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TWO SS OFFICERS ACQUITTED

BONN, Sept. 20 (JTA)--A Luebeck jury has acquitted former SS officer Franz Wunsch, 50, and Otto Graf, 52. Both were accused of the mass murder of Jews in Eastern Europe during World War II. They were found not guilty.

JEWISH COMMUNITY CHAIRMAN RESIGNS

COPENHAGEN, Sept. 20 (JTA)--Isi Foigl, Jewish community chairman, and his two deputies, Carl Metz and Gerhard Salomon, have resigned in the aftermath of a controversy over the threatened resignation of Denmark's Chief Rabbi. Chief Rabbi Bent Melchior said yesterday he was resigning because of a conflict with Foigl over the rabbi's appeal to the government to recall its ambassadors from Arab countries supporting terrorists. It appears today, however, that he will not resign. The rabbi said last night his protest was against "the system," not against individuals.

INQUIRY COMMISSION WORKING OVERTIME

JERUSALEM, Sept. 20 (JTA)--A three-man commission appointed by Premier Golda Meir to

inquire into possible security lapses and other aspects of the Sept. 5 Munich tragedy continued to work overtime today to meet the Sept. 25 deadline set by Mrs. Meir for its report. The panel, headed by former Police Chief Pinhas Koppel, took testimony today from sportsmen, various officials and security personnel concerning the events surrounding the murder of 11 Israeli Olympic athletes by Arab terrorists 15 days ago.

Meanwhile, a heated debate ensued in the Knesset this evening over a Gahal opposition motion that the inquiry be turned over to a Knesset committee composed of representatives of all parties. Premier Meir had specifically rejected such a plan. The Knesset defeated the motion by a vote of 46-27, with four abstentions. Mrs. Meir, replying to the debate, said a parliamentary committee would be too unwieldy to conduct a thorough and effective inquiry because most or all of the parties would have to be represented. The Premier hinted that she herself had favored a public or parliamentary inquiry, but the majority of the Cabinet had voted for a government-appointed commission and she accepted this.

Gahal contended that the panel named by Mrs. Meir could not be objective in probing possible lapses or errors on the part of Israel's security services because its members are all former top level civil servants with personal ties to the very people they are investigating.

To Defuse Debate;

WALDHEIM RECOMMENDS TERRORISM ISSUE BE SHIFTED FROM ASSEMBLY TO COMMITTEE

UNITED NATIONS, Sept. 20 (JTA)--In a move that is expected to defuse debate over the question of terrorism at the 27th session of the United Nations General Assembly, Secretary General Kurt Waldheim has recommended that the issue be initially referred to the Assembly's Sixth Committee, which handles legal matters. Waldheim had originally proposed that the matter be taken up directly by the entire Assembly.

UN observers noted that the switch would take the issue out of the spotlight of the full Assembly and "cool" the debate. It is also understood that the Secretary General now feels the subject can get more detailed treatment in the Sixth Committee than if it were to come directly to general debate in the Assembly.

By the same token, though, observers noted that the controversial item could get bogged down in committee, where it could be prevented from ever reaching the whole Assembly. But one UN source said the Sixth Committee is a "very respectable committee" and Waldheim's move should not be interpreted as an effort to "kill" the item. The source nevertheless doubted that any UN resolution would be strong enough to put an end to terrorism. The UN is not "the organ to deal effectively with terror warfare," the source contended.

Sensitive Issue For Many Nations

The proposed item, which is being sponsored by the Secretary General, is entitled "Measures to prevent terrorism and other forms of violence which endanger or take innocent human lives or jeopardize fundamental freedoms." It could result in a resolution calling for government action to reduce the incidents of such violence. Thus, it is a sensitive issue not only for Arab states, which might be required to curb terrorists operating from within their borders, but also for other nations, such as the United States, which have been plagued by airplane hijackings.

A Western source, commenting on Waldheim's

move, said proceeding through the Sixth Committee is "a more orderly and a neater way of doing it." Actual inclusion of the item on the agenda of the current Assembly session is to be decided by the Assembly's General Committee later today or tomorrow.

