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## ATTEMPT TO BLOW UP EL AL FREIGHT TERMINAL AT KENNEDY AIRPORT FOILED

### Large Cache Of Explosives Found In Trunk Of Car Parked Near Terminal

NEW YORK, March 7 (JTA)--An attempt to blow up the El Al freight terminal at Kennedy Airport was foiled early this morning when FBI agents and members of the Police Bomb Squad seized a large cache of explosives in the trunk of a car parked near the terminal on the airport's northwest boundary. The FBI and police acted on a tip that the terminal was to be blown up, police said. The discovery was made at 12:30 a.m. New York time.

Police said the cache consisted of two plastic bags of explosives, three five gallon plastic containers of gasoline and three 20 pound bottles of propane gas. The propane bottles were rigged with blasting caps and timing devices to ignite the gas and set off the rest of the explosives.

### No Effect On El Al Operations

Menachem Cohen, vice-president of operations of El Al North America, issued a statement saying: "Terrorist efforts to commit acts of sabotage at the cargo-orange terminal of El Al at Kennedy International Airport were thwarted due to the alertness and combined efforts of local, federal and Israeli security services. There was no damage, no injuries and no effect on El Al operations."

The car in which the explosives were found was described as a green 1973 Plymouth which had been rented from a car rental agency. Police refused to disclose the nature of the tip that led them to the explosives or to reveal the identity of the person who rented the car.

Police also refused to speculate on the identity of the person or persons responsible for the attempt. A police spokesman said no specific threats by activists had been received before the tip-off. The attempt occurred exactly two weeks after the shooting down of a Libyan airliner by Israeli fighters over Sinai and coincided with Premier Golda Meir's visit to New York.

## LIBYA CONFISCATES PROPERTY, ASSETS OF JEWS FORMERLY RESIDENTS IN COUNTRY

LONDON, March 7 (JTA)--Jews, formerly resident in Libya, have been the chief victims of a law under which the Libyan government has confiscated all moveable and immovable property and assets of foreign nationals, the Jewish Telegraphic Agency was told today. The matter of confiscations was discussed today in the House of Lords. Lord Janner told the JTA that the confiscations were carried out under the provisions of Law 57 of 1970.

He said that of 643 victims, 628 were Jews. Lord Janner asked the government how many British subjects were involved; Lady Tweedsmuir, the Minister of State at the Foreign Office, said that eight British subjects had been dispossessed by Libyan authorities since the 1968 revolution that overthrew President Idris. She said that representations for compensation so far have had no results. Lord Janner said that 700 persons had suffered confiscation. He said he was not referring only to British subjects but to human beings whose rights should be defended.

## DEMAND GUILTY VERDICTS ON ALL COUNTS AGAINST SIX SPY RING DEFENDANTS

TEL AVIV, March 7 (JTA)--The prosecuting attorney demanded guilty verdicts on all counts today against the six key defendants in the Syrian spy ring trial. "They have sold their souls to Satan," declared Haifa District Attorney Itzhak Grablil, summing up the State's case before a three-judge panel in a Haifa district court.

He said that Daoud Osman Turki, the alleged leader of the Syrian-sponsored Arab-Jewish spy ring must be found guilty on all nine counts against him. He also singled out Ehud Adiv, the kibbutz-born paratroop veteran who allegedly served as No. 2 man in the ring and headed its Jewish section.

Noting that Adiv had confessed to most of the charges against him, including turning over military intelligence to enemy agents, meeting enemy agents abroad and undergoing training in arms and explosives in Syria, Grablil said his aim was to undermine the security of the State to pave the way for a revolutionary overthrow of the Israeli government. He demanded that Adiv be found guilty on all ten counts against him.

The defense will conduct its case next week, starting Sunday. A separate trial for the remaining defendants in the spy case is not expected to begin until the present trial ends.

## NO INDICATION THAT KISSINGER ASKED BY NIXON TO STEP INTO MIDEAST SCENE

JERUSALEM, March 7 (JTA)--Israeli sources said today that they had no knowledge of any move by President Nixon to have his national security advisor Henry Kissinger begin preparations for the negotiation of a Middle East peace settlement. The sources were commenting on a report published in the New York Times this morning by its columnist James Reston to the effect that Nixon told Kissinger to prepare the way for an American role in the Middle East peace talks.

