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AIRLINES PAYING MILLIONS IN BLACKMAIL MONEY TO ARAB TERRORISTS

TEL AVIV, Aug. 29 (JTA)--Authoritative sources claimed today to have information that a number of European airlines flying to Israel are paying blackmail money to Arab terrorist organizations to protect their aircraft from hijacking and damage. The sources claimed that payments, amounting to millions of dollars and pounds sterling, were negotiated between the terrorists and the airlines without the involvement of their respective governments and were secretly deposited in bank accounts of terrorist groups.

Recipients, according to the sources, were two terrorist factions--the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, headed by Dr. George Habbash, and the Popular Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine, headed by Ahmed Jibril. At least two payments were made to the Palestine Liberation Organization, the umbrella body of terrorist groups, headed by El Fatah chief Yassir Arafat, the sources said.

Official circles here declined to comment on the charges and they were emphatically denied by airline representatives in Tel Aviv. However, Israel's Defense Minister Moshe Dayan made a similar charge when he addressed the second international Congress of Jewish Lawyers and Jurists in Jerusalem on Aug. 21. Dayan said "Some airlines are paying sums of money to the terrorists for immunity," but he did not elaborate or mention any airline.

10 Airlines Not Affected By Terrorism

According to the sources, with the exception of one airline, no planes of the companies paying blackmail have been targets of Arab terrorists. The sources mentioned no airlines by name. It was pointed out, however, that 10 of the 16 foreign airlines serving Israel have not been affected by terrorist activities. These are: Turkish Airlines, Tarom, Rumanian Airlines, Alitalia, British European Airways (BEA), the Dutch KLM, Scandinavian Airlines (SAS), BOAC, Canadian Pacific, Cyprus Airlines and Air France.

Air France and Alitalia have been immune apparently because of their governments' policies, sources said. France has taken a consistently pro-Arab stand in the Middle East, and Italy has, in the past, released Arab terrorists caught red-handed with arms and explosives.

Two cases of airline payments to terrorist groups are public knowledge. Lufthansa, the West German airline, paid \$5 million for the release of a jumbo jet hijacked to Aden, and Japan Air Lines deposited money in a vain effort to save a hijacked jumbo jet that was blown up in Libya. Israel's El Al has been the victim of 16 attacks or hijack attempts by Arab terrorists. Other targets have been TWA, Pan American, Sabena, Austrian Airways and Olympic.

Political circles here indicated that Israel was not likely to use the information on blackmail payments officially because it lacks juridical evidence. Sources said that apparently the airlines involved thought it was cheaper to pay blackmail than to cover the expense of an effective security network.

U.S. SAYS BLACKMAIL MONEY IS OUT Will Check If U.S. Airlines Are Involved

WASHINGTON, Aug. 29 (JTA)--The U.S. general policy explicitly forbids payment of protection money to terrorists. State Department spokesman Paul Hare said today in the wake of a report from Israel that several European airlines are compensating Arab terrorists not to molest their planes. Hare said, in response to journalists' questions, that he would look into the possibility that American airlines are making such payments and whether they have been given governmental instructions not to enter into such measures.

A State Department source said later that he assumed American airlines were fully aware of the government's "adamant" opposition to hijackers. Ambassador Lewis Hoffacker, head of the working group of President Nixon's Cabinet Committee to Combat Terrorism, was not referring to the report of the blackmail payments but to ransom money when he told journalists yesterday that the terrorists had new sources of funding, Hare said.

PREPARATIONS COMPLETED FOR WALDHEIM'S VISIT TO ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, Aug. 29 (JTA)--Preparations for the visit tomorrow of United Nations Secretary General Kurt Waldheim were completed this evening. Special security arrangements have been developed. He is expected to arrive at Lod Airport at 8:15 a.m. where Israeli officials will be on hand to greet him. (See full story Page 3.)

HARMAN MAY BE NEXT JEWISH AGENCY CHIEF

JERUSALEM, Aug. 29 (JTA)--The election of a successor to the late Louis A. Pincus as chairman of the Jewish Agency and World Zionist Organization Executive may not be postponed until after Israel's general elections on Oct. 29, it was learned today. Labor Party leaders appear anxious to advance the Jewish Agency and WZO elections and the strongest candidate is believed to be Abraham Harman, president of the Hebrew University and a former Israeli Ambassador to the U.S., sources here said.

