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8 LETTERBOMBS FOUND IN ISRAELI POST OFFICES; MAILED FROM ISTANBUL 1 Addressed To Tel Aviv U. President

TEL AVIV, Jan. 29 (JTA)--Eight new letterbombs were found in Israeli post offices today, all of them mailed from Istanbul, Turkey, and postmarked Jan. 25. The latest wave of lethal letters prompted police authorities to issue a new warning to the public to take precautions in handling mail that was not expected and that appeared to be unusually heavy.

The booty-trapped letters spotted by postal security officers today were in ordinary airmail envelopes, white or pinkish in color, but heavier than normal. Some of the letters contained senders' names which may be fictitious. Two letters were addressed to Tel Aviv, one of them to Prof. Yuval Neeman, president of Tel Aviv University. The name of the sender was marked "Helen L." Another was addressed to the Egged bus company and carried the sender's name "Hirsh Troy."

Other letterbombs were addressed to the Begged-Or leather wear factory in Migdal Haemek; to an address in Afuleh and to another in Beth Shearim. The latter was addressed to David Lavush and the sender's name was "Levi Tus." An additional letterbomb was found in Migdal Haemek and two in Haifa.

JACKSON CALLS ON ADMINISTRATION TO GIVE TOP PRIORITY TO RESOLVE CONFLICT IN THE MIDDLE EAST

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Jan. 29 (JTA)--Sen. Henry M. Jackson (D. Wash.) last night called upon the Nixon administration to give top priority to resolving the Middle East conflict. Speaking at a press conference here before addressing the annual Jewish National Fund dinner, Jackson declared, "Our biggest task, now that Vietnam is no longer a predominant area settlement-wise, is to concentrate through quiet diplomacy, whether it be in the White House or in the State Department, in settling the (Middleast) dispute."

"We must end once and for all the Mickey Mouse arrangement whereby Israel and Egypt speak through third parties," Jackson continued. "They must confront one another directly and face to face across the conference table. What makes this matter so critical is that the Persian Gulf represents 80 percent of the known oil reserves of the world and the stakes are enormous."

In a released statement on his amendment to the East-West Trade Bill, Jackson said "if it takes a Congressional amendment to a trade bill to remind the Russians that the Declaration of Human Rights signed in 1948 includes the right to emigrate, then we will have an amendment that shows we mean business." Jackson is the author of an amendment that would deny most favored nation tariff treatment and participation in U.S. credit programs to countries that deny their citizens the right to emigrate or which impose prohibitive taxes on emigration.

He said that "our principle weapon is to pass my amendment and we are going to do so when the appropriate legislation comes up before the Congress." Noting that three-quarters of the Senate joined in the co-sponsorship of his amendment in the last session, Jackson said "I can

assure you that there will be no let up in our efforts."

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U.S. SHIPPING FIRM WITH ISRAELI AFFILIATIONS PARTICIPATING IN SHIPMENT OF U.S. GRAIN TO USSR

NEW YORK, Jan. 29 (JTA)--An American shipping firm with Israeli affiliations is participating in the shipment of U.S. grain to the Soviet Union, the Jewish Telegraphic Agency learned today. Two U.S. flag tankers on charter to the New York-based Maritime Overseas Corp. have discharged wheat at Russian Black Sea ports this month and a third is presently enroute to the Black Sea, the JTA was informed by Bill Quinn, a charter broker at MOC.

Maritime Overseas Corp. is owned by the same interests that own Cargo Ships El Yam Ltd., of Haifa, one of Israel's major privately owned shipping firms, and serves as its managing agents in New York. Raphael Recanati, one of the founders of Cargo Ships El Yam in the early 1950s, is president of Maritime Overseas Corp.

According to Quinn, the MOC's chartered tankers, Overseas Joyce, discharged 47,594 long tons of wheat at Iljischevsk on the Black Sea on Jan. 10. Another tanker, the Overseas Aleutian, completed the discharge of 38,400 tons at Odesa on Jan. 16. A third vessel, Overseas Ulla, is presently enroute to the USSR. The grain shipments originated at U.S. Gulf ports.

Tankers, though designed to carry petroleum products in bulk, are frequently converted to carry grain in periods of acute shipping shortages and high rates such as have developed as a result of the massive U.S.-Soviet grain deal. Quinn told the JTA that grain cargoes Gulf-to-Russia which were being fixed at about \$5.90 per long ton six months ago are currently fixed at \$10.00 per ton and higher. Ships of the U.S., Soviet Union and "third flag" vessels are participating in the traffic.

