



VANDALS WRECK SYNAGOGUE IN PARIS SUBURB

PARIS, July 1 (JTA)—A synagogue at Savigny Sur Orge, a suburb of Paris, was wrecked this week by a group of unidentified vandals who overturned the Holy Ark, trampled on the Torah scrolls and stole several collection boxes, it was learned today. The incident is the second anti-Semitic attack to occur in France within the last few weeks. In June, unidentified vandals destroyed 198 graves out of 264 in a Jewish cemetery in eastern France. Both attacks have touched off community fears of a new wave of anti-Semitism in France.

The president of the Jewish community of Savigny, which numbers 350 families, described what he called "an unhealthy climate of anti-Semitism" in the suburb where the attack on the synagogue was preceded by an incident in which the windows of the youth club were shattered and paint splattered on the walls. Police are investigating the incidents.

WIFE OF JEWISH ACTIVIST BEATEN BY KGB, ARRESTED, UNHEARD FROM

NEW YORK, July 1 (JTA)—Mrs. Elena Polsky, the wife of Soviet Jewish activist Dr. Victor Polsky, was arrested Saturday morning in front of the Moscow Synagogue, according to the Student Struggle for Soviet Jewry. Mrs. Polsky, a 40-year-old communications engineer, was reportedly warned to return home and not leave her house again. When she ignored the warning later in the day, she was met by KGB agents, beaten, and taken away, according to the SSSJ.

Mrs. Polsky has not been heard from since. Her daughter, who was with her at the time, was unharmed, the SSSJ said. Dr. Polsky is now under arrest and facing trial in Moscow for allegedly running down a woman with his automobile.

The National Conference on Soviet Jewry reported meanwhile that Western correspondents trying to visit the homes of arrested Jewish activists in Moscow were barred from entering by KGB agents. Many of those currently under arrest were sponsors of an international scientific seminar that was supposed to have started today in the Moscow apartment of Prof. Alexander Voronel. But Prof. Voronel and most of the other Soviet-Jewish sponsors are in custody and the seminar is not taking place, the NCSJ reported.

It also reported that Jewish activists in Minsk, where President Nixon is visiting today, have been threatened with arrest on the fifth day of their hunger strike intended to call Nixon's attention to their plight. One of them, Res. Col. Naum Alshansky, was quoted as saying, "We are threatened with arrest and treated this way because of Nixon's visit."

Concerned Scientists Met Sisco

The mass arrests of Jewish activists in the USSR just prior to and during the Nixon summit visit has aroused shock and outrage among supporters of Soviet Jewry. Only last week, a delegation of American scientists representing the international board of sponsors and advisors of the aborted seminar at the Voronel apartment and the executive board of the Committee of Concerned

Scientists expressed their grave concern over recent events in the Soviet Union at a meeting with Acting Secretary of State Joseph J. Sisco at the State Department in Washington.

The delegation stressed that "Soviet actions against leading scientists wishing to emigrate and other outspoken scientists, violates basic human and scientific principles, jeopardizes detente and endangers the implementation of bi-national cooperative scientific agreements," according to Dr. Earl Callen of American University. In response to a question from Sisco, Dr. Jack Cohen of the National Institute of Health, said that while the level of persecution had increased because of President Nixon's visit to Moscow it was a matter of "degree" since the "Soviet policy of harassment is an on-going one for these scientists; they have been subjected to varying forms and degrees of harassment for up to three years...since they applied for emigration visas."

RABIN STRESSES NEED TO CURB TERRORISTS FROM LEBANON

LONDON, July 1 (JTA)—Israeli Premier Yitzhak Rabin declared here that Israel does not want to occupy Lebanese territory or to change its borders with Lebanon. "But we must protect our citizens and our property along our northern borders," he told a press conference before leaving London. "We shall not hesitate to continue to do so," he said. Earlier at a breakfast meeting with leaders of the Anglo-Jewish community, Rabin stressed that the Israelis living along the northern border will never abandon their settlements despite terrorist attacks.

Rabin, making his first appearance outside of Israel since becoming Prime Minister, was in England for a meeting of Socialist Party leaders at the British Prime Minister's country home, Chequers. He stressed to reporters there yesterday that Israel was trying to deal with the terrorists by sealing off its borders, tracking down the murderers and trying to induce Lebanon to control the terrorists as other Arab states have done.

