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## TERRORISTS WARN OF NEW ATROCITIES AGAINST ZIONISTS IN NEW YORK, LONDON, Scotland Yard Issues Special Alert

LONDON, Feb. 11 (JTA)--An English radio ham-picked up a new Arab terrorist warning Friday night against prominent Zionists in New York and London "in their shops, offices; homes and warehouses." Scotland Yard's special-branch immediately issued a "be on your guard" alert to British Jews.

The warning of a new terror campaign follows threats broadcast by Radio Elghiza, the official voice of the Palestine Liberation Organization. Radio Elghiza is the station which last Sept. gave 10 days warning of the letter bomb campaign which led to the murder in London of the Israeli diplomat, Dr. Ami Shachori.

For this reason the new warning received urgent consideration from Home Office security experts. But Scotland Yard's special branch seems to be in possession of corroborative information coming from other sources, it was learned. Scotland Yard asked for the full text of the news broadcast which included this statement:

"The victorious freedom fighters are preparing to deliver such a campaign that the world will be galvanized into action. The Jewish aggressors and their supporters will be visited in their shops and offices, homes and warehouses. They will be driven out. Now is the time for the account to be settled." The terrorists also implied that the campaign would be launched by sympathizers already based in Europe.

## TREPPER DISAPPEARS FROM WARSAW HOME

COPENHAGEN, Feb. 11 (JTA)--Leopold Trepper, the former Soviet master spy, has disappeared from his Warsaw apartment, his son Michael Brodje told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency today. Brodje said he has been unable to reach his father by telephone for the past two days and has no knowledge of his whereabouts. He said he had always been able to reach him by phone in the past.

According to Brodje, his father, who has been ill, may have been taken to a Warsaw hospital against his will. The former head of the "Red Orchestra," the World War II Soviet espionage network in Nazi-occupied Western Europe, has been repeatedly denied an exit visa by Polish authorities in order to go to Israel. His wife, Luba, is currently in Belgium campaigning on her husband's behalf.

Brodje said his father complained that his telephone was being tapped during their last conversation 4-5 days ago. He did not indicate what steps he planned to take to locate his father.

## MRS. MEIR SAYS SHE WILL BRING NO NEW IDEAS TO WASHINGTON; THERE IS NOTHING WRONG WITH THE OLD IDEAS

JERUSALEM, Feb. 11 (JTA)--Premier Golda Meir told the Jewish Agency Assembly Thursday evening that she would bring "no new ideas" to Washington when she meets with President Nixon in March. "We have no new ideas because there is nothing wrong with the old ones." She said that there was not as much pressure on Israel now as there was two or three years ago, not because Israel had convinced the world that its policies were

correct, but because the Arabs had persuaded the world that Israel should not be pressured.

"The world listens to (Egypt's President Anwar) Sadat, to (Iraq's President Hafez el) Assad, to (El Fatah leader Yasir) Arafat, to the Libyan leaders, and it learns that there is a limit, even in this world, to what you can do to a people that has suffered the experiences we have suffered," Mrs. Meir said. The Israeli Premier said that only Israel's military strength had kept the ceasefire in operation for two-and-a-half years, "not because Sadat has decided that it isn't nice to shoot at us." She said she could not predict how long the "relative tranquility on the northern border" would last.

"The fact of Israeli military strength is more important than any international guarantees," Premier Meir stated. She was referring to suggestions that the Big Four or Big Five patrol Sharm el Sheikh after an Israeli withdrawal. "This time, we have learned our lesson. We are not as pressurable as we were in 1956," she said.

## PRAGUE JEWISH STADIUM BEING RAZED

LONDON, Feb. 11 (JTA)--A spokesman for the International Council of Jews from Czechoslovakia told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that the stadium at Prague of the former Jewish sports club, "Hagibor," was being rebuilt as a training ground and car park for the Czech athletic club, "Bohemia." The site is to become a permanent sports arena but this would take some years, the spokesman said. Hagibor was founded in 1912 and was one of the three Jewish sports clubs in Czechoslovakia specializing in athletics. The stadium was inaugurated in 1927.

## WHAT HAS HAPPENED TO THE IRAQI 9? JEWS, NON-JEWS, DEMAND TO KNOW

NEW YORK, Feb. 11 (JTA)--Continuing reports that nine Jews in Iraq who were arrested last Sept. and Oct. were recently executed have sent shock waves through the Jewish and non-Jewish communities here and in other cities.

