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## BLACK SEPTEMBER TAKES CREDIT FOR SLAYING OF ISRAELI MERCHANT

TEL AVIV, March 13 (JTA)--The Black September terrorist gang claimed today that it was responsible for the murder yesterday of a 59-year-old Israeli leather merchant, Simha Glitzer, in Nicosia, Cyprus. According to a terrorist radio broadcast monitored here, Glitzer was slain because he was involved in "Israeli espionage" in Cyprus. Glitzer was shot by a Jordanian student, Eidan Sulieman Maali. Glitzer's body will be flown to Israel tomorrow for burial.

A Nicosia court issued a detention order today for Maali and police were combing the island for the killer. Cypriot police said he might be hiding out in an Arab legation. They said earlier reports that he may have escaped aboard a Beirut-bound plane with a forged passport were improbable. According to the police, the Lebanese airline plane left 45 minutes after the killing. By that time the airport had been blocked and a description of the Jordanian gunman had been circulated.

The search for Maali was being hampered, however, by the fact that the two Cypriot communities, Greek and Turkish, have separate police forces. The Cypriot Minister of Trade and Industry expressed shock at the murder of Glitzer who he knew personally from his frequent business trips to Cyprus.

Police said that Glitzer, who owned a leather tannery in Petach Tikva, arrived in Cyprus on his way home to Israel from Europe. But they said he delayed his departure for Israel for 24 hours to wait for part of his baggage that had gone astray and was placed on a later plane.

Instead of leaving Cyprus on Sunday as he planned, Glitzer waited until yesterday and was fatally shot as he left the Nicosia Palace Hotel on the way to the airport. Glitzer was described by friends here as a religiously observant man who contributed to various yeshivot and other needy causes.

## ICAO FACT-FINDING TEAM TO GO TO ISRAEL, LIBYA, EGYPT

JERUSALEM, March 13 (JTA)--The International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) has informed the Israeli government that it wishes to send a "fact-finding" team to Israel, Libya, and Egypt to investigate the Feb. 21 Libyan airliner disaster. The ICAO move followed a decision by the organization's executive in Montreal last week calling for an investigation. Israel has replied in accordance with a Cabinet decision to render every assistance to the team, officials said here today.

## MILD SENTENCES FOR DRUZE VILLAGERS

TEL AVIV, March 13 (JTA)--A military court in Kuneitra imposed mild sentences today on six Druze villagers from Majdal Shams in the Golan Heights who were charged with failure to inform Israeli authorities of the existence of a Syrian spy ring in their village.

The accused who had originally pleaded not guilty changed their pleas to guilty yesterday. One received a three-year suspended sentence and will have to serve nine months in jail. Lesser sentences were meted out to the others and several were released immediately as they had

served the terms of their sentences while awaiting trial.

According to the charges, the defendants were aware of the fact that two Syrian intelligence agents had been visiting the village on the slopes of Mt. Hermon regularly between the end of 1970 and the middle of 1972. Other Majdal Shams villagers directly implicated in the spy ring were awaiting trial.

## DINITZ: U.S.-ISRAEL RELATIONS BASED ON MUTUAL INTERESTS; WARNS PROBLEMS BETWEEN TWO COULD ARISE IN THE FUTURE

TEL AVIV, March 13 (JTA)--Simha Dinitz, the diplomat who will shortly take up the duties of Israel's Ambassador to Washington, said today that the good relations between the United States and Israel are based on mutual interests. He expressed hope that this partnership of interests would continue to prevail, but warned that Israel could face important and difficult trials in its relations with the U.S. in the future.

Israel's Ambassador-designate to the U.S. who accompanied Premier Golda Meir on her recent trip to Washington, addressed a B'nai B'rith Board of Governors meeting here and replied to questions by board members. Dinitz said there was a basic understanding by the American Administration of the principles that govern Israel's foreign and defense policies. He said American policy was to strengthen Israel to the extent that the option of war becomes less practical to the Arabs and the peace option more sound.

Dinitz said that policy was not only good for Israel but for the U.S. as well. He said it had brought about American moves to renew relations with the Arab countries, brought about the visit to Washington of Egyptian President Anwar Sadat's personal envoy, Hafez Ismail, and may also have contributed to the departure of Soviet advisors and military personnel from Egypt.

