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POLICE DRAGNET FOR TERRORISTS NEAR JEWISH EMIGRANT CENTER IN VIENNA

TEL AVIV, Jan. 22 (JTA)--Austrian police armed with submachineguns and directed by helicopters are combing the woods today near a Jewish immigrant transit center on the outskirts of Vienna in search of Arab terrorists believed to be planning an attack on the center. A telephone report from Vienna this morning said the manhunt was focussed around the Schenua Palace where Jewish emigrants from the Soviet Union are quartered while awaiting transportation to Israel.

The action followed yesterday's arrest of three armed Arabs who arrived in Vienna with forged Israeli passports. The Arabs admitted their passports were forgeries but refused to give police their real names, countries of origin or to say who sent them to Austria.

MEIR-POPE MEETING EXPECTED TO OPEN DIALOGUE BETWEEN ISRAEL-VATICAN

JERUSALEM, Jan. 22 (JTA)--Premier Golda Meir's meeting with Pope Paul VI in the Vatican Jan. 15 is expected to open a continuing dialogue between Israel and the Vatican shortly which will concentrate on finding ways and means to grant special legal status to Christian-holy places in Jerusalem, informed sources said here today.

The Pope is understood to have expressed to Mrs. Meir his interest in proposals for legal formulas that would accord special status to Christian holy places. However, the Pontiff is not believed to have suggested "extra-territorial status" for the Christian shrines. He is believed to be interested in finding another formula that would confer special status on the sites. Mrs. Meir, in her public statement last week on her Vatican meeting, stressed that Israel has no desire to administer the holy places of other faiths.

Political observers here, meanwhile, have expressed astonishment over criticism voiced by Vatican sources of Mrs. Meir's press statements on her meeting with the Pope. They expressed particular surprise at Italian press reports claiming that the Vatican was annoyed by the premature announcement in Israel of the meeting. The news of the meeting was announced in coordination with the Vatican, sources here pointed out.

The sources said that there was nothing in Mrs. Meir's subsequent press interviews that could be interpreted as an affront to the Pope. The interviews published in Israeli newspapers and on television were aimed at clarifying the nature of the meeting and the developments that brought it about, the sources said.

RAINBOW: ROGERS' SPEECH EVIDENCE THAT U.S. IS COMMITTED TO A 'DETERMINED POSTURE' IN MIDEAST

WASHINGTON, Jan. 22 (JTA)--Ambassador Yitzhak Rabin said yesterday that Secretary of State William P. Rogers' speech in New York last Wednesday indicated that the Nixon administration is more committed than ever to maintaining a "determined posture" in the Middle East. According to Rabin, Rogers placed "more stress than in the past in pointing to the responsibilities of the parties involved to take the ini-

tiative themselves in putting an end to the difficulties.

Rogers, who spoke last week at a farewell dinner to Rabin sponsored by the Presidents Conference of Major American Jewish Organizations, appealed to Israelis and Arabs to enter into "a genuine, meaningful negotiating process, direct or indirect," to achieve peace in the Middle East. The Secretary of State also said that the "most realistic approach" would be to negotiate an interim Suez Canal agreement which would be "a first decisive step of facilitating negotiations to carry out (Security Council) Resolution 242 in its entirety."

Fear Of Change In U.S. Policy Unfounded

Rabin, addressing an estimated 200 people attending an aliya conference at the Jewish Community Center of Greater Washington, characterized Rogers' address as a "very real and true restatement of the policy of the United States," adding, "all fears that there would be a change in American policy has not proved to be true" in view of Rogers' remarks which included a reaffirmation that the U.S. "will be active in ascertaining if and how we can help the parties initiate a general negotiating process."

The Israeli diplomat was not optimistic, however, about the possibility of peace in the Middle East which he referred to as "a small light at the end of a very long tunnel." He drew resounding applause when he declared: "There is no need for Israel to withdraw from the cease-fire lines." Rabin stressed that Israel's top priority is to remain militarily strong enough "not to be pushed from the cease-fire lines by force."

He spoke very warmly about America's relationship with Israel, noting that over the past four years the U.S. has supplied \$1.2-billion worth of arms, mostly on a credit basis. He called for further assistance from the U.S. to "help ensure the burden of defense" which he said consumes 25 percent of Israel's gross national product, or proportionately three-and-a-half times that of the U.S. Rabin declared himself in favor of what he called a "growing understanding" in Washington "that it is in the interest of the United States to let smaller countries take care of themselves by themselves."

