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## BLACK SEPTEMBER REPRESENTATIVE IN ATHENS TO ASSIST MASSACRE PROBE

ATHENS, Aug. 7 (JTA)--Greek police announced here today that a representative of the Black September movement has arrived in Athens to help with the investigations of the attack last Sunday on passengers waiting in the airport's transit lounge. This is the first time that a member of the terrorist organization has come into the open and has accepted to undertake a semi-official mission. The Black September investigation seems to indicate, according to Greek sources, that the Palestinian organizations continue to believe that the two assailants were manipulated by "mysterious" forces.

The correspondent for the French daily Le Figaro, quoted spokesmen for the Palestinian organizations today as denying that they have been involved in the Athens massacre which resulted in three deaths and 55 wounded. The Palestinian spokesmen, according to the French paper, called for "a thorough investigation and an appropriate punishment whatever the two men's motives or good faith." (Le Figaro also quoted unidentified Palestinians as claiming that both the Athens shoot-out and the hijacking of the Japan Air Lines jumbo jet last month were carried out by the Israeli secret service to embarrass the Palestinian organizations.)

## Murderers Prepared For The Attack

The two terrorists, Talant Hussein, 23, and Mohamed Jahad, 20, were brought today before an investigating magistrate and formally charged with voluntary homicide, assault and a breach of public order. According to the Greek criminal code, they risk capital punishment if found guilty. While the terrorists were in the court house an angry crowd massed outside to demand death punishment for the two terrorists.

A Greek police spokesman said today that the two men had thoroughly prepared their attack. The two had previously visited Athens Airport to study the layout. On the day of the attack, they arrived by plane--one from Lebanon and the other from Libya. They were given the weapons by "an unknown man" in the men's room of the transit lounge.

The two men said that their aim was to attack the passengers of an El Al plane due to take off for Tel Aviv. They apparently made a mistake, however, attacking instead the passengers of a TWA plane bound for New York. A Greek police spokesman said that there was no El Al plane at Athens Airport at the time of the attack.

(A Radio Europe Number One correspondent said in Paris today that the Greek police were looking for "the third man" believed to be the person who had handed over the weapons to the two assailants. The radio also said that Greek police denied the two men belong to Black September organization.)

## ATHENS MASSACRE VICTIM WAS JEWISH

ATHENS, Aug. 7 (JTA)--Elbert Kersen, one of the three persons killed by Arab terrorists Sunday during their attack in the Athens Airport, was an Orthodox Jew. His wife arrived here and asked the local rabbinat to make arrangements for the Orthodox Jewish ritual prior to transferring her husband's coffin back to the United

States. Kersen, 53, of Union, N.J., was a plumbing contractor. His wife, Kate, had been among the injured and left the hospital to make arrangements with the rabbinat. Meanwhile, the third victim of the massacre was identified as Wolfgang Ullhofen, a 41-year-old lawyer from Austria who was returning to Vienna after a vacation. The other person killed was Mrs. Jeannie Salandi, 23, of Highland Park, N.J.

## STANDARD OIL OF CALIFORNIA BUILDINGS SPLATTERED WITH RED PAINT AS PROTESTS MOUNT AGAINST PRO-ARAB POLICY

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 7 (JTA)--Police reported today that buildings of Standard Oil of California have been splattered with red paint as protests mounted against the oil firm's public stand for a change in United States policy in the Middle East to meet "the aspirations of the Arab people." That stand was spelled out in a July 26 letter from SOCAL's chairman, Otto Miller, which was sent to the firm's 262,000 stockholders and 40,000 employees.

The letter said that Arab states "hold the key to the energy resources which fuel the industrialized nations of Western Europe and Japan" and "represent the only major source to which the United States can look for any substantial increase in its crude oil imports to meet our needs." The letter continued: "It is highly important at this time that the United States should work more closely with the Arab governments to build up and enhance our relations with the Arab people." Standard Oil of California is a partner in the Arabian-American Oil Co. in Saudi Arabia.

In San Francisco, four plastic bags filled with a red substance were thrown against the stone walls of the company's headquarters. In Los Angeles, eight plastic bags of red paint were thrown at the company's building in that city.

