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CAR BLAST KILLS ARAB WANTED FOR TRIESTE EXPLOSION

PARIS, June 28 (JTA)--A 36-year-old Algerian, Mohamed Boudiah, was killed today when his car exploded in the heart of the Latin Quarter. Boudiah was wanted by the Italian police for his alleged role in the bomb attack against oil installations in Trieste last Aug.

Police have not been able to determine so far whether the explosion was caused by a bomb planted in the car or whether it was a bomb Boudiah was carrying that exploded. His body was blown to pieces.

Boudiah, known to French police for his alleged role in the Trieste bombing, disappeared after Aug. 1972 when the bombing occurred. Last March 14, Italian police arrested two members of the Trieste Black September Command, Mohammed Adib Sadat Salem Hussein, 31 and Taleb Talab El Jabbari, 43. The Black September claimed credit for the Trieste bombing.

Ben Bella Friend

Boudiah, who had been a friend of Ben Bella, a member of the National Liberation Front (FLN) and director of the Algerian Theater, fled to France in 1965 when President Boumedienne came to power. He was subsequently sentenced to death in absentia. Boudiah was a leader of the left-wing opposition RUR (Regrouping of Revolutionary Units.)

He was well-known in Parisian theater circles and particularly in the West Paris Theater where friends called him "Boudie."

He was also known in Palestinian circles here as a "friend of the Palestinian cause" and was active in pro-Palestinian demonstrations. These circles refused to say whether he was a member of the Black-September. Algerian circles refused to comment except to describe Boudiah as a "fighter." Israeli circles here professed no knowledge of the affair.

SEC. COUNCIL POSTPONES DECISION ON GENEVA TRANSFER OF MIDEAST DEBATE

UNITED NATIONS, June 28 (JTA)--The Security Council has decided to postpone its decision on transferring the Middle East debate to Geneva when it resumes next month.

Kenya, India and other Security Council members are in favor of transferring the debate to Geneva because they feel the Arab viewpoint cannot obtain a fair hearing in New York.

Israel UN Ambassador Yosef Tekoah declined to comment on the proposal. He told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency today, "When the Security Council members will reach a decision we will refer to it."

A spokesman for the US Mission at the UN said the United States "does not feel that a move to Geneva will further the work of the Council. The Council is better facilitated at United Nations headquarters."

Kenneth D. Jamieson, acting head of the British delegation, who will be the Council president next month, remarked, "Members will be acting on their own good sense and their instructions—not on what people in the city where they are meeting are thinking about the matter."

Samar Sen, India's chief delegate, commented

that when Israeli Ambassador Tekoah speaks he receives all of the attention. Sen said he wasn't objecting to the attention given Israel but what he called the, "total exclusion of other viewpoints."

The New York Times noted yesterday that the cost of the Geneva move which is estimated between \$97,000 and \$150,000, may cause some delegations to decide against the shift. The Security Council has not set a date for future consideration of the matter.

EGYPTIANS FIRE MISSILES AT ISRAELI PLANES - NO LOSSES REPORTED

TEL AVIV, June 28 (JTA)--Egyptian SAM-2 missiles were fired at Israel Air Force planes flying in Israeli air space over the east bank of the Suez Canal today. The planes were not hit and returned safely to their bases, a military spokesman said.

The incident, which occurred at 3:10 p.m. local time, was the first hostile activity over the Suez Canal since Feb. when an Egyptian MIG-21 was downed by Israeli jets in an air battle. Israel has lodged a complaint with the United Nations cease-fire observers.

According to the announcement the missiles, apparently of the SAM-2 type, were aimed at Israeli planes but exploded in midair and fragments fell on Israel-held territory. The number and type of planes involved was not disclosed.

DIPLOMATIC SOURCES SAY ISRAELI-TUNISIAN CONTACTS ON IN SWITZERLAND - JERUSALEM DENIES

PARIS, June 28 (JTA)--Diplomatic sources said today that secret negotiations are being held in Switzerland that could lead to a meeting between President Habib Bourguiba of Tunisia and Premier Golda Meir of Israel during the next few months. The sources said the negotiations so far have run into very few obstacles and were supported by several factions in the Arab world.

(Political circles in Jerusalem today denied press reports quoting Tunisian Foreign Minister Mohammed Masmudi to the effect that Switzerland is serving as a mediator in arranging meetings between Israeli and Tunisian officials. The circles also denied reports that Israel has received direct messages from Tunisia on this matter.)

