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ISRAEL BURIES ITS DEAD

AIR FORCE BOMBS, STRAFES TERRORIST STRONGHOLDS IN LEBANON

10,000 ATTEND FUNERAL SERVICE MARKED BY FURY, SEETHING EMOTIONS AND CRIES FOR DEATH TO TERRORISTS

By Tuvia Mendelson

May 16 (JTA)—Israel buried the victims of the Maalot massacre today as the entire northern area of the country was placed on alert against further terrorist outrages. The 20 teen-age students slain yesterday in the Netiv Meir school building in Maalot were laid to rest near the graves of other youthful terrorist victims—the children murdered in a school bus ambush at Avivim three years ago. The three members of the Cohen family murdered in Maalot and a soldier killed in yesterday's assault on the terrorist-held school building were buried in separate graves.

Collective funeral services, with Israel's chief rabbinate officiating, began at 4 p.m. local time in Safad, home of most of the victims. More than 10,000 persons converged on the tiny mountain hamlet in central Galilee, turning what is normally a peaceful resort town favored by artists and writers into a sea of fury and seething emotions.

Cries for vengeance and death to terrorists rang out over the anguished weeping and the chanted prayers for the dead. President Ephraim Katzir and Deputy Premier Yigal Allon, representing the Israeli government and people at the funeral were unable to complete their addresses. As crowds surged forward, the Chief of State and Deputy Premier were forced to leave the scene behind cordons of police and security men.

As the nation was plunged into mourning in the aftermath of the worst terrorist outrage in Israel's history, diplomatic efforts went on to reach an Israeli-Syrian disengagement agreement. Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger, who cancelled his trip to Damascus yesterday because of the events at Maalot, flew to the Syrian capital this morning and was due back in Jerusalem tonight. Despite the fierce anger and bitterness engendered by Maalot, Israel insisted that disengagement diplomacy be continued if only to foil the terrorists' intended aim of sabotaging the peace moves.

Shocked Nation Asks Questions

Throughout the country, shocked and stunned citizens plying together the reports of yesterday's tragic events were asking why the school building in Maalot was left unguarded even though security authorities knew that terrorists had infiltrated Israel and were in the vicinity; why the youngsters were permitted to take their camping trip close to the Lebanese border at a time when terrorist acts were expected in connection with the 26th anniversary of Israel's independence; and whether the frontal assault on the school building was the right way or the only way to try to save the hostages.

Premier Golda Meir refused to comment last night when she was asked bluntly on a television interview whether there had been no way to avoid the tragedy at Maalot.

GEN. GUR SAYS ACTION AGAINST LEBANESE TERRORIST BASES CAN BE VIEWED AS FORM OF RETALIATION

May 16 (JTA)—Israel Air Force jets attacked terrorist strongholds in southern Lebanon today. The attacks were carried out in two waves—at about 3 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. local time—and seven target areas were hit. Israel's Chief of Staff, Lt. Gen. Mordechai Gur, said the targets included concentrations of El Fatah and Fatah headquarters; headquarters, workshops and training areas of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine; the PFLP-General Command and the Popular Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine. The two latter organizations were directly responsible for the terrorist massacre at Maalot yesterday.

Gur told newsmen that today's bombing and strafing raids could be considered retaliation for the Maalot outrage, though he noted that Israeli warplanes had been pounding terrorist targets in southeastern Lebanon before the Maalot events. He hinted at further retaliatory acts.

(Reports from Beirut today claimed that Israeli jets bombed and machinegunned Palestinian refugee camps at Tyre and Sidon and severely damaged residential blocks. Beirut claimed that civilian casualties were high. According to one source in Lebanon, as many as 300 were killed or wounded. The Beirut report said anti-aircraft fire was directed against the Israeli raiders.)

Israel reported that all of its aircraft returned safely to their bases. Gur said, "No doubt the horror of Maalot yesterday helped us to bomb these (terrorist) targets too." When pressed further by newsmen he said, "You can see it as a retaliation." In an emotional address on television last night in which he announced the Maalot death toll, Premier Golda Meir declared that Israel will "do everything in its power to cut off the hands that want to harm a child, an adult, a settlement, a town or a village."