RAKAH CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEMBER ARRESTED; CHARGED WITH MAINTAINING CONTACTS WITH HOSTILE ELEMENTS

TEL AVIV, Jan. 22 (JTA)--A member of the central committee of the pro-Moscow Rakah Communist Party was arrested at his home last Wednesday night and detained for allegedly maintaining contacts with "hostile elements" while studying in Moscow three years ago, it was disclosed today. The suspect, Ghazi Shbetta of Teibah village near Kfar Saba, spent a year in the Soviet Union on a special fellowship from the Soviet Communist Party, studying political economy. He was remanded in custody for five days by a Ramle magistrate last Thursday.

Police had requested a 14-day remand. Mrs. Felicia Langer, Shbetta's defense counsel, said he was detained because he had met with Mahmoud Darwish, a former Rakah member who defected to Egypt, while in Moscow in 1970. Mrs.

Langer said other Rakah members had also met with Darwish who was expelled from the party several years ago because of deviant "political ideas."

Rakah charged today that the arrest of Shbeita was a deliberate "provocation" intended to "poison the atmosphere against the Party in Arab villages on the eve of the elections." Three Rakah Knesset members--Meir Wilner, Tawfic Toubi and Avraham Levenbrum--have called Premier Golda Meir demanding the immediate release of Shbeita. Levenbrum's son, Ram Livneh, 27, was one of two additional Jews arrested late last month in connection with a Syrian-directed Arab-Jewish spy and sabotage ring. Four Jews had been arrested earlier.

The Rakah Knesset faction charged today that police who searched Shbeita's home seized personal belongings including copybooks and notes he took in Moscow during his studies there three years ago.

EBAN TO VISIT SEVERAL AFRICAN STATES

JERUSALEM, Jan. 22 (JTA)--Foreign Minister Abba Eban will visit several African states in the near future in an effort to strengthen Israel's position on that continent following a string of diplomatic setbacks there recently, it was disclosed here today.

No dates have been set for his tour. The Foreign Ministry is said to be considering which countries Eban should visit. No itinerary has been announced. The Foreign Minister will go to Belgium Jan. 30 to sign a Common Market protocol.

Minister of Agriculture Chaim Gvati left this morning for Monrovia, Liberia, and Abidjan, Ivory Coast, on what he described as a "good will mission." Gvati is expected to meet Cabinet ministers of the two countries and Israelis working on various projects in Liberia and the Ivory Coast.

RABBI HESCHEL EULOGIZED AS FIGHTER FOR HUMAN FREEDOM

NEW YORK, Jan. 22 (JTA)--A capacity crowd of 1200 persons, including many young people, filled the Park Avenue Synagogue here yesterday to hear eulogies to the late Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel delivered by Jewish and non-Jewish professors, rabbis, and Coretta Scott King who spoke on behalf of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Foundation. The memorial meeting marked the end of the 30-day mourning period for Rabbi Heschel who died Dec. 21 at the age of 65.

Israeli Consul General in New York David Rivlin read a message from Israeli President Zalman Shazar who called Rabbi Heschel a "distinguished thinker" and an "aristocrat in spirit." Shazar said the late rabbi was a "guide and teacher to many" and "served as a bridge between the past and future." Rivlin then delivered his own eulogy in Hebrew.

Mrs. King, the wife of the late Dr. King, called Rabbi Heschel "one of the great men of our times." In what was apparently a reference to President Nixon, Mrs. King said, "In a day when we have a would-be emperor and king, we will miss the voice of Rabbi Heschel just as we have missed the voice of Dr. Martin Luther King."

An Enduring Jewish Presence

Rabbi Heschel, she said, was "a profound scholar in Jewish thought and history," and "we shared a great love, respect and admiration" for him. Mrs. King said the rabbi supported her husband in his efforts to liberate all the oppressed people in this country--Mexican-Americans, Blacks, Indians, Puerto Ricans.

She mentioned that the rabbi had marched at her husband's side in Selma, Ala. in 1965, a march which

eventually led to the Voting Rights Act. Rabbi Heschel was a member of the Board of Trustees of the Martin Luther King Center for Social Change. Mrs. King said Rabbi Heschel "lived in the spirit of the Old Testament prophets" and "lives in the hearts and the souls and the minds of those who he loved and those who loved him."

William D. Davies, professor of Christian Origins at Duke University in North Carolina, delivered a eulogy on behalf of "the non-Jewish world" and said Rabbi Heschel was "all the great things to the non-Jewish world as he was to the Jewish world." Praising his public outcry against oppression, Davies said he "very publicly marched to Selma, very publicly protested the Vietnam war, very publicly protested the condition of Jews in Russia."

