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KATZIR URGES KIRYAT SHEMONA RESIDENTS TO USE RESTRAINT IN DEALING WITH NON-JEWISH ISRAELIS

TEL AVIV, April 18 (JTA)--President Ephraim Katzir, who attended the completion today in Kiryat Shemona of the traditional seven days of mourning for the 18 victims of the Arab terrorist attack last Thursday, urged the bereaved residents to demonstrate maximum restraint in dealing with non-Jewish Israelis. He said that Kiryat Shemona residents had attacked local Druze coming to the township to work and, in one case, mistook as Arabs the family of a Druze soldier who had been injured by the terrorists and assaulted that family. "A strong nation has to control its nerves at all time," he said.

Druze notables in Israel sent an appeal to Kiryat Shemona residents, urging them not to mistake Druze for enemies. The appeal said that the Druze were "blood friends" of Israeli Jews, devoted to the state and that many serve in the Israeli army and police forces. The Druze elders said it was a unit of Israeli minorities which made the first attempt to storm the building from which the terrorists were firing at passersby. A soldier from Israel's small Circassian Moslem community was killed and a Druze soldier wounded.

Calling the tragedy "a deep sorrow of the entire nation," Katzir noted that the occasion also was the day Israel observes the Holocaust and that it was also "a day of heroism when we swore that Jewish blood will no more remain unavenged." He said he himself had suffered a loss to the terrorists, referring to the slaying of his brother, Prof. Aharon Katzir, in the Lod massacre in May 1972.

The President expressed the hope that the Kiryat Shemona villagers would overcome their present agony and turn the township into a flourishing city, adding that "our way is that of creation and building." He said that if the terrorists thought that because of the present political difficulties in Israel they could step up their sabotage actions, they would soon learn they were wrong. He announced a contribution of three fellowships for higher studies for outstanding Kiryat Shemona students.

A large group of Kiryat Shemona residents yesterday stormed the Knesset with demands for more attention to their needs. A ban imposed on entry into Kiryat Shemona of Druze has affected the township's labor force. It was imposed in the hope of cooling off revenge-seeking residents.

MRS. MEIR URGES NATION TO RECALL HEROIC SPIRIT OF GHETTO FIGHTERS

JERUSALEM, April 18 (JTA)--Premier Golda Meir called on the nation last night to remember the spirit of the Jewish ghetto fighters and forest partisans in the fight against the Nazis. "I am not ashamed to say this: the people of Israel on its land sometimes needs to be reminded of the spirit of the ghetto fighters," she said at the official Holocaust Day ceremony at Yad Vashem Memorial Institute here. Her address was carried live by the radio. The Nazi aim--and indeed the aim of all the persecutors of Jews through history--had been not just to destroy the body, but to crush the spirit, to obliterate the

Jew's self-dignity in his own eyes, she said.

Because of the bravery of the ghetto fighters and partisans, and the way in which the victims of Nazism went to their deaths, this aim had been foiled, Mrs. Meir stated. The unbreakable spirit that had permeated the Jews of Europe during the Nazi persecution had inspired the small Jewish yishuv in Palestine to fight its own enemies and overcome them, she declared, and the Palestinian Jews' spirit had conversely encouraged and inspired the ghetto fighters. On this Holocaust Day, Israel would do well to recall not only the terrible slaughter of one-third of its people--but also the spirit of those who resisted, she added.

The shadow of Kiryat Shemona and of the Yom Kippur War hung heavily over the ceremony--as they will hang over the marking of Remembrance Day (Independence Day eve) next week. (See separate story.)

800 Years Of History Bridged

Bitterly, Mrs. Meir spoke of the efforts of Israel's friends at the United Nations to obtain a balanced resolution which would treat equally the cold-blooded Kiryat Shemona butchers of 18 men, women and children and the Israeli soldiers' raid against the Lebanese villages who had faithfully followed orders to vacate the houses of the aiders and abettors of the killers before blowing them up. Mrs. Meir said she shuddered to think of what would have happened had the school, which the three terrorists first attacked, been full of little children and not empty because of the Passover vacation.

The fact that this school is named after Dr. Janus Korczak, and the fact that it is situated in "Yehuda Halevi Street" in Kiryat Shemona, were cited by Minister Gideon Hausner, chairman of Yad Vashem, to illustrate the deeper meaning of Jewish history and rebirth. The great medieval "Zionist" poet and the brave ghetto leader of Jewish children whose experiences gave him the deepest insight into Jewish-fated history, had come together, over a gap of 800 years, to declare that Jews would not be broken by the Nazis or by their successors, Hausner said.