## No Complete Identity Of Interests

Dinitz said, however, that one cannot expect complete identity of interests and opinions in Israel-American relations. He said that while there existed a mutuality of interests between one of the great super-powers and one of the smallest nations in the world, Israel must be constantly alert to see that its interests are preserved.

Elaborating on this in reply to questions, Dinitz said Israel must watch American contacts with the Middle East countries and with the Soviet Union to make sure that efforts by the great powers to create an "ideal world" are not achieved at the expense of Israel's peace, security and independence.

Referring to Israel's relations with the Arab states, Dinitz said that even if peace is reached with one or more of its neighbors, the nature of the countries that surround Israel is such that Israel will not be able to feel secure unless it has secure, defensible borders as a deterrent factor. He mentioned in that connection the Golan Heights, Sharm el-Sheikh and the West Bank territory opposite Nathanya which, before the Six-Day War, almost cut Israel in half.

## MRS. MEIR WARNED ON SOVIET EMIGRATION?

WASHINGTON, March 13 (JTA)--The White House refused to comment today on a report that

Premier Golda Meir of Israel, at her meeting with President Nixon March 11, "was given, along with promises of continuing aid, a warning of conflict ahead" between Israel and the U.S. The alleged warning, reported by syndicated columnist Marquis Childs in the Washington Post today, was reportedly related to the emigration of Jews from the Soviet Union. Mrs. Meir, Childs wrote was told that "the United States cannot dictate the emigration policy of the Soviet Union."

Replying to a question by the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, White House Deputy Press Secretary Gerald Warren said, "I am not commenting on that report." He said he would not discuss Mrs. Meir's meeting with Nixon beyond what Press Secretary Ronald Ziegler said at the time. Warren remarked: "Our position on this problem of emigration has been told several times."

Asked if the current visit to Moscow by Secretary of the Treasury George P. Shultz for trade discussions with Soviet officials was part of the "quiet diplomacy" position adopted by the Administration on the emigration issue, Warren said he had no information on Shultz's talks.

He said the President was receiving reports from Shultz. He said he did not know when the Administration would present the East-West trade bill to Congress for enactment, or in what form it would be presented.

#### Seeking Assurances On Emigration

A major topic of debate in Washington is whether the Soviet Union will back down on its emigration head tax in order to secure most favored nation status and other trade concessions from the U.S. Aides to Sen. Henry M. Jackson (D. Wash.) the principal sponsor of an amendment to the East-West Trade Act linking trade concessions to an easing of Soviet emigration policy, reportedly believe that the Russians have little choice but to find a face-saving formula because of their food shortage and economic troubles.

But White House aides directly concerned with the matter were said to be less optimistic. They have expressed the view that the issue involves intervention in Soviet domestic affairs.

Sources here said today that Shultz was trying to obtain private assurances from Soviet officials that the USSR would permit more Jews to emigrate. Some members of Congress said they had been told by members of a visiting Soviet trade delegation that their government would look into the education tax which affects Jewish academicians seeking to emigrate. But according to reports from Moscow, Western observers, believe a dramatic breakthrough on the emigration tax matter and other restrictions on emigration is not likely.

Meanwhile, a spokesman for the Export-Import Bank said yesterday that the first scheduled credit for the Soviet Union under the East-West Trade Act signed last Oct. has been delayed. The spokesman said the delay was caused by legal details. Administration sources denied that it was connected in any way with Shultz's talks in Moscow.

#### JDC SHIPS PASSOVER PARCELS TO USSR, NORTH AFRICA, EUROPE

NEW YORK, March 13 (JTA)--Close to 600,000 pounds of matzo and matzo meal and 41,000 bottles of Passover wine have been shipped to Europe and North Africa by the Joint Distribution Committee to help needy Jews in those areas celebrate the Passover holiday, it was announced this week by Samuel L. Haber, JDC executive

vice-chairman. In addition to the 300 tons of Passover supplies, which cost about \$145,000, Haber said, JDC allocated \$100,000 to finance the shipment of thousands of Passover parcels to needy Jews in the Soviet Union.

