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## **PLO CHARGES PARIS EXPLOSIONS**

### **PART OF U.S., ZIONIST PLOT**

PARIS, Aug. 6 (JTA)--The Palestine Liberation Organization has said the three bomb attacks here this weekend are part of an American and Zionist plot to prepare the way for anti-Palestinian actions by the Israeli secret service in Europe. This weekend explosions damaged the offices of the central Jewish welfare organization of France, the Fonds Social Juif Unifié (FSJU) and two right-wing and often pro-Israeli French newspapers.

The PLO offices here issued a communique today charging that the attacks are a Zionist maneuver to discredit the Palestinians and thereby "to prepare public opinion for a new Israeli aggression against the Arab peoples" in Europe. It said that recent anti-Semitic incidents in the French capital were part of this plot. In particular, the PLO said "the Zionists" were behind the desecration of the memorial to the Jewish martyrs and the anti-Jewish inscriptions in the Paris Jewish quarter.

Meanwhile, French police are continuing to investigate Arab circles in Paris. French police officials say that all clues are being followed. The criminal police were called back from vacation as well as additional numbers of detectives following instructions from Minister of Interior Michel Poniatovsky who reportedly ordered police to "use all means available to them to trace the culprits and bring them to justice." Poniatovsky, police sources said, told the Paris police commissioner that President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing himself has asked to be informed of all possible developments.

### **Urges Action Against Resurgent Anti-Semitism**

A Gaullist deputy expressed concern today over what he termed a "resurgent anti-Semitism" in France and called for immediate police action against this developing tendency. Deputy Pierre-Charles Kreig, acting in his capacity as a member of the Paris City Council, demanded that the central police headquarters in Paris "take immediate and severe measures to quash an anti-Semitism long hidden and now resurgent."

### **NIXON WANTED HIS DAUGHTERS TO STAY AWAY FROM 'THE ARTS' BECAUSE 'THEY'RE JEWS, THEY'RE LEFT-WING'**

WASHINGTON, Aug. 6 (JTA)--President Nixon wanted his daughters to keep away from "the arts" during the 1972 election campaign because the people in them were Jews and leftists, according to the transcripts of conversations released by the White House yesterday.

Nixon's statement was contained in the first of three recorded conversations he had with his then Chief of Staff, H.R. Haldeman in the Oval Room of the White House June 23, 1972, six days after the Watergate break-in. The two were discussing areas where Nixon's daughters, Julie and Tricia, could campaign and also the possibility of harm to them from hecklers.

The President then said: "For example--now the worst thing (unintelligible) is to go to anything that has to do with the arts." Haldeman replied: "Ya, see that--it was (unintelligible)

Julie giving that time in the museum in Jacksonville." Nixon: "The arts you know--they're Jews, they're left-wing--in other words, stay away. Make a point." Haldeman: "Sure." Nixon: "Middle America--put that word out--Middle America-type of people.... Bob, relate it to Middle America and not the elitist (unintelligible). Do you agree?" Haldeman: "Yep, sure do."

### **Earlier Denials Recalled**

Last May the New York Times and CBS reported that in transcripts the White House turned over earlier Nixon had used ethnic slurs including anti-Jewish comments such as "Jew boys" in private talks with aides. This was at the time categorically denied by White House Counsel J. Fred Buzhardt.

Rabbi Baruch Korff, head of the Committee for Fairness to the President, in a book published last month containing an interview with Nixon as well as the President's answers to a series of questions, cited statements from Nixon denying that he was anti-Semitic. The President cited his vigorous political and military support of Israel and his appointment of Jews, including Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger, to key posts in his Administration, as proof to the contrary.

### **ALLON: EFFORTS TO IMPEACH NIXON HAVE NOT AFFECTED U.S.-ISRAEL RELATIONS**

NEW YORK, Aug. 6 (JTA)--Israeli Foreign Minister Yigal Allon said here yesterday that the efforts to impeach President Nixon have not affected Israeli-American relations and that in his meetings with Administration officials in Washington last week he found a "very functionable Administration." Interviewed on the NBC-TV "Today" program, Allon said that while the impeachment question is an American affair, Israelis "see in President Nixon a great friend." But he noted that Vice-President Gerald Ford is also considered a friend of Israel.

Allon said that while his meeting with Ford last week was a courtesy call, "it was of some substance, too" and "I found him very well informed and we had a very interesting talk about matters in the Middle East, that we could really exchange views on that matter." Asked what would happen if Ford becomes President, Allon said, "I don't see anything like a change in his friendliness when he becomes--takes a high office."