Meanwhile, a UN spokesman indicated today that the Mideast peace-keeping mission of UN special envoy Gunnar V. Jarring is continuing. Jarring arrived at the UN earlier this week, the spokesman said, and will be meeting with the parties involved in the conflict. Dr. Jarring is also expected to confer with Waldheim as well as with representatives of other governments interested in effecting a peace settlement. As during past General Assembly sessions, Dr. Jarring's schedule of appointments is not being made public.

LATE NEWS BULLETIN

NEW YORK, Sept. 20 (JTA)--The Supreme Soviet today ratified the Aug. 3 decree establishing high visa fees for college-educated Jews seeking to emigrate from the Soviet Union, the National Conference for Soviet Jewry reported tonight. The NCSJ also reported that 30 Moscow Jews, among them leading activists, are being held by Soviet authorities following demonstrations outside the Supreme Soviet over the visa fee issue. Sixteen were arrested yesterday and 14 more were picked up today, the NCSJ said. Jewish sources in the Soviet Union expressed fear today that the 30 may be held in custody until after Simhat Torah (Oct. 1) in order to discourage Jewish demonstrations during the holiday.

JDL SAYS IT PLANNED TO ATTACK ARAB DIPLOMATS, MISSIONS, IN EUROPE

JERUSALEM, Sept. 20 (JTA)--The Jewish Defense League said last night that it planned to attack Arab diplomats and missions in Europe and the United States but was prevented from doing so by the intervention of Israeli security forces. The disclosure was made by JDL secretary Yosef Schneider at a press conference here after a JDL member, Abraham Hershkovitz, was arrested yesterday for attempting to smuggle arms and ammunition out of the country.

A police spokesman said that Hershkovitz, 28, attempted to leave the country with two sub-machineguns, two pistols, three hand grenades and a quantity of ammunition. He has been remanded in custody. Schneider claimed that Hershkovitz was unaware of the contents of the crate he was "ordered to take to the US."

The JDL secretary admitted that the arms were intended for attacks on Arab missions in the US and Europe and said they were "contributed by good Jews." Rabbi Meir Kahane, leader of the JDL, said of Hershkovitz today, "He only wanted to act on behalf of his people and for this he is in jail."

Schneider said the JDL planned to send a team to Europe to capture Arabs to be held hostage for the release of Israeli prisoners and Syrian Jews. But the Israeli security services learned of the plan and warned the JDL that no members of the kidnap teams would be allowed to leave the country, Schneider said. He added that it was then that the plan evolved to smuggle arms out of the country.

Longshoremen went on strike in Haifa port today refusing to unload 14 ships which may have to be diverted to Ashdod. The strikers said new work rules may reduce their income. The Haifa Labor Council, which opposed the strike, said the new rules will lead to greater efficiency and would not undermine the present wage system.

500 JEWS IN 5-DAY FAST

NEW YORK, Sept. 20 (JTA)--An estimated 500 American Jews took part in a five-day "fast for life" in the period between Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur, to protest the war in Vietnam and the murder of 11 Israeli athletes in Munich, the major American Reform agencies reported today.

Led by 100 Orthodox, Conservative and Reform rabbis, the fasters were joined by thousands of other congregants who did not abstain from eating for either personal or medical reasons but wanted to show their support, according to the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, which is the association of Reform synagogues, and the Central Conference of American Rabbis, which is the Reform rabbinical association. Involved were congregations in New York, Los Angeles, Chicago, Philadelphia, Boston, Baltimore, Washington, D.C. and a number in New Jersey and Long Island.

The initial call for a fast was issued several weeks ago by the Committee on Justice and Peace of the CCAR. The UAHC provided active support through its 710 member congregations and national office. The Munich massacre led to an expansion of the scope of the demonstration and elicited the support of a number of Conservative and Orthodox rabbis.

Activities Implemented And Planned

Rabbi Alan W. Miller of the Society for the Advancement of Judaism, said "we must mourn the death of a Palestinian child as an abomination, as well as the death of the 11 Israelis killed at Munich." He said that society, including Jews, "had become inured to death and destruction."

Many rabbis expressed the view that the time had come to stop preaching and start acting. Rabbi Sally Preisand, the first woman rabbi in Jewish history, who is an assistant rabbi at the Stephen Wise Free Synagogue here, listed some of the activities implemented and planned. Money has been collected for the families of the Munich victims, support has been created for Able Nathan's peace ship, peace candidates in the current political campaign will be helped and new demonstrations will be held to get more Jews involved.