Prof. Davies said Rabbi Heschel embodied the idea that it is "important not only that one protest against evil, but that one be seen to protest," so as "not to be guilty of a compromising silence." He said the rabbi will "be an enduring Jewish presence in the history of the protest movement of this country." To encounter Rabbi Heschel, Davies said, was to feel the "depth and grandeur" of Judaism for non-Jews.

Rabbi Judah Nadich of the Park Avenue Synagogue read an opening psalm in Hebrew and in English. Gerson D. Cohen, Chancellor of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, which arranged the memorial service, said Rabbi Heschel "achieved a synthesis in his person of what Judaism has meant and must continue to mean to modern man."

DAUGHTER OF LATE MOSCOW RABBI ARRIVES IN ISRAEL WITH 3 CHILDREN

TEL AVIV, Jan. 22 (JTA)--Mrs. Rivka Rosenstein, daughter of the late rabbi Yehuda Leib Levin of Moscow's Choral Synagogue, arrived in Israel last week with three of her children in fulfillment of a promise she said she made to her father. According to Mrs. Rosenstein who is a dentist, "My father made me promise that I would go to Israel which is my country. He insisted that I go."

She said it took three years of repeated requests before she was issued an exit visa. In the interim she divorced her husband, a hatter, who she said refused to go to Israel because he feared he would not find a job here in his trade.

Mrs. Rosenstein was accompanied by her daughters Arina 20, and Ella, 18, and her son Boris, 12. Arina is a food chemist and Ella a dental lab technician. Boris began school today in Ashkelon where the family is quartered in an immigrant center. Mrs. Rosenstein has begun studying Hebrew. She said her father "used to speak to us in Russian." She says she speaks and understands Yiddish.

Mrs. Rosenstein left behind in Moscow her oldest daughter, Mousia, who is married and the mother of a girl. She has asked for permission to leave but is still waiting for it, Mrs. Rosenstein said. She also left behind her 75-year-old mother, Frieda, and two younger sisters who also want to come to Israel, she said.

Israel's Attorney General Meir Shamgar has ordered police and other investigative bodies to refrain from over-publicizing details of persons accused or suspected of offenses before their trials. He warned against releasing details of confessions before legal proceedings begin and ordered police to exclude journalists when searches or raids are carried out.

HEAD OF JEWISH DAY CARE CENTER VOWS TO FIGHT ATTEMPTS TO CLOSE IT

NEW YORK, Jan. 22 (JTA)--The Agency for Child Development was denounced today by Rabbi Schmuel M. Butman, the director of the Mosdoff Day Care Center in the Crown Heights section of Brooklyn, the only day care center for the Jewish poor in that area, who charged that the agency was threatening to close the center on Jan. 29. Rabbi Butman told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that the threat would be met by action. "We will go to City Hall and we will organize protest demonstrations if we have to in order to keep the center open," he said. If that doesn't work, he added, "we will go to the courts to seek an injunction against the closing to prevent the center from being closed."

The center was the scene of a racial clash Nov. 17 by Black and Puerto Rican demonstrators who charged that only hasidic children had been accepted by the center. A rabbi who emerged from the center to talk to the demonstrators was greeted with shouts of "That's why Hitler took care of your people," and "They knew how to do it to you in Germany and that's what we're going to do to you here." Rabbi Butman told the JTA that Mrs. Eleanor Holmes Norton, chairman of the city's Human Rights Commission, issued a statement the same day assailing the anti-Semitic outburst of the demonstrators.

At a press conference last Thursday in City Hall attended by representatives of the Crown Heights Jewish Community Council, 25 Crown Heights rabbis, and their City Councilman, Theodore Silverman, Rabbi Butman stated that "we are totally distressed over the actions, attitudes and conduct of the child development agency" toward the day care center. He told the JTA today that after the press conference he asked for an immediate meeting with Mayor John V. Lindsay or one of his representatives but was informed by a spokesman for the mayor that everyone was too busy to meet with him.

In Line With HEW Principle

Rabbi Butman said that the center had an enrollment of 110 children for a program funded by federal and city funds and admission was on a first-come, first-served basis. Since the center was only one of two among the 400 day care centers in the city with a bi-lingual Yiddish-English program, hasidic parents throughout Crown Heights had registered their children first, filling all available places.