(In Israel today, the independent daily newspaper Haaretz said in an editorial that the latest Watergate disclosure means "We must gear ourself for a period...where the American Administration will play a secondary role in international politics.")

In answer to other questions Allon said: The Soviets were increasing their arms supplies, especially to Iraq and Syria, partly as means "to maintain and increase their influence in the Middle East"; a new Middle East war in the foreseeable future is "possible" but "not inevitable"; the problem of a Palestinian identity should be solved through negotiations with Jordan.

### **PERES WARNS OF GRAVITY OF SYRIAN WAR PREPARATIONS**

By David Landau

JERUSALEM, Aug. 6 (JTA)--Defense Minister Shimon Peres told the Knesset today that Syria had received almost as much military hardware from

the Soviets in the 10 months since the Yom Kippur War as in the six years between 1967 and 1973. During those six years the Soviet Union had sent into Syria \$2.5 billion worth of arms--and since Yom Kippur \$2 billion worth, he said.

The arms included the MIG-21 "Flogger" plane, an advanced version of the top-notch Soviet fighter-bomber, Scud ground-to-ground missiles and large quantities of heavy artillery especially 180-mm. mortars. In addition, the Syrian army had been engaged in large-scale training maneuvers while the Damascus politicians were seeking to woo Jordan into a revived "eastern front" alliance of aggression against Israel.

Israel, however, would not allow itself to be surprised again, Peres declared. Zahal (the Israel Defense Force) is taking all the requisite measures. Only a strong Israel would succeed in keeping the peace option open--while at the same time deterring the enemy from resorting to force, or defeating him if he did so, Peres said. The Minister was replying to a motion for the agenda by Likud leader Menachem Beigin who demanded that the Knesset debate "the political and military situation" before it adjourns for the summer recess next week. Beigin's motion was struck off the agenda by 49 coalition and Rakah and Moked votes against 35 from Likud and the National Religious Party.

#### Beigin Raises Fate Of West Bank

Peres said he and other Israeli leaders had sought to present the fact of Syrian war preparations without understatement because the people had the right and duty to know what possibilities lay in store for them. He rejected Beigin's charge that the government had not been forthcoming enough on the threat of renewed hostilities. At this point Likud Knesset-er Yigal Hurwitz interjected: "Why did (Foreign Minister Yigal) Allon say on American TV that war was not likely?"

(According to the transcript of the Allon interview yesterday on WNBC-TV's "The Today Show," the Foreign Minister said, "...you have to expect a war in the foreseeable future. It's possible, I would say. Not inevitable.")

Beigin said it was pointless for the government to declare that it would ask the nation to determine the fate of the West Bank by holding elections "when the time comes," since government ministers in their statements--and apparently in their dealings with King Hussein--were already expressing Israel's readiness to return large areas of "Judea and Samaria." He urged that a referendum be held before any such negotiations began. Beigin revealed that during the period of the national unity government an Israeli emissary met with Hussein--but said the emissary had told the King he had no mandate to discuss a return of West Bank territory.

The issues of the West Bank and meetings with Hussein were also raised in two earlier motions by Likud's Ehud Olmert and Moked's Meir Payil, both referring to the NBC report of a meeting on May 27 by then Premier Golda Meir and Defense Minister Moshe Dayan with Hussein.

#### Will Miss No Chances To Confer With Arabs

Replying to these motions, Premier Yitzhak Rabin said he would not waste the Knesset's time discussing a story which had been denied

(by Mrs. Meir). The motions were both struck off the agenda.

Rabin stressed that his government would miss no chance of holding open or secret meetings with Arab leaders if the Arabs so desired. The government, he said, had formulated no plan yet for a West Bank settlement--but it certainly had rejected Hussein's proposal for a Jordan River disengagement pullback. "Should there be other ideas we shall study them--but we have heard no others," Rabin said. If an overall peace agreement could not be reached, he continued, Israel would willingly work for partial arrangements, while maintaining the lines on which its forces were stationed now.

#### ALLON: U.S. HAS NOT YET MADE ANY DECISIONS ON NEXT STEPS IN MIDEAST

TEL AVIV, Aug. 6 (JTA)--Israeli Foreign Minister Yigal Allon returned from the U.S. today and said no decision has yet been made on the next step in the Middle East negotiations. Allon, who will report to the Cabinet at a special meeting this week, told reporters at Ben Gurion Airport that his talks with American officials were mainly consultations and clarifications of attitudes and problems aimed at preventing a new war.

