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2 ISRAELI SOLDIERS KILLED, 2 TERRORISTS SLAIN IN FIERCE CLASH ALONG LEBANESE BORDER

By Yitzhak Shargil

TEL AVIV, Sept. 4 (JTA)—Two Israeli soldiers were killed this morning, two others were wounded and two terrorists were slain in a brief, fierce gun battle in an olive grove in Western Galilee south of the Lebanese border. Leaflets found on the terrorists' bodies indicated that their mission was to capture Israeli hostages whose lives would be exchanged for the release of 20 terrorists in Israeli prisons and the release of the Greek Catholic Archbishop Hillarion Capucci who was indicted in Jerusalem yesterday on charges of smuggling arms to terrorists inside Israel.

One of the Israeli soldiers killed was identified as Hamid Rashed Kashani, 21, of Jerusalem. The name of the other soldier was not immediately disclosed but his family has been notified.

Israeli authorities flatly denied this morning a claim by the Popular Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine in Damascus that its men were holding a number of Israelis hostage in northern Israel. The authorities said that two terrorists involved in today's clash were killed and one was captured. The gang, which infiltrated from Lebanon, was confronted by an Israeli patrol at about 3 a.m. local time in the olive grove outside Fassuta, an Arab Catholic village. A curfew was clamped on Fassuta after the clash as Israeli forces combed the area for more infiltrators. It was lifted at noon.

Confirms Large-Scale Sabotage Efforts

The incident was the second in two days involving terrorists from Lebanon. Two terrorists were killed yesterday by an Israeli patrol only a few hundred yards from the Lebanese border. The two incidents confirmed recent indications that terrorists based in Lebanon were about to embark on a large-scale sabotage assault on Israel with the objective of seizing as many hostages as possible.

The terrorists killed yesterday and today were carrying large quantities of ammunition, hand grenades, explosive devices, small arms and Kalashnikov rifles and transistor radios. In addition they carried quantities of pamphlets in Hebrew, English and Arabic containing demands for the release of imprisoned terrorists and detailed instructions as to how their exchange for Israeli hostages was to be effected.

The terrorist pamphlets found yesterday named the ambassadors of France, Switzerland and Rumania as possible go-betweens in the exchange. The leaflets found today contained blank spaces which the terrorists presumably would have filled in with their choice of go-between. Instructions demanded that the diplomats selected were to approach the terrorists wearing no jackets and with a stretched out hand holding their passport. The terrorists demanded not only the release of 20 of their comrades but return of the bodies of the terrorists slain by Israeli forces at Maalot and Nahariya last spring.

Aims Of The Terrorists

The two soldiers killed today were the first Israeli fatalities since the Nahariya episode in

June when a soldier was killed storming a house where a terrorist gang had barricaded itself after murdering a mother and her two children.

Israeli security authorities have been anticipating increased activity by terrorist organizations. They say the terrorists have two aims: to demonstrate that they are active; and to gain political recognition by the U.S. and the United Nations when the Middle East peace conference is resumed at Geneva.

In response, Israeli authorities have increased security measures along the borders. It was disclosed that in recent weeks a number of terrorists have been captured or killed trying to enter Israeli territory from Jordan, Lebanon and Syria.

JEWISH GROUPS AND GDR GROUP TO DISCUSS CLAIMS BY JEWISH VICTIMS OF NAZI PERSECUTION

By Joseph Polakoff

WASHINGTON, Sept. 4 (JTA)—Claims by Jewish victims of Nazi persecution against the German Democratic Republic, will be discussed between the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany and an East German "private organization" known as the Committee of Anti-Fascist Resistance Fighters, State Department officials disclosed here today.

The Claims Conference, the officials said, will take the initiative in communication with the Committee and the two groups will then negotiate at a place they will determine. The negotiations on time and place are expected to begin shortly.

The disclosure followed immediately after the U.S. and Communist East Germany signed an agreement at the State Department establishing diplomatic relations between them and the stationing of ambassadors in Washington and East Berlin. However, the "special legal status of the Berlin area" is not affected by the agreement, the officials said. The entire Berlin area is under four power occupation by the U.S., Britain, France and the Soviet Union since the end of World War II.

Will Negotiate For Lump Sum Settlement

According to the U.S. officials, the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany will seek to negotiate a lump sum settlement of claims for Jewish victims or their heirs all over the world, including those residing in the U.S. and Israel. The East German government, they said, refused to deal with the Conference since it is a non-governmental body. But the GDR agreed that the "private" East German organization would discuss the claims.