Harman was reportedly sounded out on the prospect and replied affirmatively. His supporters in the Labor Party cite his diplomatic achievements and strong connections with American Jewish leaders. Other potential candidates mentioned include Deputy Premier Yigal Allon and former Ambassador Yitzhak Rabin.

STATE DEPARTMENT DENIES NEW U.S. INITIATIVE IN THE MIDEAST

WASHINGTON, Aug. 29 (JTA)--A report in a semi-official Jordan newspaper quoting Assistant Secretary of State Joseph J. Sisco as saying the United States plans a new effort to bring Arabs and Israelis into indirect negotiations was explicitly denied today at the State Department.

According to the Amman publication, Al Rai, the U.S. Middle East expert had said in an interview that Egypt and Israel had recently asserted that they would not object to such talks. Sisco also was reported as saying the U.S. would play the role of an honest broker in such negotiations and that indirect talks may ultimately lead to a solution in the Middle East. However, Department spokesman Paul Hare said that Sisco in a conversation with a

Jordanian and a Saudi Arabian newsmen on Aug. 17 in Washington "did not discuss any new initiative nor a role as mediator" for the U.S. Asked whether he was denying that the U.S. soon will make a diplomatic move in the Middle East, Hare replied, "Yes, that's a denial."

Hare said that during his interview with the two Arab newsmen Sisco reiterated the "long-standing" U.S. position that it would like to see a negotiating process started and that the U.S. would play a useful role if it could.

DAYAN TELLS JEWISH LEADERS HE WILL NOT PERMIT TERRORISTS TO ASSAULT OR MURDER JEWS

TEL AVIV, Aug. 29 (JTA)--Defense Minister Moshe Dayan reaffirmed last night that he took full responsibility for the Aug. 10 interception of a Lebanese airliner which he described as an act of self-defense and asserted that as long as he remained in office he would not permit Jews to be assaulted and murdered, either by terrorists or by Arab regular forces. He made this statement at a meeting with 250 top American-Jewish community leaders participating in the three-day "Prime Minister's Mission" in Israel.

Dayan said that waiting for the terrorists to arrive and attack is no way to overcome them. He said the interception of the Lebanese airliner chartered by Iraq, was planned because Israel had reliable information that Dr. George Habash, leader of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, an extremist terrorist group, and several of his lieutenants, were among the passengers.

It was Habash who initiated and planned most of the murderous attacks against Israeli and Jewish targets in Israel and abroad, Dayan said. "Unless this attempt was made to intercept the plane and capture those leaders, we should have considered ourselves responsible to some extent for every further murderous attack planned by those terrorists," Dayan said.

Referring to other matters, Dayan expressed confidence that a major power such as the United States would not accept the dictates of King Faisal of Saudi Arabia or any other Arab leader. The Defense Minister reiterated that Israel did not want the U.S. to suffer any losses on its account. Americans should not have to fight for Israel, he said.

Historic First For UJA Delegation

The UJA delegation made history when their El Al jumbo jet coming from the U.S. landed for the first time at an air force base somewhere in Israel. The group, headed by UJA general chairman Paul Zuckerman, was met at the base by Air Force Commander General Benjamin Peled. The purpose of the "Prime Minister's Mission" is to allow the top leadership of the American Jewish community to "obtain first-hand information and see for themselves the urgent needs of the people of Israel, especially as they relate to the absorption of large numbers of new immigrants from the Soviet Union," Zuckerman said.

KISSINGER POSTPONING FUERTH VISIT

WASHINGTON, Aug. 29 (JTA)--Dr. Henry A. Kissinger has told the Mayor of his home town of Fuerth, West Germany, that because of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee hearings on his nomination as Secretary of State, he will not be able to visit the Bavarian town on Sept. 11 to accept the award of "Gold Medal of Citizenship." Dr. Kissinger, who has had to also cancel a lecture in Brussels, said he would like to visit the

town at a later date. Dr. Kissinger left Fuerth at the age of 15 when his parents emigrated to the United States to escape the Nazis. An aide to Dr. Kissinger said the city has been trying to give him the medal for almost a year.

KIEV JEWS ON HUNGER STRIKE

NEW YORK, Aug. 29 (JTA)--Seven Jewish activists in Kiev are holding a hunger strike in front of the International Telephone Exchange No. 1 to protest Soviet refusal to give them exit visas to Israel, the National Conference on Soviet Jewry reported today. The protestors included Yuri Soroko, Zinoviy Melamed and Yuli Tartakovsky. The NCSJ also reported that it has learned that Nikolai Yavor, a Leningrad Jew sentenced in April to a one-year prison term for "hooliganism," has been released after four months, and given permission to emigrate to Israel.