## Coalition Formed To Boycott SOCAL

The Los Angeles bureau of the Associated Press received a telephone call from an unidentified woman who said the paint symbolized "the death of Jews" and who demanded a "retraction" of the company's "policy." She ended her call with the words "Never Again. Remember the King David Hotel." "Never Again" is the slogan of the Jewish Defense League. The King David Hotel in Jerusalem was blown up by an underground group during the British Mandate.

Shortly after the San Francisco incident, an unidentified caller told the AP bureau there that four bags of blood had been thrown at the Standard Oil building and that "never again will Jewish blood be spilled." Police said it was not immediately known whether the liquid was blood or paint.

Douglas Ring, a businessman, announced the formation of a Coalition to Boycott Standard Oil of California. He said he was supported by Rabbi Max Nussbaum, former president of the Zionist Organization of America, and Rabbi Meyer Heller, head of the Board of Rabbis for Los Angeles. Ring said the SOCAL letter had aroused the Jewish community more than any incident since the 1967 Six-Day War.

## JWV URGES BOYCOTT OF SOCAL PRODUCTS

HOLLYWOOD, Fla., Aug. 7 (JTA)--The national policy committee of the Jewish War Veterans, meeting here at its 78th annual national convention today

recommended that its membership and friends institute an immediate boycott of the products of Standard Oil of California and its subsidiaries.

The JWV issued a statement saying that the letter to stockholders issued July 26 was "nothing more than a cynical and self-serving attempt to urge its stockholders to use the tools of Arab oil blackmail to subvert the existing foreign policy of the United States in the Middle East."

Continuing, the statement said: "In a blatant attempt to place the business interest of Standard Oil of California above the national interest of the United States in the Middle East, the company has in the opinion of JWV, abdicated its right to the patronage of Americans who fought and died for the principles of a free people making free decisions above petty selfish business interests."

#### EL AL ENGINE MALFUNCTIONS; FORCED TO RETURN MIDWAY FROM ROME

TEL AVIV, Aug. 7 (JTA)--An El Al Boeing jet which left this morning for Rome, returned to Lod Airport from midway after one of its engines developed signs of malfunctioning. The emergency equipment at Lod was alerted but the plane made a perfect landing. The passengers were transferred to another plane while the Boeing was taken to a hangar for inspection. This is the fourth case in the last month of El Al planes landing with technical troubles.

#### SINAI KIDNAP ATTEMPT FOILED

JERUSALEM, Aug. 7 (JTA)--Three young Israeli men and a woman were foiled yesterday in their attempt to rob weapons from a Sinai military camp and to kidnap two soldiers. According to accounts, the four arrived Sunday afternoon at the Santa Katherina youth hostel in the middle of the Sinai peninsula and caused tourists staying at the hotel to become suspicious when they discovered that some of their personal effects disappeared shortly after the arrival of the quartet.

Several tourists called the nearest police station in Ophira in Sharm el Sheikh and told the police what had happened. A police jeep with one policeman and three soldiers rushed to the Santa Katherina desert oasis, and the four were detained in a nearby army camp. Two reserve soldiers were guarding them during the night but before dawn the four managed to overcome their guards, took three submachine guns with them and the two guards as hostages, and the group disappeared in the jeep.

The army set road blocks and the group was discovered in the early afternoon in a wadi near the eastern shore of the Sinai peninsula. The general commander of the southern region, Shmuel Gorodish, arrived at the scene and convinced the kidnapers to surrender. They were held at an army camp in Beersheba for questioning. Police identified them as Haim Mielstein, 18, of Bat Yam; Michael-Tisdil, 18, of Tel Aviv; and David Dahan, 22, and Miriam Huber, 20, both of Rishon le Zion. Mielstein is known to have a criminal record. The others do not.

#### SECOND ALIYA: THIS TIME 'FOREVER'

TEL AVIV, Aug. 7 (JTA)--Zina Moshkowitz, 65, a dressmaker from Riga, has immigrated to Israel twice. Ms. Moshkowitz had arrived in Israel from the Soviet Union two years ago and was sent to Bat Yam. Four months later, dissatisfied, she returned to Vienna to wait for permission to return to the Soviet Union. Yesterday, she returned to Israel from Vienna and said upon her arrival at Lod, "I will stay here forever."