The next step will come after other Israeli and Arab officials hold talks in Washington this month, Allon noted. He said he was satisfied with his visit and that relations between Israel and the U.S. are as good as ever and that there is even some positive progress in some areas. Allon said he had discussed the problem of Soviet and Syrian Jews with members of the Administration and Congress during his visit to Washington as well as with Jewish leaders in New York with whom he met yesterday. He said all were ready for any action to ease the situation of Jews in the two countries and to help open the gates for emigration.

The Foreign Minister said he had discussed with Administration officials the dangers arising from the Soviet Union's intensive supply of arms to the Arab countries, and that the officials expressed understanding of the problem. He said he hoped this understanding would lead to material results.

#### PERES FINDS HIS METER By Yitzhak Shargil

TEL AVIV, Aug. 6 (JTA)--Moshe Dayan dug archaeological relics, and now it turns out that his successor, Defense Minister Shimon Peres, digs poetry, and even writes it. In fact, a poem written by Peres and recorded by the famous Israeli singer Yaffa Yarkoni, is now moving up to the top in pop songs on Israel radio.

The public did not know that Peres wrote poetry until he disclosed it himself during an interview several weeks ago. Ms. Yarkoni then asked Peres to give her one of his poems for her to record as a song. The poem he gave her was written after the Six-Day War and was about Kalya, the Jewish settlement near the Dead Sea that was destroyed in the War of Independence.

Ms. Yarkoni today presented Peres with a record of the song, "In Praise of Kalya," adapted by Kobi Oshrat from the Peres poem. It includes such verses as: "Behind the scenes Kalya is making ready/Painting herself/ Purple for the sunset/ Grey in her meditation/Azure-blue trails her misty shores/ Her depths full of airs ablaze/ Her horizons far distant. A town of refuge/Where imagination is safe/Sheltered always....Her lovers strong but unwanted/Her perfumes speak of ancient days....Lovely as a woman yet shrouded in sadness...."

# **FAHMY WARNS MIDEAST CEASE-FIRE COULD BE ENDANGERED IF GENEVA TALKS ARE NOT RESUMED SOON**

By Edwin Eytan

PARIS, Aug. 6 (JTA)--Egyptian Foreign Minister Ismail Fahmy has informed the French government that Egypt wants the Geneva peace conference to resume its sessions "at the earliest available moment." The Egyptian Minister who is due to arrive in Washington later this week, told President Valery Giscard d'Estaing that any delay in reconvening the Geneva conference "could endanger the precarious cease-fire in the Middle East."

Last night after a two-hour meeting with French Foreign Minister Jean Sauvagnargues, Fahmy said that Egypt wants Geneva to resume "as soon as we conclude our inter-Arab consultations." He said that Egypt will coordinate its activities and plans for Geneva with Syria and the Palestinians. "Once these tripartite talks will be over, Jordan will join us for a summit conference and then we shall go to Geneva again."

## **Sadat, Giscard d'Estaing May Confer**

Fahmy handed over to the French President a personal message from Egyptian President Anwar Sadat. He later told newsmen that in his letter Sadat called for still closer links between Egypt and France and a wider and deeper co-operation between Western Europe and the Arab world. The Egyptian Minister said that Sadat might pay an official visit to Paris next fall.

Sadat is due to address the Council of Europe in Strasbourg next month and might use this opportunity to come to Paris and confer with Giscard d'Estaing. He has a standing invitation to visit Paris dating back to the days of late President Georges Pompidou. When asked point blank whether Sadat will come to Paris, Fahmy said this cannot be excluded. The Egyptian Minister also said that he was highly satisfied with his meeting with Giscard d'Estaing.

Egyptian circles in Paris said that the Egyptian delegation feels that "fundamentally" France's policy has not changed with the advent to power of the new administration. The Egyptians, according to these sources feel that though France will try to observe a more balanced attitude in its relations with Israel, it will nonetheless try as it has done in the past to forge closer economic, technical and even political ties with Egypt and the rest of the Arab world.

The Egyptians are reportedly, however, a little unhappy over France's persistent refusal to adopt strong political positions on the Arab-Israeli conflict. According to these sources, the French, from Giscard d'Estaing down, tried to concentrate their discussions with the Egyptians on economic matters while avoiding political undertakings.