"About 75 percent of the Passover shipments, close to 400,000 pounds, went to Rumania," Haber said. "In addition, JDC has allocated another \$80,000 for supplementary Passover relief in Rumania. This includes cash grants of \$5 to \$15 to 11,000 persons, special Passover food packages to 11,500 and Passover meals for about 2500 in community canteens."

Other countries receiving Passover shipments, in addition to Rumania, were Yugoslavia, Greece, Italy, Portugal, Spain, Spanish Morocco and Tunisia, Haber said. Special Passover relief grants in Iran, Morocco and other countries will enable needy Jews in those countries to purchase Passover supplies locally. Funds for Passover relief in other JDC health, welfare and rehabilitation programs come mainly from the campaigns of the United Jewish Appeal.

#### INTER-MARRIAGES WILL NOT BE STEMMED BY PROHIBITIONS, SAYS PROF. DAVIS

TEL AVIV, March 13 (JTA)--Prohibitions and admonitions won't stem the tide of inter-marriages, Prof. Moshe Davis, founder and head of the Institute of Contemporary Jewry at the Hebrew University, declared here yesterday in an address to a special seminar session of the B'nai B'rith Board of Governors. Prof. Davis listed inter-marriage as one of the three major problems of contemporary Jewry. The others, he said, were the nature of Jewish leadership and the relationship between Israel and diaspora Jewry.

Prof. Davis said the increase in inter-marriage among Jews stemmed from the changing demography that has made Jews a Western people and the free society of the West that has led to a higher level of assimilation. He said the issue is not inter-marriage but the quality of contemporary Jewish family life with the stress on the family. According to Prof. Davis, Jewish family life can be maintained and perpetuated even in mixed families.

Regarding Jewish leadership, Prof. Davis noted that unlike modern systems of life, where research precedes decisions, Jewish communities usually adopt decisions based on instinct, nostalgia, vested interests and the commitments of the leaders. Only rarely are the decisions derived from the actual needs of the contemporary way of life of the Jewish masses, he said.

Israel's film censorship board by majority vote today okayed the showing of Marlon Brando's controversial film, "The Last Tango in Paris" for showing in Israel to persons over 18. Two members of the board had demanded that the film be banned because of its explicit sexual content and four others insisted that some cuts be made. But a 10-member majority voted to permit the film to be screened without cuts.

Mrs. Faye L. Schenk, past president of Hadasah, and now chairman of the Hadassah Medical Organization, reported that six Jewish women staged a two-day hunger strike outside the Central Post Office in Kishinev on March 7 in protest against the Moldavian Interior Ministry's refusal to grant their families exit visas for Israel. Among the participants were: Raina S. Tsukerman and Rosalia Dorfman. At the conclusion of the fast the women sent appeals to the International Red Cross, the International Federation of Women and to Soviet President Nikolai V. Podgorny.

## 8 SOVIET JEWISH CASES CITED AS EVIDENCE OF HARASSMENT

TEL AVIV, March 13 (JTA)--Eight cases in which Jews who have applied for exit visas got into trouble with Soviet authorities were cited yesterday by Avraham Harman, president of the National Council for Soviet Jewry, as evidence of a pattern of deliberate harassment and intimidation intended to dissuade Jews from applying for emigration. Harman, president of Hebrew University, said this pattern persisted even as Soviet spokesmen were telling the world that nothing hindered the departure of Jews from the USSR.

He mentioned two brothers, Grigori and Yasha Goldstein in Tbilisi, Georgia, who were arrested shortly after applying for exit visas. In Rostov, Lazar Lubarsky was sentenced to four years' imprisonment for allegedly slandering the Soviet Union and giving away secret documents, the nature of which were never revealed, after he applied for permission to leave, Harman said.

In Sverdlovsk, Valery Kukui has been under arrest for two years and his friends in Israel have not had any word from him in the past 11 months. In Vinitza, Ukraine, Isak Shkolnik has been placed under arrest for espionage because he was friendly with English engineers who supervised the construction of a factory in the town. Shkolnik was charged only after he applied for a visa, Harman said.

In Minsk, former Col. Yefim Davidovitch was hospitalized for a heart attack after undergoing a series of interrogations by the KGB (secret police) and has been threatened with confinement to a mental institution because his insistence on free emigration for Jews is considered a sign of mental instability, Harman said. Also in Minsk Gedalya Kipnis, 68, a painter and friend of Davidovitch is awaiting trial for allegedly attempting to smuggle out of the country a document by Davidovitch charging overt anti-Semitism in the USSR.