While the Iraqi government has thus far refused to confirm or deny these reports, including an earlier report that a tenth Jew arrested last year died earlier in an Iraqi jail, sources in this country, Israel and abroad point to several ominous signs which tend to corroborate the reports of the executions; the property of the nine Jews has been confiscated, their families are either in hiding or have fled abroad, and their homes have been boarded up and signs with the word "gone" have been painted on the doors.

These sources note that similar ominous signs were in evidence in Jan. 1969 when the Iraqi regime convicted 14 persons, including nine Jews of spying for Israel and hanged them in public squares for alleged espionage. At that time there was an international outcry.

During the past few days a number of organizations and political leaders have demanded that the Iraqi government publicly confirm or deny the reports of the recent executions. The Committee of Concern, an interfaith group concerned with minorities in Arab lands, called on the Iraqi government to make public the fate of the nine Jews. General Lucius D. Clay (Ret.), head of the Committee, demanded that Iraq either promptly provide the

prisoners with a "fair and open trial" if they are charged with any crime, set them free if there are no charges, or "if they are dead, then let their grieving families claim their bodies."

#### The World Cannot Remain Silent

The Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith declared that "the killing of these Jews and others in recent years constitutes genocide." Seymour Graubard, ADL national chairman, expressed the hope "that Americans of all faiths will speak out against this horrendous tragedy and press the Iraqi government to let the small Jewish community there emigrate."

Rep. Mario Biaggi (D-R-C, N.Y.) said he was "horrified and angered" at reports of the new executions and called on the United States and the United Nations to immediately file official protests and apply sanctions against Iraq. "In the name of humanity I implore the government of Iraq to end its pogrom against Jews and allow them to live in peace," he said. Last month, Biaggi appealed to UN Secretary General Kurt Waldheim to take official action to investigate new reports of atrocities against Iraqi Jews.

In Washington, the B'nai B'rith also appealed this weekend to Waldheim to intervene with Iraq and help rescue a "helpless community" of some 500 Jews. Dr. William A. Wexler, chairman of B'nai B'rith's International Council, in a letter to Waldheim, advised that his organization was "deeply disturbed" by reports that nine Jews had been executed. The report of the executions was "from sources that have proven reliable in the past," Dr. Wexler said. "Our concern is aggravated by the fact that the Iraqi government has not denied it."

In Montreal, the Canadian Jewish Congress reacted "with horror" to the reports and recalled that for several months CJC officials had conveyed the organization's concern to the Canadian government and sent cables to Iraqi President Hassan el Bakir and to Waldheim. A CJC spokesman called the murders "the latest atrocity inflicted upon a small Jewish community in Iraq, a situation in which life of Iraqi Jews has deteriorated tragically to a point where life for these Jews is completely intolerable." In presentations to government officials, the CJC urged the facilitation of emigration for those Jews in Iraq wishing to leave the country.

#### Diplomatic Petitions Urged

In New York, in cables to the Iraqi government, Mrs. Eleanor Marvin, president of the National Council of Jewish Women, expressed shock at the reported deaths of the nine Jews and at "the continuing abrogation of the basic human rights of the Iraqi Jewish community." She also urged that the government of Iraq "permit Iraqi Jews--including those incarcerated for being Jews--to emigrate." Additional telegrams were sent to Secretary of State William P. Rogers and to Waldheim, urging that they use the powers of their offices and their prestige with the Iraqi government to secure immediate confirmation about the reported executions.

In Philadelphia, a committee of prominent Philadelphia-area civic leaders and clergymen was formed several days ago to focus attention on the plight of Syrian and Iraqi Jews. It was announced by Thacher Longstreth, president of the Greater Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce, referring to the nine Iraqi Jews, Longstreth said:

"This tragic report, while not yet corroborated, is reminiscent of the barbaric hangings in Baghdad and Baara in January of 1969 of 14

persons, nine of them Jews, on trumped-up charges. I, for one, will no longer remain silent regarding the tragic plight of Jews in Arab countries, especially in Syria and Iraq, where government-sponsored persecution has made them virtually hostages. The time when Jews and other people can be mercilessly killed while the world remains silent has long passed."

Philadelphia's Jewish community leaders also met several days ago to mobilize for a campaign to relieve the plight of Iraqi Jewry. Benjamin S. Loewenstein, president of the Jewish Community Relations Council of Greater Philadelphia, said the area leaders will urge the U.S. government to intercede on behalf of Iraqi Jews at the UN and through nations having diplomatic relations with Iraq. Loewenstein declared that "We are outraged at the continued persecution, imprisonment and confiscation of Jewish property by the Iraqi authorities. If the report we have received regarding the murder of nine Iraqi Jews is incorrect, we demand that the Iraqi authorities produce these prisoners alive. If the report is correct, we pledge to join with other men of conscience in seeking an end to such barbarism and to continue to press our government to raise this issue at the UN."