Living in Vienna with the group of "yordim"

waiting for permission to return to the Soviet Union, made Ms. Moshkowitz change her mind. Afraid because she had been threatened by the other "yordim" who feared her decision to return to Israel would hurt their chances to return to the Soviet Union, Ms. Moshkowitz secretly approached the Jewish Agency, which helped her return to Israel.

#### ARMS PURCHASING IN GREAT BRITAIN

TEL AVIV, Aug. 7 (JTA)--Major General Shmuel Eyal who was until recently the Israeli military attache to England and the Scandinavian countries said here that during his four years of service in England he had signed contracts for the purchase of hundreds of millions of IL Pounds worth of military equipment. He did not reveal the nature of this equipment.

Eyal, 50, is about to retire from army service and is slated by the Labor Party to run for Mayor of Rishon le Zion, a Gahal stronghold. At the press conference marking the termination of his three decades of service, Eyal also revealed that Israel, Britain and the Scandinavian countries had exchanged technical knowledge and that the sale of Israeli-manufactured equipment has been negotiated.

Eyal had been a brigade commander during the War of Liberation, headed the Air Force administration and later became head of civil defense. He was then chief of the Nahal forces, and prior to being appointed to the London post, he was head of the manpower division at the General Headquarters.

#### BUSY PHONE LINES, ILLEGAL CALLS

JERUSALEM, Aug. 7 (JTA)--Three telephone technicians have admitted to making illegal overseas telephone calls over the Communication Ministry's direct line, Jerusalem police said. About three weeks ago the security officers at the Jerusalem Central Post Office reported that overseas calls amounting to thousands of IL Pounds had been placed to Europe and the U.S. over the direct line of Communications Ministry Director General Simha Soroker.

Police tapped the line and caught three technicians who admitted to placing the calls with their hand instruments. They reportedly made more than 100 calls to Europe and the U.S. The police did not say whom they called or what was said. Police are questioning four other suspects in connection with the unauthorized phone calls.

#### EXCAVATIONS RESUMED AT TEL LAKHISH

JERUSALEM, Aug. 7 (JTA)--Excavations at Tel Lakhish, a Biblical fortress city in the southern Judean foothills and site of the remarkable discovery of the Lakhish letters written in the archaic Hebrew script from the period of the Prophet Jeremiah, were recently resumed under the direction of Dr. David Yessishkin of the Archeological Institute of Tel Aviv University. The expedition, receiving technical aid and assistance from the Jewish National Fund, has uncovered within the ancient city walls at the hill's summit the remains of structures from the Canaanite and Israelite periods.

Some 45 outstanding science majors from abroad are spending this summer gaining research experience at the Weizmann Institute of Science in Rehovot within the framework of its International Student Workshop. Chosen from hundreds of applicants, the students are from seven countries. More than half are from the United States, while others have come from Israel, England, France, Italy, Denmark, the Netherlands, Norway and Sweden.

USSR CUTS BACK ON JEWISH EMIGRATION

NEW YORK, Aug. 7 (JTA)--The Soviet Union has cut back by seven percent last year's emigration of Jews to Israel and it may eventually be less than 15 percent. This was reported last night by Richard Maass, chairman of the National Conference on Soviet Jewry on the "Victor Reisel-Interviews" on Radio-WEVD. Maass said that from 400,000-500,000 Jews would emigrate if given the opportunity, while some two million Soviet Jews would stay.

Appearing with Maass was Jacob Stein, chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, and Nicholas Scopetta, New York City commissioner of investigation, who recently returned from a trip to the Soviet Union where he met with Soviet officials and Soviet Jewish leaders. Stein revealed that during a visit to the White House in April, President Nixon told Jewish leaders he would raise the question of Soviet Jews with Soviet leaders at every opportunity. "He made this pledge and kept it in good faith," Stein said.

Both Maass and Stein reported that contrary to published reports there had been "little progress" from their meetings with Dr. Henry Kissinger, Nixon's national security advisor.

Stein said that Israel had 22 absorption centers that have in the past two years taken care of 50,000 Soviet Jews. He said Israel can do even more and American Jews were prepared to aid in this work.

Scopetta, a prominent member of the Lindsay Administration, repeated what he said upon his return from the Soviet Union that Soviet officials insisted that there was no Jewish problem in the USSR. But from talking to Jews in Leningrad, Moscow and Kiev, Scopetta said he got a picture of extreme harassment and "excessive punishment for desiring to emigrate."

