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## **TERRORISTS MURDER MOSLEM CIRCASSIAN MAN, WOUND HIS WIFE; CAPTURED BY TOWNSPEOPLE, ISRAELI FORCES**

By Yitzhak Shargil

TEL AVIV, Dec. 1 (JTA)--Terrorists attacked a family in a Moslem Circassian village in Upper Galilee last night, murdering a man and wounding his pregnant wife who they mistakenly took for Jews. The latest outrage climaxed a weekend of violence in which an Israeli patrol killed five terrorist infiltrators in the Fatahland region of southern Lebanon and Israeli artillery and Air Force jets blasted terrorist concentrations in that area.

The two heavily armed terrorists who invaded Rihaniya village, north of Safad on a murder and hostage mission were captured after armed citizens, police and army units surrounded the house they had entered at about 10 p.m. local time. One of the terrorists was wounded, apparently by an accidental shot fired by his companion. An investigation today revealed that the terrorists may have come from Lebanon. Both are former residents of the administered territories.

Their victim was Subhi Moussa, a 35-year-old worker at the Israel-American Paper Mills in Hadera who was shot to death. His pregnant wife cried out as she fell wounded and the terrorists, hearing a language that was not Hebrew, realized they had made a mistake. According to police, they asked Moussa's ten-year-old daughter if they were Jews or Arabs. When the girl replied that they were Circassians, one terrorist said, "Sorry, we thought you were Jews." The girl and her two brothers, aged seven and five, were unhurt.

### **Village In Mourning**

Rihaniya village was in mourning today. Schools and shops were closed and the villagers stayed away from their jobs. Subhi Moussa's wife underwent surgery and was reported out of danger. Defense Minister Shimon Peres said during the funeral of Subhi Moussa that the village will get arms and more street lighting during night hours.

Police said the terrorists may have mistaken Rihaniya for a Jewish town because of its modern two-story houses, telephone and electric power lines which are not characteristics of most of the Arab villages in the region. The Circassians, non-Arab Moslems, are Israeli citizens. Many have served with distinction in Israel's armed forces.

The terrorists surrendered after Israeli units prevented infuriated townspeople from storming the house. They were heavily armed, carried nylon rope, apparently intended to tie hostages and documents identifying them as members of Yasir Arafat's El Fatah. They also carried leaflets demanding the release of five terrorists imprisoned in Israel, including Archbishop Hillarion Capucci, who is on trial in Jerusalem for smuggling arms to terrorists, and Uddi Adv, a young Israeli serving a prison term for membership in a Jewish-Arab spy ring.

### **5 Terrorist Infiltrators Killed**

Late Thursday night an Israeli patrol sur-

prised terrorist infiltrators on Lebanese territory north of Kibbutz Dan. Five were killed in a brief exchange of fire and a sixth is believed to have escaped. There were no Israeli casualties. The dead men were carrying Kalachnikov assault rifles, bazookas, submachineguns and rope. Documents on the bodies identified the terrorists as members of George Habash's Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine.

Israeli artillery shelled terrorist bases and concentrations yesterday morning. During the afternoon, Israel Air Force planes attacked terrorist hide-outs in wadis and orchards near the Lebanese villages of Kafra and Rasas. Israeli artillery resumed the shelling shortly after the attack on Rihaniya. Israeli security forces were in a high state of alert over the weekend in anticipation of possible terrorist acts on Nov. 29, the 27th anniversary of the United Nations decision to partition Palestine.

## **JEWISH LEADERS CRITICIZE ROCKEFELLER'S STATEMENT REGARDING THE PLO, ISRAEL**

Vice-President Designate Assures Jewish Community He Does Not Favor Terrorist Group

Rockefeller's Assurance, Jewish Leaders' Actions Follow JTA's Disclosure Of Testimony

NEW YORK, Dec. 1 (JTA)--Vice-President designate Nelson A. Rockefeller issued a statement last night reassuring the Jewish community that his testimony before the House Judiciary Committee during a confirmation hearing on his nomination as Vice-President was in no way intended to modify "the position of the President or the Secretary of State of the United States regarding the Palestine Liberation Organization or to urge the State of Israel to negotiate with the PLO, an organization that has called for the elimination of the Jewish State."

Rockefeller's statement followed demands by the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, the American Jewish Congress and the Union of American Hebrew Congregations that he clarify his statement of Nov. 21 to the House Judiciary Committee on the issue of the PLO and Israel.