SEARCH ON FOR TERRORIST GANG

JERUSALEM, Jan. 29 (JTA)--Security forces began searching last night for members of a terrorist gang believed responsible for a series of bombing incidents in East Jerusalem during the last few days. No injuries were reported and no arrests have been made so far although several persons were reportedly detained for questioning.

Police disclosed that a Molotov cocktail was thrown at the Interior Ministry office on Nablus Road Thursday night. Two more fire bombs were thrown at a municipality-sponsored youth center on Salah Eddin Street Saturday evening. Security circles believe that the perpetrators are members of the same gang that tossed a Molotov cocktail into an Egged bus as it left the East Jerusalem terminal for Hadassah Hospital last month. Seventeen persons were interrogated at that time but all were released.

3 SOCIAL SERVICE AGENCIES REACH COMPROMISE ON MINORITY REPRESENTATION

WASHINGTON, Jan. 29 (JTA)--Three Jewish social service agencies in Greater Washington

and the area's Health and Welfare Council have reached a compromise over non-Jewish minority representation on their boards under which the three agencies will continue to receive grants from the community-wide United Givers Funds, the Jewish Telegraphic Agency was informed today.

The HWC, which disburses funds collected in the UGF campaigns, had notified the Hebrew Home for the Aged, the Jewish Social Service Agency and the Jewish Community Center they would lose grants from the United Givers Fund if, by next Sept. 1, at least 20 percent of their boards were not Blacks or Spanish-speaking individuals. During 1972, the UGF contributed \$399,693 to the three Jewish agencies, whose budget totalled \$4,596,000, most of which comes from the local United Jewish Appeal.

The settlement was reached at a meeting Jan. 24 of the board members of the three agencies and of the HWC. Staff members of the HWC also attended. A statement adopted at the meeting and quoted to the JTA by Leonard Abel, president of the Hebrew Home, indicated that the HWC policy on board membership of beneficiary agencies would be modified. The policy, drafted in 1970 for implementation fully in 1973, is believed to be the first of its kind on a community-wide basis in the United States.

Intensify Efforts To Serve Others

According to the statement, the Jewish organizations reported at the Jan. 24 meeting on their services to minority group members in the Greater Washington area and that "they readily agreed to intensify their efforts to devise additional ways of serving others in need in the Washington area. The HWC representatives concluded that the discussions at the meeting fully provided the basis for a recommendation for modification of the HWC policy on non-discrimination which would make it wholly consistent with the full thrust of that policy and also with the sectarian values of the three Jewish agencies."

The statement added that all persons at the meeting "concluded that there was no basis for discussing the termination of HWC funding of the three agencies and that they would remain fully participating and valued members of the HWC family of agencies."

Abel told the JTA that, by agreement at the meeting, no comments or interpretations would be made on the statement which he and Harry R. Van Cleave, HWC president, were authorized to make public. Persons attending the meeting who were queried by the JTA declined to respond, saying in effect that discussions with the media might lead to misleading interpretations when a full and amicable understanding had been reached. One said "the statement speaks for itself."

The 450-word statement noted that "the principles of all the parties were fully explored," and that "sectarian agencies have a deep and basic concern that the needs of all persons will be met" but "this cannot mean that the sectarian agency is the appropriate agency to serve every need of every person who may apply to it."

ORTHODOX JEWS URGED TO SUPPORT CHIEF RABBINATE

MONSEY, N.Y., Jan. 29 (JTA)--The head of the nation's largest rabbinic body issued a fervent plea today to the American Orthodox Jewish community to "support the institution of the Chief Rabbinate in Israel and the two distinguished scholars who are at its head." In remarks prepared for delivery tonight to 500 delegates attending the national conference of the Rabbinical Council of America, Rabbi Louis Bernstein, president of the RCA, stated that

"We are fortunate in having two spiritual leaders who see in the State (of Israel) a spiritual dimension, namely, that it represents the beginning of potential redemption as foretold by our prophets."