Ashkenazi Chief Rabbi Shlomo Goren also recalled the spirit of the partisans which, he said, was now embodied in Israel's army and in its new commander, Mordechai Gur, a native of Jerusalem and a great Jewish fighter. (By David Landau.)

ISRAELI AIR FORCE POUNDS SYRIAN POSITION IN MT. HERMON AREA

2 Israeli Soldiers Killed, 4 Wounded

TEL AVIV, April 18 (JTA)--Israel Air Force jets pounded Syrian positions and artillery emplacements in the Mt. Hermon area this morning for the second consecutive day as fighting intensified all along the northern front. Two Israeli soldiers were killed by Syrian shellfire yesterday and the body of a third, missing from his unit since Tuesday, was recovered this morning. Two Israeli soldiers were wounded yesterday and two were wounded in today's fighting.

The dead were identified as Sgt. Joseph Ha'Efrati, 43, of Givatayim; Lt. Simcha Thau, 21, of Holon; and Pvt. Yedit Shochat, 20, of Patish settlement. Sgt. Ha'Efrati, who held a doctorate in literature and was a lecturer at Tel Aviv Uni-

versity, was serving as education officer with an Israeli unit on the Golan Heights. He was killed in the southern sector of the Golan Heights. Lt. Thau was killed in the same area. Pvt. Shochat had been missing. Funeral services were held for the victims today in their respective communities.

Syrian artillery was in action for hours yesterday against Israeli positions in the Yom Kippur War enclave, the southern Golan Heights and Mt. Hermon. Intensive Syrian fire was directed at the peak of the 9200-foot mountain where Israeli forces have been entrenched since they ousted a Syrian force Sunday. Israel Air Force planes were called in yesterday to strike at Syrian gun emplacements in the Hermon area and well behind the Syrian lines.

Syrian War Planes In Action

For the first time since the Yom Kippur War, Syrian planes were sent into action today against the Israeli-held Mt. Hermon peak position as well as against two other Israeli positions in the southern sector of the Golan Heights. Israeli interceptors were sent up but no combat contact was made with the Syrian planes, officials said.

The Syrian air activity came after five hours of intermittent attacks by Israeli Air Force planes against Syrian positions in the Mt. Hermon area. Those attacks followed a Syrian shelling barrage on Israeli positions on Mt. Hermon and along the cease-fire line. There were no Israeli casualties during the afternoon shelling.

Meanwhile a report that 400 Egyptian tank men have arrived in Syria and are now serving with the Syrian army was made today in Zurich by the "Neue Zuercher Zeitung." The newspaper said this might explain why the Syrians have ceased their denunciations of Egypt for its disengagement agreement with Israel. There was no confirmation of this report from other sources.

TERRORISTS STRIKE AGAIN: INJURE 13 IN BNEI BRAK, KILL CABBIE AND BOOBY-TRAP HIS BODY

TEL AVIV, April 18 (JTA)--A hand grenade was thrown today at a site in Bnei Brak just outside Tel Aviv where Arab workers from the administered areas congregate daily for job assignments in Israel, injuring 12 of the Arabs and one Jew. They were all hospitalized. An Israeli expert who examined fragments of the grenade said it was a standard Israel army weapon. Police immediately cordoned off the area, detaining some of the Arabs as suspects and taking others into protective detention, apparently out of concern that Jews outraged by the recent massacre of 18 Jews at Kiryat Shemona might attack the Arabs.

Police indicated they were checking three possibilities--that the grenade was meant for Israeli targets but exploded prematurely; that it was thrown by terrorists opposed to Arabs working in Israel; and that it was thrown by a Jew as an act of revenge. It was disclosed, meanwhile, that special parents committees, aided by police, have organized in schools to maintain a watch during school hours.

Major Disaster Averted

Police also reported that a major disaster was averted yesterday when a taxicab, containing the booby-trapped body of its strangled owner, was removed from crowded Ben Yehuda Street in Jerusalem and dismantled in a police station. The body of the owner, Zion Abergil, 54, was found in

the cab trunk. Attached to the corpse was a time bomb, a tank of gas and a can filled with gasoline.

The cab was found by Mrs. Abergil, who began a search for her husband who had been missing for 24 hours. She went to Ben Yehuda Street, the site of her husband's cab station, to ask his friends about his whereabouts and found the cab, with its parking lights on. Observing that the trunk appeared to be heavily loaded, she called police. An officer gingerly opened the trunk and found the booby-trapped body.

