condolences for the tragedy at Lydda Airport, the Student Struggle for Soviet Jewry reported.

BRIND TRIAL OPENS THURSDAY

LONDON, May 31 (JTA)--The trial of Yuri Brind, the Jewish printer and engraver, will open tomorrow in Kharkov, Jewish sources in the Soviet Union reported today. The sources also reported that Gregory Berman, a Jewish activist in Odessa, was arrested and charged with "desertion" on entering the ovir office to inquire about his exit visa.

WARSAW STUNNED BY AIRPORT TRAGEDY

By JOSEPH POLAKOFF

JTA Washington Bureau Chief

WARSAW, May 31 (JTA)--"Terrible occurrence" and "incredible thing" were among the expressions heard from Poles and Americans when news reached here of the killings at Lydda Airport by Japanese extremists. "It is shocking and horrible," US Secretary of State William P. Rogers exclaimed. "It almost seems beyond anyone's comprehension. I express my deepest regret to the families of the killed and wounded. My very deep sympathy goes to the government of Israel for this terribly sad event."

Rogers made these comments to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency just before he began discussions with Stefan Olszowski, the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Polish People's Republic, at the Foreign Ministry. He had already taken his place at the diplomatic table when he granted the interview. Polish government officials, however, would not allow a similar interview with Olszowski, explaining the session was to be behind closed doors and could not be delayed.

Rogers arrived here this afternoon with President Nixon on the last stop of their 12-day trip which centered on the Moscow summit conference. The Presidential party which came from Teheran this afternoon returns to Washington tomorrow night.

Americans, Poles, Horrified

News of the Lydda Airport tragedy broke after the Polish morning papers here had gone to press but radio reports of the wanton slaughter spread quickly in government and press circles, according to Poles at the international press center set up at the Europejski Hotel for the Nixon visit. One American Embassy official said he was horrified when he heard details from a BBC broadcast.

"What a terrible thing to happen in a public place," a Polish journalist, Mrs. Anna Broniarek, of the Polish Interpress Agency, said. "I heard many times the question: why are innocent people being murdered?" Mrs. Broniarek said that other Poles at the center thought it peculiar why Japanese would be involved in killing in the Middle East. Some coupled the airport tragedy with the bombings in Teheran early this morning before the President's departure for Warsaw as an indication of the lengths to which political desperadoes will go.

Polish afternoon newspapers carried no stories on the shootings in Lydda or on the bombings in Teheran. Polish circles believed the government did not want to create apprehension while Nixon was here.

France Condemns Airport Massacre**FRENCH OFFICIAL WARNED LAST WEEK THAT FRENCH PLANES MIGHT BE USED FOR ATTACK**

PARIS, May 31 (JTA)--Informed sources reported here today, after the French government officially condemned the Lydda Airport massacre, that a member of the Israel Embassy had warned a key French official last Friday that "irresponsible elements might use French planes" to mount an attack on Israel. The Israel diplomat delivered the warning to Herve Alphand, the Secretary General of the French Foreign Ministry, and also told him that Israel felt insufficient precautions were taken at Orly Airport. He asked Alphand to pass those warnings on to the proper authorities.

Prior to the official French condemnation, Asher Ben Natan, the Israeli envoy to Paris, implied that France had not taken heed "of past Israeli warnings" and that it had not done all it should to prevent such tragic incidents as the carnage. Those charges, also implicitly made by Premier Golda Meir today at the

Knesset, were reportedly transmitted to the French government tonight when Ben Natan conferred for more than an hour with Alphand. The French replied twice to the Israeli charges.

Government spokesman Jean Phillippo Legat read a government statement denying any French responsibility and expressing the French government's "surprise" over "certain Israeli statements." Legat, reading from a written statement purportedly prepared by President Georges Pompidou, refused to elaborate on which Israeli statements were meant, when questioned by the Jewish Telegraphic Agency.

Air France Security To Be Probed

French government sources said today there would be an examination of Air France security precautions. The government sources said Transportation Minister Jean Chamant and Air France officials would report on the incident to a Cabinet session presided over by Pompidou. It was believed the Cabinet would examine the possibility of enforcing stricter security at French airports and aboard French planes. France has been practically the only country not enforcing strict security, reasoning that no Middle Easterners would take advantage of "French neutrality," according to French officials who refused to be named.

Some 400 French riot police have been stationed for more than a year at Orly Airport, but have been concentrating on protecting planes of El Al Israel Airlines and "other endangered companies." Normal security precautions include following all planes--those taking off and those landing--in police cars and with machine guns at the ready. These measures are not, however, applied to Air France planes, nor are they searched. Individual companies are responsible for security aboard their planes at Orly. Although certain companies, like El Al, impose stringent security regulations, Air France has refrained from doing so.

Ben Natan, speaking at a meeting inaugurating Israel Week in Grenoble, said, "It is up to the airlines to insure that its passengers do not carry weapons." He called for a thorough investigation of how the three killers managed to board the Air France jetliner. An Air France spokesman in Paris said that the arms were probably stored in the killers' checked luggage. He declined to indicate whether the baggage had been checked at Orly.

(In New York, however, another Air France spokesman said that the killers had boarded the plane at Da Vinci Airport in Rome. He said that he had it confirmed in Paris that the passengers went through normal control in Rome, and that the Italian authorities "would have to speak for their own security measures.") A Paris airport spokesman said that hand baggage is always inspected, but checked baggage is only subject to spot checks during "calm" periods.

SECURITY MEASURES TIGHTENED AT LYDDA

TEL AVIV, May 31 (JTA)--Security measures were tightened this morning at Lydda Airport. Incoming passengers are now requested to identify their luggage which is taken off the luggage compartment while still near the plane. Only then are the passengers escorted to the passport control lounge and to the customs hall where the luggage arrives under guard. In spite of this additional inconvenience to passengers traffic at the airport was normal. Thirty flights took off this morning and many more later in the day. El Al had 11 flights today though one of her Boeings had to be taken out of service for several days as it was slightly damaged by machine gun fire.