The sources here said the major obstacles in the way of a Bourguiba-Meir meeting have come from Israel where many political factions hold firmly to a "no compromise" stand in relation to the Arab countries.

But there is a feeling in Arab circles that an increasing number of Israeli political groups are inclining toward the view that the future security of the Jewish state will require an accord with the Arab bloc nations to end the Middle East crisis, the sources said.

In an interview on West German television recently, Bourguiba said he was optimistic for the talks and he believed the Israeli people were now willing to enter into compromise negotiations.

Tunisian Foreign Minister Mohammed Masmudi said in a recent interview that Tunisia had the support of the Palestinian Liberation Front, Egypt and other Arab states through their silence in connection with attempts to set up the summit meeting with Israel. He said their lack of comment should not be interpreted as a rejection of

the plan but as acquiescence to the Tunisian initiative.

Libyan Objections

Masmoudi said the only objection from an Arab leader to the proposed meeting came from Libyan Col. Muamar Qaddafi who, he said, told Tunisia, "It won't get you anywhere. You risk being misunderstood. We won't agree, but we will not interfere." The Foreign Minister said he told Qaddafi that Tunisia would move ahead with the plan even without the blessing of the Libyan leader.

Diplomats said the Tunisian attitude was that the position of the Arab world in the Middle East crisis was already misunderstood by Israel and no further harm could come from the talks, if they develop. The attitude of the Arab world toward Tunisia now contrasts markedly compared to 1965 when Bourguiba suggested recognition of Israel as a possible solution to the Middle East crisis. Masmoudi said Tunisia would like to use the 1947 United Nations Palestine partition plan for a starting point in talks with Israel. But once the talks started, "the question of frontiers could be modified," the Foreign Minister said.

He said Tunisia favored the 1947 boundaries, because they were the last set by a political process and not through military victories. A meeting between an Israeli head of state and an Arab leader would be unprecedented in the 25-year history of the Israeli state, and diplomatic observers said it could lead the way to future peaceful settlements of disagreements between the two sides and an end to a threat of military action.

JEWISH VOLUNTEER GRAVE DIGGERS HARASSED BY CEMETERY STRIKERS - 2500 JEWISH BODIES REMAIN UNBURIED

NEW YORK, June 28 (JTA)--As the cemetery strike against the metropolitan area's 47 cemeteries continues, despite Gov. Rockefeller's signature on a bill mandating arbitration, volunteer grave diggers are meeting with harassment and violence on the part of frustrated grave diggers.

Isaac Salmon, a 25-year-old Brooklyn volunteer, was assaulted and severely beaten yesterday by a striking grave digger, Willy Taylor, at Mount Hebron Cemetery and was taken to the hospital. Rabbi Shlomo Drimmer, executive director of the Emergency Committee for Jewish Burial, stated that despite numerous requests to the police department asking for protection for volunteers, in many instances policemen refuse to enter the cemeteries and stand at the gates.

Drimmer indicated that despite the fact that cemetery owners joined him in asking that police officers be stationed at the grave sites, the police department is still uncertain of the legality of such a move.

Rabbi Samuel Schrage, chairman of the Committee, said he felt that violence was on the upsurge because of the grave diggers' frustration over their inability to gain an acceptable contract. "When men are hungry and the pay check is not there they get angry," the rabbi said. Meanwhile, many volunteers are backing off for fear of physical violence.

The Committee sent a telegram to Police Commissioner Donald S. Cawley requesting that a special task-force be assigned to protect the lives of the volunteer grave diggers.

Rabbi Drimmer said that five volunteers at Mount Carmel Cemetery were yesterday pushed by a menacing group of 50 grave diggers into a local office where they were being held as virtual prisoners. Rabbi Schrage indicated that he

was still hopeful that the union would understand that the ECJB are not their enemies and their only goal is to provide Jews with the traditional burial within the 24-hour period as required by Jewish law.

So far the volunteers have buried 856 Jews. As of today 2500 bodies remain unburied. Last week it was reported by the Committee that there were 3000 bodies of Jews remaining unburied because of the strike.

DOCTORS STRIKE: HOSPITAL WARDS SHUT DOWN

TEL AVIV, June 28 (JTA)--Striking doctors shut down hospital wards today as their four-week-old walkout continued with no settlement in sight. Only a single ward in each department remained open in the struck hospitals, resulting in severe overcrowding.