#### 5 SUSPECTED SPIES PLEAD NOT GUILTY

TEL AVIV, Feb. 11 (JTA)--Six suspected members of a Syrian-directed Arab-Jewish spy and sabotage ring appeared today before a three-judge Haifa court to hear a formal reading of charges against them and to enter their pleas. Five pleaded not guilty. The sixth suspect refused to enter a plea. The trial, scheduled to begin Feb. 25, is expected to be a long one.

Ehud Adiv, a 26-year-old paratroop combat veteran and former member of Kibbutz Gan Shmuel, who allegedly headed the ring's Jewish section, pleaded guilty to charges that he passed intelligence to Syrian agents in Lebanon and Syria and that he contacted a Syrian agent, Anis Kahawagi, in Greece. Adiv pleaded not guilty to charges that he trained in Syria in the use of fire arms and explosives.

A temporary plea of not guilty was entered for Dan Vered, a 28-year-old school teacher who refused to plead at this time. The four Arab defendants pleaded not guilty. They are Daoud Osmán Turki, 45, a Haifa bookseller who allegedly headed the ring; Subhi Naarani, 28; Anis Karawi, 23; and Simon Hadad, 34.

The defendants were brought to court this morning under tight security arrangements. The three presiding judges were E. Slonim, president of the court, Mrs. L. Fortuna and A. Friedman. Judge Slonim permitted close relatives and some press representatives in the courtroom. Other relatives and reporters were directed to an adjacent building where they watched the proceedings by closed circuit television.

Ten charges have been filed against Adiv, nine each against Turki and Karawi, and six each against Vered, Naarani and Hadad. The charges include contact with foreign agents and membership and activity in an illegal organization.

#### REJECT REPORTS THAT HUSSEIN IS WILLING TO MAKE A SEPARATE PEACE WITH ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, Feb. 11 (JTA)--Israeli government circles and Jordan's Foreign Minister Salah Abu Zaid have rejected reports that King Hussein expressed willingness to make a separate peace with Israel during his meetings last week in Washington with President Nixon and top U.S. officials. Israel, Galili, a Minister-Without-Portfolio who

is a confidant of Premier Golda Meir and often reflects the government's views, said on a television interview Friday night that Jordan has made no move toward a separate peace agreement.

His remarks were corroborated by Abu Zeid who accompanied Hussein to Washington. In a tv interview Friday broadcast via satellite to Amman, he said Hussein made no gesture toward a separate peace. Abu Zeid said Jordan would hold no direct negotiations with Israel nor would it agree to partial solutions of the Middle East conflict. His remarks were apparently intended to refute U.S. press reports that claimed Hussein was ready for a separate peace with Israel.

One report from Washington Friday said the Hashemite monarch told members of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee with whom he breakfasted Thursday that he was ready to enter into separate negotiations with Israel without waiting for Egypt to take a similar step.

Senators who attended the breakfast reportedly said that in addition to disclosing his willingness to negotiate, Hussein said he was "reasonably optimistic." The King's position on a separate peace was described in the press report as a departure from the stand he took before leaving for Washington a week ago.

#### Peace Without Pre-Conditions

Galili said, however, that he accepted Hussein's statement before his departure that a separate peace would be a stab in the back for the rest of the Arab world. Galili said Israel was ready to make a separate peace with any Arab state, especially with Jordan. However, he added, "It appears that Hussein is not satisfied with what he hears from us, with our very simple offer, that we are ready for peace talks with him without any pre-conditions.... He himself insists on pre-conditions, particularly on the territorial question," Galili said.

Israelis, meanwhile, appeared uncertain of what their own government's position is at this juncture. The newspaper, Haaretz, reported today that Deputy Premier Yigal Alon said at a closed meeting of government leaders recently that he would be prepared to negotiate extra-territorial rights with respect to Moslem holy places in Jerusalem provided that all problems pertaining to East Jerusalem and the West Bank were settled first between Jordan and Israel in direct negotiations.

But Amnon Dunckner, a spokesman for Alon, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency today that the Haaretz report was completely without foundation. Dunckner said "Mr. Alon never did and never will consent to an extra-territorial status for Jordan in any part of Jerusalem."

#### EBAN'S TRIP TO AFRICA POSTPONED

Harsh OAU Resolution Toned Down

JERUSALEM, Feb. 11 (JTA)--The African trip which Foreign Minister Abba Eban planned to make next month has been postponed until May or June, it was learned here today. The decision to postpone the journey was made so that it will take place following the upcoming meeting of the Organization for African Unity. Officials said Israel wanted to avoid creating an impression that Eban's trip was an attempt to lobby the OAU member states to support Israel at the meeting.