(The Palestinian terrorist leadership in Beirut said today they would halt any attacks against Israel which might provoke Israeli retaliation against Lebanon but vowed to step up operations planned and carried out from inside Israel, according to reports from the Lebanese capital. Diplomatic sources in Beirut said Lebanon would ask other Arab states to boycott the Geneva Mideast peace conference if Israel continues its attacks. According to the sources, the request will be made at a meeting of Arab League foreign and defense ministers in Cairo Wednesday. They said Lebanese Premier Takiyeddin al-Solh would also ask the Arab states to put pressure on the U.S. to curb Israel.)

During the Socialist leaders meeting, the Middle East debate took 90 minutes of a seven-hour session. According to the sources, Rabin outlined the Israeli position and Austrian Chancellor Bruno Kreisky reported on the committee that he led on a tour of the Middle East in May. Kreisky urged cooperation between the Socialist International and Socialist Parties in Arab countries. Dom Mintoff, Prime Minister of Malta, said the Palestinians should not be ignored. Rabin replied that no one wants to ignore the Palestinians but the key factor in achieving peace in the Middle East was Egypt.

ISRAELI VIGILANT AGAINST TERRORISTS AS SUMMER VISITORS PROGRAM STARTS

By Yitzhak Shargil

TEL AVIV, July 1 (JTA)--Israel's "summer visitors" program through which thousands of Arabs from the neighboring countries have visited Israel since the Six-Day War, officially opened again today. Tight security is being maintained on the Jordan River bridges and all the visiting Arabs are thoroughly searched to detect possible terrorist infiltrations or persons smuggling lethal devices.

Although terrorist incidents usually increase during the "summer visits" Israel is determined to maintain the "open bridges" policy. Israeli officials believe this policy has helped teach Arabs in neighboring countries that the Israelis are human and that the Arabs who live under Israeli control are well off. But security forces are taking every possible precaution. It is believed here that special terrorist units that have undergone intensive training in Lebanon are preparing for action in Israel. Reliable sources here have put the number of members of terrorist organizations at 15,000, half in Lebanon, mostly in 19 Palestinian refugee camps. According to the sources, there are about 3000 terrorists in "Fatahland," the hilly region of southern Lebanon and another 7000 in the refugee camps near Damascus.

Israeli sources have reason to believe that scores of terrorists are training in the Soviet Union and hundreds in Arab countries other than Lebanon and Syria. There also appears to be a terrorist network in Europe. Terrorist cells in the administered territories receive instructions from commands in Beirut and Damascus, according to Israeli sources. But they lack equipment and most of the security on the Jordan bridges is to make sure that supplies for these terrorists do not get through.

PERES VISIT CREDITED WITH SECURING ADDITIONAL \$500 M GRANT FOR ISRAEL

By Joseph Polakoff

WASHINGTON, July 1 (JTA)--The U.S. announcement in Moscow that President Nixon has authorized as a grant an additional \$500 million of the \$2.2 billion emergency fund for Israel came as no surprise here although some eyebrows lifted that the formal Presidential decision came at virtually the 11th hour of the U.S. 1974 fiscal year.

After Israeli Defense Minister Shimon Peres had discussed Israel's defense requirements in Washington last week in the light of the new reality of the post-Yom Kippur War disengagements and future prospects, top American officials were understood to have recommended the additional half billion in Israel's favor. "Bureaucratic logistics," a source close to the proceedings told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, caused the inability of the papers to be ready for the President's signature prior to yesterday. Peres did not complete his talks here until last Wednesday, two full business days after President Nixon and Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger had departed for the Moscow summit talks.

In approving the \$2.2 billion last Dec. that President Nixon had requested shortly after the cease-fire in the Yom Kippur War, Congress authorized him to grant up to \$1.5 billion and allow the remainder in credits. It had been assumed prior to the Peres visit that since the President had forgiven \$1 billion in April and since official U.S. sources had said the remainder would be in credits at low interest rates that the final decis-

ions had been made on that fund. But the Peres visit, it was reported, and his explanations of the different types of weapons needed in Israel's security requirements in the new reality together with the vast indebtedness Israel had incurred by the war and its aftermath brought a change in the U.S. outlook.

