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## BODY OF MURDERED ISRAELI DIPLOMAT BROUGHT HOME FOR BURIAL

Must Hit Terrorists Wherever They  
Are, Dayan Declares

TEL AVIV, July 2 (JTA)--The body of Col. Yosef Alon, who was murdered Sunday at his home in Washington, where he had been an Air Attache of the Israel Embassy, was returned today to Israel by a U.S. Air Force jet. Four Israeli Mirage jets escorted the American plane to Lod Airport.

Awaiting the plane at the airport were Defense Minister Moshe Dayan, Chief of Staff Gen. David Elazar, Air Force Commander Gen. Benjamin Peled, former Commander Ezer Weizmann, Yitzhak Rabin, former ambassador to the United States, and a large group of American Embassy officials. When Mrs. Alon and her three daughters alighted from the plane, accompanied by a U.S. Air Force colonel, Gen. Dayan and the other Israeli military leaders hurried to the plane and helped lead them to the black-covered command car to which the coffin was brought by six soldiers. Six Cadet pilots also stood by the coffin as the army cantor recited El Mole Rachamim and a relative recited the prayer for the dead.

### Funeral Rites Today

Officials said funeral services had been postponed until tomorrow in the hope that efforts would succeed to find Col. Alon's only brother, a sole survivor of the family in the Nazi Holocaust, so that he could be present at the rites.

Speaking to newsmen at the airport, Gen. Dayan, in an apparent belief that Arab terrorists were responsible for Alon's murder, said that "the only way" to do what should be done is to hit the terrorists--not the members of the diplomatic missions in other countries--but the terrorists themselves. (In Washington, police officials and the Israel Embassy indicated today no evidence had yet been found to indicate either the identity or the motives of the killer.)

Gen. Dayan said also that the terrorists should be hit in their bases and camps "and everywhere they can be found. We have done that, and we shall go on doing this. We hope that the governments will do everything, not only after a murder is committed, to prevent it by various means." He suggested one of these means would be action to prevent members of terrorist groups from moving about freely.

## WASHINGTON JEWRY APPALLED BUT NOT FRIGHTENED BY MURDER OF ISRAELI

Arab Terrorists Blamed By Rabbi;  
Embassy Says No Facts Available Yet

WASHINGTON, July 2 (JTA)--Jewish community leaders here expressed sorrow, anger and bewilderment today over the murder early yesterday morning of Col. Yosef Alon, the Israeli Air Attache, by unknown gunmen in front of his home in suburban Bethesda, Md. But they insisted that the Jewish community was not "frightened" by the possibility that the murder was committed by Arab terrorists.

Rabbi Stanley Rabinowitz, president of the Washington Board of Rabbis, put responsibility for the murder on the Black September organization. The Israel Embassy said, however, that "As of now we have no facts on which to base a

theory as to who were the perpetrators." The FBI's Baltimore office which is handling the investigation will not comment at this time.

(In New York today, Elmer L. Winter, president of the American Jewish Committee, extended condolences to Israel and the Alon family in a letter to the Israeli Ambassador in Washington, Simcha Dinitz. Winter wrote, "It seems particularly shocking to us that the Palestine terrorist groups, through the Voice of Palestine radio in Cairo, have associated themselves with this horrendous act.")

The Embassy flag will fly at half mast until after Col. Alon's funeral in Israel tomorrow. The Embassy has cancelled receptions and other diplomatic functions including a farewell reception set for tomorrow evening for Information Counsellor Zvi Brosch who is completing his tour of duty here.

Rabbi Rabinowitz, who is spiritual leader of Congregation Adas Israel, a Conservative congregation attended by many members of the Israel Embassy staff and their families, noted that Col. Alon and his family had been part of the Jewish community here and participated in many of its affairs. "That the murderous hand of Black September has reached the Jewish community causes more anger than fright, more determination than fear," he told the JTA.

### Diplomatic Community Upset

Dr. Isaac Franck, executive vice-president of the Jewish Community Council of Greater Washington, said that "To say there is a reaction of fear in the Jewish community would be a complete misrepresentation." He described the Jewish mood today as one of "sadness," "bewilderment" and "moral indignation."