### **'...They Took The Land'**

A transcript of his testimony, in which he was answering questions on this issue posed by Rep. Joshua Eilberg (D, Pa.) was obtained by the Jewish Telegraphic Agency from Eilberg's office in Washington and first disclosed in the JTA Daily News Bulletin Nov. 29. Rockefeller's statement last night and the demands for clarification from Jewish leaders came after the JTA's disclosure of the Vice-President designate's answers.

Eilberg was asking Rockefeller about his feelings concerning the current situation in the Middle East and "would you as President without a mutual agreement with Israel recognize the PLO as the spokesman for the Palestinian people?" The Vice-President designate responded by noting that "I would have to talk with the Israelis about how they feel and what are the possibilities of getting some solution." Eilberg, persisting in his effort to get a clear statement from Rockefeller, finally asked: "And so I am asking you, if you had to face this

question at this time--what would your answer be?"

Rockefeller: "My answer would be, I would sit down with the leaders of the Israeli government and I would say, all right, here is the reality and how are we going to deal with it? If you will forgive me, sir. This happens to be their problem. They live over there. These people were on their land and they took the land."

#### Lack Of Knowledge, Insight

This last answer, especially, prompted criticism and demands for clarification. In a letter to Rockefeller, Rabbi Israel Miller, chairman of the Presidents Conference, stated that it would "be appalling for a man of your humanity and responsibility not to have unequivocally responded that you would support the present posture of your government." Rabbi Miller also noted that the U.S. "in the last few days, through its vote in the United Nations, has sharply indicated that the PLO is not the proper spokesman for the Palestinians nor are murderers a proper negotiating partner."

Continuing, Rabbi Miller wrote: "May I also point out that your quoted off-hand statement, 'These people were on their land and they took the land' did not display the knowledge or insight of the history of Israel and its struggle to live as we assumed that you possessed. We trust that you were misquoted and we would appreciate a prompt clarification of your remarks and attitude."

Rabbi Arthur Hertzberg, president of the AJCongress, also sent a letter to Rockefeller expressing "shock and dismay" and called upon the Vice-Presidential designate to "correct" his remarks at future hearings on his confirmation. Rabbi Hertzberg noted that Rockefeller's "reading of the history of Palestine and Zionism" reveals a "depressing lack of understanding about the manner in which the Jews of Palestine settled the land and achieved nationhood."

Furthermore, the AJCongress leader wrote, "Our failure to condemn the Palestine Liberation Organization for the murder of innocent civilians and for its avowed goal of annihilating the State of Israel represents an astonishing omission which is irreconcilable with your long and distinguished participation in international concerns."

Earlier Rabbi David Saperstein, associate director of the Religious Action Center of the UAHF, appealed to Rockefeller for a clarification "in view of the strong positive attitude toward Israel that (former New York State) Governor Rockefeller has exhibited in the past." Rabbi Saperstein added that Rockefeller's statement "should be a serious point of political and moral concern for the American public."

#### Retraction Still Missing

In his response yesterday Rockefeller also noted that in his statement before the House Judiciary Committee he did not "in any way intend to weaken the enduring commitment of the United States for a strong and independent Israel which is and has been a cardinal principle of U.S. foreign policy--and a policy which I have consistently and actively supported since the State of Israel was founded over a quarter of a century ago."

Mrs. Naomi Levine, AJCongress executive director, said last night that Rockefeller's statement last night "gratified" her organization. Noting Rockefeller's "reassurances," she declared: "All Americans who view our country's interests in the Middle East as consistent with the continued existence of a strong and secure Israel will be heartened by Mr. Rockefeller's statement."

Nevertheless, it was noted by some that while

Rockefeller reaffirmed his endorsement of President Ford's and Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger's policies in supporting Israel's refusal to negotiate with the PLO there was nothing in his immediate statement retracting or clarifying his remarks recorded in the transcript regarding the comment, "These people were on their land and they took the land," a statement taken by many as referring to Israel having taken the land from the Palestinians.

#### RABIN REJECTS SHARON'S PROPOSAL THAT ISRAEL NEGOTIATE WITH PALESTINIANS TO DEPOSE HUSSEIN

By David Landau and Yitzhak Shargil

JERUSALEM, Dec. 1 (JTA)--A proposal by a Likud leader that Israel negotiate with the Palestinians to depose King Hussein of Jordan was dismissed by Premier Yitzhak Rabin as "too absurd to merit consideration." Rabin said, however, that he may have misunderstood the intent of remarks attributed to Gen. (Ret.) Ariel Sharon in a Maariv interview.

