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Malcolm Hoenlein, executive director of the Greater New York Conference on Soviet Jewry, warned that the failure by the Supreme Soviet to ratify the exit fee tax should not be misinterpreted. "By no means does this fact put an end to the ransom," he said. "Public outcries must continue and increase if we are to bring about a revocation of this unjust law." Hoenlein said that a demonstration planned for next Tuesday when Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko addresses the UN General Assembly "takes on even greater significance at this time."

1200 SOVIET JEWS APPEAL TO WALDHEIM

UNITED NATIONS, Sept. 21 (JTA)--Yosef Tekoah, Israel's Ambassador to the UN, met today with Secretary General Kurt Waldheim and transmitted to him an appeal signed by more than 500 Soviet Jews calling for United Nations action against the repressive measure of an extortionist ransom tax imposed on all Jews with academic education who desire to unite with their families and their people in Israel. The appeal was addressed to Waldheim and to Heads of Delegations to the 27th session of the General Assembly. It was signed by Jews from various parts of the Soviet Union.

Tekoah also drew Waldheim's attention to the intensification of harassment and oppression of Soviet Jews by the Soviet authorities and in particular to the arrest this week of 30 Moscow Jews. He also transmitted to the Secretary General 36 letters on behalf of approximately 700 Soviet Jews who are pleading for assistance in their efforts to exercise their fundamental human right to join their families in Israel.

McGOVERN SAYS HIS SUPPORT OF ISRAEL NOT AN INSTRUMENT OF COLD WAR POLITICS Calls For Delay On Treaties With Soviet Union

NEW YORK, Sept. 21 (JTA)--Sen. George McGovern declared here today that his "long commitment" to support of Israel was "not simply an instrument of cold war politics" and that the commitment did not begin with the Soviet buildup in Arab countries and would not end when the Soviet presence ended. The Democratic nominee for President spoke at a special meeting of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations.

He had been invited so that he could present "in his own words his views on subjects of particular interest to the Jewish community of the United States," according to Jacob Stein, chairman of the Presidents' Conference. Stein said a similar invitation had been extended to President Nixon. A number of Jewish leaders have criticized McGovern on Israel and on such domestic issues as quotas in hiring for members of minorities.

After his formal address, in which he repeated many of the statements he had made on those issues, he responded to questions submitted on cards by members of the audience, which were read to him by Stein.

Opposes Reduction of U.S. Military Strength

McGovern said he opposed the Middle East peace formula offered by Secretary of State William P. Rogers, which calls for Israeli withdrawal with only minor alterations. He reminded his audience that two years ago the Presidents' Conference sponsored an advertisement accusing the Nixon administration of a "drift" toward an imposed peace in the Middle East and added he was one of the Congressmen who signed that protest.

He asserted that the Nixon administration's criticism of other countries for harboring Arab terrorists was undermined by the continued US involvement in the Vietnam war. He said: "How can we expect to be a moral force in the Middle East when we are continuing the greatest moral and political disaster of this country?"

McGovern was asked how the US would be able to continue to assure its commitments to Israel's security if he, as President, brought about a reduction in the US armed power. He said his proposal for a major reduction in US military spending was not aimed at the nation's military strength but was a proposal for "elimination of duplication and waste which is a fact of life" in the military establishment.

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He traced what he repeatedly termed his "moral commitment" to Israel's security back to 1957 when he entered the Congress. He said that, on Jan. 31, 1957, he declared in Congress that "America will be ill-advised" if it strengthened the hands of those opposed to Israel. On the issue of quotas in employment, he said "I am not for percentage quotas," and emphasized that the Democratic Party guidelines for selection of delegates to the convention which nominated him "did not require percentage quotas."

McGovern said that "the basic consideration for government service should be the ability of the applicant" but he also contended that efforts should be made, in that context, to give members of all minority groups "a fair shot." He reiterated his stand, announced earlier in the week, in support of aid to parents of children in non-public schools, adding that he would support tax credits for such parents if that approach was constitutional.

Speaking about the problems of Soviet Jews, par-

ticularly the recently imposed heavy exit fees for Russian Jews seeking to emigrate, McGovern characterized the fees "a slave tax." He urged Nixon to delay presentation of treaties required for expanded Soviet-American trade until he was assured the high fees would be cancelled.