Rabbi Butman asserted that the center was "the only one that meets the needs of Jewish children" in the hasidic community, adding that its functions were "completely in line with the statement of principle for day care centers prepared by the Department of Health, Education and Welfare office of child development."

He quoted the principle as declaring that "continuing with the child's cultural background, the day care program should incorporate prominent elements of continuity with the cultural background of the families being served, including furnishings, food and customs. When children come from a non-English-speaking background, there must be staff members who can converse in the child's own language and, whenever possible, that language should be utilized throughout segments of the program."

Center Not Religiously Oriented

Rabbi Butman said that the English-Yiddish program at the center was necessary because "most hasidic children speak only Yiddish." He

added that this type of program was "similar to facilities provided in areas where the enrollees" in similar care centers "speak mainly or mostly Spanish." He noted that the center provides only kosher food and provides a program to acquaint children with the Jewish heritage and culture--"not religion"--including history, customs, songs and dances "of the Jewish people." This type of program "is featured in many other centers where, for example, African culture and history is taught," Rabbi Butman said.

He also assailed a criticism from the child development agency that the center did not have any five-year-olds. He said the needs of the Jewish poor in Crown Heights "are for children of the ages of two, three and four. When the child reaches the age of five, he or she is accepted into the hasidic yeshivos or girls' schools."

In addition, he said the child development agency "continues to maliciously maintain there are only 54 children in our center," which he said currently had an enrollment of 110, after Georgia McMurray, commissioner for the child development agency, sent representatives to count the number of children in attendance. "Despite the cold weather, they found 90 children attending," Rabbi Butman said, adding, the others were absent for illness and colds. "It is well-known that absentee rates for pre-school children are very high."

KNESSET BATTLE LOOMS OVER BILL TO ABOLISH CENSORSHIP IN THE THEATER

JERUSALEM, Jan. 22 (JTA)--A battle is shaping up in the Knesset over a measure to abolish censorship in the legitimate theater. The Cabinet voted 8-5 with two abstentions yesterday to have such a measure drafted and presented to the Knesset. The measure was opposed by Premier Golda Meir, Minister of Agriculture Chaim Gvati and the three National Religious Party ministers. It was supported by Deputy Premier Yigal Alon and seven of his colleagues.

The NRP announced today that it intends to fight against the proposed amendment to the public performance ordinances. Under the present law, all theater plays must be licensed by the film and theater censorship board. Alon and his fellow ministers argued that Israel was emulating the British example of theater censorship inherited in 1948, at a time when the British themselves and most of the free world have abolished it.

While the amendment, if passed, would have long-range effects on censorship in Israel, the immediate issue is the censorship board's recent banning of the play, "Friends Talk About Jesus," by Amos Kenan, on grounds that it was offensive to the Christian faith. NRP ministers argued that extreme caution was required by Israel with regard to any material which might offend any sector of the community and spark tension. Supporters of Kenan's play say it is not directed against any faith but is an indictment of modern Israeli society.

Alon joined the supporters after the Council for Culture and Art recommended that the play should not be banned. His proposal to abolish censorship was rejected last month by the ministerial committee on internal affairs and services. Alon's appeal against the committee's stand was upheld by yesterday's Cabinet vote.

The Befrut newspaper An Nahar reported today that a delegation of Palestinian Arabs will meet soon with Pope Paul VI at the Vatican.

**BILLY GRAHAM SAYS HE DID NOT
INTEND TO CRITICIZE ISRAEL**
Chided By Jewish Group For Comparing
N. Vietnam, Syrian Casualties

WASHINGTON, Jan. 22 (JTA)—The Rev. Dr. Billy Graham, the Protestant evangelist who is a close friend and spiritual advisor of President Nixon, says that he intended no criticism of Israel when he said in a recent newspaper interview that 500 civilians were killed in Israeli air raids on Syria. The claim, originally made by the Damascus government, has been branded a "lie" by Israel.

Dr. Graham told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency at the White House yesterday, after he participated in the inaugural worship service, that "What I meant was that all wars are bad. Innocents get killed wherever they take place--in Biafra, the Sudan, anywhere." He expressed surprise that his remarks to New York Times reporter Edward B. Fiske last Friday were interpreted as critical of Israel.

A statement issued yesterday by the Workmen's Circle in New York, assailed Dr. Graham for having repeated the unsubstantiated Syrian claim of civilian casualties and compared it to North Vietnam's claim of civilian casualties under U.S. bombing.