The Claims Conference, whose offices are in New York City, negotiated with the West German government which has paid DM 40 billion (about \$15 billion under the present exchange rate) as reparations for Jewish victims of the Nazi holocaust. In addition, West Germany paid Israel in a separate bilateral governmental agreement reached in 1952, a sum of \$712 million in goods and services over a 12-year period.

State Department officials said today, however, that the question of payment by the GDR to Israel had not arisen during the negotiations. Israel, they said, had no expectation of payment and the GDR certainly has no expectation of paying since Israel and the GDR have no diplomatic relations.

East Germany has consistently taken the position that it is not responsible for the persecution

by the Nazis and has no connection with the Nazi regime. American officials pointed out, however, that the enormity of the crimes against Jews and others is so great that refusal by the East Germans to make reparations and ignore the claims would not be acceptable to the U.S. In negotiating their diplomatic agreement, the East Germans and the Americans spent most of their time discussing the reparations element, the U.S. officials said.

GDR Intends To Offer Token Payment

The East Germans, the Jewish Telegraphic Agency was informed privately, intend to offer only a token payment to the Claims Conference to wipe the slate clean. Their offer of reparations will be more psychological than monetary, a high U.S. authority said. However, the Americans pointed out to newsmen that the Jackson Amendment to the U.S. Trade Reform Act pending in the Senate also may well apply to East Germany although that legislation was not discussed in the negotiations.

The GDR, U.S. officials said, will seek most favored nation trade status in a trade agreement with the U.S. The amendment, concerned with humane considerations, may be involved as in the case of USSR emigration policy. The U.S., thereby, seemed to indicate that if the GDR does not satisfy the Claims Conference, the American government would enter the situation.

U.S. legal responsibility, American officials said, is solely to U.S. citizens but the Nazi crimes were such that the U.S. would like to see justice done to all victims everywhere. No amounts for the claims are available. While Jewish claims will be handled initially by the Claims Conference, no arrangements have been made for claims by non-Jewish victims of Nazism. American citizens' claims for specific property losses will be handled by the U.S. Federal Claims Committee in separate negotiations.

JEWISH TRANSIT CAMP RELOCATED

By Peter Friedlinger

VIENNA, Sept. 4 (JTA)--The transit camp for Jewish emigrants from the Soviet Union was transferred to a Vienna suburb last weekend, an Austrian Interior Ministry official said today. Without previous announcement Soviet Jews are now brought to a former children's home at Simmering, a Vienna suburb near Schwechat Airport, where they wait for transportation to Israel.

Until last week, the emigrants spent their first hours in the free world in a former army barracks at Wollersdorf, some 40 kilometers south of Vienna. Both the new transit camp at Simmering and the Wollersdorf camp are run under the supervision of the Austrian Red Cross which is responsible for the emigrants since Chancellor Bruno Kreisky ruled last year that the Jewish Agency camp at Schoenau must be closed.

Kreisky had agreed to the closing of the Schoenau camp last fall to free a group of Jewish emigrants held as hostages by Arab terrorists. He said the risk was too big for Austria to permit the Jewish Agency to run Schoenau camp. World-wide protests followed. Then the Austrian government installed the Wollersdorf transit camp. But Kreisky said the site of the camp would be changed from time to time to avoid unnecessary security risks.

Interior Minister Otto Roesch admitted today he received protests of people living near the new camp because they feared Arab terror-

ist actions. "Such a risk hardly exists," Roesch said. "We have to fulfill a humanitarian task. Everybody must understand that it is our duty to help other people."

Some critics said it was a risk to establish the transit camp in a densely populated city area. The right-wing Freedom Party is planning protest actions demanding the camp be transferred to another area. Without giving exact figures, government officials said Wollersdorf camp had hosted several thousand Soviet Jews in the eight months of its existence.

DAYAN SAYS U.S. LET ISRAEL DOWN IN SOME ASPECTS OF ITS AID DURING THE YOM KIPPUR WAR

JOHANNESBURG, Sept. 4 (JTA)--Israel's former Defense Minister Moshe Dayan says the United States let Israel down in some aspects of its military supply airlift during the Yom Kippur War. The U.S. sent plenty of ammunition but not enough tanks. Israeli forces captured three times more Russian tanks from the Egyptians and Syrians than the Americans were able to supply, Dayan said in an interview published today in the Rand Daily Mail.