Sharon, a Yom Kippur War hero and founder of Likud was quoted as saying that the only alien presence in the area is the Hashemite dynasty in Jordan--not the Jews whose homeland this is, nor the Palestinian Arabs, some of whom have lived here for centuries. According to Maariv, Sharon said that if Israel was willing to talk to the barbarous Syrians, it should not rule out talks with the Palestinians and their leaders provided the latter agreed that everything west of the Jordan River is and must remain part of Israel. Anyone willing to negotiate with Israel on those terms should be considered a possible negotiating partner, Sharon said.

Asked to comment on the published report, Rabin told a group of editors in Tel Aviv Friday that if Sharon meant that Israel should help Yasir Arafat overthrow Hussein and set up his own regime in Jordan, the suggestion was outlandish nonsense. But if Sharon was saying only that the Palestinian problem ought to be solved within the context of a single Palestine-Jordan entity, he was expressing what has long been the firm policy of the Israeli government, Rabin said. The Premier recalled that King Hussein had ousted terrorist forces from Jordanian territory in 1970. An Arafat regime in Amman would simply mean another Soviet-armed state on Israel's eastern frontier and that was not in Israel's interest, Rabin said.

Sharon warned in his interview that another Middle East war seemed inevitable and could be avoided only if Israel is prepared to fight. He advocated a national unity government embracing Likud. Rabin said he was prepared to set up a coalition inclusive of Likud provided that the opposition party pledged to support the government's basic policies. But as far as he knows, Likud is not now prepared to accept those policies, Rabin said.

#### WEISGAL URGES A \$10 M FUND FOR INFORMATION CAMPAIGN ABOUT TENETS OF ZIONISM, ISRAELI-ARAB CONFLICT

By David Landau

JERUSALEM, Dec. 1 (JTA)--Meyer Weisgal, Chancellor of the Weizmann Institute of Science and the man who was a close confidant of Dr. Chaim Weizmann, issued an urgent call today to "the government, the Jewish Agency, banks, other institutions and individuals" in Israel and abroad to raise a \$10 million fund for what he called an "Operation Truth." He described it as a massive information campaign to enlighten world public opinion as to the truths of the Israel-Arab conflict and the tenets of Zionism.

Writing in the Jerusalem Post in praise of a letter it published from Jerusalem Catholic Pastor Claude Duvernoy, Weisgal said: "A public committee of propaganda experts drawn from Israel and elsewhere, both Jews and non-Jews, should be set up as a body independent of the government...to direct the enlightenment programs. The eyes of the world must be opened once and for all to the brazen lies of the Arab propagandists and their cohorts inside and outside the UN."

Weisgal contended that the government and Jewish Agency had been "remiss" in their duty "by not methodically revealing Arab mendacity and prevarications. Jews are the best public relations men for other peoples' causes but 'fail to live up to that reputation for themselves.'" Weisgal claimed. He said he would be ready to give \$10,000 personally to such a fund should it be set up.

#### Basic Facts To Be Emphasized

According to Weisgal, the basic facts to be emphasized are: The unbroken Jewish link with and presence in Palestine which itself was never an independent or separate entity since the expulsion of the Jews; that most "Palestinian" Arabs in fact live today in historic Palestine on either side of the Jordan. And the fact that many of them came to this country from other Arab areas because they were attracted by the prosperity that Jewish resettlement engendered; that the PLO's "secular democratic state" notion is "manifestly spurious" without basis in history and "has been manufactured out of the intrigues of Arab oil diplomacy."

Pastor Duvernoy's letter to the Jerusalem Post, which stressed these points ought to be run as an advertisement in every leading newspaper in the West, Weisgal recommended. In Israel, too, "the young generation--and I say this more in sorrow than in anger--are being fed with lies, fraud, distortions and obfuscations of the historical truths of this area," Weisgal claimed.

#### MRS. MEIR: 'WE SHALL NOT VOLUNTEER TO DIE SO THE REST OF THE WORLD MAY LIVE'

LONDON, Dec. 1 (JTA)--Former Premier Golda Meir, speaking at a dinner in her honor here Friday, told British Prime Minister Harold Wilson and the world that "we shall not volunteer to die so that the rest of the world may live." Joe Gormley, chairman of the Labor Friends of Israel, which sponsored the dinner, presided. Many Cabinet members and other British leaders, as well as 100 Members of Parliament, attended the event.

Mrs. Meir, who was given a standing ovation at the start and close of her address, said that during the Yom Kippur War, President Richard Nixon, "not known as a member of the Socialist International, sent us arms, while countries ruled by our socialist friends" did not cooperate. Declaring that "Masada will not happen again," Mrs. Meir said, "We abhor war but we also know how to defend ourselves. We shall not volunteer to be sacrificed so that the rest of the world may live in peace."