Establish Terrorists Came From Lebanon

An Israeli military spokesman told reporters last night, "There is no retaliation for the lives of 20 children," meaning that their deaths were beyond reprisal. Israel's Chief of Intelligence, Maj. Gen. Shlomo Gazit, said it had been established that the three Maalot terrorists had come from Lebanon. Their blood-stained civilian clothing and their boots, produced at a press conference last night, were made in Lebanon as were matches and personal effects found on the bodies.

The dead terrorists, members of the Popular Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine, headed by Nayef Hawatmeh, were identified as Ziad Abdel Rahim, 22; Ahmed Saleh, 19 and Ali Ahmed Hassan, 27. Israeli authorities denied a report that one of the trio was an Israeli Arab who had worked as a waiter in Safad, the Upper Galilee town where most of the victims came from.

(Speaking in Beirut today, Hawatmeh attacked Secretary of State Kissinger's peace mission in the Middle East and praised the terrorist killers.

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Reports appearing in the press today said that the young campers from Safad, in fact had been stopped by a military unit the day before they arrived in Maalot and warned that terrorists were in the vicinity. They were stopped at the Abdon Bridge in Western Galilee, and one of the teachers accompanying them, Yosef Amar, telephoned authorities in Nahariya to ask if the rest of the trip shouldn't be cancelled. According to the newspaper accounts, the teacher said he was instructed not to cancel the trip but to shorten it. He said he acted in accordance with his instructions to spend the night at Maalot, a small town less than 10 miles from the Lebanese border.

Appoint Investigating Committee

Israeli Police Chief Shaul Rosolio appointed a committee today to investigate all questions pertaining to police involvement in the Maalot events. Specifically, the committee was ordered to determine whether police approval had been given for the camping trip.

The alert in northern Israel was called today on the basis of reports that more terrorists had infiltrated and were headed for Kiryat Shemona, scene of a massacre last month that took 18 lives. It was reported later, however, that the tracks found near Kiryat Shemona were made by Israeli soldiers.

A small diary was found today in the bullet-scarred, blood-stained school building in Maalot. Its owner was unknown, but was probably one of the children who died. It was written in a childish scrawl on pages torn out of an exercise book and recounted hour by hour the happenings of the tragic day. The last entry, timed at just after 5 p.m. said: "Everything is so quiet. I think it's almost time now, and soon we will be free." There was no signature, just a large blot of blood smearing the bottom of the page.

FRENCH ENVOY'S VERSION OF MAALOT TRAGEDY DIFFERS FROM ISRAEL'S

TEL AVIV, May 16 (JTA)--French Ambassador Jean Hurly gave an account of yesterday's events in Maalot which differs sharply with the official version given by Information Minister Shimon Peres at a news conference last night and by Premier Golda Meir in her radio and television address. The French envoy's account, contained in an interview published in Yediot Achronot today, was corroborated in part by a Foreign Ministry document released last night containing a chronological summary of yesterday's diplomatic contacts aimed at saving the Maalot hostages.

The discrepancies between Hurly's account and the official Israeli version related to the ambassador's role in dealings with the terrorists and a mysterious code word with which the ambassador was to identify himself to the terrorists which never arrived. The Foreign Ministry document, however, confirmed the role assigned to the Rumanian Ambassador as stated in the government's account.

Hurly told Yediot Achronot that he was not supposed to handle negotiations with the terrorists but to serve as their hostage until Israel carried out their demand to free 20 imprisoned terrorists and fly them out of the country. He said the code word was supposed to reach him from Damascus only after the freed terrorists were safely landed in the Syrian capital. According to Peres, the code word was to signal that Israel was about to carry out the terrorists' demands and the simultaneous release of the hostages. As the terror-

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He said yesterday's massacre that killed 27 in Maalot "affirmed the humane character of our revolutionaries." According to the terrorist chief, "The language of arms and logic" had been used to show the Israelis that their government could not protect them against "the blows of our people.") After the Israeli raid on Lebanon, Egypt's Foreign Minister Ismail Fahmy said in an official statement tonight in Cairo: "Egypt firmly declares that the Israeli acts of flagrant aggression on the civilian population can only have the gravest consequences which Israel must bear in mind. The Arab world cannot stand idle before this terrorism."

ists' 6 p.m. deadline approached and the code word had still not arrived, Israeli authorities decided to storm the Maalot school building in an effort to save the hostages. Premier Meir said the authorities were convinced that the terrorists would not extend their deadline and would carry out their threat to blow up the building.