Telegrams of protest were sent to President Nixon. One from the fasters in Manhattan said in part that "we are deeply anguished by the devastation of human life caused by the continued bombing of North Vietnam." The fasters added that "this indifference to the transcendent value of life" had helped to create an atmosphere conducive to "acts of violence and fanaticism of all kinds" and "we therefore cannot separate the 11 Israelis massacred at Munich from the murders of Vietnamese peasants or of innocent civilians anywhere."

UAW PROTESTS SOVIET VISA FEES

DETROIT, Sept. 20 (JTA)--The new head tax imposed by Soviet authorities on educated Jews wanting to emigrate to Israel is "a grim reminder of Nazi Germany's attempt during World War II to ransom Jews for trucks and materials," the UAW International Executive Board stated in a resolution several days ago. It termed the tax "a direct violation of all codes of civilized behavior as well as the United Nations Declaration of Human Rights."

The board added: "A UAW delegation, on a recent visit to the Soviet Union, noted everywhere strong evidence of industrial progress and social development. The head tax, however, can only be interpreted as a throwback to Russian practices of other centuries when prices were set on the liberty of serfs...." Whatever the dictates of Soviet

foreign policy in the Middle East might be, "this act can only be interpreted as one of thinly-disguised anti-Semitism (or)...anti-intellectualism," the resolution added.

"To justify the tax on the grounds that the Soviet State has paid for the education of the emigrants is an act of crass cost accounting which not even the most voracious private corporation would dare emulate. Elementary principles of social justice which we, as workers, have always struggled for, tell us that educational opportunities should be equally available to all, not used as a carrot to the political conformist or as a stick to the non-conformist."

The resolution noted that the average prospective emigrant could never save enough money to pay a head tax which, in some cases, is as high as \$37,000. The UAW "deeply regrets and is saddened by this Soviet act and calls upon that government...to rescind the policy and...to permit the free movement of all Soviet citizens across their own national frontiers," the IEB resolution declared.

23 CONGRESSMEN PUT USSR ON NOTICE

NEW YORK, Sept. 20 (JTA)--Twenty-three New York area Congressmen responded to the call last week for a "Special Order of Congress" made by 11 of their colleagues, Stanley Lowell, chairman of the Greater New York Conference on Soviet Jewry, reported today. The bipartisan response put the Soviet Union on notice that their restrictive policy on Soviet Jews will effect Congressional debates on pending USSR-US trade relations. Lowell noted that "the critical nature of the situation now facing the Soviet Jewish community is clearly seen with grave concern on the part of New York area Congressmen."

The Special Order meeting was called to discuss "the bearing the restrictive emigration policy and the Soviets' ransom demands have on issues Congress will deal with--including the Soviets' wish for most favored nation status, commodity credit, corporation loans, Export-Import Ban credits, and change in Overseas Private Investment Corporation legislation to allow Soviet credits."

Among the Congressmen who participated in the meeting was Rep. William F. Ryan (D,NY) who died of throat cancer Sunday night at the age of 50. Lowell, in a tribute to the Democratic Reform movement leader, stated: "Congressman Ryan was a good friend to the Jewish community and, in particular, to the cause of Soviet Jewry. He was among the first to speak out on behalf of Soviet Jewry, and even with pain and discomfort, Mr. Ryan never failed to respond to the plight of Soviet Jewry."

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The Deputy Prime Minister indirectly criticized some segments of world Jewry who have spoken of mounting their own offensive against terrorists. "I don't think this should become a Jewish problem. It is an Israeli problem and a problem for each of the countries where the Arab terrorists operate," Allon emphasized. He dismissed reports that Israel was preparing to use its own agents to stage a counter-attack against terrorists on European soil. "We are not planning any illegal operation in anybody else's country," Allon said.

OFFIR IDENTIFIES ASSAILANT

BRUSSELS, Sept. 20 (JTA)--Zadok Offir, the Israeli diplomat wounded last Sunday by an Arab terrorist gunman, has confirmed his assailant was former Moroccan officer Hassan Ben Joudat for whom an international arrest warrant has been issued. Police said Offir's condition is continuing to improve and that he was able to respond to police questioning for the first time last Friday. In a related development, an Interior Ministry representative presented to the Senate Committee for the Interior a report on the reinforced security measures taken by the government before and after the attack on Offir.