The Jews are not going to be a minority in their country, she stated. "Two million more Jews in Israel, and the whole situation will be transformed," Mrs. Meir said. "We shall have peace in the not too distant future. I do not know whether I shall live to see it, but most of you will."

Referring to the anti-Israel and pro-Palestine Liberation Organization resolutions approved by

the UN General Assembly, Mrs. Meir said, "We are deeply disappointed with our friends--from our enemies we expect nothing--who abstained when the vote was about the destruction of Israel, for this is what the Assembly resolution was about."

#### Said 'No' To Hijackers

Prime Minister Wilson disclosed that in the recent hijacking of a British Airways plane, "the gunmen put a condition to us, which reached me at the Cabinet emergency room," that "we must express grovelling regret over our contribution to the establishment of Israel and we must publicly repudiate the Balfour Declaration." Adding that 20 British lives were at stake, Wilson declared "I did not summon the Cabinet. I said 'no' at once."

He also said that some British Jews expected him to join in public protests against the treatment of Soviet Jews. He said such Jews should realize that sometimes more could be achieved by quiet diplomacy, adding that "our part in the rescue" of the Soviet dancers, Valery and Galina Panov, "has not been insignificant." Wilson, who addressed the gathering as "fellow friends of Israel," also said that "Resolution 242" of the Security Council "remains the cornerstone, as far as we are concerned. There is only one addition, Resolution 338, which provides for direct negotiations between the parties."

The Prime Minister added that "the Palestinian problem must be settled as part of any lasting agreement" and that while the Arab summit at Rabat "made the situation more difficult, we must not be put off by resolutions, from wherever they come," a reference to the pro-PLO resolutions approved by the General Assembly. Declaring that "we have to leave it for the moment to the superpowers," he said, "we are at all times ready to contribute our share to the peacemaking process and I believe we can make a significant contribution."

Gormley told the dinner guests that peace in the Middle East could come only by negotiation "but Israel must be sure of her safety and her borders before we have peace. We are not merely lukewarm friends of Israel. We shall fight her political battles with her until justice and peace come to Israel and the Middle East as a whole." Gideon Rafael, the Israeli Ambassador, said "Israel stands once more in solitary watch and facing an onslaught." He added that "the ramparts which we are manning are the front lines of freedom" and that "the suppression of freedom, yours and ours, is the real objective of the so-called freedom fighters."

#### UNDOF MANDATE EXTENDED

UNITED NATIONS, Dec. 1 (JTA)--The mandate of the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force between Israeli and Syrian forces on the Golan Heights was extended by the Security Council Friday evening for six months. The vote was 13 in favor. China and Iraq did not take part in the vote, as they did not in the vote extending the life of UN forces in the buffer zone in the Sinai desert. The UNDOF resolution was sponsored by Austria, Cameroon, Indonesia, Kenya, Mauritania and Peru.

Yosef Tekoa, the Israeli Ambassador to the UN, said the extension was a "positive development," that UNDOF was an essential part of the Israeli-Syrian disengagement and that "proper observance" of the agreement required "the continued functioning" of UNDOF. Secretary General Kurt Waldheim, speaking before the vote, said that on the basis of his Mideast trip last week he believed "all governments concerned are anxious to reach a settlement through negotiations."

REV. JACKSON SCORES BROWN

CHICAGO, Dec. 1 (JTA)—Rev. Jesse L. Jackson, the Black clergyman who heads Operation Push, has criticized Gen. George S. Brown, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, for his remarks last month about Jewish "influence," terming those remarks "a disservice to the public." The chairman of People United to Save Humanity (PUSH) made his criticism in a letter to Brown, which was made public today. Referring to Brown's remark that "Jews own the banks and newspapers of this country," Rev. Jackson said "this kind of distortion of economic reality was widely used by Hitler's propaganda machine to produce fascism and World War II."

The Black leader told Brown that it was "quite easy for you to confirm the fact" that the nation's giant banking concerns were not "Jewish" institutions. Rev. Jackson also said that "the canard" about Jewish ownership of newspapers sounded like "a variation" on the "theme" of former Vice-President Spiro Agnew "that the newspapers in America are too liberal."

Citing Brown's "position of authority" and access to public media, Rev. Jackson told the General that "to be careless in your public pronouncements is to be irresponsible." He added that the existence of a pro-Israel lobby in Washington was "a fairly obvious fact" but that to associate that fact "with an exaggerated reference to the Jews owning the banks and the newspapers is really to spread ignorance." The Black leader added that he hoped Brown would take "very seriously the import of your remarks and consciously avoid a repetition of such an unfortunate incident in the future."