**POSSIBLE BASIS FOR ISRAELI-EGYPTIAN
COMPROMISE TO REOPEN SUEZ CANAL**

By JOSEPH POLAKOFF

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TEHERAN, May 31 (JTA)--It appears a basis has been laid down for action in the direction of an Israeli-Egyptian compromise to reopen the Suez Canal, although according to the joint Soviet-American communique--reaffirming support for a peaceful settlement in the Middle East--the attitude of the superpowers has not changed. Egyptian President Anwar Sadat realizes the Soviet Union, at least for the present, will not sanction any war moves, according to a highly knowledgeable western diplomatic source here. While Sadat has been threatening war to recover the Sinai, he is now trapped in a canyon with walls of peace set up by the superpowers.

The Kremlin is unlikely to jeopardize the movement toward a European security conference to shore up its western borders, even if the Cairo government is beset by domestic pressures. Neither is it likely before the November elections that President Nixon will pressure Israel into accepting something it does not want. This leaves Sadat to reexamine the opportunity for progress offered to him last year by Secretary of State William P. Rogers--an interim agreement whereby Egypt can reopen the canal and improve the country's economy while seeking other accommodations with Israel.

The Israelis have agreed to negotiate on the canal issue, while Cairo has rejected it, insisting on an Israeli commitment to withdraw from the Sinai first. According to western diplomatic circles here Israel might go further than it has up to now in the effort to reach a compromise solution. Nobody here is optimistic that the Jarring mission will find a formula when it has failed for so long to produce bilateral discussions.

Dr. Henry Kissinger, White House advisor on national security affairs, had said in Moscow regarding the apparent unchanged attitudes expressed in the joint US-USSR communique, that inaction is also policy. He pointed out that keeping the Arab-Israeli situation from becoming "inflamed" represents "tangible progress" between the Soviet Union and the United States.

**PROF. AHARON KATZIR-KATCHALSKY, HEAD
OF POLYMER DEPT. OF WEIZMANN INSTITUTE,
KILLED IN LYDDA MASSACRE; WAS 58**

TEL AVIV, May 31 (JTA)--Funeral services will be held Friday for Prof. Aharon Katzir-Katchalsky, an internationally famous scientist, head of the Polymer Department at the Weizmann Institute of Science in Rehovoth, who was killed in the Lydda Airport massacre last night while returning from a scientific conference in West Germany. Dr. Katzir-Katchalsky was 58.

He was fatally wounded by a Japanese gunman as he was walking towards the customs barrier where his wife, Rena, and his son were waiting to greet him. Mrs. Katzir-Katchalsky was slightly wounded. His body will lie in state at the Weizmann Institute where the funeral services will be held. President Zalman Shazar, Premier Golda Meir and other top ranking Israeli government officials will attend. In addition, leading scientists from all parts of the world are expected to be present at the burial ceremonies. The services were scheduled for Friday to enable them to reach Israel.

Credited With Major Breakthrough

Prof. Katzir-Katchalsky was born in Lodz, Poland in 1914, came to Palestine in 1925 and was educated at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem where

he earned his Ph.D. in chemistry. His specialty was the thermo-dynamics of irreversible processes and their application to biological membranes. His special field of research was the brain. Prof. Katzir-Katchalsky and colleagues at the Weizmann Institute were credited with a major scientific breakthrough recently when they developed a process to convert chemical energy directly to mechanical energy without an intermediary process.

Prof. Katzir-Katchalsky headed many Israeli and international scientific bodies, was holder of the Weizmann Prize and the Israel Prize in exact sciences and of many international honors. Last year he was elected a foreign member of the National Academy of Sciences in Washington, D.C. and was also a foreign member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, an honorary fellow of the New York Academy of Sciences and a member of the American Chemical Society, Colloid Division. He was also a visiting professor at Harvard University and the University of California, Berkeley; Herter Lecturer at Johns Hopkins University and Forester Lecturer at the State University of New York.

**JAPANESE TERRORIST SQUADS
ACTIVE THROUGHOUT WESTERN WORLD**

LONDON, May 31 (JTA)--An expert on international terrorist activities said here today that Japanese suicide terrorist squads are active throughout the western world. His comment came in response to the murderous attack at Lydda Airport by three Japanese gunmen last night. The expert, whose name was withheld, said such suicide killers work with Latin American urban guerrillas, African terrorist groups, Trotskyist groups in Western Europe and with militant organizations in other countries.

Information received here today from Dublin said a conference of terrorist groups took place there last weekend. Among those present at the Dublin meeting were Palestinian terrorists, sponsored by Algeria and Libya and carrying diplomatic passports. Three Japanese appeared at a meeting here yesterday of an "African Liberation Group."

BEN-AHARON APPEALS FOR AIR SAFETY

TEL AVIV, May 31 (JTA)--Histadrut General Secretary Itzhak Ben-Aharon cabled today to the secretariate of the International Free Trade Union Confederation and to the International Transport Workers Union asking them to raise their voices against the attacks on air transport and urged them to take steps to bring an end to such acts. He called on world aviation workers to make sure that passengers do not enter planes with firearms in their luggage and to pay special attention to people coming from Arab countries.

BOMB SCARE AT FRENCH CONSULATE

TEL AVIV, May 31 (JTA)--Police sappers carried out a thorough search this afternoon in the French Consulate building in Haifa after telephone warnings were received by the police, the Consulate and the Haifa broadcasting system that a bomb was planted in the Consulate building. However, a search failed to locate any bomb.