TWO SS OFFICERS ACQUITTED

BONN, Sept. 20 (JTA)--A Luebeck jury has acquitted former SS officer Franz Wunsch, 50, and Otto Graf, 52. Both were accused of the mass murder of Jews in Eastern Europe during World War II. They were found not guilty.

JEWISH COMMUNITY CHAIRMAN RESIGNS

COPENHAGEN, Sept. 20 (JTA)--Isi Foigl, Jewish community chairman, and his two deputies, Carl Metz and Gerhard Salomon, have resigned in the aftermath of a controversy over the threatened resignation of Denmark's Chief Rabbi. Chief Rabbi Bent Melchior said yesterday he was resigning because of a conflict with Foigl over the rabbi's appeal to the government to recall its ambassadors from Arab countries supporting terrorists. It appears today, however, that he will not resign. The rabbi said last night his protest was against "the system," not against individuals.

INQUIRY COMMISSION WORKING OVERTIME

JERUSALEM, Sept. 20 (JTA)--A three-man commission appointed by Premier Golda Meir to

inquire into possible security lapses and other aspects of the Sept. 5 Munich tragedy continued to work overtime today to meet the Sept. 25 deadline set by Mrs. Meir for its report. The panel, headed by former Police Chief Pinhas Koppel, took testimony today from sportsmen, various officials and security personnel concerning the events surrounding the murder of 11 Israeli Olympic athletes by Arab terrorists 15 days ago.

Meanwhile, a heated debate ensued in the Knesset this evening over a Gahal opposition motion that the inquiry be turned over to a Knesset committee composed of representatives of all parties. Premier Meir had specifically rejected such a plan. The Knesset defeated the motion by a vote of 46-27, with four abstentions. Mrs. Meir, replying to the debate, said a parliamentary committee would be too unwieldy to conduct a thorough and effective inquiry because most or all of the parties would have to be represented. The Premier hinted that she herself had favored a public or parliamentary inquiry, but the majority of the Cabinet had voted for a government-appointed commission and she accepted this.

Gahal contended that the panel named by Mrs. Meir could not be objective in probing possible lapses or errors on the part of Israel's security services because its members are all former top level civil servants with personal ties to the very people they are investigating.

To Defuse Debate;

WALDHEIM RECOMMENDS TERRORISM ISSUE BE SHIFTED FROM ASSEMBLY TO COMMITTEE

UNITED NATIONS, Sept. 20 (JTA)--In a move that is expected to defuse debate over the question of terrorism at the 27th session of the United Nations General Assembly, Secretary General Kurt Waldheim has recommended that the issue be initially referred to the Assembly's Sixth Committee, which handles legal matters. Waldheim had originally proposed that the matter be taken up directly by the entire Assembly.

UN observers noted that the switch would take the issue out of the spotlight of the full Assembly and "cool" the debate. It is also understood that the Secretary General now feels the subject can get more detailed treatment in the Sixth Committee than if it were to come directly to general debate in the Assembly.

By the same token, though, observers noted that the controversial item could get bogged down in committee, where it could be prevented from ever reaching the whole Assembly. But one UN source said the Sixth Committee is a "very respectable committee" and Waldheim's move should not be interpreted as an effort to "kill" the item. The source nevertheless doubted that any UN resolution would be strong enough to put an end to terrorism. The UN is not "the organ to deal effectively with terror warfare," the source contended.

Sensitive Issue For Many Nations

The proposed item, which is being sponsored by the Secretary General, is entitled "Measures to prevent terrorism and other forms of violence which endanger or take innocent human lives or jeopardize fundamental freedoms." It could result in a resolution calling for government action to reduce the incidents of such violence. Thus, it is a sensitive issue not only for Arab states, which might be required to curb terrorists operating from within their borders, but also for other nations, such as the United States, which have been plagued by airplane hijackings.

A Western source, commenting on Waldheim's

move, said proceeding through the Sixth Committee is "a more orderly and a neater way of doing it." Actual inclusion of the item on the agenda of the current Assembly session is to be decided by the Assembly's General Committee later today or tomorrow.