The booby-trapped car caused a considerable degree of unrest in the city. While scores of Jerusalem taxicabs followed Abergil's funeral today, the chief of the Jerusalem taxi owners association threatened that Jewish cab drivers would not allow Arab drivers to pass through West Jerusalem. He also demanded that the police supply cab drivers with weapons for self-defense.

The municipality regarded the case as a warning that a disaster like the one which was averted yesterday might happen some day. Since there is special sensitivity to the protection of schools, Mayor Teddy Kollek met late yesterday with representatives of the police, the Ministry of Education and the central parents committee to discuss ways to increase security at schools. No details were given, but parents are organizing shifts to guard the outside of the schools.

Jerusalem police have arrested scores of Arabs as suspects. Speaking on Israel Radio, Police Minister Shlomo Hillel said today that the public should be aware of two problems; one, to keep a high degree of alertness; and the second, not to allow the enemy to succeed in deteriorating the relations between Jews and the other peoples living in Israel.

INDEPENDENCE DAY EVENTS TONED DOWN

JERUSALEM, April 18 (JTA)--Independence Day festivities this year will be considerably more modest than in previous years. The government's decision to cut down on events of Israel's national day was in response to requests by bereaved parents and the recent Kiryat Shemona tragedy.

The major change this year will be a separation between the Memorial Day on April 23 and Independence Day on April 24. In the past, festivities began at 7 p.m. on Memorial Day, immediately after the Memorial Day officially ended. This year festivities will begin only on the morning after. Opening of entertainment centers, usually on the same night, will be moved to the next day, and almost no military ceremonies will take place, except for an exchange of flags at the traditional lighting of 12 torches on Mount Herzl.

Yehuda Ilan, the head of the information services, said in a press conference that most of the celebrations will take place in family circles and among friends. Many Israelis are expected to take motor trips on Independence Day, and the Jewish National Fund prepared special places in the countryside for picnics. At Kiryat Shemona and the neighboring settlements there will be no celebrations this year.

NEW YORK (JTA)--"Havurah Langdon, U.S.A.," a half-hour documentary about a student organized Jewish commune at the University of Wisconsin at Madison will be aired on "Directions" on ABC-TV, April 21, at 1:00 p.m. E.D.T. The program, a production of the public affairs division of ABC in cooperation with the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, was written, directed and produced by Arthur Zegart.

MIRAGE JETS SOLD TO KUWAIT

PARIS, April 18 (JTA)--The French Defense Ministry has announced that France will deliver an undisclosed number of sophisticated Mirage F-1 fighter jets to Kuwait. According to well-informed sources the arms deal involves 32 aircraft with spare parts at an estimated \$300 million. The sale, in exchange for oil, also involves the construction of a radar network and early warning system, according to sources. The agreement, signed last Friday, makes Kuwait the first Middle East country to acquire these jets which so far have been sold to South Africa and Spain and are used by the French Air Force.

Sheikh Saïd of Kuwait issued an official communique here stating that "we are free to use these planes when and wherever we please." He added that the Mirage F-1 jets, which are equipped with air-to-air and air-to-ground missiles, "are the most highly perfected combat jets currently being used." France is expected to begin delivery of the jets, built by the Dassault-Breguet Company, at the beginning of 1975.

French and Pakistani Air Force pilots will train the Kuwaiti Air Force pilots in flying the jets. The French beat out the United States which was offering Kuwait the Northrop F-5 Tiger and McDonnell Douglas Phantom F-4 fighter and strike jet aircraft. A Kuwaiti military mission had also visited the Soviet Union earlier this year to inspect MIG-21 and MIG-23 jets. French-built combat jets, the low-flying deep-penetration Mirage-3 bombers, have been purchased in the past by Lebanon, Israel, Libya, Abu Dhabi, and Saudi Arabia.

NIXON, FAHMY DISCUSS MIDEAST SITUATION

WASHINGTON, April 18 (JTA)--President Nixon met with Egyptian Foreign Minister Ismail Fahmy for 40 minutes at the White House today. Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger was also present. The meeting, that came as a surprise, was described by White House press secretary Gerald Warren as "part of the consultations" that take place regularly between the Washington and Cairo governments.

He said the topics discussed covered all developments in the Middle East related to U.S. efforts to find a peaceful settlement, including the continuing daily clashes between Israeli and Syrian forces. Warren, noting that Kissinger and Fahmy had met twice over the weekend, said they both thought it would be "useful" for the President to enter their discussions. He refused to comment on whether Nixon had warned Egypt against being drawn into the Israeli-Syrian fighting.

