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### TERRORISTS STRIKE AGAIN

4 Israeli Civilians Killed By 3 Terrorists Who Seized Apartment House In Beisan; 20 Injured; Terrorists Killed In Fierce Gun, Grenade Battle With Israeli Security Forces By Yitzhak Shargil

TEL AVIV, Nov. 19 (JTA)--At least four Israeli civilians--two women and two men--were killed and more than 20 were injured in a terrorist assault on an apartment building in the new immigrant township of Beisan before dawn today. Three terrorists who occupied the building for nearly three hours were killed in a fierce gun and grenade battle with Israeli security forces.

Enraged townspeople hurled their bodies from a second story window and others attempted to burn them but were dispersed by police. The terrorists were identified from documents on their bodies as members of the Popular Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine, a Beirut-based terrorist gang headed by Nayef Hawatmeh, one of Yasir Arafat's closest associates within the Palestine Liberation Organization

(See related stories this page and P. 4.) First reports identified the victims as Yehuda Beibas, a textile worker; Zohara. his wife; and Mrs. Mazal Me'eri, an elderly woman staying with the Beibas family. All were killed when the terrorists broke into their flat by kicking down the door and spraying the rooms with machinegun bullets. A fourth victim was idenhis back jumping from a window to escape the terrorists. An unidentified woman was shot on a staircase. An unconfirmed report said a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Beibas was also shot to deathle

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most of the victims were asleep, was the first terrorist outrage of its kind since the assault on Nahariya last June 25 and the first since PLO chief Yasir Arafat's inflammatory speech at the UN. In Nahariya, the terrorists also invaded a flat and gunned down its occupants and they did the same at Kiryat Shemona last April II. In Maalot on May 15 they invaded a school building.

Beisan, a town of 20,000 people, mainly immigrants from North Africa, located 15 miles from the Sea of Galilee and four miles from the Jordanian border, was the first terrorist target not hear the Lebanese frontier. Israeli authorities believe the terrorists infiltrated from Jordan. Information Minister Aharon Yariv said today that the burden of proof was on Jordanian authorities to show that they were not involved in this latest outrage and did not encourage it.

According to information pieced together from early reports, the terrorists entered the town under cover of darkness and broke into a four-story building that housed about 75 adults and children. They went from floor to floor, shooting through doors and kicking at doors until they broke into the Beibas flat. Neighbors awakened by the gunfire called police who arrived quickly. By then residents of the building, - adults and children, were jumping from windows and terraces.

A number were injured from falls and others were wounded by grenades hurled after them by the terrorists. A general alarm was sounded in

the town and residents took to shelters as police cordoned off the building—at 1576 Hagiborim St. '--held by the terrorists. A siege then began which lasted nearly three hours.

Police Minister Shlomo Hillel, who flew to the scene from Jerusalem, and the commanding officer of the northern front, Gen. Rafael Eytan, said there would be no negotiations with the terrorists." By mid-morning, a seven-man assault party, including soldiers and armed civilians, stormed the building and burst into the terrorist-held flat.

Rafi Ben Hammo, a reserves soldier who participated in the assault, described the scene: "The terrorists were running from window to window firing into the street. Then we heard them call out that they wanted to surrender. We stopped firing and attempted to approach them. But the terrorists threw hand grenades and opened fire with Kalachnikof rifles. We threw another grenude which finished them. We found the body of Mrs. Beibas, dead from Kalachnikof bullets.'

### Terrorist Bodies Hurled Out Of Windows

By then a crowd had gathered outside the building. Some local citizens reached the flat and tified as Jean Pierre Alami who reportedly broke hurled the terrorists' bodies out of windows. They were set upon by the crowd. Someone brought gasoline and an attempt was made to set fire to the corpses but police intervened and took the bodies to the local police station.

According to police, five kilograms of explosives, hand grenades and assault rifles were found The attack, in the rainy pre-dawn chill when on the terrorists. They also had loud speakers which they apparently intended to use to negotiate with Israeli security forces. Leaflets found on the bodies identified them as members of Hawatmeh's gang and demanded that Israel free a number of terrorists and Archbishop Hilarion Capucci, the Greek Catholic prelate on trial in Jerusalem on charges of smuggling arms from Lebanon to terrorists in Israel.

> The terrorists' mission was confirmed in a Damascus broadcast today which ignored the fact that it had failed. According to Damascus, the terrorists handed an ultimatum to Israeli authorities demanding the release of their comrades and Capucci by 5 p.m. and a plane to fly them to Damascus. The French and Austrian ambassadors in Israel were designated to serve as go-betweens.