The doctors insisted, however, that while the patients may be inconvenienced, all those who required treatment were receiving it. There have been no contacts since early this week between the striking doctors and representatives of the hospital managements and the government. Premier Golda Meir met with the directors of three hospitals yesterday in an effort to get negotiations going again.

Deputy Premier Yigal Allon entered the Tel Hashomer clinic this morning with a medical complaint and was placed in a ward for examination. Former Premier David Ben Gurion was reported today to be recovering from an attack of bronchitis he suffered several days ago.

TITO WANTS 'SALT' TO EXAMINE MIDEAST

LONDON, June 28 (JTA)--President Tito of Yugoslavia warned last night that it would be "a profound error" if next month's Helsinki conference on European Security were to ignore the Middle East question.

Tito made his remarks in an interview with Norwegian television in Belgrade. He said it would be difficult to expect the conference to succeed if the Middle East and the Mediterranean area generally remains as troubled as it is now. "I think it would be a profound error completely to ignore the Middle East question at the European conference, for the existing situation there is extremely dangerous and it is at the same time closely linked with the interests of Europe," Tito said in the interview broadcast in Oslo.

UJA INCREASES CONTRIBUTIONS

NEW YORK, June 28 (JTA)--The United Jewish Appeal Executive Committee has decided to increase its contribution to the American-Jewish Joint Distribution Committee. Paul Zuckerman, UJA general chairman, said yesterday that the Committee, at its annual retreat which ended June 24, made this decision in response to the increasing needs of world Jewry.

"The task of absorbing an unprecedented number of immigrants from the Soviet Union in the coming year presents us with a historic challenge which our leadership is meeting," Mr. Zuckerman said.

Simcha Dinitz, Israeli Ambassador to Washington, discussed Soviet Jewish immigration to Israel at the retreat, and Herbert Stein, chairman of the President's Council of Economic Advisors, reported on the United States economy.

The Director General of the Jewish National Fund, Shimon Benshemesh, yesterday called in Jerusalem for a fifty percent increase in donations from abroad to enable JNF to continue its work.

DAYAN SAYS ISRAEL PREFERENCES SEPARATE AGREEMENTS WITH ARAB STATES

TEL AVIV, June 28 (JTA)--Defense Minister Moshe Dayan indicated last night that Israel envisages separate, rather than collective peace agreements with its Arab neighbors and conceded that the Arabs might balk. "When we say that Israel is ready to withdraw from most of the territories occupied in 1967, we must know that our withdrawal from a major part of Sinai will not settle our border with Syria," Gen. Dayan told the graduating class at the Haifa Technion last night.

"For the Syrians, the occupied lands are the Golan Heights," he said. It is also possible, he added, "that the Egyptians will not make peace with us if we withdrew from all of Sinai but not from the Golan Heights."

Gen. Dayan insisted that the Middle East conflict continues "because the Arab states refuse to accept our stretched out hand for peace." But he made it plain that he regarded the idea of a separate Palestinian political entity as "dead." He said the Arabs themselves killed it in 1947 when they opted to join with Jordan rather than establish the Palestinian state envisioned by the UN partition decision in part of Palestine.

Dayan also declared that the Arab refugees who fled Palestine in 1948 will have to be absorbed by the Arab countries "sooner or later" because "Israel will not accept them willingly and not by force." Dayan noted that Israel has absorbed some 700,000 Jewish refugees from Arab countries who left behind not agricultural land but businesses and property which were confiscated by the Arab regimes.

KNESSET APPROVES COMPENSATION FOR JERUSALEM ARABS

JERUSALEM, June 28 (JTA)--The Knesset yesterday adopted a bill to compensate Arab residents of East Jerusalem for property they owned in Israel before 1948. Under the plan, eligible Arabs will draw their first ten thousand pounds in 1975.

The remaining compensation will be paid in the form of state bonds linked to the cost of living index and paying five and one half percent interest over 15 years.

The New Communist Party voted against the bill calling it a device to sanction sequestration of Arab properties which should never have been taken away.

EEC MINISTERS PROPOSE TARIFF REDUCTIONS FOR ISRAELI EXPORTS

BRUSSELS, June 28 (JTA)--The foreign affairs ministers of the nine members of the European Economic Community announced here yesterday they will propose the reduction of customs tariffs for all Israeli industrial exports to the EEC, beginning Jan. 1, 1974. These reductions will continue on a progressive basis so that by July 1, 1977, Israel will pay no more tariffs and by Jan. 1, 1980, will have no more quotas fixed on the amount of industrial goods she can export.

