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TERRORISTS SET TO HIT ISRAELI OFFICIALS, BUSINESSMEN IN JAPAN

NEW YORK, Feb. 12 (JTA)--Palestinian terrorists may strike next in Japan. Their targets will be Israeli officials and businessmen. According to information which reached police in Tokyo from Seoul last week, two members of the Black September movement had attempted to enter either Korea or Japan through a Bombay-Bangkok-Hong Kong route. The two men, according to a report in The Japan Times, were turned back by Hong Kong authorities.

The Times also reported that last month the Israeli Embassy in Tokyo told the Metropolitan Police Department that several terrorists armed with automatic rifles are planning to ambush airliners carrying Israeli officials. Also last month, Lufthansa officials expressed concern that Lorin Maazel, an Israeli orchestra conductor, might be attacked by terrorists. Maazel, who arrived in Japan on Jan. 21 aboard a Lufthansa plane with a German symphony orchestra, received heavy police protection until he left Feb. 3. The Japan Times reported. He allegedly received a threatening call at his West German office before coming to Japan.

Late last month, the Israeli Embassy reported that terrorists are planning to assassinate Israeli businessmen in the Far East. On the basis of these reports, The Times stated, the police department posted a riot police squad at the Embassy. The school bus for children of Embassy personnel is being escorted by police cars. MPD officials said they would shortly meet Embassy representatives to work out more stringent protective measures. A sense of urgency was prompted by the seizure of the Israeli Embassy in Bangkok by Palestinian terrorists on Dec. 28.

EBAN-DENOUNCES KAHANE AS DEMAGOGUE First Such Attack By Government Leader

JERUSALEM, Feb. 12 (JTA)--Foreign Minister Abba Eban denounced Rabbi Meir Kahane last night for worsening Jewish-Arab relations. Eban called the Jewish Defense League leader a "demagogue" whose words and deeds ran counter to the Jewish spirit and created religious and political conflicts between Jews and Arabs.

Eban spoke at the opening session of the Zionist General Council (Actions Committee) meeting here. His remarks on Rabbi Kahane were the first public attack on the JDL leader by a top Israeli government official. Rabbi Kahane has been indicted under Israel's sedition laws for sending hundreds of letters to Israeli Arabs offering to pay them to leave the country.

Eban acknowledged that problems existed in the realm of Jewish-Arab relations. He told the Council that while Israel stood ready for peace with her neighbors through negotiations, "We are acting between two poles." On the one hand, he said, Israel cannot return to the situation that prevailed before the Six-Day War. On the other, Israel does not want to fix borders that would embrace in Israel a million Arabs still fiercely opposed to it.

Immigration From West Top Agenda Item

The problems of immigration from affluent

Western countries and Jewish education in the diaspora are the top items on the agenda of the Council meeting which will end Thursday. Louis Pincus, chairman of the World Zionist Organization Executive, said that Jewish education overseas was lacking and needed help from Israel to resolve its problems.

According to Pincus, "Not all the education that is called Jewish education is in fact Jewish education." He added: "On this subject, as in all other subjects, the cooperation of Israel is required. The diaspora cannot resolve this problem without the help of Israel."

Deputy Knesset Speaker Yitzhak Navon, chairman of the General Council, claimed that diaspora Jewry was not aware of its need for Israel. "Aliya is the reason for the existence of the State of Israel. The olim need Israel and Israel needs the olim, but the majority of Jews who live in the diaspora don't know to this day how much they need Israel," Navon said.

He disagreed with the belief, expressed in some quarters that Western immigration was declining because of conditions in Israel, such as the housing shortage. "I don't believe that the aliya of young people from the West depends on the number of rooms they receive in Israel," he said.

Rabbi Mordechai Kirschblum, chairman of the General Council's immigration and absorption department, said Zionists must give greater attention to Western aliya. He noted that while Jewish immigration from the Soviet Union increased 250 percent between 1971 and 1972, Western aliya dropped by 20-25 percent. (See separate Council Story P.3.)

PANOV, WIFE, AGAIN DENIED EXIT VISAS

NEW YORK, Feb. 12 (JTA)--Soviet authorities have once again denied exit visas to Valery Panov and his wife, Galina, both members of Leningrad's Kirov Ballet company, the National Conference on Soviet Jewry reported today. Their applications were rejected because Galina's mother refused to give permission for her daughter, 23, to leave the country. Soviet law requires parental permission to leave even when the applicant is no longer a minor.