### BEHIND THE HEADLINES TERRORISTS EMBOLDENED BY ARAFAT'S SPEECH TO THE UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY By Ehud Yaari

TEL AVIV, Nov. 19 (JTA)-- When one approaches the cross-roads--one had better slow down lest a dangerous clash occur." This was the advice given to the Palestine Liberation Organization leaders last week by a leading Cairo radio commentator. PLO chief Yasir Arafat's arrogant speech at the UN General Assembly last week and then the recent raid in Achziv and today's atrocity in Beisan were the reply. Encouraged by the applause Arafat

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## SCHLESINGER TELLS JEWISH LEADERS THEY ARE JUSTIFIED IN THEIR OUTRAGE OVER BROWN'S STATEMENT By Joseph Polakoff

WASHINGTON, Nov. 19 (JTA)--Secretary of Defense James R. Schlesinger was reported to-day to have told leaders of 14 Jewish organizations that they were justified in being outraged over the remarks about the influence of Jews and Israel in the United States made by Gen.George S. Brown, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

According to guarded comments from several of those who attended the 90-minute closed-door meeting in the Secretary's office at the Pentagon. Schlesinger indicated he shared the Jewish community's feeling over Brown's allegations at Duke University Law School last month. Schlesinger was said to have declared in effect that Brown fully understands now that he was wrong in both the substance and nature of his comments

Schlesinger also was said to have reaffirmed Brown's regrets by reading the two statements the commander made last Thursday, one to the Jewish War Veterans and another at the Pentagon as a press statement. While the Secretary's comments were well received by the group as a whole, some leaders reportedly were said to have come away feeling that Brown's assurances to the American people should be made more fully known. After having issued a statement disassociating himself from Brown's remarks, President Ford summoned the General to the White House last Thursday to rebuke him personally, but told a press conference in Phoenix, Arizona later that night that he will not dismiss Brown for his "one mistake."

#### No Official Statement Issued

A Pentagon memorandum yesterday on the meeting reported that Schlesinger had invited the leaders and released their names. According to those questioned about the meeting, the Jewish leaders present agreed that the discussion was not to be made public. The group came to the meeting, it was said, with no organized position and left without issuing a statement. Schlesinger was the only government official participating in the meeting.

According to a memorandum released by the Pentagon, the Jewish leaders who attended the meeting with Schlesinger were: Rabbi Israel Miller, Max Fisher, Raymond Epstein, Mrs. Charlotte Jacobson, Elmer Winter, Rabbi Arthur Hertzberg, Mrs. Rose Matzkin, Lewis Cole, Hyman Bookbinder, Dore Schary, David Brody, Ralph Plofsky, I.L. Kenen, and Yehuda Hellman.

Demands for Brown's ouster as chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff have been made by numerous Jewish organizations and members of Congress. The National Executive Committee of the Jewish War Veterans, it was reported, will meet this weekend to discuss the case in the light of yesterday's session with Schlesinger.

### UNESCO HAS 3RD ANTI-ISRAELRESOLUTION By Edwin Eytan

PARIS, Nov. 19 (JTA)—A third anti-Israel resolution has been submitted to UNESCO and observers believe it will be accepted without difficulty. The resolution accuses Israel of obstructing the educational and cultural life of the people in the occupied Arab territories. In proposing the resolution, the Arab and Communist delegates pointed to a UNESCO study on the state of education in the area.

The Israeli delegate, Nathan Bar Yaacov, re-

jected the charges, citing the remarks of the UNESCO Director General that the Israeli policy of non-intervention had left the cultural and educational structures in the occupied territories intact. Yaacov, in denying all charges, warned against "political intrusions" in what is supposed to be a cultural organization.

In a related development, 31 literary and scientific personalities have announced they will no longer collaborate with UNESCO because of the recent decisions taken against Israel. Among the signatories of the declaration are Jean Paul-Sartre, Simone de Beauvoir, Eugene Ionesco, Arthur Rubinstein, Madeline Renaud and Jean Louis Barrault.

In addition, a former Nobel Peace Prize winner has sent a letter of protest to the director of UNESCO protesting against that organization's recent anti-Israel resolutions. Rene Cassin, Honorary President of the Advisory Council of Jewish Organizations and former Nobel Prize winner, expressed his "profound concern over the changing nature of UNESCO's objectives." He contended that UNESCO was becoming "the victim of the partisan spirit of those who wish to see it transformed into a machine of political warfare."