Meanwhile, a UN spokesman indicated today that the Mideast peace-keeping mission of UN special envoy Gunnar V. Jarring is continuing. Jarring arrived at the UN earlier this week, the spokesman said, and will be meeting with the parties involved in the conflict. Dr. Jarring is also expected to confer with Waldheim as well as with representatives of other governments interested in effecting a peace settlement. As during past General Assembly sessions, Dr. Jarring's schedule of appointments is not being made public.

LATE NEWS BULLETIN

NEW YORK, Sept. 20 (JTA)--The Supreme Soviet today ratified the Aug. 3 decree establishing high visa fees for college-educated Jews seeking to emigrate from the Soviet Union, the National Conference for Soviet Jewry reported tonight. The NCSJ also reported that 30 Moscow Jews, among them leading activists, are being held by Soviet authorities following demonstrations outside the Supreme Soviet over the visa fee issue. Sixteen were arrested yesterday and 14 more were picked up today, the NCSJ said. Jewish sources in the Soviet Union expressed fear today that the 30 may be held in custody until after Simhat Torah (Oct. 1) in order to discourage Jewish demonstrations during the holiday.

JDL SAYS IT PLANNED TO ATTACK ARAB DIPLOMATS, MISSIONS, IN EUROPE

JERUSALEM, Sept. 20 (JTA)--The Jewish Defense League said last night that it planned to attack Arab diplomats and missions in Europe and the United States but was prevented from doing so by the intervention of Israeli security forces. The disclosure was made by JDL secretary Yosef Schneider at a press conference here after a JDL member, Abraham Hershkovitz, was arrested yesterday for attempting to smuggle arms and ammunition out of the country.

A police spokesman said that Hershkovitz, 28, attempted to leave the country with two sub-machineguns, two pistols, three hand grenades and a quantity of ammunition. He has been remanded in custody. Schneider claimed that Hershkovitz was unaware of the contents of the crate he was "ordered to take to the US."

The JDL secretary admitted that the arms were intended for attacks on Arab missions in the US and Europe and said they were "contributed by good Jews." Rabbi Meir Kahane, leader of the JDL, said of Hershkovitz today, "He only wanted to act on behalf of his people and for this he is in jail."

Schneider said the JDL planned to send a team to Europe to capture Arabs to be held hostage for the release of Israeli prisoners and Syrian Jews. But the Israeli security services learned of the plan and warned the JDL that no members of the kidnap teams would be allowed to leave the country, Schneider said. He added that it was then that the plan evolved to smuggle arms out of the country.

Longshoremen went on strike in Haifa port today refusing to unload 14 ships which may have to be diverted to Ashdod. The strikers said new work rules may reduce their income. The Haifa Labor Council, which opposed the strike, said the new rules will lead to greater efficiency and would not undermine the present wage system.

500 JEWS IN 5-DAY FAST

NEW YORK, Sept. 20 (JTA)--An estimated 500 American Jews took part in a five-day "fast for life" in the period between Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur, to protest the war in Vietnam and the murder of 11 Israeli athletes in Munich, the major American Reform agencies reported today.

Led by 100 Orthodox, Conservative and Reform rabbis, the fasters were joined by thousands of other congregants who did not abstain from eating for either personal or medical reasons but wanted to show their support, according to the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, which is the association of Reform synagogues, and the Central Conference of American Rabbis, which is the Reform rabbinical association. Involved were congregations in New York, Los Angeles, Chicago, Philadelphia, Boston, Baltimore, Washington, D.C. and a number in New Jersey and Long Island.

The initial call for a fast was issued several weeks ago by the Committee on Justice and Peace of the CCAR. The UAHC provided active support through its 710 member congregations and national office. The Munich massacre led to an expansion of the scope of the demonstration and elicited the support of a number of Conservative and Orthodox rabbis.

Activities Implemented And Planned

Rabbi Alan W. Miller of the Society for the Advancement of Judaism, said "we must mourn the death of a Palestinian child as an abomination, as well as the death of the 11 Israelis killed at Munich." He said that society, including Jews, "had become inured to death and destruction."