NO CHANGE SEEN IN NIXON'S MIDEAST POSITION FOLLOWING HUSSEIN'S VISIT

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12 (JTA)--The Nixon administration was seen today in diplomatic circles as holding to its positions on the Middle East following King Hussein's visit with the President last week and in advance of Israeli Premier Golda Meir's meeting with Nixon at the White House on March 1.

This assessment was made following remarks by John Scali, the new American Ambassador to the United Nations on ABC-TV "Issues and Answers." Scali spoke of a "new initiative" by the U.S. as being in the making but indicated it would be based on the policy expressed in the past by both Nixon and Secretary of State William P. Rogers.

Asked to comment on the reports that Nixon would take initiatives in the Middle East after the cease-fire in Vietnam, Scali, making his first major public appearance since his appointment as Ambassador, observed that Nixon had "concluded some far-reaching talks about this part of the world" with Hussein and that he soon will discuss the issues with Mrs. Meir. These discussions,

Scali added, are "all part of a broad-sweep kind of review which is underway, and at some appropriate moment I am sure that there will be a new initiative."

Not Going Beyond Rogers' View

Furthermore, Scali said, "let us keep in mind" that the U.S. "continues to support the UN resolution (242) of Nov. 1967 as the basis for a settlement and believes it offers the kind of framework for a multinational guarantee which will be indispensable for peace."

The envoy also asserted that it is important to recognize "that neither the United States, the United Nations nor any outside force can impose a peace on the Middle East and what is necessary is the beginning of a constructive, serious negotiating process between the parties. We stand ready to assist if they desire a stage-by-stage approach and we will do our best to assist the parties themselves to talk directly or indirectly on this problem where the differences are now so wide and so very, very deep."

A high State Department source commenting to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency on the remarks by Scali, who was an ABC diplomatic commentator before joining the White House staff more than a year ago, said he was "reasonably certain" that the Ambassador was not going beyond Rogers' views three weeks ago. In an address in New York at a dinner honoring Israeli Ambassador Yitzhak Rabin, Rogers emphasized that an interim agreement for reopening the Suez Canal appeared to be the best first step towards a full settlement.

POSSIBLE U.S. DOLLAR CRISIS WILL NOT HAVE ANY BEARING ON ISRAELI CURRENCY

TEL AVIV, Feb. 12 (JTA)--The possibility of a new U.S. dollar crisis and rumors that the British pound sterling may be devalued were discounted yesterday by Israeli financial authorities. Moshe Sanbar, Governor of the Bank of Israel, said he did not foresee any change in the dollar to which the British pound is pegged. "The American economy is soundly based and one should not expect a deterioration in the status of the dollar," he said. He described the dollar speculation in some European markets as "of a local character."

But Israeli banks took the precaution of limiting their foreign currency transactions. British pounds were exchanged for tourists only and a limit of 50 pounds per person was set. Other European currencies were limited, but to larger sums. The black market cost of pounds sterling and dollars remained steady. The price of gold declined somewhat but not enough to require attention from financial circles here. Sanbar said that speculations regarding European currency will have no bearing on Israel's currency.

U.S. MIZRACHI LEADER URGES ISRAEL TO RETAIN ENTIRE WEST BANK AREA

JERUSALEM, Feb. 12 (JTA)--An American Mizrahi leader urged the Israeli government yesterday not to return any part of the West Bank to the Arabs. Rabbi Bernard Bergmann contended that "The government of Israel has no right or power to forego the inheritance of our forefathers which was restored to us through the Lord's mercies and through the heroism of our sons."

Rabbi Bergmann spoke for himself and for Rabbi Avigdor Tzipperstein of the U.S. and Rabbi Tibor Rosenbaum of Switzerland. The three comprise the new presidium of the religious Zionist movement which was elected yesterday. Rabbi

Zemach Zambrowski of Israel, was re-elected chairman of the Merkaz Olami of the World Mizrahi Movement.

Rabbi Bergmann claimed that a firm stand by Israel would win U.S. support. He said it was "American Jewry's pride that the present administration and its predecessor and both political parties have not disappointed Israel in either political or practical support." He demanded that the Israeli government bar entry to members of the "Jews for Jesus" movement and called for legislation against all missionary work in Israel.