Noting that a number of Senators and Representatives opposed approval of the required treaties while the high exit fees remained in effect, McGovern said he supported Sen. Abraham Ribicoff's (D. Conn.) amendment to withhold giving the Soviet Union most-favored-nation status until the Soviets drop "their ransom-like exit fees." He also declared he opposed granting that status to the Soviet Union as long as the Soviets supplied the Arab terrorists with weapons.

Stein also said, when he introduced McGovern, that the Presidents' Conference provides a unified platform by which American Jewry can express its views on all international affairs as the most all-embracing coalition of the world's largest Jewish community. "It is, of course, non-partisan in the political sense."

ISRAELI FORCES MAY POLICE 'FATAHLAND'

TEL AVIV, Sept. 21 (JTA)--Israeli sources suggested today that Israeli forces might have to be used to police "Fatahland," the southern portion of Lebanon on Israel's border, because of Lebanese government "inactivity" against the terrorist groups in that section.

The sources said Israel may be forced to send in forces to police the area south of the Litani River, the northern edge of Fatahland, thus forcing the terrorists to concentrate north of the Litani River and bringing their bases much closer to Beirut, and perhaps force a confrontation with the Lebanese government.

The sources said Israel could not accept indefinitely the weakness of the Lebanese government and its resulting inactivity against terrorists in Fatahland. The sources reported that since the Six-Day War, 64 Israelis have been killed and 247 injured along the Lebanese-Israeli border.

Last night, Israeli units in the Golan Heights twice returned fire at the Syrian line after Syrian shells exploded in the Israeli-administered sector. The exchanges coincided with reports of a beefing up of Syrian positions stemming from what Israeli officials believed to be Syrian expectations of an Israeli reprisal action.

200 PROTEST SOVIET VISA FEES

NEW YORK, Sept. 21 (JTA)--Some 200 American Jews staged a counter-dance festival last night at the City Center opening here of the Beryozka Dance Company of the Soviet Union to "remind" company members and patrons entering the theater that "other Russian artists and intellectuals are being oppressed and harassed" because they are Jews desiring to emigrate to Israel. The protest was coordinated by the American Jewish Congress on behalf of the Greater New York Conference on Soviet Jewry.

In a statement distributed to patrons entering the theater and passers-by, Theodore J. Kolish, chairman of the AJCongress' New York Metropolitan Council, declared: "Our purpose is not to boycott the Beryozka Dance Company nor to prevent New Yorkers from attending the performances of these talented dancers. We ask the members of the Beryozka Dance Company, we ask those going in to enjoy their performance to join with us in denouncing" the recent Soviet actions to "isolate, intimidate, harass and oppress the Jews of the Soviet Union."

REFORM JUDAISM LEADERS SAY NIXON ADMINISTRATION MAY BE SOFT-PEDALING SOVIET JEWRY ISSUE TO REACH DETENTE

NEW YORK, Sept. 21 (JTA)--National leaders of American Reform Judaism have called upon the Nixon administration and Congress not to enter into any trade agreements with the Soviet Union "until the evil practice of exit visa ransom for Soviet Jews is rescinded by the Soviet Union." They stated that there is a growing feeling on the part of Soviet Jews that Kremlin leaders believe the Nixon administration will not pressure Moscow on the issue of Soviet Jewry in order to achieve a US-USSR detente.

The executive board of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations unanimously appealed today to President Nixon to speak out and lead an international outcry of protest. "If the moral leader of our nation maintains silence on this matter, then the Soviet government and all other nations will conclude that trade takes precedence over human rights," Rabbi Maurice N. Eisendrath, UAHC president, in presenting the resolution, declared: "We and other Jewish agencies have received alarming reports showing a deterioration of conditions for Soviet Jews since the President's summit meeting."

He named as examples the newly imposed exit fees, increased harassment and arrests and an intensified campaign by the KGB and Soviet officials against Jewish intellectuals seeking to emigrate. Furthermore, Rabbi Eisendrath noted, "We have received reports from Soviet Jews that, based on their evaluation, Kremlin leaders believe that the Nixon administration will not pressure them on Soviet Jews because the strong American desire for detente in many areas," would clash with a strong stand on Soviet Jewry.

UAHC board chairman, Sidney I. Cole of Chicago, cited current statistics showing that there are 150,000 exit visa applications from Soviet Jews and that about 45,000 of these would be assessed an average of 15,000 rubles each (\$17,000). Cole observed that this adds up to 675 million rubles (\$765 million).