Meanwhile, two TWA planes were searched thoroughly after an anonymous call was received at Lydda Airport saying a bomb was in a TWA jumbo jet. The jet was searched as well as a Boeing 707 which was also at the airport. Nothing was found and the planes departed with a short delay.

**MRS. MEIR WARNS ARAB STATES THAT THEY BEAR FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE LYDDA AIRPORT MASSACRE**

JERUSALEM, May 31 (JTA)--Premier Golda Meir today warned the Arab states, now gloating over the Lydda Airport massacre, that they would have to bear full responsibility for it. She said that the deed would not deter Israel. Delivering a special statement to a full Knesset which replaced all other parliamentary business this afternoon, Mrs. Meir promised that Israel would find a way to foil the new Arab terror menace, as it had foiled similar threats in the past.

She urged all government and international airlines to cooperate in instituting thorough security checks of planes and passengers. Proper probes would have prevented the Sabena hijack of three weeks ago as well, she added. It was high time, Mrs. Meir said, that the world took note of her criticism expressed two years ago after the Swiss-air tragedy. At that time she said that the Arab capitals' harboring terror gangs were still ports of call for international airlines.

Mrs. Meir named Beirut, the capital of Lebanon, as a center of terrorist headquarters. She stressed, however, that she did not consider the three Japanese terrorists as representatives of their nation, and said that Israel's friendly ties with Japan would not be affected.

Several Christian representatives here expressed their sorrow and condolence to Foreign Minister Abba Eban. The Deputy Apostolic representative in Jerusalem, Msgr. Zambini, was asked by Israeli officials to request the Vatican to condemn the crime. Arthur Lurie, Eban's councillor, emphasized in a talk to the apostolic delegation that most of the victims were Christian pilgrims. Talks on the same topic were held with Latin Patriarch Geokomo Beltritti, who agreed to come to the Foreign Ministry office for the first time since the Six-Day War, and with the head of the Lutheran church, the Reverend Helmut Glatte.

RELATIVES DESPERATE TO KNOW NAMES OF VICTIMS; IDENTIFICATION DELAYED

At Least Six Of 25 Killed Were Jews

TEL AVIV, May 31 (JTA)--Tel Hashomer Hospital was flooded today with cables and telephone calls from Puerto Rico and elsewhere from relatives desperate to know the names of the victims of the Lydda Airport carnage. Identification of victims was delayed, however, because luggage and documents were scattered and in some cases destroyed. By this evening nine of the injured had been released from Tel Hashomer and two from Beilinson Hospital. Ten victims were on the critical list, and many of those shot were said to face the loss of the use of their hands, legs or both.

Of the six known Jewish dead, four were identified as Prof. Aharon Katzir-Katchalsky, 58, of the Weizmann Institute of Science; Yehoshua Berkowitz, a customs official; Adam Zamir; and Henia Tartner, a 39-year-old mother of three who was at the airport to meet her husband. The injured included the following, all believed to be Israelis: Aneta Kaufmann; Pinna Goldberg; Liza Geron; Shaul Morgenstein; Reuben Yanevi; Henri Ben-Shitrit; Bety Gast; Simona Morgenstern; Chaim Marina; Nadia Kurtz; Sarah Cohen; Isidor Stern; Mendel Steinberg and Shlomo Blachner.

Japanese Ambassador Aetji Tokura visited Tel Hashomer to express regrets and to wish the injured a speedy recovery. Later, in a special broadcast on television speaking in Hebrew, he expressed his government's regret over the "massacre."

Premier Golda Meir cut short her Swiss vacation and visited Tel Hashomer in tears last night, and looked shaken as she left. She also went to the scene of the shooting. Deputy Premier Yigal Allon and Defense Minister Moshe Dayan paid their respects at the hospital. Dayan called the incident an act of insanity and condemned what he called the hiring of Japanese to do Arab dirty-work.

JAPANESE EXPRESS SORROW

NEW YORK, May 31 (JTA)--Kuniji Oguro, a staff correspondent of Jiji Press, one of the two largest Japanese news agencies, tendered personal condolences today to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency on the loss of life in Tel Aviv in the shooting outbreak by three Japanese. Jiji--Japanese for "news"--and JTA have their offices on the same floor at 660 First Avenue. Jiji, which is 27 years old, services Japanese newspapers and publishes a news bulletin here. The Japanese Mission also volunteered regrets to the JTA.

RABIN EXPRESSES ISRAEL'S CONDOLENCES TO BEREAVED FAMILIES OF AMERICANS

WASHINGTON, May 31 (JTA)--Yitzhak Rabin, Israel's Ambassador to the US today expressed Israel's condolences to the bereaved families of Americans who were the victims of the "senseless act of terrorism" at Lydda Airport. In a visit to Under Secretary of State John N. Irwin II, Rabin related the tragic events at the airport and transmitted Israel's urgent request that the US "adopt all necessary measures" for the safety of passengers and planes bound for Israel. He stressed that Israel put the blame for the terrorist attack on the Arab governments, particularly Lebanon.

BADILLO DEEPLY SHOCKED

NEW YORK, May 31 (JTA)--Rep. Herman Badillo (D. N.Y.), the only Puerto Rican Congressman, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency he was "deeply shocked" at the airport killings. The presence of Puerto Ricans in Israel "underscores the fact that Israel belongs to the world and is an international center for Christians as well as Jews." Thus, he said, "It is all the more urgent that we have stability in Israel and throughout the Middle East."

JAPANESE KILLER CONFESSES CARNAGE PLANNED WEEKS AGO; TRAINED IN LEBANON FOR SUICIDE MISSION

TEL AVIV, MAY 31 (JTA)--The captured Japanese gunman who with two others massacred at least 25 people including a two-year-old girl and wounded more than 70 with grenades and submachinegun fire in the Lydda Airport passenger terminal last night, told his Israeli interrogators today that he and his companions had trained in Lebanon where they arrived six weeks ago and that theirs was a suicide mission.