GAZA ARAB LEADER MURDERED; ANOTHER ESCAPES AMBUSH ATTACK

TEL AVIV, Feb. 12 (JTA)--Police and security officials are investigating the possibility of a connection between this morning's ambush attempt on the life of former Mayor Rashid Shawa of Gaza and yesterday's murder of Deib Ismael el Arbitti, an opponent of Shawa who had been mentioned as a possible mayoral candidate.

The gangland-style murder of Arbitti was the first political murder in Gaza in several months. The victim was taken from his home by three gunmen before dawn yesterday. His bullet-riddled body was found near a wall about a half mile away.

Shawa suffered slight hand wounds when two bursts of automatic fire struck his red limousine while he was driving from his home to a citrus-packing plant in the Gaza Strip. He said later that he believed his attackers were Arab terrorists. Shawa was removed from office by Israeli authorities last year when he refused to extend municipal services to refugee camps in the Gaza area.

On the day of his removal, Arbitti, a former Gaza court clerk, was elected chairman of the local council of the El Shatti refugee quarter which had just been incorporated into the Gaza municipal council. It was believed that terrorists murdered Arbitti as a warning to all other candidates not to collaborate with Israeli authorities. Arbitti was the father of ten. His funeral yesterday was attended by thousands of Shatti quarter refugees.

3 JEWISH ANTI-POVERTY QUARTERS GIVEN \$250,000 BY CITY AGENCY

NEW YORK, Feb. 12 (JTA)--Three Jewish agencies involved in aiding Jewish poor on the Lower East Side and the Bronx, received grants from the city's Human Resources Administration totaling \$250,000. The grant contracts were signed several days ago by Mayor John V. Lindsay. The quarter of a million dollars is intended for the Jewish poor who live outside the city's 26 designated poverty areas or in poverty pockets within these areas.

The recipient agencies were: the Metropolitan New York Coordinating Council on Jewish Poverty, an umbrella organization of more than 30 Jewish groups on the East Side, \$86,480; the Concourse Jewish Community Council, a newly formed group working in the Grand Concourse area of the Bronx, \$81,760; and the United Jewish Council of the East Side, \$81,760.

At the ceremony marking the signing of the contracts in the office of the UJC, Jule Sugarman, HRA administrator, stated that the contracts resulted "from our careful review of the 1970 census tract data which revealed widespread poverty among groups that previously had not attempted to benefit from government efforts to assist the poor." The contracts were prepared by the HRA and approved by the Board of Estimate on Jan. 25.

There will be no Daily News Bulletin Monday, February 19 due to Washington's birthday.

ISRAELI BUREAUCRACY UNDER ATTACK

JERUSALEM, Feb. 12 (JTA)--Israel's ubiquitous bureaucracy came under sharp attack today from Gen. Haim Herzog, former chief of military intelligence, who addressed the meeting of the Zionist General Council (Actions Committee) here. Charging that bureaucratic inefficiency was harming the absorption of immigrants, Herzog urged Zionists to "take off your silk gloves with respect to the Israel government when it comes to the bureaucracy that is oppressing immigrants."

Herzog, a well-known military commentator, said a new immigrant from the Soviet Union cannot understand why he must wait 5-7 years for a telephone. He said "one example of the Israeli bureaucracy at work was the disabled Army veteran who had to get the permission of 13 government authorities before he could open a gas station," Herzog said the problem was an internal one for Israel "but the Zionist movement must help solve it."

Recent immigrants from Britain and Australia took a similar dim view of the bureaucracy but had praise for the Israeli offices of the British and Australian Zionist Federations which have helped them settle. Dr. Paul Vulfson, an orthopedic surgeon from Adelaide, Australia, described the ZF office as "an island of sympathy in a sea of bureaucratic hostility and indifference."

Some of the immigrants criticized the Jewish Agency's emissaries in their home countries for giving them false information about Israel. Others said the Jewish Agency handled their immigration thoughtfully and efficiently.

During the course of debate at today's General Council meeting, Mrs. Rose Matzkin, president of Hadassah, noted that her organization collected \$9 million for Israel in addition to sums it collected for Jewish needs in the U.S. She stressed that Zionists as well as other Jewish groups were helping to finance programs in Israel.