Fearred Envoy Might Have Been Shot

Hurly said soldiers in Maalot refused to let him approach the terrorists to try to get an extension of the deadline. Officials in Jerusalem said that since he did not know the code word, he would have been shot had he tried to approach the school building. But no one explained why the French envoy was not permitted to hail the terrorists through a loudspeaker as the Israelis themselves were doing.

Hurly said he did not think the Israelis tried to delay his arrival at Maalot which he reached at about 5 p.m. yesterday. "But I still ask myself what could have been done between 5 and 6 o'clock and was not done," he said in his interview. It appeared likely that by the time the Ambassador arrived at Maalot the decision had already been taken to storm the school building because it was, by then, too late to carry out the terrorists' demands before their deadline.

The Foreign Ministry document, read to the Israeli Cabinet at 2:55 p.m. yesterday contained a message from the French government which had heard from the terrorist command in Damascus. In it, a terrorist leader known as "Abu Avid" spelled out conditions for an exchange. These included the following:

"When the 20 (freed terrorists) get to Damascus, the command will give the code word to the French Embassy which will transmit it to the French Embassy in Tel Aviv which will transmit it..." to the French Ambassador in Maalot. That message made it clear that no code word was to be delivered until the released terrorists were safely in Damascus. Only then would Ambassador Hurly give the code word and secure the release of half of the hostages. The other half was to go with the three Maalot terrorists to Ben Gurion Airport where they would be released once the terrorists were safely aboard a plane.

With regard to the Rumanian Ambassador's role, the Foreign Ministry's account confirmed Peres' account. A message received by the Israeli government from Bucharest at 2:30 p.m. said the Rumanian envoy was selected by the terrorists to be the sole mediator and that once he reported back to Bucharest that Israel had agreed in principle to the terrorists' demands, he would receive a code word that would enable him to start negotiations at Maalot. (By David Landau and Tuvia Mendelson)

15,000 RALLY OUTSIDE THE UN**Anguish And Horror Written On Faces**

By Tova Kamins, JTA Staff Writer

NEW YORK, May 16 (JTA)—More than 15,000 people solidly packed Dag Hammarskjöld Plaza opposite the United Nations today in a solemn demonstration of mourning for the victims of yesterday's massacre at Maalot. The demonstration began at noon—calm and almost silent at first, the anguish and horror written on the faces of the participants rather than expressed in words. But as the day progressed and more thousands poured into the area, emotions took hold and crowds pushed into the UN grounds, shouting "We will not leave" to police trying to disperse them. Eight demonstrators who chained themselves to the UN fence were arrested by police.

Hundreds of Hebrew school pupils from throughout the New York metropolitan area were in the throngs that completely blocked First Avenue in the vicinity of the UN and clogged the side streets. Police cordoned off the entire area and re-routed traffic. By late afternoon the demonstration was still in full swing.

It was organized and sponsored by B'nai B'rith, the Board of Jewish Education and the National Council of Young Israel. Three coffins draped with Israeli flags were marched back and forth through the crowd, symbolizing the 20 Israeli high school students and other victims of the terrorist outrage who were buried at stormy funeral services in Israel today.

Speakers at the demonstration today included New York City Mayor Abraham Beame; Israeli Consul General David Rivlin; Rabbi Israel Miller, chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations; Stanley Lowell, chairman of the National Conference on Soviet Jewry; and Arnold Forster, chairman of the B'nai B'rith Anti-Defamation League.

All of them placed the burden of guilt for yesterday's terrible events in Israel on the European nations which, in five years captured more than 160 terrorists and freed all but nine; and on the United Nations which, as they said, was forever censuring Israel while refusing to censure the Arabs for the massacres committed both in Israel and abroad. There was no condemnation, they noted, for the slaughter of 18 men, women and children in Kiryat Shmona little more than a month before the massacre at Maalot.

Jewish Leaders Meet With Scali

Before the demonstration started at noon, a delegation of the Presidents Conference met with the U.S. Ambassador to the UN, John Scali, and members of the U.S. Mission staff to discuss the Maalot tragedy and U.S. government reaction. The group expressed horror and dismay at the continuing acts of terrorism that culminated in yesterday's horrors. They called Scali's attention to the feelings of the American Jewish community over U.S. support for a Security Council resolution last month condemning Israel for its retaliatory raid on Lebanon without mentioning the massacre at Kiryat Shmona.