Rabbi Bernstein also declared: "We send forth our unstinted expression of confidence and solidarity with Chief Rabbis Shlomo Goren and Ovadia Yosef. We ask them to stand stalwart, unwavering, in meeting the great challenges which confront them. We, the rabbis of the Council stand ready to follow their leadership." A Council spokesman said that this is the first rabbinic body in the United States to take a public stand in support of the Chief Rabbinate. He also stated that the Council's Executive is expected to adopt a resolution stating, in part:

"Today we are witness to attacks against the Chief Rabbinate and the Chief Rabbi. These attacks threaten the authority and continued existence of the institution of the Chief Rabbinate. It would be a sad day, if God forbid, the Chief Rabbinate were weakened and its position made untenable in the Holy Land. We call upon those to whom the Torah is dear to desist from conflict.... It is perfectly proper to dispute any halachic decision rendered by any halachic scholar but the dispute must not involve personalities or utilize methods which take away from Torah and are not in keeping with its dictates."

GOREN TO SET UP SUPREME WORLD RABBINICAL COUNCIL IN ISRAEL

TEL AVIV, Jan. 29 (JTA)--Chief Rabbi Shlomo Goren disclosed last night that he intends to set up a supreme world rabbinical council in Israel, composed of outstanding rabbis and Torah scholars from Israel and abroad, to discuss the major halachic problems that arise in Israel and diaspora communities. He announced his plans in an address to some 350 Jordan Valley kibbutz members meeting at Ohalo on Lake Tiberias. It was one of several gatherings he has addressed recently on the relations between religion and state in a modern nation.

Rabbi Goren defended the involvement of religion in Israeli politics, a frequent target of critics of the religious establishment here. Insisting that there could be no division between religion and the state in Israel, Rabbi Goren claimed that there was a need for religious people with common interests to group together in political parties. He said the religious parties had a right to exist both because they were unique and because of the role they played in building the nation.

AJ COMMITTEE RAPS SMITH BROADCAST

NEW YORK, Jan. 29 (JTA)--The American Jewish Committee sent a telegram today to Elliot L. Richardson, Secretary of Defense-designate, expressing shock and dismay "that the Armed Forces Radio and Television Service has made its 492 station network available for broadcast by Gerald L.K. Smith, for more than 30 years a notorious racist and bigot."

The telegram, signed by Bertram H. Gold, AJ Committee executive vice-president, stated that it is "incomprehensible to us that an instrumentality of the United States government would allow its facilities to be utilized for the promotion of a private venture offensive to Jews and other Americans." Gold stated that a "full explanation to the American public is in order as to how this misuse of the American services network was possible." He urged Richardson to take "immediate steps to insure that a similar travesty does not recur."

U.S. URGED TO WITHHOLD APPROVAL OF TRADE TREATY WITH SOVIET UNION

WASHINGTON, Jan. 29 (JTA)--The Zionist Organization of America urged that approval be withheld of the pending U.S.-Soviet trade treaty until the Soviet Union lifts its exorbitant visa tax and cuts off all assistance to Arab terrorists and others who sponsor or sanction their activities. A resolution adopted at the annual mid-winter meeting yesterday of the ZOA's National Executive Committee, called on the administration and Congress to make Soviet revocation of the visa tax and cessation of arms, training and financial aid to terrorists "conditions for passage and implementation of the treaty."

The proposed agreement, which would give Moscow "most favored nation" status and other credit guarantees, is an issue in which the Soviets' "immediate self-interest is at stake," Herman L. Weisman, president of the ZOA, said. Only the "strongest measures" can halt their "brazen flouting" of human rights and free the "curbing, control and elimination of organized international terrorism from Soviet interference," Weisman stated.

In another policy action, the ZOA called for a Congressional inquiry into reported assistance to and participation in terrorist activities by Arab nationals, supposedly in the United States on temporary or student visas, and other organizations and individuals. Such an inquiry, the ZOA said, would seek to determine whether appropriate legislation is needed regarding the condition of these Arabs' entering into the country in order to insure public safety from terrorist threats.

The ZOA also recorded its "deep disappointment" over the United Nations' "dilatatory and inconclusive action" on the problem of terrorism and air piracy; expressed its confidence in President Nixon's Middle East policies and in his assurances that the U.S. will continue its assistance to help Israel maintain its economic viability and defensive military capacity; and declared that Israel should hold to its position that a durable Middle East peace depends upon direct negotiations with the Arab countries.

Former ZOA president Jacques Torczyner warned that "enemies of Israel" may attempt to misconstrue the sense of relief over the Vietnam peace settlement by "spreading the rumor" that American support of Israel poses a danger of some new and unwanted "entanglement". In the Middle East, Torczyner, a member of the World Zionist Organization Executive, said the ZOA must work to counteract this potentially dangerous development, particularly with regard to new members of Congress who may not understand the distinction between support of a de facto ally and outright U.S. intervention in the area, which Israel neither expects nor needs.