NON-LABOR ALIGNMENT IN HIGH GEAR

TEL AVIV, Aug. 7 (JTA)--The Gahal Executive has shifted into high gear to maintain the movement for the creation of a non-Labor alignment. Letters were sent by the Gahal Executive to the candidates for participation in the alignment--the Free Center, Rafi, the State List section, and the Greater Israel Movement.

Meanwhile, the Jewish Defense League and its leader, Rabbi Meir Kahane, stated yesterday at a press conference that they welcome the new non-Labor alignment and are ready to join it. Although the JDL was not invited to join the new alignment Rabbi Kahane outlined conditions under which he would be willing to join. They included a specific assurance that traditional Jewish religious studies be introduced in all schools in Israel.

The Independent Liberal Party headed by Moshe Kol, Minister of Tourism, several days ago decided not to join the proposed non-Labor alignment. The decision was reached even before the proposal was made to the Independent Liberals by the main partners of the would-be alignment. Kol declared that 85 percent of its spirit is strange to us.

Hillel Seidel, the Independent Liberals' workers' leader and its representative on the Histadrut Executive, asked that the door not be closed altogether and that when the proposal comes officially, the Party should consider it again. However, he was overruled. Itzhak Barkai, Secretary of the Independent Liberals, said that "our decision was not a result of loyalty to the present coalition with the Labor alignment. We would have

welcomed a Liberal front, but the proposed alignment is not what we think of. We would prefer to remain the fighting opposition from within the present coalition."

The smaller factions have evidenced reluctance to join the Gahal-based alignment because they fear they will be swallowed by Gahal and lose their support as independent parties or movements in the upcoming elections. A fraction of the members of the State List stated yesterday at a press conference that not all members of the State List agree to join the alignment. A spokesman said that they will fight the decision when it comes up for a vote at the general meeting of the party council. However, if they are outvoted, they will reconvene to decide on future steps. The possibility of a separate list has not been excluded.

The Gahal Executive has decided to place Menachem Beigin and Dr. Elimelech Rimalt at the head of the committee which will discuss the question of the non-Labor alignment with the prospective partners. The Independent Liberals and the National Religious Party were not invited to take part in the discussions.

NORWEGIAN CABINET DUE TO MEET AGAIN FRIDAY TO REVIEW EYAL'S STATUS

OSLO, Aug. 7 (JTA)--The Norwegian Cabinet will meet Friday and there were conflicting reports on whether it would again review the status in Norway of Yigal Eyal, an Israeli Embassy official. Two of the six suspects arrested in connection with the murder of Mohammed Boushicki, both Israelis, were seized in Eyal's home. The Cabinet, at a special session last Friday, decided not to expel Eyal.

At the close of the meeting, Norwegian Foreign Minister Dagfinn Vaarvik declared that Norway had no "formal proof" of the complicity of Israeli officials, although he said "some indications permit us to suppose a certain link between them and this affair."

Official government spokesmen declined today to say whether a definite decision on Eyal's status would be made Friday. Government sources said some Norwegian Ministers feel no decision on Eyal should be made until the six suspects are tried on charges of murder and espionage. Those Ministers, the sources said, feel that only evidence found to be reliable by a court of law should be a basis for expelling a diplomat from a friendly country.

Other Ministers reportedly believe the existing evidence warrants Eyal's expulsion, stressing the presence of the two arrested Israelis in Eyal's home and the fact that phone operators connected the suspects in Lillehammer, the scene of the killing, with Eyal's residence in Oslo.

The Norwegian newspaper, Aftenblad, said here today that Meir Rosenne, Israel's Foreign Ministry legal advisor, who was initially refused permission to talk to the two arrested Israelis after he came to Oslo two weeks ago, was allowed to meet with them secretly last week.

Chief Rabbi Shlomo Goren paid a visit to Carmiel in the upper Galilee which is inhabited by many new immigrants from Russia, some of whom are of mixed marriages, and said that every effort would be made to hasten the procedure of conversion to Judaism. For that purpose, he said, special ulpanim for studying Judaism will be set up at Carmiel so that there would be no need to go to the larger cities for that. He called on all mixed families to undergo the necessary procedure for conversion and circumcision.