He added--"Some experts have suggested that the Soviets are using this vicious device in order to accumulate hard currency to pay for the trade treaties now being worked out through negotiations with the United States." Cole stated that the UAHC executive board called upon the National Conference on Soviet Jewry and the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations to mount a national and international campaign of protest.

CANADA TO RAISE ISSUE OF VISA FEES WITH SOVIET OFFICIALS AT UN, IN MOSCOW

MONTREAL, Sept. 21 (JTA)--Mitchell Sharp, Secretary of State for External Affairs, has given assurances that he will raise with Soviet diplomats at the United Nations General Assembly the issue of the high exit fees imposed on Soviet Jewish intellectuals. In a letter to Sol Kanev, president of the Canadian Jewish Congress, Sharp said he planned to meet with the Soviet officials, including possibly Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko, with whom he intends to discuss the matter. Gromyko is scheduled to address the General Assembly next Tuesday.

Sharp wrote to Kanev that he had instructed the Canadian ambassador to the Soviet Union "to follow the matter closely." He added that the Soviet action was "bound to be seen" as an obstacle to better international relations while at the same time the Soviet was seeking improve-

ment in those relations. He said he hoped that such considerations would cause the Soviet government "to reconsider its decision."

Sharp said the protocol on consultations signed by Canada and the Soviet Union in 1971 "provides a framework for raising issues like this." He added that "the next meeting under the protocol will probably take place between me and the Soviet Foreign Minister in New York towards the end of this month. I intend to make representations to Mr. Gromyko on this matter at the time," he wrote, adding, "there may be other occasions at the forthcoming session of the General Assembly when a discussion on this subject will be appropriate."

CONGRESS MAY HONOR MARK SPITZ

WASHINGTON, Sept. 21 (JTA)--The judicial subcommittees in the House and Senate are considering a concurrent resolution which would commend swimmer Mark Spitz for winning seven gold medals at the Munich Olympiad and the entire American team for its athletic performance in the 20th Olympiad. The resolution was introduced by Sen. Alan Cranston (D, Calif) and Rep. John E. Moss (D, Calif) who represents the district in California where Spitz makes his home. Spitz lives in Carmichael near Sacramento. Joining them as co-sponsors were three fellow California Congressmen and two Senators from Indiana. Spitz, who is Jewish, set world records in the seven events in which he competed in Munich. He is a student at Indiana University.

ISRAELI SOLDIER, LOST IN LEBANON DURING FIGHTING, RETURNED BY LEBANESE ARMY

TEL AVIV, Sept. 21 (JTA)--A young Israeli lieutenant who with his small command was lost inside Lebanon over the week-end, persuaded a Lebanese Army unit to escort him and his men to safety and managed to capture five Arab terrorists at the same time, it was reported here yesterday. The officer, identified by Army sources only as Lt. Shaul, got personal congratulations from Defense Minister Moshe Dayan who visited his home.

According to the Army's account, Lt. Shaul and six men in a half-track were pursuing terrorists in Lebanon during mop-up operations Sunday when they became separated from withdrawing Israeli units near Juwaya village and were misdirected by a Lebanese villager who was asked the way to the border. Night had fallen and after travelling several miles in the wrong direction Lt. Shaul was confronted by a Lebanese Army detachment of about 20 officers and men.

The Lebanese had a jeep and an armored car mounting a recoilless cannon at their disposal. Lt. Shaul had nerve. He jumped on the armored car and ordered the Lebanese troops to disarm and follow his instructions. The Lebanese commanding officer complied and without resistance led the Israeli halftrack to a village where it refueled and then proceeded to escort it toward the border.

Mindful of possible roadblocks, Lt. Shaul had his Lebanese counterpart radio all Lebanese positions ahead to hold their fire. On the way to the border five armed terrorists were captured. At the borderline, Lt. Shaul's group was met by an Israeli unit that had gone out to search for the missing halftrack. The helpful Lebanese soldiers and their officer were released, as Lt. Shaul had promised. The terrorists were taken into custody.

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The NCSJ said this indicated that ratification of the decree issued by the Soviet Council of Ministers last Aug. 3 was not necessary for its implementation and that the Soviet authorities may be considering changing the amounts. The NCSJ spokesman told the JTA that it was not likely that the Soviets were considering cancelling the measure which has been in effect for nearly two months.