An Embassy spokesman said the local Jewish community was no more appalled by the murder than the rest of the community. He said the diplomatic community "obviously was very much upset" because the Alon killing "was believed to be the first murder of a diplomat in Washington in many years."

Religious services were held at Andrews Air Force Base yesterday evening before the USAF jet bearing Col. Alon's coffin and carrying his widow and three daughters took off for Israel. The plane was put at the disposal of the Israel Embassy by President Nixon. The services, at which Rabbi Rabinowitz and Cantor Gershon Levin of Shaare Tefila Synagogue in White Oaks, Md., officiated, were attended by the entire Embassy staff.

Accompanying the bereaved family on the flight to Israel were Maj. Yoram Adar, the assistant naval and air attache who was Col. Alon's assistant and Lt. Col. Merrill A. McPeak, of the USAF, a close personal friend of Col. Alon.

## NO EVIDENCE YET OF TERRORIST INVOLVEMENT IN MURDER, STATE DEPARTMENT SAYS

WASHINGTON, July 2 (JTA)--The State Department said today that it had no evidence whether or not the murder of Israeli diplomat Yosef Alon Sunday morning was a political act, presumably by Arab terrorists, or an ordinary street crime. "No results or conclusions can be drawn at the present time," Department spokesman Paul Hare told reporters.

Col. Alon, the Israeli Air Attache, was shot five times by revolver bullets at close range in

front of his suburban Maryland home. The Arab terrorist radio in Cairo, "Voice of Palestine," claimed today that he was "executed" in retaliation for the bomb death in Paris last Thursday of an Algerian member of El Fatah. Arab newspapers in Beirut with reputed terrorist connections said the killing showed that "the arm of the Palestinians" has reached Washington.

Montgomery County (Md.) police headquarters which has local jurisdiction said that "a motive" for the killing has not been established. The FBI is known to have issued a nationwide alert for a "light-colored car with rental tags." A car was heard speeding from the scene of the shooting. FBI headquarters here told the JTA that special agent Tom Farrow of its Baltimore office is in charge of the investigation.

Replying to reporters' questions today, Hare said that local police, the FBI and the Executive Protective Service have been using their "agencies in the most efficient manner in the circumstances" to provide security for diplomats. He said that "protection" has been stepped up since the murder but declined to give the number of police and agents on duty. The Executive Protective Service is a special detail that guards foreign legations and the White House.

#### U.S. INFLATION COSTING ISRAEL HEAVILY, SAPIR SAYS

Wants To Abolish Retroactive Payments Of Wage Increases

JERUSALEM, July 2 (JTA)--Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir told the Knesset Finance Committee today that recent price increases in the United States would cost the Israel government \$250 million more this year than last in purchase of such basic foodstuffs as wheat and animal fodder. He made the statement in a report on his visit to the United States last month.

He also said he had learned that nowhere in the U.S. or Europe did the concept of retroactive wage agreements exist. (American sources pointed out that it was a common practice in labor agreements in the U.S. to apply provisions of new agreements, approved after expiration of prior pacts, retroactively to the date of the expiration of the prior contracts.)

Sapir said it was "quite common" for wage agreements in Israel to be signed 12 to 18 months after they were supposed to become effective, forcing employers to pay "massive" retroactive wage bills. He said he would propose to the Cabinet soon legislation to end that practice in Israel.

#### Sapir Charges 'Jihad'

Sapir said this would force employers and unions to sign agreements on time and avoid the "phenomenon" of one group of workers holding out until they could see what another group had been able to gain before themselves agreeing to a new pact. He said he hoped that his proposal would be accepted and that new wage pacts for 1974-75 would be signed "on time." He said retroactive wage agreements was one of the main causes of inflation in Israel. He listed as other causes government subsidies for basic commodities, price rises abroad and construction which he called "inflationary dynamite."

Sapir used the term "jihad"--Arabic for a holy war--today to describe criticisms voiced by the Bank of Israel and the Israeli press against the government's 90-day price freeze.

Speaking at a Ministerial economic committee meeting, he said the criticisms surpassed "even" that of the political opposition. He indicated particular annoyance over the fact that the

criticisms were voiced while he was out of Israel on a visit to the U.S.