Namba Dai Saka, who was seized by an airport technician in the midst of the carnage, said the

attack had been planned weeks ago. The other gunmen were slain. All belonged to a fanatic underground leftist group known as the Red Star. Saka said that after completing their training in Lebanon, the trio stayed with Arab terrorists in Germany and Austria until they boarded an Air France flight to Tel Aviv at Rome Airport yesterday. It was not clear if they were hired killers or ideologically motivated.

Six of the known dead were Jews. The rest were non-Jews including at least 11 Puerto Ricans on a pilgrimage to Christian holy places in Israel.

Israel's Transport Minister Shimon Peres declared last night that the "blood bath" at Lydda Airport was "one of the most serious things in the history of aviation and in human behavior." He said "The government of Israel will take every step to fight this new madness. The human price we paid in blood can never be repaid." Peres remarked that wonton terrorism in the past "involved only Arabs and Jews. The introduction of Japanese into the picture... shows what the Arabs think of their ability to fight us."

In Cold Blood

The machinegun and grenade attackers were likened to the kamikaze (suicide) squads of fanatic Japanese during the closing stages of World War II. The slaughter was obviously carefully planned and carried out with robot-like precision. Blood covered the floors and walls of the airport terminal. Human bodies blown to bits by grenades were strewn over the floor and the walls were pock-marked with bullet holes.

The carnage was witnessed by hundreds of visitors at the airport to greet arriving passengers. Only moments earlier--at about 10:30 p.m. local time--the scene at the crowded terminal was normal. About 250 passengers were waiting at the baggage conveyor for their luggage. The three gunmen, well dressed, were part of a large group of passengers, including Puerto Rican pilgrims, who had just debarked from the Air France flight and passed passport control.

When their luggage arrived they zipped open their valises and took out three Russian-made Kelachnikoff submachine guns. In seconds the weapons were assembled, cocked and were firing long bursts all around the densely packed hall. Hand grenades exploded in the middle of the crowd. A group of passengers trying to escape out into the airfield was followed by one of the gunmen who fired bursts at them and threw a grenade.

Airport Technician Captures Gunman

Another gunman, apparently mistaking his companion for a fleeing passenger, shot him to death. A second later he was killed by the explosion of his own grenade. The third gunman continued to spray the hall with bullets. He was pounced upon by Claude Zeitoun, an airport technician who held him until assistance came and dragged the man, later identified as Saka, into an anteroom.

The dead and wounded lay on the floor. Luggage was scattered. As stunned witnesses and airport personnel recovered from the shock, ambulances were speeding toward the terminal from all directions. At least 12 of the wounded were reported in serious condition as they were rushed to hospitals in Tel Aviv, Petach Tikva and Sarafand.

Avivim Massacre Recalled

The massacre happened two years and eight days after the tragic death of eight school children and four adults whose bus was ambushed near the Lebanese border. Twenty-one other passengers, mostly children were also injured. All the youngsters and two of the adult victims were from Avivim, a settlement in the Upper Galilee. They were traveling to

their district school in nearby Dovev when attacked by terrorists using bazookas and small arms. As in yesterday's attack in Tel Aviv, the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine claimed credit for the bus ambush. Only three weeks ago--on May 10--Lydda Airport was the scene of bloodshed when Israeli paratroopers stormed a hijacked Sabena jet to liberate its 100 passengers and crew members being held hostage by four Palestinian terrorists. One Israeli woman, a passenger, was fatally wounded and two terrorists were killed and two captured.

The Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, an extremist terrorist organization headed by Dr. George Habash claimed responsibility for last night's massacre and said it was intended in part to avenge the deaths of the two terrorists on May 10. But Saka's confession that the attack was planned weeks ago belied the PFLP's claim.

Saka told Israeli interrogators that there are many more Japanese in Arab terrorist training camps and that he assumed that many of them were being trained for acts against Israel. His group, the Red Star, is held responsible for 14 assassinations in Japan and the hijacking of a plane to Korea two years ago.

The gunman at first refused to answer questions which were put to him in English and in Japanese. But after identifying his slain companions he agreed to cooperate. The gunman burst into tears. He said that he should have died with his friends. He said that minutes before the shooting, they had ripped their photographs out of their passports and even cut identifying trade-marks out of their shoes.

TEKOAH TO BUSH: CARNAGE PART OF WANTON MURDER BY ARAB TERRORIST GROUPS

UNITED NATIONS, May 31 (JTA)--Israel demanded today, in a letter to the United Nations Security Council, that the Arab governments "and especially Lebanon," put "an immediate and effective end" to such attacks as the massacre yesterday at Lydda Airport. The letter from Yosef Tekoah, Israel's Ambassador to the UN, was addressed to George Bush, the United States Ambassador, who is this month's president of the Security Council.

Tekoah asserted that the "act of premeditated mass murder of innocent civilians is part of the campaign of wanton and indiscriminate slaughter waged by Arab terrorist organizations." Charging that the attack at the airport was carried out "by hired henchmen," the envoy added that it was not the first time that Arab terror organizations had employed "foreign mercenaries to strike at helpless men, women and children."

Tekoah said that "it is a matter of common knowledge that Beirut is the seat of the Arab terror organizations' headquarters and that those organizations also maintain offices in other Lebanese towns and in refugee camps located in Lebanon."

He added that "despite repeated calls by Israel to terminate these criminal activities, Lebanon and the other Arab states have continued to harbor the terror organizations on their soil and to give support to their operations. Israel must insist that the Arab governments and especially Lebanon, from whose territory and under whose patronage terror organizations continue to operate in complete freedom, put an immediate and effective end to these nefarious activities."