GEN. YAAKOV DORI, FIRST CHIEF OF STAFF OF ISRAEL'S ARMED FORCES, DEAD AT 73

TEL AVIV, Jan. 29 (JTA)--Gen. Yaakov Dori, the first Chief of Staff of Israel's armed forces and a former president of the Israel Institute of Technology (Haifa Technion), died today in Haifa after a long illness. He was 73. A State funeral will be held on the Haifa Technion Mt. Carmel campus. No date was announced.

Gen. Dori was born Yaakov Dostrovsky in Haifa in 1899 and was graduated in 1917 from the Reali School there. He joined the Jewish Legion, a Jewish military unit attached to British forces in the Middle East during World War I. He served with the 40th Battalion, Royal Fusiliers, 1st Judeans, and saw action against the Turks in

the Jordan Valley and Sinai Peninsula. He was discharged with the rank of sergeant.

Gen. Dori studied engineering at the University of Ghent, Belgium, after the war and in 1926 became deputy head of the Jewish Agency's technical department in Jerusalem. He was one of the early organizers of Haganah and in 1929 was named commander of Haganah in Haifa. During World War II he was appointed Chief of Staff of Haganah but like other Haganah soldiers, served anonymously.

With the establishment of the State of Israel in 1948, Gen. Dori emerged with the rank of Maj. Gen. and was appointed Chief of Staff of Israel's armed forces during his nation's war for independence. He retired from the Army in 1950 and was named head of the Science Department of the Prime Minister's Office. Gen. Dori served as president of the Technion from 1951-65.

JEWISH PHYSICIST RELATES STRUGGLE TO LEAVE USSR FOR ISRAEL

NEW YORK, Jan. 29 (JTA)--Professor Herman Branover, the world renowned physicist who was released from the Soviet Union after intervention by American leaders, today told a news conference sponsored by the Greater New York Conference on Soviet Jewry that he had to pay a \$40,000 ransom tax to emigrate from Russia with his wife and his 8-year-old son.

Branover, 41, author of more than 100 scientific works, left Russia in Oct. 1972, three months after the exit tax was invoked by the USSR, and a year after he had first appealed to emigrate to Israel. The decision by Soviet authorities to release him came after the intervention on Branover's behalf by Dr. Henry Kissinger, President Nixon's advisor on national security, and Sen. George McGovern (D-S.D.). Branover related.

Speaking in fluent English, Branover described the oppression of Soviet Jews, particularly scientists, educators and other intellectuals, seeking to leave the Soviet Union for Israel. He also described the harassment he and his family had to face until they were allowed to leave the country.

"The moment I submitted my request for a visa my wife was fired from her post on the faculty of the Academy of Science in Riga. I left my work in April 1971, as a result of harassment and health reasons," Branover, a native of Riga, and a former professor at the Academy of Science in that city, is in the U.S. on a brief visit to address scientists at major universities.

According to Branover, for more than a year no one in his family was able to obtain employment. "We had to live on gift packages that we received from the U.S., but we saved all the money we got from abroad in order to pay the ransom." Answering reporter's questions, Branover said that he paid the tremendous amount of the "exit tax" with the help of American Jews who sent the main part of it. The other part was loans from his friends in Russia.

When Nixon visited the Soviet Union last year, Branover cabled the President and asked for an opportunity to meet with him. As a result, he was told by the KGB that he would not be allowed to go to Moscow while Nixon was there and was asked to sign a paper agreeing to this. He refused, and was subsequently imprisoned on the false charge that he had killed a young girl in a traffic accident. After a few days he was released and was told that his arrest was a mistake.

RCA URGES TAX DEDUCTIONS FOR TUITION PARENTS PAY FOR CHILDREN ATTENDING RELIGIOUS SCHOOLS

MONSEY, N.Y., Jan. 29 (JTA)--Rabbi Louis Bernstein, president of the Rabbinical Council of America, today urged "the United States Congress to adopt legislation under which the Internal Revenue Service would give tax deductions for the tuition which parents pay for their children who attend religious schools." In his address to 500 delegates attending the Council's national conference, he observed "that the religious school system which comprises a substantial portion of the American educational system faces its greatest and worst financial crisis in history."

Rabbi Bernstein stressed that without some form of assistance, the schools may collapse and disappear. Their disappearance, he warned, will be a loss not only to the religious communities involved, but to the whole educational system in this country. He noted "that the sorry state of the religious schools places the community in a great dilemma. On the one hand, we want to retain the separation between church and state and to lessen the interaction of each upon the other. On the other hand, we want to preserve these institutions and the privilege that parents have in selecting the schools which their children ought to attend."

