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## EBAN TELLS KNESSET GOVERNMENT HAS CONFIRMED MURDER OF 5 IRAQI JEWS

JERUSALEM, April 29 (JTA)--Foreign Minister Abba Eban told the Knesset today that the Israeli government has confirmed the recent murder of a family of five Iraqi Jews. He said the Kashkosh family--Reuven, his wife, his daughter, and two sons, Fuad and Samir--were brutally murdered in broad daylight and that the blame rested squarely with the Iraqi government. Eban gave no other details.

The Knesset, with the exception of the Rakah Communist faction which abstained, approved a resolution submitted by Gahal chairman Menachem Begin calling on the Israeli government and world opinion to work for the emigration of Jews from Iraq.

Eban, who spoke for 15 minutes, noted that there were fewer than 400 Jews remaining in Iraq when, in Sept. 1972, the Iraqi authorities suddenly ended their policy of allowing Jews to quietly emigrate in small numbers. Since then, he said 16 Iraqi Jews have disappeared. He read their names to the Knesset.

Eban said the murder of the Kashkosh family was "the climax of a chain of cruel brutality against the Jewish community in Baghdad." He reported that representations by friendly governments and by others to the Baghdad regime have thus far been met with evasiveness. He said the Israeli government was pledged to continue its struggle to liberate the remnant of Iraq's Jewish community and all other Jews in Arab states who are oppressed by their regimes.

"We identify with their brave struggle and send them a message of encouragement and hope," Eban said. He said the only solution for Iraqi Jews was to emigrate.

## 2 MORE IRAQI JEWS ARRESTED; 3 DISAPPEAR WITHOUT A TRACE

LONDON, April 29 (JTA)--Two more Jews were arrested in Baghdad several days ago, according to reliable information reaching here from the Iraqi capital. They were identified as Naim Fattal and Shua Uzeir. Their whereabouts, as those of the Jews previously arrested since Sept., are unknown. According to the same report, three other Iraqi Jews, whose names were not disclosed, have disappeared without a trace. There is grave anxiety about their fate.

The concern is especially acute in light of the murder of the Reuven Kashkosh family and the report of the murder of Dr. Violet Toeg and her husband in Baghdad. Some 200 people staged a spontaneous demonstration outside the Iraqi office today in protest against the murders. The demonstrators recited the Kaddish and blew the shofar.

## KILLING OF 7 IRAQI JEWS TERMED COLD-BLOODED MURDER BY AZF, CONFERENCE OF PRESIDENTS

NEW YORK, April 29 (JTA)--Responding to reports that seven Jews were killed a week ago in Baghdad, the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations and the American Zionist Federation termed this cold-blooded murder.

Jacob Stein, chairman of the Presidents Con-

ference, accused the government of Iraq today of "committing genocide" against the remaining Jewish community in Baghdad. In a telegram to Secretary of State William P. Rogers, Stein urged the U.S. diplomat to intercede with Iraqi officials and "demand an end to the murders, the kidnappings and the arrests that are destroying what remains of the Iraqi Jewish community."

Continuing, Stein said: "The silence of responsible Iraqi officials in response to repeated demands for information about the fate of the Jewish prisoners must call forth upon that government the most severe condemnation for barbarism and brutality that shock the human conscience."

Rabbi Israel Miller, president of the AZF, said he was "shocked and horrified" at the reported cold-blooded murder of the seven Jews. He told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that "this act of bestiality brings sharply into focus the plight of Jews living in despair in the Arab countries." The world community, he added, "has taken little notice of the brutal treatment of Jews by both Iraq and Syria. The hostage Jews must be enabled to leave for safety, and nations and people of good will must raise their voices in their behalf."

## MRS. MEIR WARNS ISRAEL MUST BE PREPARED FOR RENEWED HOSTILITIES

JERUSALEM, April 29 (JTA)--Premier Golda Meir warned yesterday that Israel must be prepared for a resumption of fighting along her borders even though the Arabs must know they will suffer heavily in a clash of arms. Mrs. Meir spoke to reporters from the Army radio station and the Army magazine, "Bamachaneh."

She said Israel had to be on the alert because there was no way to predict what the Arabs might do or how illogically they might act. She observed that President Anwar Sadat of Egypt is in political trouble at home. "History can testify that Arab leaders have been in trouble on more than one occasion in the past. The simplest thing for him (Sadat) is to go to war," she said, even though it entails the sacrifice of countless human lives. "Having made our evaluation, we must tell ourselves that it would be just as well for us to be prepared."