LEBANESE ENVOY CONDEMNS SHOOT-OUT

UNITED NATIONS, May 31 (JTA)--Lebanese Ambassador Edouard Ghorra condemned today the shoot-out at Lydda Airport and disclaimed his government's responsibility for it.

KILLINGS CONSTITUTE THREAT TO ALL INTERNATIONAL AIR TRANSPORTATION

JERUSALEM, May 31 (JTA)--Political sources asserted here today that last night's massacre constituted a threat to all international air transportation which could occur in any country. That evaluation came as Israel's Cabinet was called to an extraordinary session to hear a report on the attack by three Japanese gunmen and as the Japanese Ambassador to Israel made a formal statement to the Israel Foreign Ministry of his "feelings of shock over the horrifying murderous deed committed by Japanese nationals."

The sources stressed that the "slaughter"--as the attack was described by Israeli officials--had a fundamentally international character. They cited the fact that most of the injured and slain victims were Puerto Ricans, the murderers were Japanese who were motivated by "leftist ideologies," and the plane on which they arrived was French.

Transportation Minister Shimon Peres told the Cabinet that the gunmen "apparently came here to commit suicide." He called the attack "wild, inhuman, inexplicable." He declined, however, to speculate on any political motives of the killers. He called the attack "an unprecedented, absolutely unknown act in the history of civil aviation. I cannot explain it in human terms or in logic."

Aeiji Tokura, the Japanese envoy, told newsmen that Israel and Japan were now negotiating on what Japan could do to help in the investigation of the crime. The Israel government stressed today the "good relations" between Israel and Japan and that Israel did not blame Japan for the airport assault.

Religious Affairs Minister Zerach Warhaftig expressed "shock and profound regret" over the "brutal crime." He noted that the slain victims included Christian pilgrims who had come to visit Christian holy sites. He said the outrage contained an "implicit" goal of preventing free access to the holy sites under Israeli administration. He expressed the hope that "this criminal act" would not deter pilgrims and other tourists from further visits to Israel. He said the Israel government would do its utmost to safeguard the welfare of visitors, as it had done "very successfully" since the Six-Day War.

STATE DEPARTMENT, JAPANESE EMBASSY EXPRESS SHOCK, REGRET

WASHINGTON, May 31 (JTA)--The State Department and the Japanese Embassy expressed shock and regret today at last night's tragedy. Acting Secretary of State John N. Irwin II decried the "murderous and indiscriminate attack on innocent civilians, including women and children." The "senseless terrorist act," he said, "underlines the very urgent need to employ more efficient measures to deal with such threats to the passengers traveling on international civilian air carriers." Irwin, Undersecretary of State, said the United States was in contact with the Israeli and Lebanese governments in connection with the incident.

Stressing that "it behooves us to protect ourselves," Irwin urged tighter surveillance over international carriers, but did not fix blame for the security leak that allowed the gunmen to board the Air France airliner. Irwin said the government was issuing condolences to the families of the victims, some of them Americans whom he refrained from naming pending notification of kin. He said Ambassador Walworth Barbour visited victims and relatives last night. Irwin received personal regrets this morning from Japanese Ambassador Nobukiko Oshiba. Also present at that meeting was Jorge L. Cordova, Resident Commissioner of Puerto Rico. Apologies were also expressed to the US Embassy

in Tokyo, according to the Japanese Embassy here. (In Tokyo, the Foreign Ministry excoriated the "criminal offense" as a "totally unforgivable act" and offered its "most heartfelt condolences and apologies.")

(At the United Nations, Secretary General Kurt Waldheim voiced "shock" at the "ruthless and irresponsible act of violence." In a statement, he said the act must be "deplored as a purposeless, cruel interference with peaceful international civilian travel.")

JEWISH, NON-JEWISH LEADERS VOICE SHOCK, CONDEMNATION OF KILLINGS

NEW YORK, May 31 (JTA)--Jewish and non-Jewish leaders issued statements of shock, regret and condemnation of the murderous attack last night. A Kaddish for the victims was recited last night by the 400 delegates attending the 43rd annual convention of the National Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs in Miami Beach.

Jacob Stein, chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, declared that "all civilized persons must decry and abhor this senseless destruction of human life." He declared that "the guilt for this horrible crime against humanity must be shared by Lebanon, which provides a haven, base and encouragement for the terrorist organizations which sponsored this monstrous act."

Stein said the Presidents Conference urged "every government in the world, the United Nations and church organizations to condemn without reservation these brutal murders" and that airlines and pilots should refuse service to nations "housing the terrorist groups."

Church Leader Appalled

A leader of the two-million-member United Church of Christ said today that "Men of every religious faith are appalled by the horror of the massacre of the innocent people in the Tel Aviv Airport." Dr. David Stowe, executive vice-president of the United Church Board for World Ministries, the overseas missionary arm of the UC of C, said "The world cannot endure such senseless and unfeeling disregard of the sanctity of human life nor such haphazard and hopeless attempts to settle political differences through terror."

Dr. Stowe, who has taught in Lebanon, continued: "It is not enough to make moves toward disarmament in Moscow and leave a fire raging in the Middle East. The governments of the United States and the Soviet Union have a responsibility to follow their first steps toward peace with a determined effort to bring about a settlement of the differences between Israel and the Arab people and to establish and help maintain lasting peace in the Middle East."

Israel's Spirit Will Not Be Broken

Rabbi Israel Miller, president of the American Zionist Federation, asserted that "Israel's spirit will not be broken nor will American Jewry be deterred from visiting the Holy Land because of acts of terror." He said "we cannot understand the deafening silence of world and spiritual leaders to the murderous deed and the boast of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine which proudly claims credit for this bloodshed."