## **Financial Aid To Egypt**

Sauvagnargues last night announced that France will make a financial contribution to Egypt's efforts to rebuild its economy. The French Minister refused to reveal the amount of the loan and said it should be taken as "a symbolic gesture."

Sauvagnargues also announced that he will pay an official visit to Cairo next Oct. The French Minister is also due to visit Israel that month. French circles stressed that Sauvagnargues will not serve as a courier or even as a

mediator during these two trips which will be only a few days apart.

This lack of French diplomatic initiative is in marked contrast with the aggressive French diplomacy in the days of Pompidou and Michel Jobert. French sources say that Giscard d'Estaing is determined to pursue this course of action in spite of repeated proddings from Egypt and other Arab countries.

# **CABINET DECIDES AGAINST INTRODUCTION OF DEATH PENALTY FOR TERRORIST KILLERS, BUT CAN REVIEW EACH CASE**

JERUSALEM, Aug. 6 (JTA)--The Cabinet has decided to maintain a standing order introduced in 1969 under which prosecutors are instructed not to demand the death penalty for Arab terrorist killers. The Cabinet discussed the issue Sunday following a Knesset debate two months ago and in the light of some ministers' declared view that the death penalty should be employed in certain extreme cases.

Justice Minister Haim Zadok stressed that under the standing arrangement, the Cabinet could, whenever it wished, review a particular case before it came to court and rescind the standing order barring the death penalty request in that particular case. In fact, Zadok recalled, the previous Cabinet did review the Lod massacre case at the time and it then decided not to rescind the order and Kozo Okamoto, the surviving terrorist, was accordingly sentenced to life imprisonment as the prosecutor had requested.

In view of Zadok's clarification, which meant, the Justice Minister stressed, that the death penalty was held in abeyance and could be used when deemed necessary, none of the ministers who had previously spoken out in favor of the death penalty for terrorist killers objected to the retention of the present standing arrangement. Among those who had suggested a reconsideration were Gideon Hausner, the Eichmann prosecutor, now Minister Without-Portfolio, and Police Minister Shlomo Hillel.

## **PANOVs THANK THEIR FRIENDS**

LONDON, Aug. 6 (JTA)--Valery and Galina Panov, the two Soviet ballet dancers now residing in Israel, are in England meeting with people who were active in helping them gain their release from the Soviet Union. "Thank you, thank you for our lives," Valery Panov declared at a reception for the Panovs given by Israeli Ambassador Gideon Raphael late last week.

Sir Laurence Olivier, the famed actor and a leader in the "Release the Panovs" efforts here, said this was "the most emotional day in a long life." Jewish community leaders, government ministers, actors and dancers and Britain's Chief Rabbi Immanuel Jakobovits, attended the reception. "You have not only helped us," Panov told them, "you have given fresh hope to the entire Russian intelligentsia, as well as opening the way for more of our people. The least we can do in return is try and give you the best, the very best within the confines of our art."

British Prime Minister Harold Wilson who was to have attended had to remain for a Cabinet meeting. But Rafael praised Wilson for helping the Panovs, noting that "more than any contemporary leader, Mr. Wilson has in word and deed manifested his compassionate concern for the discriminated and persecuted of our people as well as any other oppressed nation." The Panovs also met with New York Times theater and dance critic, Clive Barnes, who led a committee in their support in New York.

**YULI TARTAKOVSKY IN DANGER**

LONDON, Aug. 6 (JTA)—Jewish sources in the Soviet Union have reported that Yuli Tartakovsky, the prominent Kiev activist who has gone into hiding following the receipt of yet another army call-up order, has been warned by KGB officials of the consequences of his action to himself and his mother, Para Tartakovsky, a heating engineer. He has been harassed over a long period of time, since the submission of his first application for an exit visa, which had been turned down.

By taking part in various protest actions, he had received army call-up papers. But in reply to a letter he sent to Soviet Defense Minister, Marshal Grechko, he was informed by the army authorities that the Red Army considered him "undesirable" and he would therefore not be drafted. Recently, presumably at the instigation of the KGB, the army once again ordered him to report for military service. Unwilling to do so, Tartakovsky has gone into hiding. All attempts by the KGB and the police to locate him have remained unsuccessful.

**Prosecution Charges Looming**

Frustrated by their failure, the KGB last week summoned Tartakovsky's mother and two other Jewish activists from Kiev, Kim Friedman and Ilya Zlobinsky, to their offices, Jewish sources reported.