Jacques Torczyner, an American leader of the World Union of General Zionists, claimed that Jewish intellectuals in the U.S. were mounting an attack against the Zionist movement and called for an information and propaganda program to counter it. He warned that there was some danger that the U.S. might reduce its interest in the Middle East and Europe now that a cease-fire has been signed in Vietnam.

Eliezer Robinson, chairman of the Argentine Zionist Organization, said that Jewish education in Latin America was "marking time." He said it was up to the World Zionist Movement to help the half million Argentine Jews, especially the youth, focus a larger measure of their attention on Israel.

ISRAELI-BUILT JET PLANE A WINNER

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12 (JTA)--The Israeli-built jet plane "Commodore" has been renamed "Westwind" and, in a demonstration flight on Feb. 4, spanned the 2257 statute miles from Los Angeles to Savannah, Ga. in exactly four hours. Officials of Atlantic Aviation Corp. of Wilmington, Del., which is North American sales agent for the ten-seater business jet, disclosed this at a news conference today attended by a dozen representatives of the most prestigious American aviation publications and high American government aviation specialists.

In addition to the transcontinental flight, the "Westwind" has been flown non-stop from Belém, Brazil to San Juan, Puerto Rico, and from

San Juan to New York City. The "Westwind" is manufactured by Israel Aircraft Industries Ltd.

William Patrick, Atlantic Aviation's president, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that his company selected the plane last Oct. because it had "great quality for the money." He said, "We looked for the best aircraft and found it in Israel." Atlantic, founded in 1928, is one of the world's largest distributors of business jet aircraft.

MEMORIAL SERVICES FOR DAVID LAWRENCE AT WASHINGTON HEBREW CONGREGATION

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12 (JTA)--Memorial services will be held Wednesday at the Washington Hebrew Congregation for David Lawrence, a syndicated columnist and founder and editor of U.S. News & World Report, who died in Sarasota, Fla. yesterday at the age of 84. Mr. Lawrence, a longtime member of the Reform congregation, had specifically requested that memorial services be conducted for him there.

Burial services will be held at the same time Wednesday at the Episcopal Cemetery in Princeton, N.J. where Mr. Lawrence will be laid to rest beside the grave of his wife, the former Eleanor Campbell Hayes, who was Episcopalian. She died in 1969. Rabbi Herschel Matt, a Conservative rabbi from Trenton, N.J., will conduct the burial service.

Mr. Lawrence, born in Philadelphia, was raised in Buffalo, N.Y. and attended Princeton University. While in college, he served as campus correspondent for the Associated Press, beginning a career in journalism that spanned 60 years and was devoted largely to national politics as he observed it during the administrations of 11 presidents.

As a syndicated columnist, as editor of the U.S. Daily which he founded in 1926, the United States News, a weekly he founded in 1933, and U.S. News & World Report, founded in 1947, Mr. Lawrence was known for his extreme conservative views in national and international affairs. He was described by friends as a shy man in private and a "quietly devout" member of the Washington Hebrew Congregation.

HISTADRUT FOUNDATION ADOPTS \$6 M GOAL

MIAMI BEACH, Feb. 12 (JTA)--Directors of the Israel Histadrut Foundation Inc., today approved a campaign goal of \$6 million for the fiscal year ending Sept. 1973, as the foundation's 8th annual national mid-winter conference opened at the Fontainebleau Hotel last night.

William H. Sytk of Philadelphia was reelected national chairman. Dr. Leon Kronish was reelected chairman of the Board and Dr. Sol Stein of New York was reelected president at the Board meeting which preceded the four-day conference opening today. More than 1500 delegates from throughout the U.S. and Canada are participating in the conference.

Figures presented by Dr. Stein to the Board disclosed that the Foundation had secured \$25.5 million by the close of its last fiscal year. Cash and commitments secured in advance of the mid-winter conference pushed the total amount announced today to \$26.8 million, reflecting a total of \$1.3 million raised towards the \$6 million goal adopted. The figure had been recommended at a conference of the National Committee for Labor Israel last November.

Two thousand new immigrants found jobs in Histadrut-controlled enterprises in Israel in 1972 according to a report at a meeting of the Labor Federation's immigrant absorption committee.

