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VIENNA, June 18 (JTA)--Austrian police sources say they are almost "100 percent" certain that a fatal bomb explosion on the South Autobahn near Vienna last week was intended for a busload of Jewish immigrants from the Soviet Union, the newspaper Kronenzeitung reported today.

According to police, the bomb went off in the middle of the night. A transport of Russian Jews bound for the transit center at Schoenau castle was due to pass the spot at 7 a.m.

Police theorize that the bomb went off prematurely killing the person or persons who planted it. The remains of a man identified as Richard Dvorak, a 25-year-old karate expert, were found scattered over a 250 yard area. Police believe there may have been another victim. Parts of Dvorak's body are still missing.

No suspects have been picked up so far. One source close to the investigation said, however, that there was a second theory that the bomb blast may have been the work of rival espionage groups resulting in the death of at least one spy. But Kronenzeitung quoted its police sources as saying that suspicion that the Jewish refugees were the intended victims "has been almost 100 percent confirmed."

An Austrian police officer guarding the Schoenau transit center was shot to death with an Israeli submachinegun in what was apparently an accident, police reported today.

The officer was a member of the anti-guerilla force code-named "Cobra" which was placed on special alert at Schoenau following the Autobahn blast. He was killed by a fellow officer who was removing the hair-trigger weapon from a car when it fired. Another officer was wounded.

## RIGHT-WING GROUPS LOSE GROUND IN WEST GERMANY - SECURITY SERVICES SAY ARAB TERRORISTS STILL MENACE

BONN, June 18 (JTA)--The extreme right-wing continued to lose ground in West Germany last year and poses no present danger to the State according to a report by the security services released by Interior Minister Hans Dietrich Genscher at a press conference here.

The report cited the decline of the neo-Nazi National Democratic Party (NPD) and other radical right groups and a sharp drop in acts of terror and violence by right-wing extremists between 1971-72.

The overall membership in rightist groups declined slightly--from 25,000 in 1971 to 23,000 in 1972--and the number of such groups dropped from 129 to 123 in the same period. NPD membership fell from 28,000 in 1969 to about 14,500 last year. The party, while not broken, has been crippled by the lack of financial contributions and is no longer represented in the provincial parliaments, the report noted.

Other right-wing groups have also lost public support. These include Dr. Gerhard Frey's Deutsche Volksunion; the Neue Rechte; the Nationalsozialistische Kampfgruppe Grossdeutschland, made up of fanatical Nazis; and the militant secret organization Europäische Befreiungsfront, the report said.

Acts of violence by right-wing extremists fell from 428 cases in 1971 to 263 cases last year.

But radical right newspapers and periodicals enjoyed a rise in circulation and their number increased from 55 in 1971 to 60 in 1972. They now have a total circulation of over 200,000 of which the Deutsche National-Zeitung accounts for 112,000, the report said. But it concluded that the extreme right has little hope of influencing public opinion in West Germany today.

## Fatah Cells In 15 German Cities

The West German security services also reported that the Palestine Liberation Organization and various Arab terrorist groups aligned with it were the most serious perpetrators of violence in this country last year.

The report, published by the Federal Office for the Protection of the Constitution in Cologne, said that "Nearly all Palestinian resistance groups advocate attacks on Israeli targets outside the Middle East crisis area and also on people and installations in states which they consider to support Zionism and imperialism."

The report listed among the "conspiratorial cells" linked to the PLO, El Fatah and its information service, "Dijhaz Al Rasd"; the Maoist Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine; and the Maoist Popular Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine. Of these, El Fatah is the best organized and most effective, the report said. It had cells in 15 West German cities in 1972 and possibly in 23 cities now.

The report noted that the general union of Palestinian students and workers was banned in West Germany last Oct. in the aftermath of the Sept. 5 Munich massacre of 11 Israeli Olympic athletes. A West Berlin court upheld the ban a few days ago on grounds that it continues to be a menace to West German security.

According to the security services, the Palestinian students and workers unions had about 1500 members. Security authorities estimate that there are between 5000-8000 Palestinian aliens presently living in West Germany.

The report said that the Munich massacre led to counter-terrorist acts against Arabs. It mentioned the "Massada Action and Defense Movement" which claimed credit for an attack on a Palestinian bookshop in Paris last Oct. and is believed to be responsible for letter bombs mailed to Arabs here and for the attempted murder of a Jordanian medical student in Erlangen last Nov.

## TUNNEY WARNS AGAINST OIL BLACKMAIL

SAN FRANCISCO, June 18 (JTA)--Sen. John V. Tunney (D, Calif.), warned the United States last night not to try "to resolve the fuel shortage by selling out Israel." Addressing the annual dinner of the Zionist Organization of America's Northern Pacific Region, the Senator observed that the current energy crisis "has prompted some to say" that the U.S. "should fundamentally alter (its) policy toward the Middle East" and hold back from pursuing a "moral and ethical course" in seeking peace in that region.

Sen. Tunney said "The answer lies in developing a national energy policy, in the wise use of the energy resources we have and in the development of new and better energy sources."