WOMEN'S PLEA ON BEHALF OF SOVIET JEWISH POCs TO BE MARKED DEC. 10

WASHINGTON, Dec. 1 (JTA)—A nation-wide Women's Plea on Behalf of Soviet Jewish Prisoners of Conscience will be observed Dec. 10, Human Rights Day. It was announced by the sponsors, the Leadership Conference of National Jewish Women's Organizations in cooperation with the National Conference on Soviet Jewry and the National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council.

The announcement followed a meeting here several days ago between Silva Zalmanson, eight Congresswomen and representatives of 11 major Jewish women's organizations. The participants joined Ms. Zalmanson in issuing a declaration of support for the Women's Plea. Ms. Zalmanson is currently touring the U.S. in an effort to focus attention on the Jewish POCs in the Soviet Union and to mobilize support for the early release of the POCs, including her husband, Eduard Kuznetsov, and her two brothers, Vulf and Israel.

In the statement the participants expressed support of the recent agreement which would ensure Soviet compliance to ease emigration and end harassment of Soviet Jews. While hope was expressed that "the agreement signifies the sincere intention of the Soviet government to permit unhindered emigration of its citizens," the signatories pointed out that recent events demonstrated no significant change had occurred in the situation of Soviet Jews. The Congresswomen pledged themselves to help monitor Soviet compliance, and expressed their particular concern for Jewish Prisoners of Conscience in the USSR.

The eight Congresswomen are: Elizabeth Holtzman (D.NY), Margaret Heckler (R.Mass.), Bella Abzug (D.NY), Pat Schroeder (D.Colo.),

Cardiss Collins (D.Ill.), Shirley Chisholm (D.NY), Ella Grasso (D.Conn.), and Yvonne Burke (D.Calif.).

The Jewish organizations represented are:

Women's Plea, Jewish Labor Committee, Pioneer Women, American Jewish Congress, Union of Orthodox Congregations - Women's Auxiliary, National Council of Jewish Women, National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods, Leadership Conference of National Jewish Women's Organizations, B'nai B'rith, Women's American ORT, and the NCSJ.

REFORM GROUP JOINING ZIONIST MOVEMENT

NEW YORK, Dec. 1 (JTA)—At a meeting of a committee representing the World Zionist Organization and the World Union for Progressive Judaism (Reform) the World Union reaffirmed its decision to affiliate with the World Zionist Organization. Stating that Zionism, the Jewish people and Judaism are inseparable, and that the destiny of world Jewry is inextricable from the fate of the Jewish state, the leadership of the World Union expressed its commitment to Jewish solidarity and the necessity of rallying world Jewry to the support of the Zionist cause in these difficult days.

The WZO was represented by Pinhas Sapir, chairman of the Executive, and the following members of the Executive: Leon Dulzin, Avraham Schenker, Moshe Krone, Joseph Klarman, Ezra Shapiro, and Mrs. Charlotte Jacobson, chairman of the WZO-American Section and Moshe Rivlin, director-general of the WZO.

The World Union, which has one and a quarter million members in 25 countries, was represented by its president, Rabbi David Wice; Rabbi Alexander Schindler, president of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations; Rabbi Richard Hirsch, executive director of the World Union; Dr. Paul Steinberg representing Dr. Alfred Gottschalk, president of Hebrew Union College; Rabbi Joseph Glaser, executive vice-president of the Central Conference of American Rabbis; Rabbi Ira Youdovin, American director of the World Union; and J. Wagner of UAHG.

The constructive discussions advanced the formal affiliation process towards early completion, officials said.

DAYAN: NUCLEAR WARFARE POSSIBLE

TEL AVIV, Dec. 1 (JTA)—Former Defense Minister Moshe Dayan warned here that future conflicts in the Middle East may involve nuclear warfare and that civilians cannot take it for granted that they will not suffer casualties. Dayan made this statement in a lecture last Thursday at Bar Ilan University. He noted that the Arabs have learned that their pilots cannot penetrate Israel's air defenses and are now stressing the need to use ground-to-ground missiles which, however inaccurate, would provide a good chance of creating havoc in civilian centers.

Discussing the balance of power in the region, Dayan estimated that the power balance between Israel and her neighbors will differ essentially from that which existed during the Yom Kippur War. On the political front, Dayan said he did not foresee worsening relations between Israel and the United States.

BUENOS AIRES (JTA)—The Argentine government has decided to establish diplomatic relations with three Arab states, the Oman Sultanate, the Yemen Republic and the United Arab Emirates. The government said its decision "carries out and promotes foreign policy based on peaceful co-existence, representing the free determination of peoples to govern themselves according to their own institutions."