### COMMON MARKET DELEGATES TO UN CONCERNED OVER ARAB RESOLUTION By Yitzhak Rabi

UNITED NATIONS, Nov. 19 (JTA)--Consultations continued today among the nine member nations of the European Common Market on an Arab-sponsored draft resolution calling for independence and sovereignty for the Palestinian people and their right to return to their homes and property. The omission of any reference to the future status of Israel in the draft, or to Security Council Resolution 242 which since 1967 has been considered here to be the basis of any future Mideast peace settlement, has caused considerable concern among the West European delegations.

The draft, which has the support of the non-aligned bloc as well as the Arabs, was unofficially circulated several days ago. The U.S. delegation has not yet been presented with a copy but is aware of its contents. The strategy of the Arab states apparently, is to gain West European support for the draft before approaching the U.S. The Buropean nations have indicated that they could not vote for a document that explicitly calls for the dismemberment of Israel. But if that intention is deliberately left vague or implicit, some European states might vote for the resolution or at least abstain, some observers here felt today.

### Vote Expected Thursday Or Friday

The Arab delegations have made no secret of the fact that they are out to garner the largest possible majority for the Palestine resolution. Their goal was reported to be 120 out of the 138 General Assembly votes. Last month's resolution inviting the PLO to participate in the Palestine debate was adopted by an overwhelming 105-4 vote. PLO spokesman Shafik Al-Hout said today that the Arabs wanted a very strong pro-Palestine resolution but were prepared to modify it to obtain a larger majority.

A spokesman for the British delegation said the resolution's proposals have been transmitted to London for study but otherwise declined to comment on it. He confirmed, however, that consultations are continuing with a view that Israel's continued territorial sovereignty and integrity must be included in the resolution and also reference to Posselution 240.

ence to Resolution 242.

The Palestine debate is expected to continue until Friday although it was originally scheduled to end Thursday. A vote is expected late Thursday or Friday after which the various delegates will make speeches to explain their votes.

Meanwhile, Egypt, which was expected to sound a voice of relative moderation in the Arab camp, proclaimed all-out support for the Palestinian demands today. The Egyptian Foreign Minister, Mohammed Samih Anwar, told the General Assembly this morning that his country believes the Palestinians may resort to "all means" to obtain and defend their rights. He accused Israel of trying to create the circumstances that would enable it to launch a new war. He said that Egypt would not hesitate to join the other Arab countries in the face of Israeli aggression.

### TEKOAH: BEISAN MASSACRE IS ARAFAT'S REPAYMENT TO THE UN

UNITED NATIONS, Nov. 19 (JTA)—Ambassa-dor Yosef Tekoah of Israel said today that this morning's massacre of civilians at Beisan is "Yasir Arafat's repayment to the United Nations" which accorded him the privilege of addressing the General Assembly last week. If any further evidence is required of "the barbaric, murder-ous nature" of the PLO or any justification of Israel's determination to pursue it and not allow the PLO to gain any foothold in Palestine, it was provided by this morning's events, the Israeli envoy told a press conference here.

The only currency the PLO uses is the "blood of innocent Israeli civilians," Tekoah said. He noted that the PLO itself claimed responsibility for the Beisan massacre. The Arab governments who harbor and support the PLO must also be held responsible for this "bloodshed" and the governments who supported the invitation to the PLO to participate in the UN deliberations cannot evade responsibility either, Tekoah stated.

He said the attack on Beisan dealt "a grievous blow to the peace-making efforts" in the Middle East. He said that as a result of the Rabat conference, and the UN Palestine debate, tension in the Middle East has increased.

### Resolution Is A Danger To Mideast Peace

Tekoah warned further that the Arab-sponsored Palestine resolution currently being circulated here, would, if adopted, "enhance the danger of war in the Middle East." He said that the UN which was formed as an instrument of peace, in recent times, has been as far as the Middle East is concerned, "an instrument of war." He reiterated Israel's determination not to deal with the PLO at any time but said Israel was prepared to enter into negotiat ions with any Arab government.

Tekoah described as a "pre-fabricated" false hood, a claim by a PLO representative here today that the terrorist assaulton Beisan was aimed against Israeli intelligence officers. The terrorists' victims included two elderly women, Tekoah said. (By Yitzhak Rabi)

### WALDHEIM, U.S. CONDEMN BEISAN ATROCITY PLO Says This Is Part Of 'Negotiations'

UNITED NATIONS, Nov. 19 (JTA)—Secretary
General Kurt Waldheim condemned this morning's terrorist attack on Beisan and deplored "the loss of innocent lives which it has caused." A spokesman for the Palestine Liberation Organization, however, hailed the latest terrorist assault against Israeli civilians as the "kind of negotiations (with Israel) we accept."