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## STRIKES CONTINUE TO PLAGUE ISRAEL'S ECONOMY

JERUSALEM, June 18 (JTA)--Sharp criticism was expressed in economic circles today over the government's appointment yesterday of still another committee--the sixth since Jan. 7--to study the problem of inflation. The circles accused the government of deliberately avoiding meaningful steps to curb inflation in order not to jeopardize its popularity with elections only 3 1/2 months away.

The critics noted that most of the members appointed to a ministerial economic committee yesterday had been members of committees set up previously for the same purpose.

They said the government continued to appoint committees and to ignore the recommendations. They accused the government of feeding inflation by refusing to grant mortgages for large apartments and by denying demands by the Bank of Israel to raise interest rates.

The strike of salaried doctors worsened meanwhile. Negotiations remain deadlocked and the doctors are no longer accepting emergency cases but referring them to private physicians. Regional clinics which had been referring patients to private MDs ended that service. Private doctors have raised their fees for home visits from IL 25-IL 30.

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## NIXON-BREZHNEV CONFER - SOVIET JEWRY AND MIDDLE EAST NOT DISCUSSED TODAY

WASHINGTON, June 18 (JTA)--President Nixon and Soviet Communist Party Secretary Leonid I. Brezhnev met for 3 1/2 hours at the White House today but discussed neither the Middle East nor the issue of emigration from the Soviet Union.

Asked by the Jewish Telegraphic Agency whether the two leaders raised either of those matters, White House press secretary Ronald Ziegler replied, "My understanding is they did not."

Ziegler said that Nixon and Brezhnev met privately for an hour with only their translator present and continued their discussion for another two hours and 45 minutes with Secretary of State William P. Rogers, Presidential advisor Henry Kissinger, Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko, Soviet Ambassador Anatoly F. Dobrynin and Kissinger's aide, Helmut Sonnenfeldt present.

Asked by a reporter whether Nixon and Brezhnev will take up the Middle East and the emigration issues at their subsequent meetings this week, Leonid Zamyatin, director general of Tass, the Soviet news agency who is spokesman for the Brezhnev party replied that there was no pre-set agenda and that each side can raise questions to obtain the opinion of the other side.

Zamyatin took exception to the JTA's question as to whether the emigration issue was raised. Ziegler had replied that "no useful purpose will be served by commenting on this specific matter," adding that "You all know we have expressed our interest to the Soviet Union" on the matter.

At that point Zamyatin interjected to remark that those who ask such questions are proceeding from the basis of interfering in the domestic affairs of other countries. He said the Soviet Union has never asked about U.S. emigration policies, adding that it is possible to ask such questions but it "never entered our head" to do so.

### Brezhnev On Einstein

Much of the questioning at the press-briefing referred to U.S.-Soviet trade relations and the matter of most favored nation status for the USSR, a point of contention between the Nixon Administration which considers it essential and a majority of U.S. Senators and Congressmen who want to condition it to the Soviet's easing restrictions on emigration.

Zamyatin said he felt sure that a majority of Congress will realize the importance of this matter and that trade cannot be conducted on the basis of discrimination. He said he hoped "common sense and far-sightedness will prevail in Congress."

Earlier today, Brezhnev told President Nixon and tens of millions of television viewers around the world that although more than 6000 miles separate Washington and Moscow, "International politics has its own concepts of relativity, not covered by Einstein's theory."

Brezhnev will lunch at Blair House tomorrow with the Senate Foreign Relations Committee and will meet with President Nixon at the White House at 3 p.m. for their second round of talks.

Soviet journalist Victor Louis has just completed a two-day visit to the Sinai. Louis, known for his close contacts with the Kremlin, attended the International Press Institute conference now meeting in Tel Aviv.

## WORLD-WIDE PROTESTS AGAINST SOVIET ANTI-JEWISH POLICY

NEW YORK, June 18 (JTA)--Protests against Russia's treatment of Soviet Jews, particularly the policy implicitly denying Jews emigration visas, are being staged here and abroad.

The National Conference on Soviet Jewry reports five separate hunger strikes by Jews in Russia.

In the United States, the demonstrations are coinciding with Communist Party Secretary Leonid I. Brezhnev's visit for talks with President Nixon.

The Greater New York Conference on Soviet Jewry, a body of 70 organizations representing 2,000,000 Jews in the Metropolitan area, coordinated and is sponsoring a week-long vigil in front of the Soviet Mission to the UN to denounce Russia's persecution of Soviet Jews. Students dressed in prison garb carrying placards demanding freedom for Soviet Jews, a prayer service and the showing of slides depicting oppression of the Jews in the USSR, marked the opening of the vigil this morning.

Bronx Borough President Robert Abrams and State Senator Harrison J. Goldin were among those leading the protest which will continue at the Soviet Mission from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily through June 25. Representatives of member organizations, civic, religious and community leaders will take shifts during the week.

One thousand American professors today appealed to Brezhnev to release the Jewish prisoners of conscience in the Soviet Union and to permit free movement for all classes of people, including academics, scientists, and professionals.

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In Minsk, Lev Ousishcher, Naum Alshansky, Michil Matsevich, Schlomo and Ilya Golden began a hunger strike in front of a monument dedicated to the war-time death of 5000 Jews. It was reported that 7 persons in Kiev also initiated a hunger strike but no names were released.

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