The sources said it was highly unlikely that Nixon would give Kissinger such instructions without notifying Israel beforehand. The sources cautioned that Premier Golda Meir's recent talks in Washington with Nixon and other top U.S. officials should not be taken as an indication that Middle East peace was any nearer.

They claimed that the prospects for peace depended entirely upon the Arabs who have shown no signs of flexibility. They said no new ideas were advanced either by King Hussein of Jordan or by Egyptian President Anwar Sadat's special envoy Hafez Ismail in their recent meetings with Nixon.

## MRS. MEIR: ISRAEL CANNOT DEPEND ON ANYONE EXCEPT ITSELF FOR PEACE

NEW YORK, March 7 (JTA)--Premier Golda Meir of Israel stressed her country's self-reliance in a 35-minute speech before an audience of 5000 people at Madison Square Garden's Felt Forum last night. The rally was sponsored by the New York Committee for Israel's 25th Anniversary Celebration. She was given prolonged standing ovations before and after she spoke. Mrs. Meir was welcomed by Mayor John V. Lindsay who described her as "a woman whose life is a challenge to the conscience of our time." The Premier declared: "We are told that we

should be more dependent upon the family of nations.... We say that we cannot depend on anyone else in the world except ourselves. We are extremely happy that we have never gone to any of our friends, not even to this country, and asked for the help of one single soldier."

Continuing, Mrs. Meir stated that the blood spilled in defense of Israel has been the blood of Israelis... The Israeli leader said Israel wanted "peace above all, but not peace at any price." She said Israel wanted agreed borders, but borders that are defensible and that would deter a future aggressor.

The rousing reception given Mrs. Meir came as her visit to this country neared its end. She leaves Thursday after a week-long series of meetings with President Nixon, top U.S. officials and Jewish leaders. Earlier yesterday she was at Brandeis University to receive an honorary doctor of law degree. (See separate story, P.3.) Today the Premier met with the world renowned violinist Isaac Stern. Tomorrow she is scheduled to meet with N.Y. Governor Nelson A. Rockefeller.

In introducing Mrs. Meir to the Felt Forum audience, Abraham Feinberg, chairman of the 25th Anniversary Celebration Committee, declared: "Israel's anniversary belongs to every American who cherishes freedom and human dignity. Tonight we are proud to be able to express our admiration and love for the people of Israel and for a great leader and a great lady." Jacob Stein, chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, told the gathering that Americans of every faith will join in community-sponsored celebrations of Israel's 25th anniversary in "more than 300 cities across the nation" on and around May 6-7. He declared: "Americans everywhere see in Israel a fresh expression of the ideals of liberty and justice that have supplied much of the motive power for this country's progress."

Lindsay, who welcomed Mrs. Meir on behalf of New York City, declared that the city is strongly supporting a six-week celebration of Israel's 25th anniversary, to be carried out by the New York Committee for Israel's 25th Anniversary Celebration.

The six-week anniversary period will begin April 30, with ceremonies at City Hall, and culminate with a Salute to Israel Parade on Fifth Avenue, June 10. It will feature displays in museums, department stores, and major city libraries, along with block parties and a special Israel Sabbath in the city's synagogues.

#### CBS NEWSMAN CHARGES U.S. FOLLOWS 'DOUBLE STANDARD' IN DEALING WITH ISRAELI, ARAB, ACTS OF VIOLENCE

WASHINGTON, March 7 (JTA)--There was no immediate reaction from administration sources today to CBS News White House correspondent Robert Pierpoint's charge that the U.S. government followed a "double standard" in its response to acts of violence and terror by both Israel and Palestinian terrorists.

In a biting attack over the CBS Radio Network this morning, Pierpoint noted that Secretary of State William P. Rogers had suggested the death penalty for eight terrorists who murdered two American and one Belgian diplomats in Khartoum last Thursday. But "there was next to no outcry in this country" when "the Israelis a few weeks ago carried out a commando-type raid deep into Lebanon, striking at Palestinian refugee camps 130 miles from their own territory and snuffing out thirty or forty lives in the pro-

cess," Pierpoint said.