The White House suggested, however, that the meeting was not linked to remarks this week by Egyptian President Anwar Sadat indicating a cooling off of Cairo's relations with Moscow but at the same time warning Israel of Egyptian intervention in its fighting with Syria. Sadat said in a major speech in Cairo today that Egypt in its future foreign relations will take "a position of neutrality" between the U.S. and the Soviet Union. Sadat also indicated that Egypt would seek weapons from several sources, ending its almost total dependence on the USSR for military equipment.

American sources in Cairo said today that the USS Iwo Jima, an amphibious assault ship equipped with a dozen Sea Stallion helicopters, is due at Port Said April 24 to assist in clearing mines from the Suez Canal. (By Joseph Polakoff)

DIENENBAKER: CANADIAN EMBASSY IN ISRAEL SHOULD BE MOVED TO JERUSALEM

JERUSALEM, April 18 (JTA)--John G. Diefenbaker, former Canadian Premier, said here last night that he favors moving the Canadian Embassy in Israel from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem. The 76-year-old former official who arrived for a 10-day visit as the guest of the Jewish National Fund, told a press conference convened by the JNF that he had begun to press for such a move since the Yom Kippur War.

He also told reporters that there is a real danger for a confrontation between the United States and the Soviet Union and expressed concern that such event would "constitute an international threat." Diefenbaker observed that the Russians are talking peace while they are doing everything that may cause a war. "The decision to provide Syria with long-range missiles is not consistent with talk about peace efforts," he said. He warned that if hostilities are renewed in the Mideast "we shall be faced with a situation in which only optimists will discount a deterioration beyond the borders of the area."

The former Premier also stated that he would do his utmost to convince the Canadian government to offer Israel a convenient loan so that she can purchase an atomic reactor in Canada. This reactor, he noted, may help solve Israel's energy problems, and at the same time be used as a means to desalinate sea water." Diefenbaker praised the contribution of the Canadian Jewish community.

The central event of his visit is the dedication of the Diefenbaker Parkway in the Jerusalem corridor. The parkway is part of the project financed by Canadian Jewry which will include more than one million trees, camping and picnic sites and forest roads. He said he was deeply touched having a parkway named after him. He is being escorted in his tour by 50 Canadian JNF leaders and contributors, most of them from Toronto.

LOS ANGELES (JTA)--Barry Krugel and five other members of the Jewish Defense League have filed a \$6.5 million false arrest and battery suit against the City of Los Angeles. The suit, filed in Los Angeles Superior Court, charges that police officers, in violation of Krugel's civil rights, invaded JDL headquarters August 7, 1973, illegally arresting him and wrongfully confiscating 10 of his rifles. The suit further charged that Irving Rubin, Mort Zusserman, Earl Krugel, Phil Goodman and Greg Frug were wrongfully arrested and assaulted by the police outside JDL's 5887 W. Pico Blvd, headquarters on September 7, 1973.

NEW YORK (JTA)--Mrs. Henry N. Rapaport, president of the Women's League for Conservative Judaism, sent a telegram Thursday to Ambassador John Scali at the United Nations appealing to him "to bring the deteriorating plight of Syrian Jews to the attention of all appropriate United Nations agencies for immediate action. It must be made known to the Syrian government that Americans abhor all acts of discrimination, repression, torture and murder perpetrated upon its minority citizens and that any government which engages in or tolerates such actions deserves the condemnation and ostracism of civilized mankind."

NEW YORK (JTA)--Jews throughout the United States will attend ceremonies April 21 marking the 31st anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto uprising, and memorializing the death of six million Jews in the Nazi holocaust.

BEHIND THE HEADLINES

ISRAEL'S RAID INTO SOUTHERN

LEBANON MARKS A NEW COURSE

By Ehud Yaari

JERUSALEM, April 18 (JTA)--The logic of Israel's bloodless house destroying operation in six Lebanese border villages last Friday somehow escaped many observers, for there is more to it than the obvious attempt to warn and punish in the wake of the Kiryat Shemona attack. In fact, the Israel Defense Force raid apparently suggests a new course of action by Israel in order to stop terrorists from using the Lebanese border as a staging post for their activities: a course whose prime objective is to turn the local population of southern Lebanon into virtual allies of Israel in the struggle to keep the border quiet.

One must take a brief look into the special character of this population in order to understand the issue. The main body of southern Lebanon inhabitants consists of Muttawallis--Moslems of the Shi'i sect--the most backward and discriminated-against part of the Lebanese population.