The three were told by the Soviet secret police that unless Tartakovsky gives himself up within a short time, both he and his mother would be prosecuted on charges of contact with foreign citizens ("representatives of international Zionism") and of anti-Soviet activities. They hinted the two might even be charged with treason, which, in the Soviet Union, carries the death penalty.

If Tartakovsky does emerge from his hide-out, following the threats, and if indeed he is drafted to the army, this means that he will not be able to leave the Soviet Union for a period of no less than seven years, the sources said. This includes two years of army service and at least five more years, a period which the Soviet authorities have hitherto refused to grant ex-servicemen exit visas.

There is also the grave danger that if he is drafted, the slightest "incident" engineered by the KGB might lead to the imposition of a long-term prison sentence, Jewish sources stated.

**POLSKY TRIAL TO OPEN AUGUST 15**

NEW YORK, Aug. 6 (JTA)—According to sources in Moscow, confirmed by the National Conference on Soviet Jewry, the anticipated trial of 44-year-old Viktor Polsky, a Soviet Jewish activist, on charges of "operating an automobile in an unsafe manner" is scheduled to begin Aug. 15. The defendant faces a maximum three-year sentence under Article #211 of the Soviet Criminal Code.

Polsky was involved in an auto accident last March in which he allegedly knocked down 19-year-old Tatyana Zhukova. The young woman immediately exonerated Polsky of any wrongdoing by her statement that she had deliberately thrown herself in front of his car. The ambulance driver and the physicians who first admitted her to the hospital corroborated her darting out into the road after a quarrel with her parents.

However, Miss Zhukova and her parents, both Communist Party members, subsequently changed their testimony, and hospital records

disappeared. Attention by concerned individuals and groups in the West succeeded in prolonging the preliminary investigation stage, which drew to a close early this month.

Polsky, a physicist specializing in photoelectronics, and his family applied to emigrate in Feb. 1968. They represent one of the "oldest" cases to have met with repeated denials of emigration visas. Observers have pointed out that no other legal action of this magnitude against a potential emigrant to Israel has yet taken place in Moscow.

**SPETTER RULING DUE THIS WEEK**

LONDON, Aug. 6 (JTA)—Dr. Heinrich Spetter's appeal against the death sentence imposed on him by the Sofia district court was heard yesterday, as had been scheduled, but its outcome is not yet known. It was learned today from the Bulgarian capital that the appeal court will only make its decision public in three or four days. Meanwhile, the 53-year-old Jewish economist charged with espionage remains in the condemned cell. His case is causing grave concern all over the world, and Amnesty International is still trying to establish contact with the Bulgarian head of state, Todor Zhivkov.

**IDF ARMS PURCHASE MISSION TO WASHINGTON TO SEEK SPECIFIC AGREEMENTS ON NEW WEAPONS**

TEL AVIV, Aug. 6 (JTA)—An arms purchase mission of key officers of Israel's Defense Force left today for Washington to seek specific agreements on new weapons agreed to in general terms by President Nixon during his June visit to Israel. The mission is headed by Gen. Herzl Shafit, head of army's general headquarters.

Israeli officials have been seeking for several months agreements to provide for long-range supplies of new weapons in place of the current practice of annual re-negotiations for arms. Nixon agreed to the idea in principle, leaving details to be worked out in Washington. Observers here said Israel wanted new warplanes, tanks and other heavy equipment, as well as anti-aircraft missiles and anti-tank weapons.

The delegation includes Gen. Mordechai Hod, a former Air Force Commander, who is now senior advisor to Defense Minister Shimon Peres. The new military attache in Washington, Avraham Adan, will join in the talks.

**SAPIR MEETS WITH JEWISH LEADERS**

MEXICO CITY, Aug. 6 (JTA)—Pinhas Sapir, touring the Latin American countries in his new capacity as chairman of the Jewish Agency Executive, stopped here this week-end for meetings with Zionist organizations, the Central Jewish Committee, and prominent community leaders. He underlined the importance of aliya and Jewish education in his talks here. Sapir was given a memorandum drawn up by the Zionist Federation, representing a majority of the parties represented in that body, urging him to intervene in favor of a national unity government in Israel.

At one of the meetings which Sapir addressed, it was announced that Senator Martin Luis Guzman, a prominent intellectual, writer and editor, had been named last June the recipient of the Latin American human rights prize for 1974 at the ninth plenary session of the Latin American Jewish Congress. Guzman, a former chairman of the Mexican-Israel Cultural Institute and chairman of the Committee for Free Books for Educational Purposes, will receive the award at a ceremony Dec. 10.