Many rabbis expressed the view that the time had come to stop preaching and start acting. Rabbi Sally Preisand, the first woman rabbi in Jewish history, who is an assistant rabbi at the Stephen Wise Free Synagogue here, listed some of the activities implemented and planned. Money has been collected for the families of the Munich victims, support has been created for Able Nathan's peace ship, peace candidates in the current political campaign will be helped and new demonstrations will be held to get more Jews involved.

Telegrams of protest were sent to President Nixon. One from the fasters in Manhattan said in part that "we are deeply anguished by the devastation of human life caused by the continued bombing of North Vietnam." The fasters added that "this indifference to the transcendent value of life" had helped to create an atmosphere conducive to "acts of violence and fanaticism of all kinds" and "we therefore cannot separate the 11 Israelis massacred at Munich from the murders of Vietnamese peasants or of innocent civilians anywhere."

UAW PROTESTS SOVIET VISA FEES

DETROIT, Sept. 20 (JTA)--The new head tax imposed by Soviet authorities on educated Jews wanting to emigrate to Israel is "a grim reminder of Nazi Germany's attempt during World War II to ransom Jews for trucks and materials," the UAW International Executive Board stated in a resolution several days ago. It termed the tax "a direct violation of all codes of civilized behavior as well as the United Nations Declaration of Human Rights."

The board added: "A UAW delegation, on a recent visit to the Soviet Union, noted everywhere strong evidence of industrial progress and social development. The head tax, however, can only be interpreted as a throwback to Russian practices of other centuries when prices were set on the liberty of serfs...." Whatever the dictates of Soviet

foreign policy in the Middle East might be, "this act can only be interpreted as one of thinly-disguised anti-Semitism (or)...anti-intellectualism," the resolution added.

"To justify the tax on the grounds that the Soviet State has paid for the education of the emigrants is an act of crass cost accounting which not even the most voracious private corporation would dare emulate. Elementary principles of social justice which we, as workers, have always struggled for, tell us that educational opportunities should be equally available to all, not used as a carrot to the political conformist or as a stick to the non-conformist."

The resolution noted that the average prospective emigrant could never save enough money to pay a head tax which, in some cases, is as high as \$37,000. The UAW "deeply regrets and is saddened by this Soviet act and calls upon that government...to rescind the policy and...to permit the free movement of all Soviet citizens across their own national frontiers," the IEB resolution declared.

23 CONGRESSMEN PUT USSR ON NOTICE

NEW YORK, Sept. 20 (JTA)--Twenty-three New York area Congressmen responded to the call last week for a "Special Order of Congress" made by 11 of their colleagues, Stanley Lowell, chairman of the Greater New York Conference on Soviet Jewry, reported today. The bipartisan response put the Soviet Union on notice that their restrictive policy on Soviet Jews will effect Congressional debates on pending USSR-US trade relations. Lowell noted that "the critical nature of the situation now facing the Soviet Jewish community is clearly seen with grave concern on the part of New York area Congressmen."

The Special Order meeting was called to discuss "the bearing the restrictive emigration policy and the Soviets' ransom demands have on issues Congress will deal with--including the Soviets' wish for most favored nation status, commodity credit, corporation loans, Export-Import Ban credits, and change in Overseas Private Investment Corporation legislation to allow Soviet credits."

Among the Congressmen who participated in the meeting was Rep. William F. Ryan (D,NY) who died of throat cancer Sunday night at the age of 50. Lowell, in a tribute to the Democratic Reform movement leader, stated: "Congressman Ryan was a good friend to the Jewish community and, in particular, to the cause of Soviet Jewry. He was among the first to speak out on behalf of Soviet Jewry, and even with pain and discomfort, Mr. Ryan never failed to respond to the plight of Soviet Jewry."

NEW YORK, Sept. 20 (JTA)--Two Soviet Jewish families--four adults and five children--arrived today at Kennedy Airport on a flight from Rome. Their migration to the United States, which was assisted by the United Hias Service, ended a 20-year separation between the two families and their relatives here. Mr. and Mrs. Salomon Volcovics and their two sons, Moisy, 13, and Ignatz, 11, are from Vinogradov. Mr. and Mrs. Ignatz Halpert and their two sons and a daughter, Leopold, 21, Desider, 20, and Eta, 23, are from Mukachevo. Both families will be residing in the Greater New York area. Ignatz, Moisy, Eta and Leopold entered the US under the parole authority of the US Attorney General.