The former Cabinet Minister had other observations to make on the Yom Kippur War. He said his main regret was that he had not ordered the mobilization of Israeli reserves sooner. "We left it very late. An earlier mobilization would have helped considerably in the first phase of the war," Dayan said. But, he added, "It was a difficult situation. Mobilization hits Israel socially as well as economically. What if the Arabs had not struck in October?"

Dayan said the Israeli Cabinet took the right decision when it decided against a pre-emptive strike last Oct. after it became clear that war was imminent. He said the reverse decision would have estranged world opinion and lost American aid. "It's one thing attacking when the enemy is at your bedroom door, as he was in 1956 and 1967, but it's another when he is at the bottom of your garden and on his side of the fence," Dayan said.

He did not agree with predictions in some quarters that a new Middle East war would break out within six months. He said he could not discount the possibility of another war within two years. Dayan is visiting Cape Town today, accompanied by Dr. Jan Marais, chairman of the South African Foundation which invited him to tour the country. His party is travelling under tight security maintained by South African police and Israeli bodyguards. Similar security measures have been taken to protect the eight-man Israeli judo team participating in an international contest here.

QUEEN ELIZABETH'S SILVER ANNIVERSARY MARKED BY THE PLANTING OF A 1 MILLION-TREE FOREST NEAR NAZARETH

By David Landau

NAZARETH, Sept. 4 (JTA)--"I deeply appreciate this affirmation of loyalty on behalf of my Jewish subjects," Queen Elizabeth of Great Britain sent this message of thanks today to participants at the dedication ceremony of a one million-tree forest near Nazareth planted to mark her silver wedding anniversary.

The Jewish National Fund of Britain, together with JNF branches in Commonwealth countries, funded the forest and earlier this year the Duke of Edinburgh was present at a special dinner at the London Guildhall to receive the forest scroll on behalf of the Queen and himself.

Lord Janner, the veteran British Zionist leader, represented British Jewry at today's ceremony. The Queen and the Duke, he said, "have associated

"themselves in no uncertain way with Jewish matters. They have frequently graced our communal bodies with their presence." Janner said the forest expressed the "warmth and affection, reciprocated between the Queen and the British Jewry."

JNF Chairman Jacob Tsour said that "rest and recreation would abound in the serenity, charm and beauty of the historic hills of Nazareth." The Royal Forest overlooks the valley of Jezreel and faces Mount Tabor.

Rosser Chinn Way Also Dedicated

Also dedicated today was the "Rosser Chinn Way," a scenic drive linking the Royal Forest with the Churchill Forest also near Nazareth. Mr. and Mrs. Chinn of London, personally unveiled the plaque naming the way and Mr. Chinn and his successor in the JNF in Britain, Cecil Bianco, praised Chinn's long work for JNF. Sidney Giffard, representing the British Embassy Charge d'Affaires, expressed the hope "that these trees grow up in a land of peace."

CLARK URGES DEVELOPMENT OF A 'MIDEAST DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY' TO AID ISRAEL AND ARAB NATIONS

By David Friedman

NEW YORK, Sept. 4 (JTA)--Ramsey Clark, a candidate for the Democratic nomination for the U.S. Senate from New York, urged continued American commitment to provide Israel with the weapons needed to defend herself and called upon the U.S. to lead the way in creating an internationally-financed "Mideast Development Authority" to help Israel and its Arab neighbors meet their social and economic problems. Clark's statements were made in a position paper, "Toward Peace in the Middle East," released today at a press conference at his campaign headquarters.

"To fend off war, the United States must make a complete and unequivocal commitment to provide Israel the invincible armament that will deter any attack," Clark said. "This first step must be signalled loud and clear--Israel shall survive."

Clark, a former U.S. Attorney General, added at the news conference, "I don't see how any decent people anywhere on earth could stand it if anything happened to Israel." But Clark stressed the defense of Israel is only the first step toward peace which could only come "not by drawing lines in the sand" but by all nations in the area cooperating for their economic improvement. He said the U.S. should urge creation of the development authority when the Geneva peace conference resumes.

Asks For \$2 B Annual Commitment

"I believe that the United States, working ideally through a multi-national organization like the United Nations, should devote itself to creating and implementing a Mideast Development Authority--a kind of TVA to attack regional problems of irrigation, housing, health, education," Clark said.

"I believe we should commit ourselves to contributing at least \$2 billion annually for a decade. If others--rich nations, Western Europe, oil-rich Arab states, the Soviet Union, and international monetary organizations--will do the same. International oil corporations profiteering from petroleum production in the Middle East should be taxed heavily by the United States and other nations to aid the funding."