SEEK AREAS FOR INDUSTRIAL NEEDS

JERUSALEM, Aug. 29 (JTA)--The Jerusalem municipality wants to expropriate land in the adjacent administered territory to meet the city's growing industrial needs, it was learned today. Plans involving the area of Anatot, east of Jerusalem, have already been taken up on a ministerial level. Justice Minister Yaacov Shimshon Shapiro has submitted recommendations to Premier Golda Meir, Defense Minister Moshe Dayan and Mayor Teddy Kollek of Jerusalem. Shapiro recommended, however, that no lands should be expropriated until plans for the new industrial complex are completed. All building and land transactions in the area have been banned for the time being.

51 SOVIET JEWS ARRIVE FROM ROME

NEW YORK, Aug. 29 (JTA)--Fifty-one Soviet Jews arrived at Kennedy Airport last night on a single flight from Rome, it was reported by United Hias Service which helped all of the newcomers in their emigration. Gaynor I. Jacobson, executive vice-president of the agency, stated that close to 200 Jews from the Soviet Union have reached the U.S. since July 30, when Attorney General Elliot L. Richardson declared that he would use his parole authority in behalf of 800 Soviet Jews in Rome awaiting American visas. Jacobson disclosed that about 100 additional Soviet Jews are expected here on a chartered flight next week.

The arrivals included an endocrinologist from Moscow, the former chief of a photographic-laboratory in Leningrad, a senior editor at the Research Institute of Soviet Law in Moscow, the director of production in a Leningrad television studio, and a senior biologist at Moscow University.

CABINET MINISTERS DECLINE TO APPEAR ON JORDAN TV PROGRAM

JERUSALEM, Aug. 29 (JTA)--Three ranking Cabinet ministers have turned down a request to appear on Jordan television's Hebrew program. Requests for interviews were made by Mahmoud Harun, a representative of Amman TV, to Deputy Premier Yigal Allon, Defense Minister Moshe Dayan and Foreign Minister Abba Eban.

Harun, in Israel on a private visit, was himself interviewed on Israeli TV and has met with officials of Israel's Broadcasting Authority. His request was the first time Israeli leaders have been asked to appear on television in an Arab country. Allon reportedly considered the offer for a full day before deciding to turn it down on grounds that the Amman Hebrew program existed mainly as a means for propaganda in Israel.

ISRAEL PREPARES FOR WALDHEIM

Tour Seen As Positive Step In
Effort To Break Mideast Deadlock

JERUSALEM, Aug. 29 (JTA)--Authoritative sources said here today that UN Secretary General Kurt Waldheim's current visit to the Middle East was undertaken to advance the possibility of peace negotiations between Israel and the Arab states and that anyone who contributes to that goal will have the blessings and support of Israel.

Waldheim arrives at Lod Airport tomorrow from Cyprus, having spent Monday and Tuesday in Damascus and Beirut, respectively. The sources said he has assured Israel that his visit has no connection with Security Council Resolution 242 or with the Middle East peace mission of Ambassador Gunnar V. Jarring, the Secretary General's special envoy to the Mideast. The Waldheim tour is considered a positive step here because it shows that efforts to break the Mideast deadlock are possible even though Dr. Jarring's mission has been in suspension since early 1971.

The sources said that Israel will try to convince the Secretary General of its sincere wish to establish peace based on secure boundaries and would continue to maintain communications with Waldheim after the conclusion of his visit. The Egyptians are expected to try to convince Waldheim that Israel is the main obstacle to peace, the sources said. He will be in Cairo on Saturday and in Amman next Monday.

To Discuss Biased Role Of UN

Apart from the Middle East problem as such, Waldheim is expected to hear complaints from Israeli leaders about the biased UN attitude toward Israel. It will be pointed out to him that Israel is never chosen to any important institutions of the UN, that the world organization is overly influenced by political blocs and that many of its humanitarian agencies are used as forums to attack Israel, the sources said. Israeli leaders are also expected to discuss with Waldheim the problem of Jews in the Soviet Union.

The Secretary General's agenda in Israel has not been announced. It was learned, however, that he will pay a courtesy call to President Ephraim Katzir immediately after his arrival and will visit the Yad Vashem, the Holocaust memorial in Jerusalem. He will also visit Christian holy places in East Jerusalem but in a private capacity because the UN does not recognize Israeli sovereignty in that sector. Most of the Secretary General's visit is expected to be occupied in talks with Premier Golda Meir and Foreign Minister Abba Eban.