These Muttawallis are deprived of any real say in the direction of the state--except through several effendi sons of the great feudal families. Prominent among these is the present chairman of the Lebanese Parliament, Kamel el Asaad, a bachelor playboy who faces growing resentment among his clientele because of his inability to "deliver the goods."

The goods in this case include protection against Israeli reprisals and Palestinian terrorists and implementation of the Litani River irrigation project. No government can maintain a majority in the Lebanese Parliament unless it is supported by the Muttawalli members. If the villages put enough pressure on these effendis sitting in Parliament, the government may be forced to take action or lose power.

On several occasions in the past some of the Muttawalli villages rose against the terrorists camped nearby. This forced the government in 1970 and again in 1972 to take action in order to evict the terrorists from the area. The same can happen now--or at least, this is what Israel hopes to achieve. The recent Israeli operation was staged primarily as a demonstration of the risks run by the Muttawallis if they do not help themselves.

Reaction So Far Has Been Promising

The operation was followed by a stern warning by Defense Minister Moshe Dayan that the whole southern Lebanon might be the target of Israeli attacks, if the terrorists find shelter there. He reminded the Muttawallis about the fate of the Jordan Valley villagers turned into refugees a few years ago because of terrorist activities in their area.

Muttawalli reaction so far has been promising. Local head men and notables filed petitions to the Beirut authorities threatening mass migration northward. The effendis are under pressure to use their influence with the government to defend the area. If they fail this time they endanger their chances in the 1976 elections, for their hold on the voters is gradually diminishing.

On the other hand, the Fatah leaders seem to realize what is happening. They are issuing an endless stream of appeals to the Muttawallis not to get frightened. They promise financial aid to those who lost their houses during the Israeli raid.

What will be the Muttawalli response? Will they be able to act as a unified group? How long would it take them to reach a stand? Nobody can tell. The process by which the Muttawallis decide how to react will not be completed overnight. But we are watching now the beginning of the struggle between Israel on one side and the terrorists on the other to win--if not the heart of these Muttawallis--at least their support.

PALESTINIAN ACTIVIST, MOKED

KNESSETER CALL FOR SELF-DETERMINATION OF JEWS AND PALESTINIANS

By Yitzhak Rabi

NEW YORK, April 18 (JTA)--Raymonda Tawil, a Palestinian activist and journalist from Nablus on the West Bank, claimed here that the Fatah organization as well as other Palestinian groups recognize the right of Jews in-Israel to "self-determination," but added, however, that the Palestinian people want to restore their rights as well in territories that have been part of Israel since the creation of the state in 1948.

Addressing some 30 people at a meeting organized by the Committee on New Alternatives in the Middle East, Ms. Tawil spoke emotionally about the plight of her people "under Israeli occupation," and accused the Israeli authorities of persecuting the Palestinians and of "blowing up houses and murdering innocent people." According to her, "very few of the Israelis want to hear the voice of the Palestinians." She spoke bitterly about Mrs. Golda Meir who, according to Ms. Tawil, "always says that a Palestinian people does not exist at all."

At one point, when she was describing to her audience the "persecution" of Palestinians by the Israelis, she was asked by the JTA reporter about Jews in Arab lands who have been persecuted for years and about the fact that some half-million Jews have left the Arab countries without being allowed to take their belongings with them. Ms. Tawil, visibly irritated by the remark, denied any mistreatment of Jews at any time in the Arab countries.

Meir Payil, Moked leader and member of the Israeli Knesset, who was also invited to address the meeting, responded to Ms. Tawil's denial by noting that in 1941 a full-scale pogrom against Jews took place in Iraq. Payil and Ms. Tawil arrived here Monday for a separate three-week lecture tour across the country. Their trip is sponsored by the Committee on New Alternatives in the Mideast.

Payil, who is a historian, called for recognition of the Palestinians' right to self-determination but said at the same time that the Palestinians on their part should declare their recognition of the Jewish State. According to Payil, the main problem is that while the Yom Kippur War was a military victory it was, nonetheless, a "political failure." The Israelis, Payil said, are not aware of this distinction nor that the Israeli government has lost, as a result of the war, its "freedom of strategic action."

Referring to the Kiryat Shemona massacre, Ms. Tawil said: "It is very sad...the hatred is growing in both sides...each side talks about revenge." She warned that if Israel insists on its present policy in regard to the Palestinians then "another Auschwitz can happen in Israel....I don't want this to happen," she said, pointing out that the hatred against Israel is tremendous and that Israel is surrounded by many Arab countries.