Waldheim's statement, issued through a UN spokesman today, said: "The Secretary General deplores this new act of violence and the loss of innocent lives which it has caused. Such actions are to be condemned. As he has said many times before, they heighten tension and hamper the efforts now being made to find a just and peaceful settlement of the very complex and deep-rooted problems of the Middle East."

(In Washington, the State Department said:
"Once again we have witnessed the tragic spectacle of a terrorist attack on innocent civilians. We
want to express our shock over these senseless
murders.")

Shafik Al-Hout, who has been the PLO's chief spokesman at the UN since PLO chief Yasir Arafat's appearance before the General Assembly last Wednesday, said the Palestinians could negotiate with Israel on equal terms only when they held hostages. He said that Israel has stated that it would meet the Palestinians only on the battlefield. "So we meet them on the battlefield," he said, referring to this morning's murder of four civilians in Beisan.

In a statement issued here earlier, Waldheim appealed to all parties concerned "to avoid any action which may lead to new hostilities, and to exercise the restraint through which alone we may reach the goal all desire, a just peace in the Middle Esst." The statement was Waldheim's third expression of concern over events in the Middle East in four days. He urged all governments involved to redouble their efforts to make progress toward a settlement through negotiations. (By Yitzhak Rabi) JEWISH AGENCY BOARD MEETING POSTPONED

NEW YORK, Nov. 19 (JTA)—Max Fisher, chairman of the Jewish Agency Board of Governors, announced today that the meeting of the board originally planned to take place in New York Dec. 1 and 2 is postponed for a later date and will take place in Jerusalem. Fisher explained that the Jerusalem members of the Jewish Agency Executive had been in touch with him and with Pinhas Sapir, chairman of the Executive, who is presently in the United States for purposes of aliya and the United Jewish Appeal campaign.

The Jerusalem members urged that, in the light of the stringent economy measures being adopted by all official Israeli agencies, the Board of Governors' meeting should be postponed and its locus moved to Israel. However, in order to discuss crucial problems facing the Agency, it was decided to have a meeting of the Executive of the Jewish Agency in New York at the end of this month,

#### 90 ARRESTED IN EAST JERUSALEM

JERUSALEM, Nov. 19 (JTA)--At least 90 persons, including 30 school girls, were arrested in East Jerusalem today as pro-terrorist high school students continued to clash with Israeli police. Altogether, 470 demonstrators have been arrested since disturbances began on the West Bank last Wednesday and spread to East Jerusalem yesterday. While the unrest appeared to have abated somewhat on the West Bank, police were forced to use high pressure water hoses to dislodge students at the Al Mamuniyah girls school inside the Old City walls who were hurling rocks from the roof and windows. About half of the shops in the Old City were closed today but most shops in the modern sections of East Jerusalem were open after authorities warned the merchants that they would be shut down indefinitely if they obeyed the rioters\* protest call. (By Gil Sedan)

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received in the General Assembly the PLO is stepping up its terror campaign simultaneously with its political drive to achieve international recognition.

Apparently the PLO terrorist leader and his colleagues feel certain the resumption of raids of the Msalot and Kiryat Shemona-type, would not affect the support they hope to win. They interpreted the UN's recognition of the PLO as a permit to escalate raids against Israel under a cover of "legitimacy." Thus, Arafat himself announced the diplomatic and political activity can be regarded by the PLO only as a supplementary, auxiliary action to the main effort—armed struggle.

Only ignorance or hypocrites will fail to see the facts as they are. The raids are being staged now by the Arafat wing of the PLO and not by its rivals as was previously suggested by the French and others. The Achziv raiders—one killed and one captured after landing on the beach close to the Lebanese border—were Fatah members. The three terrorists killed today in Beisan after attacking a civilian suburb were members of the Popular Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine.

The "Democrats" headed by Nayef Hawatmeh are now Arafat's closest allies within the PLO. The use they make of pseudo-Marxist terminology led many observers to consider them as Arafat's "left-wing." Hawatmeh supports Arafat's moves and policy and wants him to lead a Palestinian government-in-exile. The Fatah, in return, grants the "Democrats" means of survival as a small organization of no more than 400 members.