Reports over the weekend indicated increasing Egyptian military activity along the West Bank of the Suez Canal. Israeli observers reported the construction of ramps between 12-18 meters high leading down to the edge of the canal and increased movements of soldiers and vehicles at some depth in the canal zone.

The reports said that Egyptian soldiers were manning their positions as usual but there seemed to be a tightening discipline and less leisure time for the soldiers on the Egyptian side. An Israeli patrol discovered several bazooka shells on improvised launchers primed for firing near the Lebanese border this morning. The shells and launchers were dismantled and a search was carried out in the district. A cache of bazooka shells was discovered near Nazareth this morning.

## STATE COMPTROLLER RAPS BUREAUCRACY

JERUSALEM, April 29 (JTA)--Israel's bureaucracy is raked over the coals in a 2000-page annual report just released here by State Comptroller.

troller Dr. Yitzhak Nebenzahl. The report cites inefficiencies in almost every area of government, from the defense and housing ministries to prison administration.

But no major scandals were exposed, except for the looting of equipment from the Sinai after the Six-Day War by private firms and individuals. Dr. Nebenzahl found in that instance that the Defense Ministry did its best to remove the equipment before unauthorized parties got their hands on it.

The report said, however, that equipment which could not be moved out immediately was stolen because of inadequate protection. Dr. Nebenzahl told a press conference that the government and the public recognize the need for sound administration but were not doing enough about it. One of the main difficulties, he found, was lack of coordination between governmental departments.

The Comptroller's report stated that "The government has collective responsibility for the work of all of its separate departments and agencies" and "any clash over areas of activity should be dealt with straight-away by the respective directors general, or, if necessary, by a committee of ministers."

In a critique of economic policies, the report observed that many well-intentioned policies failed either because their execution was faulty or conditions changed while the policies remained unchanged. The report cited numerous offenses but noted that some of them were minor breaches of regulations. "Some of the worst business failures in government companies can be traced back to a neglect of the rules that we insist on about channeling information to the board," the report said.

#### Inefficiencies And Inadequacies Outlined

The report found inefficiencies in the Army quartermasters branch. Military courts were criticized for administrative deficiencies and recruitment centers were accused of red tape. The report was not completely satisfied with the way the Defense Ministry procured weapons systems abroad. It noted that Israel financed the development of a \$120 million electronics system but failed to ensure that the foreign manufacturer would keep the system a secret or refrain from selling it to another buyer.

The Housing Ministry, criticized for inadequacies in allocating housing to needy families, was charged with only loosely following its own regulations. The report said that the method of selecting regional committees for the allocation of housing rendered those committees susceptible to pressure and influence.

The report found conditions poor in some prisons. It said that Ramleh prison was overcrowded and in some prisons many inmates were found to be working seven days a week without rest. The report also found excessive absenteeism among prison guards. It noted that last year 46 guards had stayed away from work for more than 30 days on grounds of illness.

The Comptroller said he planned to issue separate reports shortly on the operations of the government-owned Netivei Neft oil company, the Israel Corporation and Zim, the national shipping line. He is also investigating the Waqf, the Moslem religious trust which administers Moslem holy places.

#### SHKOLNIK APPEAL DUE LATE MAY

LONDON, April 29 (JTA)--The appeal of Isaac Shkolnik against his 10-year sentence will

be heard by the Supreme Court of the Ukrainian SSR late next month; Jewish sources in the Soviet Union reported today. Shkolnik, who was sentenced by a military court in Vinnytsa on charges of spying for Israel and anti-Soviet propaganda, filed his appeal last week. No date has been set for the hearings, the sources reported.

#### EL AL EMPLOYEE, KILLED BY TERRORIST, MAY HAVE BEEN THE WRONG MAN

ROME, April 29 (JTA)--Vittorio Olivares, an Italian employee of El Al, shot to death by a self-styled Black September agent here Friday, may have been the wrong man, police said today. They said the intended victim could have been Moshe Adad, 40, the El Al office manager, who bears a slight resemblance to the murdered man, Olivares, 35, was a practicing Catholic and was in no way connected with Middle East politics.