Community Must Deal With Problem

Granting deductions for tuition does not infringe upon the separation principle, for all of these schools are tax exempt and contributions to them are exempt from taxation, Rabbi Bernstein stated. "Our courts have held that contributions to religious institutions are completely tax exempt," he said. "Why then, can we not exempt from taxation the sums which parents pay for their children's education? The tuition which the parents pay for their children constitutes a contribution to the well being of the community. Their taxes are supporting the public school system. If these parents had sent their children to the public school, the community would have had to pay for their children's education. Now, these parents are paying for their children's education. Is not relieving them of the taxation on that money the least that we can do for them?"

The crises which the religious schools in this country are facing must be faced not only by the members of the religious community involved but by all segments of the community, Rabbi Bernstein said. He noted that many Catholic schools have already closed down because of financial difficulties. The continued existence of a good network of schools under religious auspices is important to the well being of our country, he stated. "We can ill afford to dispense with the moral teachings which they give our children and the general environment which they create in our community. We can ill afford the ever-increasing number of undereducated children and young adults being sent out into our adult community every year. The quality of education must be improved in all segments of our society, including the private sector," Rabbi Bernstein declared.

GOLD MEIR TO BE GUEST OF HONOR AT UJA 26TH ANNIVERSARY DINNER

NEW YORK, Jan. 29 (JTA)--The American Jewish community will honor Premier Golda Meir at a United Jewish Appeal dinner March 5, Paul Zuckerman, UJA general chairman announced today. The occasion will mark a tribute to the people of

Israel and to Mrs. Meir on the occasion of Israel's 25th anniversary. Leaders of all the Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds of the country, along with other major American Jewish organizations are being invited to join in this "national expression of respect and affection," Zuckerman said.

Mrs. Meir will be making her first visit to the United States since Dec. 1971, when she addressed the UJA's annual national conference. "In this 25th anniversary year, the solidarity of will and commitment of all American Jewry to the people of Israel is stronger than ever before in our mutual histories," Zuckerman said.

An up-to-the-hour report from major communities on the progress of the 1973 UJA campaign will be received on the evening of the dinner. The 1973 UJA campaign, in which Mrs. Meir has expressed a continuing and vital concern, is being conducted under the urgent priorities of increasing immigration and on behalf of the humanitarian needs of Israel's people.

JEWISH WOMEN'S GROUP NOMINATES EMMA LAZARUS FOR HALL OF FAME

NEW YORK, Jan. 29 (JTA)--The Emma Lazarus Federation of Jewish Women's Clubs announced today that it had nominated the American Jewish poet Emma Lazarus (1849-1887) for election in 1973 to the Hall of Fame. In announcing the nomination, the Jewish women's organization pointed out that Emma Lazarus was an outstanding leader in the struggle for human rights. She believed deeply in justice, freedom and equality for all. "Until we are all free, we are none of us free," she wrote.

Emma Lazarus was conscious of the status of women and had the will and the courage to speak out and expose the "veil and screen" that robbed women of their basic rights. She detested and opposed bigotry wherever and whenever it appeared. The American poet, John Greenleaf Whittier wrote, "Since Miriam sang of deliverance and triumph by the Red Sea, the Semitic race has not had a braver singer."

Emma Lazarus' sympathies were always with the poor and oppressed, the Federation statement said. Their sufferings inspired her to write the famous poem "The New Colossus," which is inscribed at the base of the Statue of Liberty in New York harbor. The 70th anniversary of the unveiling of this bronze tablet with the poet's sonnet, dedicated to "the huddled masses yearning to breathe free," takes place this year.

FRENCH JEWS EXPRESS JOY AND RELIEF OVER END OF WAR IN VIETNAM

PARIS, Jan. 29 (JTA)--"French Jews join Jews the world over in expressing their profound joy and relief to the Vietnamese people," Alain de Rothschild, president of the French Central Consistory declared here Saturday, the first day of the Vietnam cease-fire. Addressing the Consistory's general assembly, Rothschild declared: "French Jews who have suffered so much from men's cruelty and whose sole aspiration is peace, hope that peace will reign in men's hearts as well as on the battlefield." Turning to Franco-Israeli relations, he deplored "the fact that French government policy remains unchanged." He especially criticized certain French votes at the United Nations, "votes which under the disguise of anti-Zionism, encourage an increasingly apparent anti-Semitism."