Observers here played down the importance of an anti-Israel resolution adopted Friday by the OAU foreign ministers meeting in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. The resolution expressed soli-

darity with Egypt and called on Israel to withdraw from the Arab territories. Observers here noted that Arab states sought a far tougher resolution and had demanded that all OAU members sever diplomatic ties with Israel. This was rejected by a majority. The milder draft was passed by consensus.

Eban's itinerary has not been finalized but it will reportedly include about 10 countries of both East and West Africa. The only country definitely on the list is Gabon which has officially invited the Israeli Foreign Minister. The invitation was conveyed by Foreign Minister Georges Raviri of Gabon before he ended a two-day visit to Israel last week.

#### RABBI CONDEMNS JDL DEMONSTRATION

NEW YORK, Feb. 11 (JTA)--Some 15 members of the Jewish Defense League staged a demonstration this morning atop the balcony of the Park East Synagogue directly opposite the Soviet Mission to the United Nations. The JDLers were protesting the oppression of Soviet Jews. Rabbi Arthur Schneier of the Park East Synagogue said he deplored "the invasion and takeover of our synagogue" and condemned "the irresponsible tactics of the self-appointed defenders of Soviet Jewry" which he said are geared "to project the Jewish Defense League and not the problems of our brethren in the Soviet Union."

Rabbi Schneier said the JDL members came to the synagogue under the pretext of attending morning services, but that during the services began to move upstairs and onto the balcony. He said they disrupted services and were then given an ultimatum to leave by 3 p.m. They left a few minutes after three, the rabbi said. Meanwhile, at 2:30 p.m. some 250 JDL members converged at 67th St. and 3rd Avenue where they staged a one-hour protest. Traffic was blocked along the street where the Soviet Mission is located and 16 persons were arrested.

#### CLERICS RAP SOVIET FOR CANCELLING TRIP

WASHINGTON, Feb. 11 (JTA)--Ten American Catholic, Protestant, Black and Jewish leaders have charged the Soviet government with blocking their nine-day tour of the Soviet Union which was to have begun today. Rep. Robert F. Drinan (D, Mass.) said that Intourist, the Soviet Union's official travel agency, had confirmed the group's hotel reservations Jan. 24 but cancelled them on Feb. 2. The trip's purpose was "To express the friendship and solidarity of the churches of the United States for the three million Jews" in the Soviet Union, Drinan said.

He asserted that the group will continue trying to make the trip. He said the "retraction" of the visas by the Soviet government cannot be "explained except by the fear which the Kremlin has that the world may discover that, after denying fundamental religious freedom to the Jewish people over many years and decades, now, by requiring exorbitant exit fees the Soviet government is telling Soviet Jews that they may neither practice their religion nor migrate to Israel."

In addition to Drinan, those who had planned to make the trip included Rev. Edward H. Flannery, executive secretary of the Secretariat for Catholic-Jewish Relations of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops; Mrs. Ursula Neibuhr, widow of Reinhold Neibuhr; and Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum, director of interreligious affairs of the American Jewish Committee. Rabbi Tanenbaum said that many in the delegation are in the forefront for a detente in Soviet-American relations.

### CONGRESSMAN SAYS HE WILL NOT BACK LEGISLATION TO HELP ZIONIST JEWS

WASHINGTON, Feb. 11 (JTA)--Sen. William B. Saxbe (R, Ohio) described as "ridiculous" legislation calling on the Soviet Union to modify its emigration policy in return for trade concessions from the United States. The Senator, who favored this legislation four months ago, told newsmen here several days ago that "if Zionist Jews believe that we are going to fight to the last drop of the farmers' blood, I am not going to be part of it."

Speaking at a news conference after a week's stay in the Soviet Union, Saxbe declared: "If we set up a lot of artificial barriers" to Soviet-American trade "someone else could come along and say, well, okay, you have let the Jews go so now we won't sell any wheat unless you let the Baptists go. There are a lot of Baptists over there (in the Soviet Union) that want out."

The legislation Saxbe referred to as ridiculous is that proposed by Henry M. Jackson, Wilbur Mills and Charles A. Vanik which calls on the U.S. government to withhold credits and most favored nation status as long as the Soviet government continues its restrictive emigration practices against Jews and other citizens seeking to emigrate. Last Oct. he was one of the sponsors of the Jackson amendment to the East-West Trade Act.