### Soviet Encouragement Suspected

It is worth noting that Dr. George Habash's Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, the only group to suspend its participation in the PLO, has abstained for more than a year now from mounting any terror raids. The attack on Beisan by Hawatmeh's disciples came shortly after their leader, accompanied by several of his aides, returned from Moscow.

In view of the Soviet role in increasing the tension along the Golan frontier, one is also tempted to suspect Russian encouragement for the Beisan raid. It is indeed possible that Arafat and Hawatmeh were counting on pouring oil on the blaze. According to one theory, the raiders may have tried to create the impression that they began their journey to Beisan from Syria, thus hoping to force Israel into a retaliatory strike against Syria.

At any rate the PLO leadership gave its official blessing to today's raid, hailing its "humane nature," and claiming that it was directed against a "house serving Israeli intelligence." The identity of the victims clearly refuted this.

## MURDER WAS AUTHORIZED BY TOP PLO LEADERSHIP, NOT SPLINTER GROUP Jordan Must Prove It Was Not Involved By David Landau

JERUSALEM, Nov. 19 (JTA)—The three terrorists who attacked civilians in Beisan today came from Jordan and their murder mission was an authorized action of the top leadership of the Palestine Liberation Organization, not the act of an extremist splinter group opposed to Yasir Arafat, Information Minister Aharon Yariv said today. He said the terrorists' tracks had been found at the Jordan River, only four miles east of Beisan and that discarded Jordanian cigarette

cartons and meat tins were found at a camp site where the terrorists had stopped on their way to Beisan.

The onus is on Jordan to prove through its future actions that it was not involved in and did not encourage the attack on Beisan, Yariv said at a press conference here. He said that Israel would not conclude "at this stage" that Jordan had changed its position following the Arab summit conference at Rabat and now supported the terrorists. But it is up to Jordan to prove that it has, in fact, not changed its policy, Yariv said. He declined to discuss Israeli retaliation plans, if any, should it turn out that Jordan now backs the PLO.

Yariv said the fact that the Beisan attack was announced by the official organ of the PLO's "Armed Struggle" this morning was additional proof of its authorship by the PLO. Col.Dov Sion, an army spokesman who appeared with Yariv at the press conference, said terrorist claims that they sought an "intelligence" target at Beisan was totally false. He said the township was populated largely by Jewish refugees from Arab lands and the identities of the dead and wounded showed clearly that the targets were innocent civilians.

The terrorists had leaflets and a bull horn with them, but they used neither. Sion reported. "We thought this was because they in fact failed to take any live hostages and were thus not in a bargaining position," he said. The leaflets demanded the release of 14 prisoners and Greek Catholic Archbishop Hilarion Capucci, on trial in Jerusalem for smuggling arms to terrorists.

### Terrorists Will Be Hit

Sion confirmed, contrary to earlier reports, that enraged Beisan townspeople burned the corpses of two of the terrorists which were hurled from a window of the building they had occupied. He said this was done while police were occupied de-fusing explosive charges left behind by the terrorists. Yariv condemned that action in the government's name. He said that no amount of understandable wrath could justify such conduct. He also warned against retaliatory action against Israeli Arabs and Arabs on the West Bank.

The Knesset rose for a minute's silence today in memory of the Israeli civilians slain in Beisan. Defense Minister Shimon Peres said Israel would continue to strike at the terrorists wherever it could reach them. But he warned that no struggle is without sacrifices. This struggle, however, will be fought "without surrender, without shame and without hesitation." he said.

### ISRAEL IS NOT CZECHOSLOVAKIA, SAYS TSUR

JERUSALEM, Nov. 19 (JTA)--"Israel is not Czechoslovakia. It will never be. It will never submit. We will fight again if necessary, knowing that you are behind us, not three million but thirteen million Jews the world over." Jewish National Fund chairman Jacob Tsur gave this rousing assurance here to the delegates of B'nai B'rith's triennial convention who visited the B'nai B'rith Forest at Kesalon in the Judaean Hills.

Describing his recent speaking mission in Western Europe, Tsur, formerly an Israeli Ambassador to Paris, said he had seen "everywhere the fall of moral principles and moral decay. The governments which once stood with us are faltering before the demands of the Arab oil magnates. Let the world remember that Israel is not Czecho-, slovakia."

LONDON (JTA)--Jewish sources in the USSR reported that the Vinnitsa public prosecutor said last night that Dr. Mikhail Stern's trial will be Dec. 9.