'Gratuitous Act Of Hostility'

Dr. Graham, who was asked by Fiske of his feelings toward the U.S. saturation bombing of the Hanoi-Haiphong area during Christmas week, said: "If I understand correctly from North Vietnam they had 300 or so civilian casualties, which is about one-half of what the Syrians say they had last week from Israeli bombs. It's all over the world, this business of civilians being killed." On Jan. 4, the North Vietnamese said that a preliminary survey had shown that 1318 civilians died and 1261 were wounded in Hanoi alone in the Dec. bombing.

The Workmen's Circle statement, issued by Harold Ostroff, president, and William Stern, executive secretary, called Dr. Graham's juxtaposition of Hanoi's and Damascus' civilian casualties claims "a gratuitous act of hostility and incitement against a country (Israel) which has a desire to live in peace with its neighbors" but "is forced to defend itself against unprovoked attacks against its people and its communities."

The statement continued, "It is time that the Rev. Graham and those who may share his distorted view in comparing Syrian casualties already repudiated by Israel with those claimed by North Vietnam were brought into focus with events as they are. For all of Dr. Graham's pious attacks on violence both at home and abroad, Syrian terror against the children of Israel and their elders never seem to evoke his concern." Dr. Graham is understood here to be on cordial terms with Israeli leaders.

**STUDENTS ASSAIL ANTI-ISRAEL ARTICLES
PUBLISHED IN STUDENT NEWSPAPER**
Israel Said To Emulate Nazi Methods

DETROIT, Jan. 22 (JTA)—Jewish and non-Jewish campus groups are up in arms over the publication of a series of strongly anti-Israel articles in "South End," the student daily at Wayne State University. The latest in the series written by Rev. John Nicholls Booth, interim minister at the First Unitarian-Universalist Church here, was embellished with a Star of David on which a swastika was superimposed to illustrate the writer's allegation that Israel was emulating Nazi methods in its treatment of Arabs, it was reported in the latest issue of The Jewish News of Detroit.

Protests have been lodged with Dr. George Gulen, university president, and his associates. Dr. Gulen expressed shock at the material appearing in the tax-supported student newspaper. But he explained to a group of Jewish professors who met with him on the matter last week that state law and arrangements with the Student-Faculty Council prevented him from assuming control over the paper. He said his own letters to it went unpublished, The Jewish News Reported.

Dr. Gulen said the university's Board of Governors would insert a full-page paid ad protesting the biased series. But campus groups such as Youth for Peace and Democracy in the Middle East which is led by non-Jews, the B'nai B'rith Hillel, Habonim and Hashomer Hatzair, contended that such a response would imply an abdication of the university's role as publisher of an organ assigned for editorship to students, according to The Jewish News. They pointed out that South End operates on a budget of \$72,000 a year provided by the university from tax funds allocated by the Michigan State Legislature.

Demand Newspaper Apologize

Kathy McCormsey, local chairman of the Youth Committee for Peace and Democracy in the Middle East, said that her group and the other groups planned to write letters of protest to South End. If these are not printed, she said, they will make their case before the publication's Board. The campus groups have expressed hope that the need to take the matter before the State Legislature can be avoided. They demand that the newspaper apologize for what they call its "shocking demonstration of a revived Nazi ideology." The Jewish News reported.

South End has a history of publishing anti-Israel material in which many readers have detected anti-Semitic trends, it was reported. A series of articles on Soviet Jewry published last Nov. was said to have been tinged with anti-Jewish prejudices. The newspaper gave assurances at that time that it would alter its attitude in view of countervailing data presented to the editorial staff.

According to The Jewish News, the First Unitarian-Universalist Church had a friendly, pro-Israel attitude before Rev. Booth assumed the ministry. His lectures and writings on the Middle East have been one-sided and biased, and Zionist spokesmen are believed to have blundered up to now by ignoring him and failing to reply to his allegations, The Jewish News said.

West Germany will send six of its star athletes to the Hapoel games in Israel this spring marking Israel's 25th anniversary celebrations, it was announced in Bonn. Contacts have been made between Israeli officials and Bundestag sports experts. The costs of the athletes will be paid jointly by the German Interior Ministry and the Israeli government.

The Student Struggle for Soviet Jewry reported today that ticket agents at the Riga train station now check the internal passports of anyone buying tickets to Moscow. If the passport says "Yevrei" (Jew), the individual is sent to a supervisor to give an explanation for the trip, and must provide official documents to substantiate the reason. The SSSJ also reported that Boris Azernikov has been sent to a punishment cell for two months. The reason is unclear.