Rabbi Miller declared American Jewry "will rise to the challenge to Israel's integrity with additional support." He also warned that unless the nations of the world "take effective steps to stop this madness now, we are all at the mercy of political malcontents and terrorists" throughout the world.

Rabbi Irving Lehrman, president of the Synagogues Council of America, expressed "profound shock and sorrow" over the massacre and said "that Arab organizations should gleefully welcome and take credit for this human carnage defies and numbs the imagination." He said "the innocent victims" were "heartbreaking witness to the responsibility that must be borne by all who have lent their support, moral or political, to the Arab terrorist movement."

Arab Governments Must Take Lead

Philip E. Hoffman, president of the American Jewish Committee, said "no one now is safe from the cowards who attack defenseless people in the name of Arab nationalism. The time is long past for the legitimate Arab governments not only to condemn and disavow these acts but to take concrete measures to avert further disasters." He said that "the situation demands" that the Arab governments "take the lead in a concerted and cooperative effort to stop these outlaws by all means open to the international community."

Rabbi Bernard L. Berzon, president of the Orthodox Rabbinical Council of America, announced that his organization had sent a telegram to United Nations Secretary General Kurt Waldheim, urging that the UN and its "appropriate agencies" express their condemnation "and to take steps to prevent the recurrence of such violence."

He also announced that, in congregations served by Rabbinical Council members, "special prayers" would be recited in memory of those slain in the massacre. He denounced Lebanon and also Air France for its "laxity" in permitting the Japanese gunmen to board with submachineguns and hand grenades they used in the attack.

Sen. George McGovern (D, S.D.), issued a statement from his presidential primary headquarters in Los Angeles, denouncing the "mindless terrorism" of the attack. He said the dead and wounded "are the most recent victims of an unrelenting and unrelenting refusal" by the Arabs "to accept the statehood of Israel." He declared that until the leaders of the Arab states and of Israel meet in direct negotiations "to end the war and make the peace," there was danger not only of "more wanton attacks but also of renewed hostilities and perhaps even Big Power confrontation." He expressed the hope that "now that we have entered a new period of negotiation" with the Soviet Union, "we may persuade the leaders of the USSR to join with us" to encourage a "non-imposed settlement that could mark the beginning of a new and fruitful era of peace."

ICAO OFFICIAL SAYS IT IS DUTY OF COUNTRY WHERE LUGGAGE IS LOADED TO CHECK FOR EXPLOSIVES

MONTREAL, May 31 (JTA)--An International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) official said today that it was the duty of the security forces in the country where the luggage was loaded to check for explosives. An Air France official in New York has placed the airport of boarding for the three killers as DaVinci in Rome.

The ICAO official said that the only measure which could have been taken to prevent last night's catastrophe would have been a serious electronic control of luggage at the point of departure because at the time of arrival it is already too late. He also said that some nations "often refuse to check everything" and in his opinion, checking everything amounts to a point of diminishing results.

Many Countries Talk. Few Act

Mrs. Rosalie Galbraith, director of public relations for the International Air Transport Association

(IATA), said that year after year many resolutions have been passed in order to have the governments of various countries adopt necessary measures for preventing acts against the security and life of passengers and aircraft.

According to Mrs. Galbraith, Knut Hammarskjöld, director general of the IATA, had recently met with UN Secretary General Kurt Waldheim in New York and asked that something be done in order that governments should put "new teeth" in the anti-hijacking convention which was adopted in The Hague on December 16, 1970.

At a Montreal convention last Nov., clauses concerning sabotage, the bombing of aircraft on the ground and air piracy were added to The Hague convention document. But as yet, only two of the 39 signatory states who attended the Montreal convention have ratified the convention. They are Trinidad-Tobago and Panama. Ten ratifications are necessary before the Montreal convention can come into force.

500 STUDENTS DEMONSTRATE OUTSIDE AIR FRANCE OFFICE

NEW YORK, May 31 (JTA)--Some 500 members of the Jewish High School Students Alliance demonstrated for 90 minutes this afternoon outside the Air France office here and demanded tighter security on all Air France planes going to Israel. The students charged that Air France was "partially" responsible for last night's violence.

LE MONDE SAYS DESPERATE ACTIONS WILL NOT HELP PALESTINIANS REGAIN RIGHTS

PARIS, May 31 (JTA)--The influential daily Le Monde, stresses today that "such desperate actions as those perpetrated last night at Lydda Airport will not help return to the Palestinians their rights and dignity." In a front page editorial, Le Monde added that the "horrible massacre has just reminded the Big Powers and the interested states that they have the duty not to let a situation decay, a situation which if allowed to perpetuate itself, can only engender violence." The editorial said that the dead and wounded have been added to the long list of victims of attacks committed blindly by terrorists claiming to be the Palestinian resistance movement.

"How can the PFLP affirm with such lightness that the tourists who 'arrived in Lydda Airport were not innocent, because they chose our occupied land to visit,'" Le Monde wrote adding that the majority of the passengers were Puerto Rican pilgrims. Such an affirmation does not correspond to the humanist Arab tradition, the newspaper said. Le Monde asked if the PFLP will finally realize that blind violence never helped a cause. It recalled that the North Vietnamese never took civilian airline passengers as targets for machine-gunning Americans.

LENINGRAD JEWS EXPRESS CONDOLENCES

NEW YORK, May 31 (JTA)--The Irish Committee for Soviet Jewry based in Dublin reported that the Jews of Leningrad today expressed condolences for the tragedy at Lydda Airport, the Student Struggle for Soviet Jewry reported.