He also noted that Sen. Hugh Scott (R.Pa.); the Republican Senate Minority Leader said of the Khartoum terrorists after a meeting with President Nixon yesterday, "I hope they shoot them all, and the sooner the better." He said that neither Rogers nor Scott mentioned a trial or "the possibility that if a fair trial were held it might turn out that not all the terrorists were guilty of the murders."

#### Jews Have Huge Propaganda Machine In U.S.

"What this seems to add up to is a double standard in this country toward terror and murder," Pierpoint said. "For so long, Americans have become used to thinking of the Israelis as the good guys, and Arabs as the bad guys, that many react emotionally along the lines of previous prejudices. The fact is that both sides have committed unforgivable acts of terror. Both sides have killed innocents. Both sides have legitimate grievances and illegitimate methods of expressing them."

Pierpoint said the Arab act of sheer terror may be the "more irrational. At least it was not backed by a relatively rational government which justifies its actions as necessary." He added: "The Israelis have and utilize a formidable political and propaganda force in this country in the form of six million Jews. The Arabs with only slightly less than a million descendants in America are just beginning to organize a nationwide counter force. Perhaps this will help bring balance. In the meantime, the rest of us might apply more study, balance and fair play to the difficult problems of the Middle East."

#### FAMILIES OF AIRLINER DISASTER VICTIMS TO EACH RECEIVE \$30,000 FROM ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, March 7 (JTA)--The families of the passengers and crew members who died in the Feb. 21 Libyan airliner disaster will each receive payment of \$30,000 from Israel, the government announced yesterday. In addition, sums ranging from \$10-\$30,000 will be paid to each of the seven survivors.

The payments are being offered ex-gratia--of free will--on humanitarian grounds, Justice Minister Yaacov Shimshon Shapiro, who heads a special ministerial committee, dealing with the payments, said on a radio interview last night that arrangements would be made to enable the claimants to collect the money even though most of them are citizens of countries which have no diplomatic relations with Israel. Most of the plane's passengers and crew members were citizens of Egypt or Libya, nations which consider themselves in a state of war with Israel.

According to reports from Arab capitals, the governments involved are opposed to accepting any compensation from Israel. Israeli officials use the word payment rather than compensation.

El Al announced yesterday in Tel Aviv that it would continue its regular flights to France despite a strike by French flight control officials which has caused several European airlines to suspend service to that country. The crash of an Iberia Airlines jet over France Monday with the loss of 60 lives has been attributed to the chaos in air traffic control resulting from the strike. The French Army has taken over the strikers' duties. El Al said it was re-routing its flights to Paris to avoid French territory as far as possible and that other flights that normally pass over France would bypass that country. Service to France has been suspended by Air France, BEA, Swissair and Lufthansa.

MRS. MEIR REAFFIRMS PEACE GOALS

WALTHAM, Mass., March 7 (JTA)--Israeli Premier Golda Meir reaffirmed Israel's wish for peace, saying "our neighbors must know that the only solution for them and for us is in peace." The Premier was addressing some 900 persons at Brandeis University where she was flown yesterday afternoon in a specially chartered plane from LaGuardia Airport in New York to Hanscom Field Air Force Base, a 15-minute drive from the university. She was accompanied on the plane by her entourage, Israeli correspondents and Yitzhak Rabi, the Jewish Telegraphic Agency's United Nations correspondent.

Security was extremely tight. Armed soldiers lined the road from the airport to the university, a helicopter patrolled from above and a police car followed as Mrs. Meir was driven in a black limousine to the university where she was welcomed by cheering students and admirers waving Israeli flags.

Mrs. Meir was greeted by university president Marver H. Bernstein who presented her on behalf of the university with an engraving by Israeli artist David Sharir. Bernstein then presented the Premier with an honorary doctor of law degree which Mrs. Meir, dressed in black graduation robes, said she accepted on behalf of all the people of Israel who were really responsible for the achievements of the Jewish State, and on behalf of the Jews in the Soviet Union "who struggle to come" to Israel.

"The renowned leader of Israel who honors us today personifies those rare qualities without which Israel would never have been established and sustained," Bernstein said, presenting the degree which marked the joint celebration of both Israel's and Brandeis' 25th anniversaries.