**HADASSAH TO HELP BUILD
TWO DAY CENTERS IN ISRAEL**

DENVER, Aug. 29 (JTA)--Youth aliyah, with the help of Hadassah, will build two day centers in Tel Aviv and Jerusalem at a cost of about \$1 million to care for immigrant children and children from underprivileged homes, it was announced by Mrs. Bea Feldman, Hadassah national youth aliyah chairman, in a report to the 59th annual national convention of the women's Zionist organization.

Mrs. Feldman said that one center would be located in the Ir Ganim quarter of Jerusalem which is populated mainly by families from North Africa. It will cost \$600,000 to build and will be named for Faye L. Schenk, immediate past president of Hadassah. The other center will be built on the outskirts of Tel Aviv near

Lod Airport at a cost of about \$400,000. The lower cost will be possible by prefabricated construction which is prohibited in Jerusalem where the building code requires construction with native stones.

Mrs. Feldman said, "We hope to keep the two Hadassah youth aliyah centers open evenings as well as days so that we can reach the parents, the brothers and the sisters and the neighbors of the teen-agers with whom we work during the day." She said that another new Hadassah-sponsored program will provide mental health in-service training of youth aliyah personnel in day centers throughout Israel.

First Stage in Large Cities

The Jerusalem and Ir Ganim centers will be the first in large cities. Ir Ganim, she said, is in the heart of an area where ultra-Orthodox immigrants from North Africa settled right after Israel's independence in 1948 and were housed in mass produced cottages described as "instant slums." Later they were joined by Orthodox immigrants from Europe who also got poor housing. To these have been added immigrants from the Soviet Union who are presently coming to Israel. These families will be served by the new day center, Mrs. Feldman said.

Also to be served are families in nearby Kiryat Hayovel, some Orthodox and some non-religious, who settled there in the 1950s. The more successful settlers have since moved away leaving behind a hard core of poverty, Mrs. Feldman said. She said another group to benefit from the new center will be immigrant families who moved into the ruined Arab village of Molcho immediately after Israel's War for Independence.

"Many of the children of these areas have made good in the educational race. But there are still thousands of children who lag behind and ultimately abandon it completely. Now we hope that the day centers will give these children the necessary education to put them on a level with their peers," Mrs. Feldman said.

**BARLEV SEES ISRAEL AND TERRITORIES
AS BECOMING FREE MARKET AREA**

JERUSALEM, Aug. 29 (JTA)--Israel's Minister of Commerce and Industry, Haim Barlev said today that he envisioned a free market area between Israel and the administered Arab territories where goods will flow without customs barriers, even if, after peace is achieved, they are on opposite sides of an international frontier.

Addressing a press conference here, Barlev stressed that Israel and the territories are by now economically linked together. He said the flow of goods from Israel to the administered territories amounted to IL 570 million last year and to IL 157 million in the opposite direction. The Arab zone exported IL 57 million worth of goods through Israeli ports and IL 121 million worth to the neighboring Arab states via the Jordan River bridges.

Barlev said wages between Israel and the administered territories should be equalized. Arabs working in Israel are paid according to the Israeli wage scale. Barlev has proposed in the Cabinet that Jewish firms operating in the territories pay Israeli wages.

Israelis will be able to listen and watch around-the-clock election campaign propaganda in the month before the Knesset polls open to the public. Allotment of radio and TV time for the various parties was decided yesterday by a committee headed by Justice Haim Cohn.

There will be no News Bulletin Sept. 3, Labor Day.

BEHIND THE HEADLINES**DRIVE ON FOR MORE JEWISH COPS**

By Ben Gallob, JTA Staff Writer

NEW YORK, Aug. 29 (JTA)--Three Jewish policemen have been assigned to carry out the first recruiting campaign in the history of the New York City police department to increase the tiny proportion of Jews in the force. Among the 29,000 New York's "finest," there are currently only 806 Jewish men and women, which adds up to 2.7 percent of the total. The total number of Jews in the city is around two million, or about 23.2 percent of the total city population.

It is easy to see discrimination in those figures and, in fact, Joel Frankel, president of the Shomrim Society of New York City, the socio-religious organization of Jewish police officers, did make that charge in July. He added that Jews were the smallest minority in the police department and that no effort was being made to recruit Jews for the force.