### ADL SAYS NISSAN MOTOR COMPANY LIES ABOUT CAR DEALS WITH ISRAEL

NEW YORK, Feb. 11 (JTA)--Nissan Motor Company reports that Datsun cars and trucks are beginning to be sold in Israel through a Tel Aviv dealership are "totally false and part of Nissan's continuing pattern of doubletalk," according to Arnold Forster, general counsel of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith. "Nissan," he declared, "is still participating in the Arab economic boycott of Israel."

Forster said discussions with Nissan to sell to Israel began more than five years ago and met with an "unending flow of meaningless promises." He added that "the newest Nissan lie documents once again ADL's charges of complicity and doubletalk. It seems designed to stop the unfavorable publicity the company has been receiving." Forster asserted that "no contract has been signed between Nissan and any Israeli firm."

### UJA LAUNCHES \$150M 1973 DRIVE IN N.Y. AREA

NEW YORK, Feb. 11 (JTA)--Israeli Ambassador to the United Nations Yosef Tekoah said here that there is still no sign that the Arab states are ready to make peace and that "the pronouncements of the Arab leaders remind us of their goal (stated in 1948) to eliminate the Jewish people." Tekoah was addressing some 600 prominent leaders of the Jewish community, all contributors of a minimum of \$10,000 to the 1973 United Jewish Appeal campaign, at a pace setters dinner Thursday night at the Hilton Hotel to mark the beginning of the \$150 million 1973 drive by the UJA of Greater New York. The dinner also marked the opening of social functions celebrating Israel's 25th anniversary.

Extending the greetings and appreciation of the Israeli government and people, Tekoah praised the UJA for its contributions to the growth of Israel in the past 25 years. "Israel is yours as much as it is ours," he said. "You have chosen through the UJA to build human lives... and the path of building

a country."

Tekoah called the recent influx of immigrants from the Soviet Union "the lifeline of Israel's security, the most important and undoubtedly one that is most welcome" and "the greatest miracle in Jewish history since Israel's independence." He added, however, that "the need to defend ourselves still overshadows everything else."

Guests of honor were Meshulam Riklis and Laurence Tisch, chairmen of the 1971 and 1972 New York UJA campaigns. Tekoah presented them with ancient terracotta jars recently unearthed in Israel. The jars bore inscriptions, citing their "enlightened leadership" of those UJA drives. The dinner began with the symbolic lighting of 26 candles dedicated to the 25th anniversary of Israel's independence and decorated with the Hebrew letters that compose Judaism's traditional prayer of thanksgiving--the sheheyanu.

### CONGRESSMAN WARNS THAT OIL INTERESTS MAY TRY TO REVERSE PRO-ISRAEL POLICY

NEW YORK, Feb. 11 (JTA)--A U.S. Congressman warned today that oil interests and the "Arab lobby" will try to reverse America's current pro-Israel policy by appealing to the President "in the wake of a fictitious energy crisis" that the U.S. needs Arab oil.

Rep. Benjamin Rosenthal (D,N.Y.) voiced the warning in a speech to 700 delegates attending the annual mid-winter conference of the National Committee for Labor Israel here. Rosenthal, who recently visited Israel, said there was neither peace nor war in the Middle East but a status quo and that he believed that neither side really wants to change it. Describing U.S. policy "at the moment" as "not really bad," he urged vigilance because "it will be hard to get a foreign aid bill through Congress in the post-Vietnam spirit of isolation."

Avraham Shifrin, an Israeli who claims to have spent 14 years in Soviet labor camps, was arrested Friday afternoon in front of the Soviet Embassy in Washington in an apparent test of city regulations which bar public speeches or sermons without a police permit. The 49-year-old Israeli was talking to newsmen when he was arrested. He was freed on \$10 bond for appearance in court on Feb. 20. Shifrin testified last week before the Senate subcommittee on internal security at which he said that the camps remained unchanged and that they contained some five million prisoners.

Thousands of parcels, including matzos and clothing, destined for Soviet Jews were accumulating today in the Tel Aviv post office. Unless they are sent within a few days to their destination they may not reach the Soviet Union in time for Pass-over which begins April 17. The parcel post clerks started a go-slow strike in support of the customs officials' go-slow strike, who are demanding extra allowances for their special effort in face of lack of manpower.

A contribution of 220,500 pounds of powdered milk by the Swiss government was reported by Samuel L. Haber, executive vice-chairman of the Joint Distribution Committee. A like amount was donated in 1972, he noted. The Swiss government has also underwritten the costs of packing, inland freight, and half the ocean freight, as it did last year, Haber said. This has increased the total value of the Swiss contribution to \$193,000. The milk will be used in JDC programs in Israel, Iran and Yugoslavia, he added.