Scali issued a statement yesterday condemning the terrorist acts. "I am sickened, outraged and depressed by this barbaric incident (at Maalot)," he said. "This fanaticism must be condemned by humanity and it must be stopped, but we must not permit this tragedy to deflect us from our goal of an enduring peace and a world where neighbors live as compassionate friends and the innocent walk unafraid," Scali said.

800 Rally In Toronto

Some 800 people gathered in Toronto last night to express their common grief and sorrow with the parents of the children murdered in cold blood in Maalot. The demonstration was called by the local offices of the Canadian Zionist Federation, Canadian Jewish Congress and B'nai B'rith. The three major organizations have also called for a memorial meeting on Sunday. Philip G. Givens, Q. C., M.P.P., national president of the CZF, who addressed the rally last night, said that more than 10,000 people are expected to participate in Sunday's memorial meeting.

NIXON EXPRESSES CONDOLENCES**IN PERSONAL LETTER TO MRS. MEIR**

WASHINGTON, May 16 (JTA)—President Nixon in a letter today to Premier Golda Meir expressed his "personal condolences to the Israeli people in this time of mourning" over the murders by Arab terrorists of school children and others in Maalot yesterday. White House Deputy Press Secretary Gerald Warren announced the letter at his news conference and made the text available. It says:

"Our sorrow for the tragic loss of so many of Israel's children at Maalot cannot be expressed in words. Mrs. Nixon and I, along with all Americans, grieve with you and with the parents and schoolmates of those who died. This senseless act of terrorism has underscored once again the need for true peace in the Middle East. I can assure you that our efforts towards this goal will not waver. Please extend, Madam Prime Minister, my personal condolences to the Israeli people in this time of mourning."

Warren was asked by the Jewish Telegraphic Agency whether the President would carry out the Senate's unanimous resolution that urged him and Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger to call upon all governments to condemn the Arab attack and urge the countries where terrorists are found to rid their countries of them.

Deplores Terrorists', Israel's Actions

Warren, after referring to the U.S. activity towards stamping out international terrorism, said that "beyond that our position and our actions should make it clear that we respect the sentiments in the Senate resolution." Warren deplored, in response to questions from other newsmen, the "continuing cycles of violence" in the Middle East and said that included the Israeli retaliation against Palestinian camps in Lebanon. Violence, he said, "can only obstruct peaceful settlement in the Middle East. Beyond that, because of the delicate current situation in the Middle East, I cannot comment."

SOVIET JEWS PROTEST MAALOT OUTRAGE

NEW YORK, May 16 (JTA)—Thirty Jewish activists demonstrated today in front of the Lebanese Embassy in Moscow and several of them were arrested by Soviet authorities, it was reported by the National Conference on Soviet Jewry. The demonstrators were driven away in a police van after they were stopped 200 yards from the Lebanese Embassy. The protesters carried a banner reading, "Shame on the murderers." The NCSJ also reported that as many Jews who could send cables to Israel expressing their condolences and reaffirming their support of the Jewish State.

May 16 (JTA)—Political and Jewish leaders throughout Western Europe, and major dailies unanimously condemned the Maalot atrocity as an inhuman attack. Many church leaders issued similar statements and sent condolences to Israel.

CONDEMNATIONS OF CARNAGE CONTINUE

NEW YORK, May 16 (JTA)—Elmer L. Winter, president of the American Jewish Committee, in a special press conference today during the group's 68th annual convention, urged the United Nations to condemn "the Arab barbarism at Maalot" but stressed that Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger must "redouble his already arduous efforts for peace." Charging that the "massacre at Maalot is the bitter fruit" of the United Nations Security Council condemnation of Israel, Winter declared:

"It is high time for the U.S. government to acknowledge its error in having joined in that cynical condemnation of Israel, even to the point now of following up on Secretary Kissinger's expression of outrage yesterday by urging the entire United Nations to denounce this latest act of terrorism." Winter added that to allow "the first serious and courageous effort in recent years for peace in the troubled Middle East" to fail would acknowledge that terrorist action succeeded. He also urged Arab states to condemn Arab terrorism and for Lebanon in particular to stop sheltering the terrorists.

Daniel Shapiro, president of the AJ Committee's New York Chapter, noted that the chapter adopted Maalot after a group of its members visited the development town in 1968. He said a delegation from the chapter would leave soon to visit the town and express American Jewish solidarity with the Israelis and see what help the town needs.