Clark added that the oil-rich countries like Saudi Arabia which have not done anything to help the people in the area, might be persuaded to do so by the international example. He also urged a

Middle East economic union, like the European Common Market, which would include Syria, Lebanon, Jordan, the West Bank, Gaza and Israel.

Asked if he was being overly optimistic in the face of the Arab-Israel conflict, Clark said, "You have to have hope." He said cooperation for development is the only way to prevent a continuing cycle of wars every five years.

3-Day Hunger Strike Launched

After the press conference, Clark went to the New York Stock Exchange to attend a rally protesting the treatment of Soviet Jews and Jews in Arab lands. The rally launched a three-day hunger strike by young Jews to tell American corporations dealing with the Soviet Union that the emigration of Soviet Jews must come before increased trade with the USSR. The demonstration will also appeal to the financial community to make no deals with the Arab nations until Syrian and Iraqi Jews are freed.

The hunger strike is being sponsored by the Jewish Athletic Club of Brooklyn, Betar, Committee for the Rescue of Syrian Jews, Long Island Committee for Soviet Jewry, National Council of Young Israel, the Rabbinical Board of Seashore Front, and the Student Struggle for Soviet Jewry. Other groups cooperating in this venture are the American Jewish Committee, the American Sephardic Federation and the Greater New York Conference on Soviet Jewry.

TALKS BEGIN ON U.S.-ISRAEL TRADE

By Joseph Polakoff

WASHINGTON, Sept. 4 (JTA)--In preparation for the joint United States-Israel Committee for Investment and Trade meeting, to be held here in Nov., three of the committee's sub-groups opened three days of discussions today at the U.S. Treasury Building. These groups are concerned with capital investment, trade, and raw materials. A fourth sub-group on research and development will meet in Israel in the near future.

U.S. Treasury Secretary William Simon said "these meetings are an important step in our efforts to add a new dimension to the long-standing framework of economic relations between Israel and the United States. In addition to exploring ways of facilitating foreign private investment in Israel and moving to expand trade between Israel and the United States," Simon added, "we will be examining means to help Israel meet its raw material needs."

Simon and Israeli Finance Minister Yehoshua Rabinowitz are co-chairman of the joint group. Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, Gerald L. Parsky is the committee's executive secretary. He is also ranking U.S. official in the current discussion.

The U.S. delegation consists of officials of the Departments of State, Treasury, Commerce and Agriculture, and also the White House office of the special representative for trade and negotiations. Parsky is also executive secretary of similar committees set up with Egypt and Saudi Arabia. Zev Sher, economic minister at the Israeli Embassy, and Moshe Mandelbaum, the director general of the Ministry of Trade and Commerce of Israel, head the 15-member Israeli delegation.

JERUSALEM (JTA)--Josephine Baker, the veteran singing star now visiting Israel, said her visit to the Western Wall, "gives me a great feeling of peace and happiness" and that it had been one of her most important goals in her visit. Another had been to visit former Premier Golda Meir, whom she described as "the greatest woman of the century." She first came to Israel during World War II.

A Historic First**ARBITRATION BOARD BACKED BY
BETH DIN WILL AID HEBREW DAY
SCHOOL TEACHERS IN JOB DISPUTES**

By Ben Gallo

NEW YORK, Sept. 4 (JTA)—For the first time in the history of the Hebrew day school movement, an arbitration board, backed by a rabbinical court (Beth Din) will be available to day school teachers in disputes over salaries and working conditions during the new school year, an official of Torah Umesorah, the National Society for Hebrew Day Schools, disclosed today.

Rabbi Bernard Goldenberg, director of organization for Torah Umesorah, told the JTA that the arbitration board proposal had been approved by the National Conference of Yeshiva Principals, a Torah Umesorah affiliate, and by the Rabbinical Administrative Board of Torah Umesorah. He said the arbitration board will be headed by Rabbi Simon Schwab of New York, a prominent Orthodox scholar. The board will meet in the offices of Torah Umesorah.

Rabbi Goldenberg said the arbitration board, comprised of school principals, rabbis and lay leaders, will seek to arbitrate disputes between school boards and teachers over issues of tenure, security, salaries and similar problems.

Procedural Steps Outlined

When such a dispute is brought to the arbitration board, Rabbi Goldenberg said, the parties will be advised to settle it between themselves. If that procedure fails, the teacher can bring the matter back to the board for arbitration. Though the arbitration ruling is not binding on the school board, a refusal by the board will result in a hearing and a ruling by the board's Beth Din, which will carry "tremendous moral pressure," Rabbi Goldenberg said.