BRIND TRIAL OPENS THURSDAY

LONDON, May 31 (JTA)--The trial of Yuri Brind, the Jewish printer and engraver, will open tomorrow in Kharkov, Jewish sources in the Soviet Union reported today. The sources also reported that Gregory Berman, a Jewish activist in Odessa, was arrested and charged with "desertion" on entering the ovir office to inquire about his exit visa.

WARSAW STUNNED BY AIRPORT TRAGEDY

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WARSAW, May 31 (JTA)--"Terrible occurrence" and "incredible thing" were among the expressions heard from Poles and Americans when news reached here of the killings at Lydda Airport by Japanese extremists. "It is shocking and horrible," US Secretary of State William P. Rogers exclaimed. "It almost seems beyond anyone's comprehension. I express my deepest regret to the families of the killed and wounded. My very deep sympathy goes to the government of Israel for this terribly sad event."

Rogers made these comments to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency just before he began discussions with Stefan Olszowski, the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Polish People's Republic, at the Foreign Ministry. He had already taken his place at the diplomatic table when he granted the interview. Polish government officials, however, would not allow a similar interview with Olszowski, explaining the session was to be behind closed doors and could not be delayed.

Rogers arrived here this afternoon with President Nixon on the last stop of their 12-day trip which centered on the Moscow summit conference. The Presidential party which came from Teheran this afternoon returns to Washington tomorrow night.

Americans, Poles, Horrified

News of the Lydda Airport tragedy broke after the Polish morning papers here had gone to press but radio reports of the wanton slaughter spread quickly in government and press circles, according to Poles at the international press center set up at the Europejski Hotel for the Nixon visit. One American Embassy official said he was horrified when he heard details from a BBC broadcast.

"What a terrible thing to happen in a public place," a Polish journalist, Mrs. Anna Broniarek, of the Polish Interpress Agency, said. "I heard many times the question: why are innocent people being murdered?" Mrs. Broniarek said that other Poles at the center thought it peculiar why Japanese would be involved in killing in the Middle East. Some coupled the airport tragedy with the bombings in Teheran early this morning before the President's departure for Warsaw as an indication of the lengths to which political desperadoes will go.

Polish afternoon newspapers carried no stories on the shootings in Lydda or on the bombings in Teheran. Polish circles believed the government did not want to create apprehension while Nixon was here.

France Condemns Airport Massacre**FRENCH OFFICIAL WARNED LAST WEEK THAT FRENCH PLANES MIGHT BE USED FOR ATTACK**

PARIS, May 31 (JTA)--Informed sources reported here today, after the French government officially condemned the Lydda Airport massacre, that a member of the Israel Embassy had warned a key French official last Friday that "irresponsible elements might use French planes" to mount an attack on Israel. The Israel diplomat delivered the warning to Herve Alphand, the Secretary General of the French Foreign Ministry, and also told him that Israel felt insufficient precautions were taken at Orly Airport. He asked Alphand to pass those warnings on to the proper authorities.

Prior to the official French condemnation, Asher Ben Natan, the Israeli envoy to Paris, implied that France had not taken heed "of past Israeli warnings" and that it had not done all it should to prevent such tragic incidents as the carnage. Those charges, also implicitly made by Premier Golda Meir today at the

Knesset, were reportedly transmitted to the French government tonight when Ben Natan conferred for more than an hour with Alphand. The French replied twice to the Israeli charges.

Government spokesman Jean Phillippo Legat read a government statement denying any French responsibility and expressing the French government's "surprise" over "certain Israeli statements." Legat, reading from a written statement purportedly prepared by President Georges Pompidou, refused to elaborate on which Israeli statements were meant, when questioned by the Jewish Telegraphic Agency.

Air France Security To Be Probed

French government sources said today there would be an examination of Air France security precautions. The government sources said Transportation Minister Jean Chamant and Air France officials would report on the incident to a Cabinet session presided over by Pompidou. It was believed the Cabinet would examine the possibility of enforcing stricter security at French airports and aboard French planes. France has been practically the only country not enforcing strict security, reasoning that no Middle Easterners would take advantage of "French neutrality," according to French officials who refused to be named.

Some 400 French riot police have been stationed for more than a year at Orly Airport, but have been concentrating on protecting planes of El Al Israel Airlines and "other endangered companies." Normal security precautions include following all planes--those taking off and those landing--in police cars and with machine guns at the ready. These measures are not, however, applied to Air France planes, nor are they searched. Individual companies are responsible for security aboard their planes at Orly. Although certain companies, like El Al, impose stringent security regulations, Air France has refrained from doing so.

Ben Natan, speaking at a meeting inaugurating Israel Week in Grenoble, said, "It is up to the airlines to insure that its passengers do not carry weapons." He called for a thorough investigation of how the three killers managed to board the Air France jetliner. An Air France spokesman in Paris said that the arms were probably stored in the killers' checked luggage. He declined to indicate whether the baggage had been checked at Orly.

(In New York, however, another Air France spokesman said that the killers had boarded the plane at Da Vinci Airport in Rome. He said that he had it confirmed in Paris that the passengers went through normal control in Rome, and that the Italian authorities "would have to speak for their own security measures.") A Paris airport spokesman said that hand baggage is always inspected, but checked baggage is only subject to spot checks during "calm" periods.

SECURITY MEASURES TIGHTENED AT LYDDA

TEL AVIV, May 31 (JTA)--Security measures were tightened this morning at Lydda Airport. Incoming passengers are now requested to identify their luggage which is taken off the luggage compartment while still near the plane. Only then are the passengers escorted to the passport control lounge and to the customs hall where the luggage arrives under guard. In spite of this additional inconvenience to passengers traffic at the airport was normal. Thirty flights took off this morning and many more later in the day. El Al had 11 flights today though one of her Boeings had to be taken out of service for several days as it was slightly damaged by machine gun fire.