The killer, arrested after a brief chase, was identified as Zakariah Kamel Abou Saleh, 23. He was carrying an Egyptian-made Halwan 9-caliber pistol equipped with a silencer when he was arrested. Olivares was shot twice in the abdomen and once in the chest in front of one of Rome's busiest department stores during the evening rush hour. He died on the way to a hospital.

The killer reportedly told police interrogators that he was sent to Rome by the Black September to execute Olivares whom he knew only by photograph, not by name. He said the killing was revenge for last October's murder of Wail Adel Zuaier, believed to have been an El Fatah representative in Italy. Zuaier's killers have not been apprehended and are believed in some quarters to have been Israeli agents.

About Saleh reportedly told police that the Black September had sent an investigative team to Italy and established that Olivares was the man behind Zuaier's death. Police noted, however, that both Olivares and Adad drove the same make of car which they parked in the same garage. They said those facts and the slight resemblance between them may have caused the killer to stalk and shoot the wrong man.

(Sacha Daphneh, head of El Al's manpower division, left Tel Aviv for Rome this morning to represent the airline's management at Olivares' funeral.)

#### Dilemma For Italian Authorities

The murder caused deep shock in Italy and created another dilemma for Italian authorities. Although the murder and capture of the gunman took place before dozens of witnesses, it remains to be seen whether the Italian government will run the risk of Black September reprisals by sentencing him to prison here. Only recently, Italy released two Arabs who allegedly tried to blow up an El Al airliner with a booby-trapped record player.

About Saleh showed no sign of remorse as he was led in handcuffs to police headquarters. He reportedly talked freely to investigators about the killing which he called a "victorious mission." He told police that Black September leaders in Beirut gave him money, an airline ticket, a pistol and details of the victim and that he arrived here April 19.

Police are trying to establish whether he made contacts with local Arab groups. About Saleh said he acted alone and he had intended to return to Beirut after the killing. Olivares had been a counter clerk for BOAC. He joined El Al two years ago. Friends said he was seeking another job because of the tension and security measures at El Al.

## KNESSET HOLDS SPECIAL SESSION TO OBSERVE WARSAW GHETTO UPRISING

JERUSALEM, April 29 (JTA)--The Knesset convened in special session today to mark the 30th anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising and to memorialize the victims of the Nazi holocaust. Six candles, each representing one million Jews who died at Nazi hands, were kindled on the Speakers' rostrum.

Other Remembrance Day ceremonies will be held this evening at Mt. Herzl with the participation of President Zalman Shazar and Deputy Premier Yigal Allon. Memorial ceremonies were held in other cities and towns, each of them addressed by a Cabinet Minister or other public figure.

The scene in the Knesset was solemn as Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir spoke. He likened the outrages committed today by the Black September with those of the Nazis three decades ago. "There is no difference between what the Nazis did and what the Black September is doing," he said. "Both want to annihilate and to strike at the very being of the Jewish people."

A brief commotion was precipitated when Communist MK Meir Wilner objected to references by Knesset Speaker Israel Yeshayahu to the mistreatment of Jews in the Soviet Union. Wilner shouted from his seat that the Speaker had no right to refer to Soviet Jews on this occasion. Premier Golda Meir shouted back at him to be quiet. Nissim Eliezer, an Independent Liberal MK, asked Wilner, "Is this why you came here today?"

Addressing a memorial assembly in Haifa, Gen. Chaim Laskov (Res.) claimed that a quarter of a million Jews from Central and Eastern Europe fought against the Nazis as partisans during World War II. He said that neither the French, the Belgians, the Russians nor the Poles could claim such a record. Laskov said that whoever tried to portray European Jews as lambs led to the slaughter was doing them and their memory a grave injustice.

The Army officer, who is chairman of the Israeli ex-Servicemen's Association, noted that a half million Jews served in the ranks of the U.S. Army and a similar number of Jews served in the Soviet Army. Even the tiny Jewish population of Palestine which numbered 450,000 people, sent 30,000 young men and women to the British Army, he said. The lesson to be learned from the holocaust, Laskov observed, is that the only way to peace and survival "is to stand up in strength against everyone who tries to destroy us."

## HERBERT STEIN SAYS U.S. POLICY IS TO MAINTAIN ISRAEL'S INDEPENDENCE

WASHINGTON, April 29 (JTA)--Dr. Herbert Stein, chairman of President Nixon's Council of Economic Advisers, said that "U.S. policy relative to Israel in all respects is firmly based to maintain the independence of Israel." That policy, the U.S. government's chief economist noted, grows out of a variety of reasons "some sentimental but mainly based on the U.S. interest," and "this underlies our relations in all aspects."