In addition, he added, Torah Umesorah will have the additional weapon of refusing to provide teachers to an obdurate school board. Rabbi Goldenberg disclosed formation of the arbitration board during a review of the financial situation of the day school movement on the eve of the start of the new school year, which he said had worsened severely under the impact of inflationary pressures on all costs of the schools.

Hike In Tuition Rates

Reviewing the problems facing the Hebrew day schools in the New York metropolitan area, Rabbi Goldenberg said that annual tuition rates for the 1974-75 year had jumped 10 to 15 percent, bringing the range of tuition to \$700 to \$800. Outside of New York, he said, the increase was higher, with the average annual tuition fee ranging between \$800 and \$1000.

He explained that the increase was higher outside of New York, due in part to the smaller proportionate enrollment in day schools, with a consequent greater cost per pupil. In New York, he said, about half of the 100,000 children getting a Jewish education are enrolled in day schools.

Rabbi Goldenberg said the increased financial burden imposed by spiraling inflationary raises were being borne largely by parents and teachers. He said except for a few localities, aid from Jewish Federations fell far short of the needs of the day schools and that in the Greater New York metropolitan area, Federation aid was a "pittance." He said that, for the immediate future, the services of the new arbitration board, while available to day schools outside the New York

metropolitan area, will not be offered to afternoon Jewish schools.

**ISRAELI WAR WOUNDED CONTRIBUTE
\$1005 TO JERRY LEWIS' TELETHON**

NEW YORK, Sept. 4 (JTA)—A group of Israeli soldiers who were wounded in the Yom Kippur War and are now receiving treatment here contributed \$1005 to Jerry Lewis' Labor Day weekend muscular dystrophy telethon which was seen nationally on a 174-station "network" and carried locally on WNEW-TV. Yaakov Levi, presenting the check to Lewis, said on behalf of himself and his fellow wounded Israelis: "This is a small token of our appreciation for the kindness of American hospitality. Despite our problems we feel it is very important to fight muscular dystrophy."

**RUBIN ARRESTED, ZALMANSON MUST
LEAVE EARLIER THAN PLANNED**

NEW YORK, Sept. 4 (JTA)—Vitaly Rubin, a Soviet expert on China and a leading Jewish activist, was arrested today on charges of parasitism, according to the Greater New York Conference on Soviet Jewry. The Conference said that Rubin has a heart condition and was ostensibly taken to a hospital by the police.

Meanwhile, Sylvia Zalmanson is scheduled to leave the Soviet Union earlier than planned and should arrive in Vienna en route to Israel Sept. 9 or 10, the Conference reported. The Conference also learned that Mark First of Tallin was given permission to emigrate to Israel after a wait of close to two years. In another development, Naum Alshansky and Efim Davidovich of Minsk, former colonels and war heroes of World War II, whose pensions were recently revoked, were forcibly removed from a train while on their way to Moscow. No reason for their removal was given.

RALPH ZIMMERMAN DEAD AT 51

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 4 (JTA)—Funeral services were held Sunday for Ralph Zimmerman, 51, of Woodland Hills, who died last Thursday at Cedars of Lebanon Hospital. Mr. Zimmerman, who was campaign director of the Jewish Federation-Council of Greater Los Angeles, had been affiliated with the Welfare Fund here since 1968. A native of Pittsburgh, Mr. Zimmerman had more than 25 years experience in Jewish fund-raising and case-work services.

In Pittsburgh, he had served as a member of the staff of the United Jewish Federation drive; associate director of the National Conference of Christians and Jews, and placement director of the United Vocational and Employment Service. He had also served as assistant campaign director of the Combined Jewish Philanthropies in Boston, and as field representative of United HIAS in Rio de Janeiro. He was a graduate of Duquesne University, and received an MA in sociology from the University of Pittsburgh. His family asked that contributions in his memory be made to the Los Angeles United Jewish Welfare Fund and the American Cancer Society.

BUENOS AIRES (JTA)—The first synagogue conference in Argentina under the auspices of the Conservative Movement opened here Tuesday at the Latin American Rabbinical Seminary. Participants included representatives of several Ashkenazic and Sephardic temples and congregations in Buenos Aires. Speakers, including Israeli Ambassador Ram Nirgad, expressed concern about violence in Argentine society, and discussed ties with Israel and the role of Jews in national and international affairs.