(In Jerusalem, the director of the Israel Foreign Ministry's Economic Department, Ephraim Haran, today said that Israel would prefer, however, a longer interval during which to establish reciprocal trade relations with the Common Market.)

The EEC foreign ministers announced that tariff negotiations between the EEC and Israel will begin July 11. The EEC will then propose an agreement on a free trade area for an unlimited

period, a 60 percent tariff reduction for citrus fruits and their derivatives, and a 30 to 60 percent tariff reduction for other agricultural products such as avocados, melons, strawberries, carrots and celery.

The EEC will propose that the agreement should not be limited to commercial exchanges, but include clauses on economic and industrial cooperation.

JDL RAPS RABBI KAHANE'S DETENTION

TEL AVIV, June 28 (JTA)--The Jewish Defense League charged here today that the continued detention of its leader, Rabbi Meir Kahane, was purely political and was undertaken by Israeli authorities at the behest of the FBI. The charge was made at a press conference at which the JDL leader's father, Rabbi Yehzekel Kahane, bitterly denounced Israeli authorities for jailing his son "two days before the Shavuot feast."

Rabbi Meir Kahane was arrested in Jerusalem three weeks ago and remanded in custody for 15 days. Last week a magistrate's court extended his detention for another 15 days although no specific charges were announced. Authorities hinted that Kahane was jailed because he was "attempting to cause trouble in a foreign country."

The JDL claimed here today that "We got information that the FBI asked Israel to detain Rabbi Kahane so that he would not be free to take any action that might have embarrassed Nixon during Brezhnev's visit" to the U.S.

Rabbi Kahane's father asked newsmen, "Where are the protests? Nobody raises his voice against this detention which is of a political nature. Why do Jews come out in big outcries when Jews are arrested in Russia and here no one cries out when a Jew is arrested in Israel?"

RABBINICAL COUNCIL OPPOSES FAMILY PLANNING AND ABORTIONS

FALLSBURG, N.Y., June 28 (JTA)--Leaders of American Orthodox Judaism yesterday charged that the practice of birth control and abortion is threatening the continuity of the Jewish people. Rabbi Fabian Schonfeld, first vice-president of the Rabbinical Council of America, and Rabbi Ephraim Kolatch, chairman of the Council's 37th annual convention here told the 500 delegates: "We Jews cannot afford the luxury of family planning or abortion."

Rabbi Louis Bernstein, president of the Council, remarking on the recent United States Supreme Court decision prohibiting state aid to parochial schools and to parents who send their children to parochial schools, said: "We are saddened...It cripples any form of indirect help to parents sending their children to our yeshivah."

The Supreme Court decision declared unconstitutional three New York statutes and one Pennsylvania statute aiding parochial schools in the funding of state mandated services and aiding low-income parents in the payment of parochial school tuition fees.

TAP DAMAGED BY TRACTOR

TEL AVIV, June 28 (JTA)--A tractor working on the Golan Heights damaged yesterday the American Tapline Oil Pipe Line which crosses the Golan Heights on its way to the Lebanese terminal. The oil burst out and spread on the surrounding pasture area until Tapline's special emergency squad repaired the damage. All oil flow was stopped for several hours to enable the repair to be completed. Damage done to the pasture land will be paid for by the Tapline company in accord with an existing agreement.

GOLDA DISPUTES BREZHNEV FIGURES - SAYS ISSUE NO LONGER LOCAL

JERUSALEM, June 28 (JTA)--Premier Golda Meir said last night that all figures on Soviet Jewish emigration cited by Leonid Brezhnev to U.S. Senators last week, were incorrect.

Nevertheless, she said it was an achievement for Soviet and world Jewry that the emigration issue had figured in the summit talks last week and that the Soviet Communist Party Secretary had found it necessary to speak to Senators and Jewish leaders about it.

Addressing the opening session of the World Jewish Congress Executive meeting, Mrs. Meir said it was clear from the summit talks that the Jewish emigration issue could no longer remain a purely internal matter in the Soviet Union. She asserted that the Soviets could no longer deny the existence of a Jewish people or a Jewish problem in their midst as they have formerly done.

The Israeli Premier assailed the Iraqi authorities for persecuting the handful of Jews remaining in that country. It was "the height of cowardice," she said, "to shoot a defenseless Jewish family or kidnap a Jewish man as he walked down the street."

Referring to Syria, Mrs. Meir claimed the Jews there are subjected to the kind of humiliations which recall the darkest days of the ghetto.