Referring to her hopes for peace in the Middle East, Mrs. Meir said she did not know when it would come, but that she believed it would come sooner or later. She said Israel's most notable achievement was not military but the creation of a country "that nobody wanted in 2000 years." Israel had to fight, she said, because it was a "very sad and tragic necessity, and thank God we could win the wars." But, she continued, if she were asked to summarize Israel's achievements in one sentence, it would be: "A Yemenite woman learning how to read and her husband not preventing her from doing so."

GOREN DEMANDS KNESSET ENACT LAWS TO CURB MISSIONARY ACTIVITIES

JERUSALEM, March 7 (JTA)--Chief Rabbi Shlomo Goren demanded yesterday that the Knesset enact laws to curb Christian missionary activities in Israel. Addressing the Jerusalem Labor Council, Rabbi Goren claimed there was nothing anti-democratic about such legislation and contended that members of all factions would support it. "The Knesset must display courage and act without fear of offending certain gentle groups," he said.

The Ashkenazic Chief Rabbi denounced the National Religious Party for adopting a resolution at its convention last week advocating an end to the exemption of yeshiva students from military service. He said their exemption has been an accepted fact since the inception of the State because Israel had to build up a new reserve of Torah scholars to replace those lost in the European holocaust. "Those who wish to devote their lives to study ought to continue to be exempt," he said.

The Chief Rabbi expressed a hawkish view on

Israel's boundaries. He contended that Israel has a right to every inch of the West Bank, no different from its right to Tel Aviv.

SOVIET OFFICIAL RAPPED FOR STATEMENT ON NUMBERS OF JEWS WHO RECEIVE VISAS

NEW YORK, March 7 (JTA)--The National Conference on Soviet Jewry accused a high ranking Soviet official of "playing a dangerous numbers game" when he claimed in Washington this week that most Jews seeking to leave the Soviet Union receive visas. The NCSJ referred to remarks by Vladimir S. Alkhimov, the Soviet Deputy Minister of Trade, who heads a 15-member Soviet trade delegation currently visiting the United States. Alkhimov spoke of "dramatic changes affecting the emigration of Soviet Jews."

The NCSJ said his statement reflected no new developments. "In truth, there are over 100,000 pending affidavits for Soviet Jews which have not been acted upon by Soviet officials," the NCSJ said. "Despite the welcome increase in emigration in 1972, this only represented one-fourth of those Jews known to have such affidavits."

Soviet officials are playing a "dangerous numbers game," the statement continued, when they say that over 95 percent of all applications last year have been settled. "The truth is that 95 percent of those finally permitted to leave, after much harassment, actually left the USSR. Hundreds of Jewish families have been waiting, in vain, for years. Most of them are under constant surveillance and have been unemployed for months or years."

The NCSJ accused Alkhimov of distorting the facts when he asserted that "only ten percent (of those who left) had to pay something." In reality, the NCSJ said, "the imposition of a retroactive ransom tax last August, for those who leave the Soviet Union, has already cut down the number of educated Jews permitted to leave by more than one-half--from over 20 percent in the first part of 1972 to less than ten percent in the last six months."

GALPERIN GRANTED EXIT VISA

TEL AVIV, March 7 (JTA)--Alexander Galperin, who recently completed a 2 1/2 year sentence in a strict regime Soviet labor camp, has been granted an exit visa and is expected to leave for Israel within two weeks, it was learned here today. Galperin was sentenced in the Kishinev trial in June, 1971. He was released several weeks ago.

Soviet authorities, however, are still refusing a visa to Valery Vudka who was sentenced to three years imprisonment at the Riga trial in May, 1971 and released last Aug. from a strict regime labor camp. Vudka has refused to accept a Soviet identification card and claims that he considers himself an Israeli citizen.

Israeli officials appeared satisfied today with reports that the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) Council in Montreal has taken no precipitate action against Israel over the Libyan plane incident. The ICAO Council decided to appoint its own team of experts to investigate the tragedy in which 106 lives were lost. The Arab states were expected to press for stronger action against Israel. The ICAO, at its 19th session at the United Nations last week, adopted an Egyptian resolution condemning Israel for shooting down the Libyan plane and calling on the Secretary General for an immediate investigation.