Dr. Stein spoke at the luncheon Friday at the first symposium of the Economic Advisory Council of the American-Israel Chamber of Commerce and Industry. He cautioned that while the "basic conditions for supportive" actions by the U.S. are "very strong" a "certain amount of pulling and hauling" between the two countries will be evidenced, "but this should not disturb

## U.S.-Israeli relations."

Dr. Stein was one of some 40 eminent Israeli and American economists who presented papers on a select range of topics on American-Israel economic relations at a three-day symposium here that ended today.

## Energy Crisis Casts Ominous Shadow

Dr. Mordecai Hacoheh, acting chairman of the Economic Advisory Council and chairman of the American Bank and Trust Co. of New York, said that new challenges facing Israel and the world are "great and urgent" and "any weakening of the free world's position means a weakening of Israel's position." Opening the symposium Dr. Hacoheh pointed out that "the very growing energy crisis casts an ominous shadow over Israel and the free world and the interrelationship of both."

Any vibrations in the world community "affect Israel because the Jewish homeland has always been situated upon the central crossroads of history," Dr. Hacoheh said. He noted that "Israel can become an example for other nations to follow," and suggested that it seek to harness and use nuclear energy for industrial use and desalinate sea water for irrigation and hydroelectric power.

He also noted that if Israel, in a limited area of irrigated land, can produce enough food to feed its 3 million people at a high level of sustenance and have growing agricultural surpluses every year, "is it really necessary for the phantom of starvation to be spreading his shadow over so much land in Africa and Asia?" Dr. Hacoheh said the symposium's recommendations will be offered to the Israeli Prime Minister's Third Economic Conference in Jerusalem at the end of May. He added that the symposium was "not linked or influenced by Israel or the U.S. government."

## ART MUSEUM DECIDES NOT TO CANCEL PLAN FOR MAJOR ISRAEL EXHIBIT

NEW YORK, April 29 (JTA)--Douglas Dillon, president of the Metropolitan Museum of Art, indicated yesterday he had dropped his doubts about plans for the museum to be host to a major Israeli archaeological exhibit. In a letter to Israeli officials, Mayor John V. Lindsay and some museum trustees, Dillon had expressed concern that Arab terrorists might try to disrupt the exhibition.

Dillon changed his mind after meeting with David Rivlin, the Israeli Consul General in New York, and Jacob Stein, chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations. Dillon said at the meeting that planning would proceed for the exhibition for the end of next year to mark the 10th anniversary of the Israel Museum in Jerusalem. Karl Katz, Dillon's assistant, is now in Israel to help plan the exhibit, Dillon said.

Lindsay arranged for the exhibit when he visited Israel last Dec. He promised Israeli officials then there would be adequate security. He repeated the assurance Friday by telephone both to Mayor Teddy Kollek of Jerusalem and to Rivlin.

Initially, it had been hoped that the exhibit might open at the Metropolitan Museum before the end of 1973 which Lindsay had designated as a year-long commemoration of Israel's 25th anniversary. But it appeared the complexities of assembling, shipping and preparing the display will make it impossible to meet the original schedule, officials said.

The Peking People's Daily denounced as a "new sordid deal" the assurances given by the USSR that it was suspending the education tax.

## THOUSANDS MARK 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF HEROIC WARSAW GHETTO UPRISING

NEW YORK, April 29 (JTA)--New Yorkers today solemnly observed the 30th anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising, mourned the six million Jewish victims of the Nazi holocaust and vowed never to forget that black chapter in human history. An estimated 500 persons gathered in Times Square--renamed "Warsaw Ghetto Square" for the day by proclamation of Mayor John V. Lindsay--for memorial services held under the auspices of the Zionist Organization of America and more than 50 sponsoring local and national organizations.

Close to 10,000 assembled in Temple Emanuel for memorial services addressed by Sen. Jacob K. Javits, the largest single commemoration of the Ghetto anniversary ever held in the U.S. At both services, proclamations were read from President Nixon and Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller designating April 29 both a national and a state day of remembrance for the Ghetto fighters and the victims of Nazism.