The main part of Mrs. Meir's speech was devoted to the problem of assimilation in the diaspora. She called on the World Jewish Congress to consider the issue seriously and to develop, together with Israel, methods for alleviating assimilation.

NINE MOSCOW JEWS ARRESTED

NEW YORK, June 28 (JTA)--Nine Jews demonstrating to protest the denial of visas were arrested outside the Mayakovsky subway station in Moscow today, the National Conference for Soviet Jewry reported.

The NCSJ also reported that the telephones of eight Jewish activists in Moscow have been disconnected. A NCSJ spokesman told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that telephone contacts with the eight could not be completed this morning.

They were identified as Mark Azbel, Don Roginsky, Alexander Lunts and Victor Brailovsky, all scientists or mathematicians who recently ended a 15-day hunger strike to protest the denial of visas; Mark Nashpits, Kirill Khenkin and a person nicknamed Galperina, all scientists; and Natan Feingold, an artist.

BRITAIN OFFERS EGYPT \$25 MILLION LOAN

LONDON, June 28 (JTA)--Britain has offered the Egyptian government a ten million pounds sterling low-interest loan, it was announced in Parliament last night by the Minister for Overseas Development, Richard Wood.

Wood said that the loan, to be extended over a four-year period, will be repayable over 25 years at two percent interest. He said the Egyptians would be given a seven-year period of grace during which no repayments of principal will be made. According to Wood, the loan will be used to purchase British goods and services. Reports from Cairo said the Egyptian government is prepared to enter the deal.

(West Germany and Egypt have signed a technical assistance agreement in Cairo, it was reported today from Bonn. The two countries re-

sumed diplomatic relations in June, 1972. Under the agreement Bonn will establish a training center for teachers and technicians in Egypt. The agreement also covers cooperation in education and training in general, tourism, hotel management and land clearance for cultivation.)

U.S. SENATORS INTERVENE ON BEHALF OF RUSSIAN FAMILIES

WASHINGTON, June 28 (JTA)--Two U.S. Senators disclosed today that they had intervened personally with Soviet Communist Party Secretary Leonid I. Brezhnev while he was in the U.S. on behalf of Jewish families in the Soviet Union denied exit visas. In one case the intervention was successful, in the others, there was no response from the Soviet leader or other Russian authorities.

Sen. Richard S. Schweiker (R. Pa.) revealed today that Leonid Tarassuk, former curator of European arms at Leningrad's Hermitage Museum, will emigrate to Israel July 13 with his wife and two children.

Sen. Schweiker said he had requested Soviet Ambassador Anatoly Dobrynin here last April to expedite the Tarassuks' emigration after he had learned that the firearms expert had been ordered to report for military reserve duty which seriously jeopardized the family's chances of obtaining visas. Tarassuk's military service was postponed shortly afterwards.

Sen. Gaylord Nelson (D. Wis.) disclosed today that he had sent a letter to Brezhnev during his visit to Washington last week calling his personal attention to the plight of three Jewish families in Kiev. No response has been received.

EL AL IN 'BLACK' FOR 14TH CONSECUTIVE YEAR

TEL AVIV, June 28 (JTA)--El Al, Israel's national airline, reported an IL 1 million profit for fiscal 1972-73 today but said that it fell below expectations.

According to former Transport Minister Moshe Carmel, chairman of the El Al board of directors, the fiscal year just ended could have been much better except for a 3.1 percent decline in tourism, sharp competition, rising costs and labor troubles.

Carmel said these and other factors eliminated the IL 7 million profit that had been forecast. Nevertheless, the airline was in the black for the 14th consecutive year.

Carmel said tourism to Israel was 12 percent below the level forecast by the Ministry of Tourism. According to the annual report submitted to the board today, El Al's passenger volume increased by 5 percent--714,000 in 72-73 compared from 691,000 but the load factor declined from 68-63 percent. The report attributed the decline to the introduction of jumbo jets. According to the report, El Al accounts for 38% of all airline seats available to and from Israel.

ILO REFUSES TO ADOPT ANTI-ISRAELI RESOLUTION

GENEVA, June 28 (JTA)--Arab delegates walked out of the 58th International Labor Conference here yesterday after the conference refused to adopt a resolution that accused Israel of "discrimination, racism and violation of human rights in Palestine and the occupied territories."

The conference reportedly rejected the resolution "because of its violent language." The vote was 64-3 with 128 abstentions.