MICHAEL SACHER, BRITISH ZIONIST, PHILANTHROPIST, GETS HEBREW U. AWARD

JERUSALEM, July 1 (JTA)--Michael Sacher, the British Zionist leader, chairman of the Joint Israel Appeal and a member of the board of directors of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, received today the Hebrew University's annual Solomon Bulbick Prize at a ceremony on the university campus. President Ephraim Katzir and seven others received honorary doctorates at the ceremony.

Sacher's citation hailed him as "worthy scion of a distinguished Anglo-Jewish family, faithful standard bearer of a tradition of service to the Jewish people, the Zionist ideal and its glorious realization--the State of Israel." It also hailed his leadership during the Yom Kippur War. Sacher's father, the late Harry Sacher, lived and worked in Jerusalem during the Mandate period and was associated with Hebrew University from its inception. An Institute for Legislative Research and Comparative Law was recently opened within the university's law faculty in his name.

In addition to President Katzir, honorary degrees were presented to Mordechai Ardon, Israeli artist and principal of the Bezalel Art School; Philip David Sang, Chicago philanthropist; Dr. Regina Feigl of Brazil, a leader of South American Jewry; Charles E. Smith, Washington philanthropist; Prof. Arnaldo Dante Momigliano, professor of ancient history at University College, London; Prof. Clarence W. Efroymson, American philanthropist and professor emeritus of economics at Butler University, Indiana; and Prof. Bernard Lewis, an expert on Islamic history who lives in Britain. Prof. Izaak M. Kolthoff of the United States, who was also to receive an honorary degree, could not attend.

Tel Aviv University awarded honorary degrees last week to Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Yigal Allon; Nahum Gottman, an Israeli artist; Maurice Goldhaber, an American nuclear physicist; British philanthropist Leslie Porter and Zubin Mehta, musical advisor of the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra.

EXPLOSIVES FOUND ON NEGEV BUS; ARAB WORKERS DETAINED

TEL AVIV, July 1 (JTA)--Police in Dimona held 44 Arab workers for questioning today after a parcel of explosives was discovered on the Dimona-Beersheba bus this morning. The parcel aroused the curiosity of a passenger because it didn't appear to belong to any of his fellow passengers. He alerted the driver who summoned the police. A police sapper opened the package and discovered explosives and an activating device which was dismantled safely. Police in the Negev town said the alertness of the passenger probably averted a disaster.

JERUSALEM (JTA)--The Rabbt Gold College, established here by the Torah Education and Culture Department of the WZO to provide Jewish women from abroad with religious education, ended its school year with 105 graduates. According to Dr. Haim Hamiel, head of the department, 1400 female students from 29 countries have graduated from the college since it was established in 1958.

SEN. SYMINGTON SEES 'POSSIBILITY' CONGRESS WILL REJECT NIXON'S NUCLEAR OFFER TO EGYPT

WASHINGTON, July 1 (JTA)--Sen. Stuart Symington (D., Mo.) declared in a nationwide telecast yesterday that President Nixon's "offer of a large nuclear reactor to Egypt could be a serious diplomatic error." He warned that "this idea of U.S. proliferating weapons of all kinds all over the world is a great mistake."

There is a "possibility," he said, that Congress might reject the President's plan to give Egypt the nuclear reactor, "but we would like to hear all the evidence." Congress is expected to consider the agreements made by President Nixon with Israel and Egypt next week. Provisional contracts were signed last week for U.S. deliveries of nuclear fuel to Egypt in Feb. 1980 and to Israel 12 months later.

Speaking on ABC's "Issues and Answers" program Symington also said, "To be frank, I don't think he (Nixon) has offered the Israelis anything that they did not have at least in theory. I don't know what his plans are in the way of giving them enriched uranium." Symington is a member of the Senate Armed Services and Foreign Relations Committees and the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy. (By Joseph Polakoff)

FRENCH WITNESSES TO TESTIFY AT KLARSFELD TRIAL

PARIS, July 1 (JTA)--A Cologne tribunal trying Mrs. Beate Klarsfeld has agreed to hear six French witnesses on behalf of the Nazi-hunter who is charged with coercion and the attempted abduction of former Paris Gestapo chief Kurt Lischka. The tribunal reversed its previous refusal to hear the French witnesses following the intervention of President Valery Giscard D'Estaing.