In Moscow, the case of Aleksander Temkin and his daughter, Marina, received world-wide publicity after the girl was forcibly taken to an undisclosed place because her father wanted her to accompany him to Israel. The Matzevitch family in Minsk has not been allowed to take their three-year-old daughter to Israel because her non-Jewish grandmother demands custody of the child, Harman said.

## RZA SAYS NRP RESOLUTION ON MILITARY SERVICE MISINTERPRETED

NEW YORK, March 13 (JTA)--A resolution adopted by the National Religious Party convention in Tel Aviv two weeks ago was "erroneously, and perhaps maliciously" interpreted in some quarters as advocating compulsory military service for yeshiva students in Israel, the Vaad Hapoei of the Religious Zionists of America claimed in a resolution approved at a meeting here.

According to the RZA, the NRP resolution urged all yeshivot in Israel to introduce military training for their students in the manner and style of those yeshivot which participate in the voluntary system of military service through the yeshiva "hesder" program.

"The Vaad Hapoei of the Religious Zionists of America herewith reaffirms its commitment to the idea that military service by yeshiva students shall remain voluntary with no conscription whatever by the (Israeli) government and it urged the National Religious Party in Israel to remain steadfast in the defense of this position,

the resolution stated.

It added: "At the same time, the Vaad Hapoei expresses its deep regret and resentment that so many people in the U.S. and elsewhere misinterpreted the resolution passed by the NRP in Israel so as to convey the impression that Religious Zionists favor military conscription of yeshiva students."

The NRP resolution has come under bitter attack by Orthodox groups in the U.S. and Israel, including Israel's two Chief Rabbis, Shlomo Goren and Ovadia Yosef.

## SAPIR: HOUSING SHORTAGE IS A MYTH

JERUSALEM, March 13 (JTA)--After taking a close look at the building statistics, Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir feels that the housing shortage in Israel is a myth and therefore plans to ask the Cabinet to reduce the pace of building as a way of curbing Israel's growing inflation, according to Danny Halpern, Sapir's chief assistant. In an interview with the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, Halpern said Sapir recently concluded from a look at the figures that Israel need not build in larger numbers annually. Halpern said Sapir was the first government official to dismiss talks of a housing crisis.

"We have looked at the figures and we estimate that there are 80,000 apartments and other kinds of dwellings being built in Israel," he said. "According to what we have found, we have more than we need." Housing Ministry officials appear to agree with Sapir that there are too many housing units under construction, but these officials say that the number is too large because the economy and the building industry cannot absorb so many at once. They do not say that the number should be smaller simply because there is no housing shortage, it was reported.

Yehuda Laish, chief assistant to Housing Minister Zeev Sharef, told the JTA that the Housing Ministry would also welcome a cutback in the number of housing units being built as a way of curbing inflation. But Laish noted that, while talk of a housing crisis is somewhat premature now, "we think such a crisis could result in 1973" if 60,000 units are not built this year.

The housing officials said that of the 80,000 units under construction as of the beginning of 1973, roughly half were for the public sector. Of these, 16,000 are for new immigrants. Government officials estimate that perhaps as many as 90,000 new immigrants will come to Israel in the next two years. Those 16,000 apartments would provide space for between 50-60,000, they said.

## VIKTOR YORAN'S APPEAL REJECTED

WASHINGTON, March 13 (JTA)--Viktor Yoran, the 36-year-old Russian-born Jewish cellist, attempted to deliver an appeal to the Soviet government today to allow his wife, their son and his mother who are in Moscow to reunite with him in Israel. But the Soviet Embassy passed word through a special U.S. police officer on guard duty that it would not accept his letter.

The officer, Lt. Donald Cassell of the executive protective service, said an Embassy officer whose identity he said he did not know, had instructed him that "if he (Yoran) wants his letter delivered, he can mail it through normal channels." The musician, who has been living in Israel since 1969, is to give a concert Thursday night at the Washington Hebrew Reform Congregation's Temple. His letter, typed in English, declared that he is living in Israel "not for political reasons but as a matter of conscience" and that he and his family "pose no threat to the USSR."