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Malcolm Hoenlein, executive director of the Greater New York Conference on Soviet Jewry, warned that the failure by the Supreme Soviet to ratify the exit fee tax should not be misinterpreted. "By no means does this fact put an end to the ransom," he said. "Public outcries must continue and increase if we are to bring about a revocation of this unjust law." Hoenlein said that a demonstration planned for next Tuesday when Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko addresses the UN General Assembly "takes on even greater significance at this time."

1200 SOVIET JEWS APPEAL TO WALDHEIM

UNITED NATIONS, Sept. 21 (JTA)--Yosef Tekoah, Israel's Ambassador to the UN, met today with Secretary General Kurt Waldheim and transmitted to him an appeal signed by more than 500 Soviet Jews calling for United Nations action against the repressive measure of an extortionist ransom tax imposed on all Jews with academic education who desire to unite with their families and their people in Israel. The appeal was addressed to Waldheim and to Heads of Delegations to the 27th session of the General Assembly. It was signed by Jews from various parts of the Soviet Union.

Tekoah also drew Waldheim's attention to the intensification of harassment and oppression of Soviet Jews by the Soviet authorities and in particular to the arrest this week of 30 Moscow Jews. He also transmitted to the Secretary General 36 letters on behalf of approximately 700 Soviet Jews who are pleading for assistance in their efforts to exercise their fundamental human right to join their families in Israel.

McGOVERN SAYS HIS SUPPORT OF ISRAEL NOT AN INSTRUMENT OF COLD WAR POLITICS Calls For Delay On Treaties With Soviet Union

NEW YORK, Sept. 21 (JTA)--Sen. George McGovern declared here today that his "long commitment" to support of Israel was "not simply an instrument of cold war politics" and that the commitment did not begin with the Soviet buildup in Arab countries and would not end when the Soviet presence ended. The Democratic nominee for President spoke at a special meeting of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations.

He had been invited so that he could present "in his own words his views on subjects of particular interest to the Jewish community of the United States," according to Jacob Stein, chairman of the Presidents' Conference. Stein said a similar invitation had been extended to President Nixon. A number of Jewish leaders have criticized McGovern on Israel and on such domestic issues as quotas in hiring for members of minorities.

After his formal address, in which he repeated many of the statements he had made on those issues, he responded to questions submitted on cards by members of the audience, which were read to him by Stein.

Opposes Reduction of U.S. Military Strength

McGovern said he opposed the Middle East peace formula offered by Secretary of State William P. Rogers, which calls for Israeli withdrawal with only minor alterations. He reminded his audience that two years ago the Presidents' Conference sponsored an advertisement accusing the Nixon administration of a "drift" toward an imposed peace in the Middle East and added he was one of the Congressmen who signed that protest.

He asserted that the Nixon administration's criticism of other countries for harboring Arab terrorists was undermined by the continued US involvement in the Vietnam war. He said: "How can we expect to be a moral force in the Middle East when we are continuing the greatest moral and political disaster of this country?"

McGovern was asked how the US would be able to continue to assure its commitments to Israel's security if he, as President, brought about a reduction in the US armed power. He said his proposal for a major reduction in US military spending was not aimed at the nation's military strength but was a proposal for "elimination of duplication and waste which is a fact of life" in the military establishment.

Not For Percentage Quotas

He traced what he repeatedly termed his "moral commitment" to Israel's security back to 1957 when he entered the Congress. He said that, on Jan. 31, 1957, he declared in Congress that "America will be ill-advised" if it strengthened the hands of those opposed to Israel. On the issue of quotas in employment, he said "I am not for percentage quotas," and emphasized that the Democratic Party guidelines for selection of delegates to the convention which nominated him "did not require percentage quotas."

McGovern said that "the basic consideration for government service should be the ability of the applicant" but he also contended that efforts should be made, in that context, to give members of all minority groups "a fair shot." He reiterated his stand, announced earlier in the week, in support of aid to parents of children in non-public schools, adding that he would support tax credits for such parents if that approach was constitutional.

Speaking about the problems of Soviet Jews, par-

ticularly the recently imposed heavy exit fees for Russian Jews seeking to emigrate, McGovern characterized the fees "a slave tax." He urged Nixon to delay presentation of treaties required for expanded Soviet-American trade until he was assured the high fees would be cancelled.