Javits, in his remarks, said that Senate ratification of the United Nations Genocide Convention, which has been awaiting action for 23 years, would be a "tangible and substantive act of commemoration of the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising." He said he anticipated that the Convention would be favorably reported by the Senate Foreign Relations Committee and would be voted on this summer. "Those who survived the Nazi holocaust know full well the meaning of genocide," Javits said.

Ratification of the Convention was also urged by Herman L. Weisman, president of the ZOA, who addressed the memorial gathering in Times Square. He said ratification was one of two worthy goals American Jews are called on to support. The second, he said, was alleviation of the plight of Soviet Jewry.

### 'No Right To Forgive Or Forget'

Rockefeller's Warsaw Ghetto proclamation, read at Times Square by N.Y. State Attorney General Louis J. Lefkowitz, said: "It is fitting that all New Yorkers in recalling that heroic and bloody uprising, remember too the millions of people, most of them of Jewish faith, who were massacred by the Nazis during World War II."

Abram Salomon, chairman of the National Warsaw Ghetto Uprising Anniversary Committee, said that "The Jewish people have no right to forgive or forget the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising and the holocaust and we shall not let the world forget."

Salomon accused Polish authorities today of attempting to "rewrite history with regard to the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising and other Jewish resistance against the oppressor." He said the Jewish Historical Institute in Poland "is being forced to become the instrument of official political propaganda and is being pressured to present the revolt, not as a Jewish revolt but as an episode in general Polish resistance to German occupation."

Former Congressman Emanuel Celler told the Times Square audience that "The Warsaw Ghetto reminds us that we must rescue Jews in Russia and never cease our efforts until the last Jew who desires to emigrate can do so." Mrs. Charlotte Jacobson, chairman of the American section of the World Zionist Organization, observed that the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising and the slaughter of millions of Jews might have been averted had the Jewish State, founded in 1948, been in existence eight or ten years earlier "and there was a coun-

try of their own to which Jews could have gone by the very right of their Jewishness."

### Another Wall Must Be Erased

Jacob Stein, chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, said that "The most fitting tribute which American Jews today can pay to the heroes of the Warsaw Ghetto is to see that in the name of those Jews who stood against the wall in Warsaw we exert every effort so that those who today stand with their backs against another wall--the wall of the political borders of the Soviet Union, who are being destroyed not by bullets of steel but by those weapons which tear out the soul and spirit of man--that political wall, that barrier to freedom of man, be erased."

The services at Temple Emanuel were opened with an invocation by Rev. Dr. Nathan Perilman, rabbi of Temple Emanuel. The 60-voice Zamir Chorale and the tenor, Mikhail Alexandrovich who recently arrived in Israel from the Soviet Union, chanted the traditional, "El Mole Machamim" and sang selected songs of the Warsaw Ghetto. The ceremonies were held under the auspices of the Warsaw Ghetto Resistance Organization in conjunction with other groups.

Benjamin Meed, a survivor of the Warsaw Ghetto and chairman of the United Commemoration Committee, observed that "The Warsaw Ghetto Uprising was perhaps the most heroic act of resistance to oppression and hatred in the history of mankind. The world must remember the heinous crimes committed during the holocaust, and just as importantly, we must remember the heroism of the gallant martyrs in their courageous battle for freedom."

### UJWF REACHES \$12.5 MILLION

LOS ANGELES, April 29 (JTA)--The United Jewish Welfare Fund-Israel Emergency Fund reached the \$12.5 million mark as it prepared to end its second full month and to welcome Simcha Dinitz, Israel's new ambassador to the United States. Irwin H. Goldenberg, general chairman, announced the figure and at the same time urged volunteers to make every effort to reach the 27,000 persons who had given last year but have not yet made a 1973 commitment.

The dinner to honor Ambassador Dinitz will be May 2. It is expected to be attended by approximately 1500 persons who have already, or are expected to, make gifts of \$1000 or more. The dinner will be the campaign's major fund-raising event of the drive to date. Dinitz will be making his first West Coast public appearance at the dinner. In an address to the group, he is expected to speak not only about Israel's role in world affairs, but about the relations that exist between Israel and the United States.

In advance of Yom Hashoah, Jews in Kishinev commemorated the 70th anniversary of the first Kishinev pogrom last week in the synagogue courtyard, it was reported to the Greater New York Conference on Soviet Jewry. Throughout the observance participants stressed their determination that similar events must never occur again. It was reported to the Conference that there was no interference during the memorial observance.