Urge Solidarity Of World Jewry

A gathering last night of the American Friends of the Hebrew University at the Americana Hotel to pay tribute to its president, Avraham Harman, turned into a demonstration of indignation over the latest terrorist carnage in Maalot and a show of solidarity with the State of Israel. Harman, addressing some 500 dinner guests, said the murderers who took 90 children hostage were motivated by the same fanaticism that has motivated the Arabs since the State of Israel was born 26 years ago. "They want to annihilate us," he declared, "and kill all of us. They do not believe in co-existence between Jews and Arabs." By murdering school children, he continued, they are aiming "at the heart of the Jewish people."

His voice trembled with anger as he recounted the nefarious deed of the terrorists. He declared that Israel and the Jewish people are now more than ever determined to resist the enemy and to continue to build the Jewish homeland. "We are obsessed by a passion for life," Harman said, adding that the Jewish people is united in this passion.

The audience paid tribute to the victims in Maalot with a minute of silence. Paul Zuckerman, general chairman of the United Jewish Appeal, and Sam Rothberg, chairman of the Board of Governors of the Hebrew University, called for increased financial efforts for Israel "in this grim hour."

Must Be Strong And Determined

In a separate statement, Zuckerman declared: "This deplorable act of senseless violence can only knit closer the bonds of unity of the Jewish people. We share the suffering and the sense of loss of the families, friends and neighbors of Maalot. Whenever Jewish blood is spilled—when innocent children, Jewish children are killed and used as pawns by terrorists—our reaction must be one of strength and determination. We stand

solidly with the people of Maalot and the people of Israel and pledge to provide them with the humanitarian help they urgently need."

Mrs. Rose E. Matzkin, national president of Hadassah, scored the United Nations for "its failure to condemn acts of Arab terrorism and brutality," said that the UN must, as a result, "bear the brunt of the responsibility for each new assault upon Israeli lives," and deplored "the passivity, the apathy of the international community that implicitly encourages terrorism to flourish."

Leaders of the National Women's Division of the American Jewish Congress marched yesterday from the Stephen Wise Congress House to the nearby Lebanese Consulate where they, along with some 1000 youths and adults, picketed, protesting the Arab terrorist attack on Maalot. In a statement outside the Consulate, Mrs. Jacqueline Levine, president of the women's division and co-chairwoman of the Congress' National Governing Council, called for "worldwide expressions of revulsion over these atrocities and an international program to thwart terrorism in the future."

Denunciation Must Accompany Shuttle Diplomacy

In other statements condemning the terrorist attack and the passivity of the civilized world toward such acts, Herman L. Weisman, president of the Zionist Organization of America, said: "Can shuttle diplomacy be cavalierly renewed without a forthright denunciation by Syria and the other Arab countries of terrorist assaults, without their commitment once and for all to withdraw shelter, arms and encouragement from all terrorist groups?"

Dr. Judah J. Shapiro, president of the Labor Zionist Alliance, declared that the Maalot outrage "can be traced to the kind of action, or inaction, of most governments with respect to Arab terrorism. There ought to be some way of removing from civilized councils governments that aid and abet this Arab terrorism."

Prof. Howard Adelson, speaking for the United Zionist Revisionists in America, said the Maalot and the Kiryat Shemona atrocities are "reminiscent of the worst excesses of the holocaust." In light of these outrages, "it is clear that peace should only be made with the Arab governments after they have taken steps to suppress terrorism and given guarantees that the borders (Israel's) will be inviolate."

Others who condemned the carnage and called for prompt, effective action against Arab terrorism, included the Rabbinical Council of America, Pioneer Women, Rabbinical Assembly, American Professors for Peace in the Middle East, United Synagogue of America, the New York Board of Rabbis and Bnai Zion, Jewish Labor Committee.

HOUSE URGES NIXON TO ACT ON TERRORISM

WASHINGTON, May 16 (JTA)—A bi-partisan resolution introduced in the House of Representatives today called on President Nixon to have the United States urge the United Nations Security Council to condemn the "brutal act of violence" by Arab terrorists yesterday in Maalot. The resolution adopted unanimously yesterday by the Senate did not contain this request. Both resolutions urged the White House to ask countries harboring terrorists to rid their lands of them. The House resolution, drafted by Rep. Sidney Yates (D, Ill.) was introduced with 321 sponsors by the leaders of the two parties, Reps. Thomas P. O'Neill (D, Mass.) and John J. Rhodes (R, Ariz.). A vote is expected next week.