Noting that a number of Senators and Representatives opposed approval of the required treaties while the high exit fees remained in effect, McGovern said he supported Sen. Abraham Ribicoff's (D. Conn.) amendment to withhold giving the Soviet Union most-favored-nation status until the Soviets drop "their ransom-like exit fees." He also declared he opposed granting that status to the Soviet Union as long as the Soviets supplied the Arab terrorists with weapons.

Stein also said, when he introduced McGovern, that the Presidents' Conference provides a unified platform by which American Jewry can express its views on all international affairs as the most all-embracing coalition of the world's largest Jewish community. "It is, of course, non-partisan in the political sense."

ISRAELI FORCES MAY POLICE 'FATAHLAND'

TEL AVIV, Sept. 21 (JTA)--Israeli sources suggested today that Israeli forces might have to be used to police "Fatahland," the southern portion of Lebanon on Israel's border, because of Lebanese government "inactivity" against the terrorist groups in that section.

The sources said Israel may be forced to send in forces to police the area south of the Litani River, the northern edge of Fatahland, thus forcing the terrorists to concentrate north of the Litani River and bringing their bases much closer to Beirut, and perhaps force a confrontation with the Lebanese government.

The sources said Israel could not accept indefinitely the weakness of the Lebanese government and its resulting inactivity against terrorists in Fatahland. The sources reported that since the Six-Day War, 64 Israelis have been killed and 247 injured along the Lebanese-Israeli border.

Last night, Israeli units in the Golan Heights twice returned fire at the Syrian line after Syrian shells exploded in the Israeli-administered sector. The exchanges coincided with reports of a beefing up of Syrian positions stemming from what Israeli officials believed to be Syrian expectations of an Israeli reprisal action.

200 PROTEST SOVIET VISA FEES

NEW YORK, Sept. 21 (JTA)--Some 200 American Jews staged a counter-dance festival last night at the City Center opening here of the Beryozka Dance Company of the Soviet Union to "remind" company members and patrons entering the theater that "other Russian artists and intellectuals are being oppressed and harassed" because they are Jews desiring to emigrate to Israel. The protest was coordinated by the American Jewish Congress on behalf of the Greater New York Conference on Soviet Jewry.

In a statement distributed to patrons entering the theater and passers-by, Theodore J. Kolish, chairman of the AJCongress' New York Metropolitan Council, declared: "Our purpose is not to boycott the Beryozka Dance Company nor to prevent New Yorkers from attending the performances of these talented dancers. We ask the members of the Beryozka Dance Company, we ask those going in to enjoy their performance to join with us in denouncing" the recent Soviet actions to "isolate, intimidate, harass and oppress the Jews of the Soviet Union."

REFORM JUDAISM LEADERS SAY NIXON ADMINISTRATION MAY BE SOFT-PEDALING SOVIET JEWRY ISSUE TO REACH DETENTE

NEW YORK, Sept. 21 (JTA)--National leaders of American Reform Judaism have called upon the Nixon administration and Congress not to enter into any trade agreements with the Soviet Union "until the evil practice of exit visa ransom for Soviet Jews is rescinded by the Soviet Union." They stated that there is a growing feeling on the part of Soviet Jews that Kremlin leaders believe the Nixon administration will not pressure Moscow on the issue of Soviet Jewry in order to achieve a US-USSR detente.

The executive board of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations unanimously appealed today to President Nixon to speak out and lead an international outcry of protest. "If the moral leader of our nation maintains silence on this matter, then the Soviet government and all other nations will conclude that trade takes precedence over human rights," Rabbi Maurice N. Eisendrath, UAHC president, in presenting the resolution, declared: "We and other Jewish agencies have received alarming reports showing a deterioration of conditions for Soviet Jews since the President's summit meeting."

He named as examples the newly imposed exit fees, increased harassment and arrests and an intensified campaign by the KGB and Soviet officials against Jewish intellectuals seeking to emigrate. Furthermore, Rabbi Eisendrath noted, "We have received reports from Soviet Jews that, based on their evaluation, Kremlin leaders believe that the Nixon administration will not pressure them on Soviet Jews because the strong American desire for detente in many areas," would clash with a strong stand on Soviet Jewry.