He denied Bank of Israel reports that the government had poured into the economy some three-quarters of a billion pounds in recent months. He conceded that the government did "take a loan" from the Bank of Israel of that size but declared that most of the money was spent in foreign currency transactions and not in the local market.

#### ISRAEL TAKING DM REVALUATION IN STRIDE

JERUSALEM, July 2 (JTA)--Israel has reacted "calmly" to the Deutschmark's revaluation and Bank of Israel experts described its effect on the local economy as "marginal."

Foreign transactions continued today as usual because the effect of the revaluation of the U.S. dollar, to which the Israeli pound is linked, is impossible to predict. Local experts could not determine the rate of exchange of the Israeli pound for the Deutschmark, but they estimated the costs of German imports to Israel will rise by about one-half percent.

Many former German citizens who live in Israel and receive monthly reparations from Germany will now receive more Israeli pounds for their Deutschmarks. Since travel fares in Germany have become cheaper, more German tourists are expected this summer in Israel.

#### KOL SAYS ISRAEL MUST CATER TO LOW BUDGET TOURISTS

JERUSALEM, July 2 (JTA)--Moshe Kol predicted today that tourist traffic to Israel will increase 10-12 percent in the next few years but cautioned that Israel's tourist industry must gear itself to cater to the mass rather than the class trade.

Addressing the Knesset, the Minister of Tourism said that present world trends indicated a massive low-price tourist market. He recommended an extension of the current policy of curbing construction of four and five star (luxury) hotels in favor of youth hostels and camping sites. Kol said that to encourage the low budget tourist, his Ministry has entered an agreement with El Al for winter-tours from the U.S. that will cost as little as \$440 for a ten-day excursion including round-trip air fare.

Kol hinted that he was displeased with the government's present policy which bans charter flights except for pilgrims and students from Europe and said the authorities would have to give special consideration to the problem of inexpensive flights from the U.S.

Kol reported that there are presently 307 hotels in Israel with a total of 19,500 hotel rooms and 9300 more rooms under construction.

#### JNF PLEDGES TO SAVE FOREST FROM BULLDOZERS

JERUSALEM, July 2 (JTA)--The Jewish National Fund said today that it would resist to the utmost plan by the Israel Land Registry to uproot some 1500 dunams of forests near Migdal Haemek to provide land for housing.

Sharon Weitz, head of the JNF's forestry program said that some 800 dunams of forest planted only nine years ago was slated to be cut down and an additional 700 dunams were marked for cutting at a later date.

Moshe Hovav, director of Israel radio, withdrew his resignation and will remain in office another three years, the broadcasting authority announced yesterday.

There will be no JTA Bulletin on Wednesday, July 4 because of the Independence Day holiday.

## NYBR EXPECTS RESIGNATIONS FOLLOWING BAN ON RABBIS WHO PERFORM MIXED MARRIAGES

Reform Leader Claims Resignations 'Pouring' In

NEW YORK, July 2 (JTA)--Rabbi William Berkowitz, president of the New York Board of Rabbis, said today that he expected "a number" of members would leave the NYBR "without further ado" in response to adoption of its resolution Friday barring membership to rabbis who either officiate at mixed marriages or refer to colleagues couples seeking a rabbi for that purpose.

Rabbi Joseph Glaser, executive vice-president of the Central Conference of American Rabbis, the Reform rabbinat, who said at the meeting he planned to challenge the legality of the vote for the resolution in civil court, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that he had been told that letters of resignation by CCAR members were "pouring" into the NYBR office.

Rabbi Glaser said many of those resigning were Reform rabbis who were not in violation of the membership ban but who were "disgusted" by it. Rabbi Glaser called the resolution "short-sighted" and predicted it would lead to the "dissolution" of the NYBR, which represents Orthodox, Conservative and Reform members.

### 'Honor System' Will Be Used

Rabbi Berkowitz stressed that the NYBR had no plans at present to set up machinery to expel members who refuse to end such officiating or such referrals. He said it was expected that "a kind of honor system" would prevail which would make such machinery unnecessary.

Rabbi Berkowitz confirmed reports that the failure of the 84th annual CCAR convention last month to vote a ban on such officiating by its members led to the NYBR meeting Friday and approval of the membership ban, which he said was "unprecedented" for such an organization of rabbis. The CCAR delegates approved a resolution strongly opposing such officiating by members but also approved an amendment upholding the CCAR's standing position that each member had the right to act in such matters in accordance with his interpretation of Jewish tradition.