At the President's instructions, French diplomatic sources made direct representations in Bonn. The French witnesses had been barred from the proceedings. Although no official reason was given, West German judicial officials apparently felt their testimony would add to the political nature of the trial, an aspect they are trying to play down. The prosecution so far has sought to confine Mrs. Klarsfeld's trial, which opened June 25, to the purely criminal proceedings against her and not let it become a forum calling attention to unpunished Nazi war criminals still at large.

The French witnesses who will appear in Cologne include several former deportees and resistance fighters. A major witness will be Jean Pierre Bloch, a former French Minister of Interior who is currently president of the International League Against Racism and Anti-Semitism (LICA). The French witnesses are expected to draw the court's attention to the lack of legal means to bring Nazi war criminals to justice and thereby speed up ratification of the Franco-German extradition treaty designed for that purpose.

Mrs. Klarsfeld, a German-born French national, was arrested on the site of the Dachau concentration camp on April 17, Holocaust Day. She had, in fact, invited arrest by appearing on German soil. She is accused of attempting to kidnap Lischka in 1971 and bring him to France where he is under sentence of death for murdering Jews. Mrs. Klarsfeld is not Jewish. While the West German press in general has been hostile to Mrs. Klarsfeld, labeling her zeal in tracking down Nazis as "pathological," she has re-

ceived massive support from anti-Nazi groups and individuals in Germany and abroad. Judge Viktor de Somoskoey threatened at one point last week to eject the public from the court after they applauded when Mrs. Klarsfeld described herself as "a decent German trying to rehabilitate my people."

CHILEAN GOV'T. DENIES IT EMPLOYED WANTED NAZI

LONDON, July 1 (JTA)--The Chilean government has denied reports that it had in its employ a former Nazi, Walter Rauff, who is wanted in West Germany for war crimes involving the deaths of thousands of Jews in Germany during World War II. A statement conveyed to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency by the Chilean Embassy here referred to reports in several countries that Rauff may have been engaged by the Chilean government or might be collaborating with it. "Nothing could be further from the truth," the Embassy statement said.

GOVERNMENT RELYING ON NEW AUSTERITY PLAN TO STABILIZE ISRAEL'S ECONOMY

JERUSALEM, July 1 (JTA)--The government has prepared a new plan to stabilize the shaky Israeli economy which calls for belt tightening by Israelis and less spending by the government. The plan's effectiveness will depend to a large extent on cooperation between the Finance Ministry and Histadrut. Finance Minister Yehoshua Rabinowitz has said that he regards this cooperation as essential for the success of any program designed to improve the nation's economy.

Although no date has been set for implementation of the new regulations, Israelis have gone on a buying spree expecting prices to increase soon especially for automobiles and electrical appliances. The proposed plan provides for an IL 1.5 billion cut in the development budget. There will be no new public buildings built, including universities, schools and office buildings. Luxury apartments will be heavily taxed.

Although a 20 percent cost of living increase is to be paid workers in the beginning of July, the government, attempting to halt inflation, will try to neutralize its effect either by agreement with Histadrut to reduce the COL increase, tax it, or impose a new compulsory loan at the rate of 5 percent. The new plan will be Rabinowitz's first test as Finance Minister. Observers see it as the government's last chance to control the economy before a disaster. The new economic plan rules out at least for the time being any devaluation of the pound.

ISRAEL DENIES IT FAILED TO WARN UN OFFICERS

TEL AVIV, July 1 (JTA)--An army spokesman denied emphatically today that Israel was in any way responsible for the deaths of four Austrian army officers serving with United Nations forces who were killed when their jeep struck a mine on the slopes of Mt. Hermon last week. The spokesman rejected as totally untrue the allegation of another Austrian officer that the deaths were the result of misinformation passed on by Israeli authorities. The four Austrians were member of the United Nations Disengagement Observers Force (UNDOF). At an investigation held immediately after the incident in the presence of the UN commander, Gen. Ensio Siilasvuo, UN officers confirmed that an Israeli representative had in fact warned UN personnel that the road to the Syrian side of the summit of Mt. Hermon was not cleared of mines and should not be traversed until an all clear notice was given, the army spokesman said.