UAHC board chairman, Sidney I. Cole of Chicago, cited current statistics showing that there are 150,000 exit visa applications from Soviet Jews and that about 45,000 of these would be assessed an average of 15,000 rubles each (\$17,000). Cole observed that this adds up to 675 million rubles (\$765 million).

He added--"Some experts have suggested that the Soviets are using this vicious device in order to accumulate hard currency to pay for the trade treaties now being worked out through negotiations with the United States." Cole stated that the UAHC executive board called upon the National Conference on Soviet Jewry and the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations to mount a national and international campaign of protest.

CANADA TO RAISE ISSUE OF VISA FEES WITH SOVIET OFFICIALS AT UN, IN MOSCOW

MONTREAL, Sept. 21 (JTA)--Mitchell Sharp, Secretary of State for External Affairs, has given assurances that he will raise with Soviet diplomats at the United Nations General Assembly the issue of the high exit fees imposed on Soviet Jewish intellectuals. In a letter to Sol Kanev, president of the Canadian Jewish Congress, Sharp said he planned to meet with the Soviet officials, including possibly Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko, with whom he intends to discuss the matter. Gromyko is scheduled to address the General Assembly next Tuesday.

Sharp wrote to Kanev that he had instructed the Canadian ambassador to the Soviet Union "to follow the matter closely." He added that the Soviet action was "bound to be seen" as an obstacle to better international relations while at the same time the Soviet was seeking improve-

ment in those relations. He said he hoped that such considerations would cause the Soviet government "to reconsider its decision."

Sharp said the protocol on consultations signed by Canada and the Soviet Union in 1971 "provides a framework for raising issues like this." He added that "the next meeting under the protocol will probably take place between me and the Soviet Foreign Minister in New York towards the end of this month. I intend to make representations to Mr. Gromyko on this matter at the time," he wrote, adding, "there may be other occasions at the forthcoming session of the General Assembly when a discussion on this subject will be appropriate."

CONGRESS MAY HONOR MARK SPITZ

WASHINGTON, Sept. 21 (JTA)--The judicial subcommittees in the House and Senate are considering a concurrent resolution which would commend swimmer Mark Spitz for winning seven gold medals at the Munich Olympiad and the entire American team for its athletic performance in the 20th Olympiad. The resolution was introduced by Sen. Alan Cranston (D, Calif) and Rep. John E. Moss (D, Calif) who represents the district in California where Spitz makes his home. Spitz lives in Carmichael near Sacramento. Joining them as co-sponsors were three fellow California Congressmen and two Senators from Indiana. Spitz, who is Jewish, set world records in the seven events in which he competed in Munich. He is a student at Indiana University.

ISRAELI SOLDIER, LOST IN LEBANON DURING FIGHTING, RETURNED BY LEBANESE ARMY

TEL AVIV, Sept. 21 (JTA)--A young Israeli lieutenant who with his small command was lost inside Lebanon over the week-end, persuaded a Lebanese Army unit to escort him and his men to safety and managed to capture five Arab terrorists at the same time, it was reported here yesterday. The officer, identified by Army sources only as Lt. Shaul, got personal congratulations from Defense Minister Moshe Dayan who visited his home.

According to the Army's account, Lt. Shaul and six men in a half-track were pursuing terrorists in Lebanon during mop-up operations Sunday when they became separated from withdrawing Israeli units near Juwaya village and were misdirected by a Lebanese villager who was asked the way to the border. Night had fallen and after travelling several miles in the wrong direction Lt. Shaul was confronted by a Lebanese Army detachment of about 20 officers and men.

The Lebanese had a jeep and an armored car mounting a recoilless cannon at their disposal. Lt. Shaul had nerve. He jumped on the armored car and ordered the Lebanese troops to disarm and follow his instructions. The Lebanese commanding officer complied and without resistance led the Israeli halftrack to a village where it refueled and then proceeded to escort it toward the border.

Mindful of possible roadblocks, Lt. Shaul had his Lebanese counterpart radio all Lebanese positions ahead to hold their fire. On the way to the border five armed terrorists were captured. At the borderline, Lt. Shaul's group was met by an Israeli unit that had gone out to search for the missing halftrack. The helpful Lebanese soldiers and their officer were released, as Lt. Shaul had promised. The terrorists were taken into custody.

The Belgian government, in cooperation with its European partners, will take measures to protect the nation against terrorist acts.