Rabbi Berkowitz said he had discussed briefly at the meeting with Rabbi Glaser the latter's statement he would challenge the ruling in civil court. Rabbi Glaser told the JTA that he was "extremely reluctant" to bring the issue into civil court and would prefer to have it handled by a Beth Din (rabbinical court) if one could be arranged which would be "objective."

Rabbi Glaser said he had discussed his plans with CCAR officers before placing the matter before his attorney on how to handle such a suit. But he said he would act as a private member of the NYBR and not as an official of the CCAR. He said he would probably seek a class action suit for an injunction against the resolution on grounds that the vote was allegedly conducted improperly.

### Orthodox Body Urged To Quit 'Mixed Religious Groups'

The mixed marriage issue was raised today by the Rabbinical Alliance of America, an Orthodox group opposed to Orthodox participation in any organization that includes representatives of Reform and Conservative Jewry.

The Alliance issued a statement assailing the Rabbinical Council of America, another group of Orthodox rabbis, for adopting a resolution at its convention last week which called on members to dissociate themselves from rabbinic bodies

that perform mixed marriages. The Rabbinical Alliance charged that the resolution was based on "the unavoidable and dangerous implication" that if the "non-Orthodox clergy" do not perform mixed marriages, "all their other actions that are clearly contrary to the Torah can be overlooked."

The Rabbinical Alliance claimed that even opposition to mixed marriages which are "the sole target" of the Rabbinical Council's resolution would accomplish nothing as long as the Council continues its association with the NYBR, the Synagogue Council of America "and other similar mixed religious groups."

### WIDOW OF HANGED IRAQI JEW DESCRIBES ORDEAL

She And Another Refugee Say Baghdad Regime Still Murders, Kidnaps, Tortures Jews

NEW YORK, July 2 (JTA)--The widow of an Iraqi Jew hanged in Baghdad four years ago, charged here today that Jews in Iraq continue to be murdered, kidnapped and tortured by the Iraqi government. Mrs. Adile Dalal, 38, who said she managed to escape from Iraq a few months ago, appeared at a private press conference arranged by the Committee of Concern for Jews in Arab Countries, an organization headed by Gen. Lucius Clay, U.S. Army, Ret.

Appearing with Mrs. Dalal was an Iraqi Jewish youth in his 20s who said he was spirited out of Iraq recently by a professional smuggler who charged him \$500. The young man identified himself as David Abraham, a pseudonym he assumed to protect members of his family still in Iraq. He and Mrs. Dalal said they were here to "tell the world about the worsening condition" of the remaining 350 Jews in Baghdad.

Mrs. Dalal, speaking fluent English, described her personal ordeal. She said the harassment of Iraqi Jews started immediately after the Baa'th regime took power in July, 1968. She said her husband, Yitzhak Dalal, was arrested on Jan. 4, 1969 by "four people with tommy-guns who knocked on our door in the evening of that day." She said she had no word from her husband from that time until Aug. 24, 1969 when she heard on the radio that he was about to be hanged. Dalal was 43 at the time of his death.

"I was not allowed to see him before he was executed. No rabbi was called to the death scene. He did not get a proper burial," Mrs. Dalal said. She said that when she visited the supposed site of his grave two days later, she found it vandalized.

### Urge Continuing Pressure On Iraqi Regime

Mrs. Dalal and her two sons and David Abraham arrived in the U.S. from London June 21. Abraham said that a few months ago 18 members of his family disappeared in Baghdad and the rest of his family has had no news of their fate since then.

According to the two refugees, the only way to aid Jews in Iraq is by the pressure of world opinion on the Iraqi government. They said the harassment of Jews is a tactic of the Baghdad regime "to divert the attention of the public from the conflict within the Baa'th regime."

### CORRECTION

A story in the JTA Daily News Bulletin of June 29 stated erroneously that the United Jewish Appeal Executive, at the annual retreat which ended June 24, had decided to increase its contribution to the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee. The story should have stated that the UJA Executive responded to the needs of the JDC and world Jewry by increasing their gifts for the UJA's 1974 campaign.