A charge of anti-Jewish discrimination would necessarily be based on the proposition that Jews have regularly sought to become police and have regularly been rejected. Again, the fact is that Jews historically have considered police work as of low social status, a problem compounded by the low pay of earlier years.

For Jews with a long history of living in self-contained communities in the "old country," in which police were never needed or viewed with suspicion and hatred as minions of the oppressor, and with Jews themselves often victims of police brutality, police work has hardly been a high priority career choice for young Jewish people. Another inhibiting factor, by no means confined to Jews, has been concern over the physical dangers of police work.

New Approach To Recruitment

Partly in response to criticism over the small number of Jewish police officers and partly in an effort to reach young adults in all sections of New York's fantastically variegated population, Police Commissioner Donald F. Cawley introduced this summer a new approach to recruitment methods. His announced goal was to achieve a more balanced police department "responsive to the ethnic needs of New York City."

College-trained Jewish policemen were added to the recruiting department, headed by Captain Michael J. McNulty. The assignment for police officers Lewis A. Berns, 32, Barry J. Lichtenstein, also 32 and George Drucker, 26, is to try to reach as many young Jews as possible to inform them of "the excellent career opportunities" in the police department.

Berns and Lichtenstein began their 120-day assignment on Aug. 1. Drucker was assigned to their team shortly thereafter. In an interview with the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, Berns and Lichtenstein said they had no target figure for additional Jewish recruits. But they cited the fact that in the early 1940s, when many Jews took police jobs because jobs generally were scarce, a record proportion of eight percent of a much smaller force than the present one were Jews. Noting that that peak came without organized recruiting, they indicated they hoped to achieve a higher proportion by the time their assignment ends on Nov. 30.

The two officers stressed that they were still largely in the organizing stages of their project.

They have visited or received assurances of cooperation from such organizations as B'nai B'rith, the American Jewish Committee, the New York Board of Rabbis, the American Jewish Congress and the Federation Guidance and Employment Service, and a number of Jewish Ys. Rabbi Alvin Kass, spiritual director of the New York Shomrim Society and Jewish chaplain in the police department, has helped, as has Louis Weiser, executive vice-president of the National Conference of Shomrim Societies.

Rabbis Will Be Asked To Help

Once the school year is under way next month, the three Jewish recruiters plan to contact Hillel directors throughout the metropolitan area. They have planned a mailing to 150 rabbis in Brooklyn, as a first step toward reaching the city's hundreds of rabbis. They are developing a poster for Jewish organizations, stressing the availability and desirability of police jobs.

They can make a persuasive economic case. In recent years, salaries and fringe benefits for police have risen rapidly. A New York City police officer now gets a starting salary of \$11,200, which rises to \$14,300 after three years, with every likelihood of still higher pay in upcoming contracts. Unlimited sick leave with full pay, four weeks vacation after one year; fully-paid medical and hospitalization insurance, financial support for college attendance, an excellent retirement plan and 11 paid holidays are among the other economic attractions, Berns and Lichtenstein pointed out. The educational requirement is a high school diploma or its equivalent.

They insisted they found almost no manifestations of the traditional Jewish reluctance or hostility toward the idea of police careers in all of their meetings so far with Jewish communal officials. On the contrary, they said, the receptions given them have been unanimously warm and helpful.

No Plans For Orthodox Jewish Recruits

The Jewish recruiters have no plans to seek out Orthodox Jews as recruits. The police department is a quasi-military structure which must operate around-the-clock seven days a week. The question of fitting the special religious needs of observant Jews into such a structure has been discussed, and the conclusion reached is that it would be practically impossible to fit the needs of such Jews into the police system.

The problem of personal safety has been raised in their preliminary talks, and the recruiters expect it to come up more frequently when they begin to accept invitations to speak at functions planned in schools, synagogues and Jewish centers. One of their answers is that there are, of course, hazards but that, statistically, the probability of injury or death is relatively low.

They assert that 90 percent of modern police activity is in the nature of "social work." Neither Berns nor Lichtenstein, in a decade of police work, has ever had to fire his gun while on duty. Another answer is their finding that police are not considered in the risk category by insurance companies and can obtain insurance without paying a special premium.

The World Union for Progressive Judaism plans to move its headquarters from New York to Israel, the Union's Secretary-General, Rabbi Richard Hirsch, told Tourism Minister Moshe Kol yesterday in Jerusalem. Rabbi Hirsch, former director of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations' religious action center, recently settled in Israel.