**POSSIBLE BASIS FOR ISRAELI-EGYPTIAN
COMPROMISE TO REOPEN SUEZ CANAL**

By JOSEPH POLAKOFF

JTA Washington Bureau Chief

TEHERAN, May 31 (JTA)--It appears a basis has been laid down for action in the direction of an Israeli-Egyptian compromise to reopen the Suez Canal, although according to the joint Soviet-American communique--reaffirming support for a peaceful settlement in the Middle East--the attitude of the superpowers has not changed. Egyptian President Anwar Sadat realizes the Soviet Union, at least for the present, will not sanction any war moves, according to a highly knowledgeable western diplomatic source here. While Sadat has been threatening war to recover the Sinal, he is now trapped in a canyon with walls of peace set up by the superpowers.

The Kremlin is unlikely to jeopardize the movement toward a European security conference to shore up its western borders, even if the Cairo government is beset by domestic pressures. Neither is it likely before the November elections that President Nixon will pressure Israel into accepting something it does not want. This leaves Sadat to reexamine the opportunity for progress offered to him last year by Secretary of State William P. Rogers--an interim agreement whereby Egypt can reopen the canal and improve the country's economy while seeking other accommodations with Israel.

The Israelis have agreed to negotiate on the canal issue, while Cairo has rejected it, insisting on an Israeli commitment to withdraw from the Sinal first. According to western diplomatic circles here Israel might go further than it has up to now in the effort to reach a compromise solution. Nobody here is optimistic that the Jarring mission will find a formula when it has failed for so long to produce bilateral discussions.

Dr. Henry Kissinger, White House advisor on national security affairs, had said in Moscow regarding the apparent unchanged attitudes expressed in the joint US-USSR communique, that inaction is also policy. He pointed out that keeping the Arab-Israeli situation from becoming "inflamed" represents "tangible progress" between the Soviet Union and the United States.

**PROF. AHARON KATZIR-KATCHALSKY, HEAD
OF POLYMER DEPT. OF WEIZMANN INSTITUTE,
KILLED IN LYDDA MASSACRE; WAS 58**

TEL AVIV, May 31 (JTA)--Funeral services will be held Friday for Prof. Aharon Katzir-Katchalsky, an internationally famous scientist, head of the Polymer Department at the Weizmann Institute of Science in Rehovoth, who was killed in the Lydda Airport massacre last night while returning from a scientific conference in West Germany. Dr. Katzir-Katchalsky was 58.

He was fatally wounded by a Japanese gunman as he was walking towards the customs barrier where his wife, Rena, and his son were waiting to greet him. Mrs. Katzir-Katchalsky was slightly wounded. His body will lie in state at the Weizmann Institute where the funeral services will be held. President Zalman Shazar, Premier Golda Meir and other top ranking Israeli government officials will attend. In addition, leading scientists from all parts of the world are expected to be present at the burial ceremonies. The services were scheduled for Friday to enable them to reach Israel.

Credited With Major Breakthrough

Prof. Katzir-Katchalsky was born in Lodz, Poland in 1914, came to Palestine in 1925 and was educated at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem where

he earned his Ph.D. in chemistry. His specialty was the thermo-dynamics of irreversible processes and their application to biological membranes. His special field of research was the brain. Prof. Katzir-Katchalsky and colleagues at the Weizmann Institute were credited with a major scientific breakthrough recently when they developed a process to convert chemical energy directly to mechanical energy without an intermediary process.

Prof. Katzir-Katchalsky headed many Israeli and international scientific bodies, was holder of the Weizmann Prize and the Israel Prize in exact sciences and of many international honors. Last year he was elected a foreign member of the National Academy of Sciences in Washington, D.C. and was also a foreign member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, an honorary fellow of the New York Academy of Sciences and a member of the American Chemical Society, Colloid Division. He was also a visiting professor at Harvard University and the University of California, Berkeley; Herter Lecturer at Johns Hopkins University and Forester Lecturer at the State University of New York.

**JAPANESE TERRORIST SQUADS
ACTIVE THROUGHOUT WESTERN WORLD**

LONDON, May 31 (JTA)--An expert on international terrorist activities said here today that Japanese suicide terrorist squads are active throughout the western world. His comment came in response to the murderous attack at Lydda Airport by three Japanese gunmen last night. The expert, whose name was withheld, said such suicide killers work with Latin American urban guerrillas, African terrorist groups, Trotskyist groups in Western Europe and with militant organizations in other countries.

Information received here today from Dublin said a conference of terrorist groups took place there last weekend. Among those present at the Dublin meeting were Palestinian terrorists, sponsored by Algeria and Libya and carrying diplomatic passports. Three Japanese appeared at a meeting here yesterday of an "African Liberation Group."

BEN-AHARON APPEALS FOR AIR SAFETY

TEL AVIV, May 31 (JTA)--Histadrut General Secretary Itzhak Ben-Aharon cabled today to the secretariate of the International Free Trade Union Confederation and to the International Transport Workers Union asking them to raise their voices against the attacks on air transport and urged them to take steps to bring an end to such acts. He called on world aviation workers to make sure that passengers do not enter planes with firearms in their luggage and to pay special attention to people coming from Arab countries.

BOMB SCARE AT FRENCH CONSULATE

TEL AVIV, May 31 (JTA)--Police sappers carried out a thorough search this afternoon in the French Consulate building in Haifa after telephone warnings were received by the police, the Consulate and the Haifa broadcasting system that a bomb was planted in the Consulate building. However, a search failed to locate any bomb.

Meanwhile, two TWA planes were searched thoroughly after an anonymous call was received at Lydda Airport saying a bomb was in a TWA jumbo jet. The jet was searched as well as a Boeing 707 which was also at the airport. Nothing was found and the planes departed with a short delay.