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## TERRORIST ATTACK AT ORLY JARS FRANCE; MANY SAY FRANCE'S PRO-ARAB POLICY DOES NOT MAKE HER EXEMPT

PARIS, Jan. 14 (JTA)--The terrorist bazooka attack at Orly Airport yesterday which narrowly missed an El Al jet in take-off, severely damaged a parked Yugoslavian airliner and injured several people slightly, appeared today to have had its most devastating effect on France's Middle East policy. French government sources were unable to conceal their embarrassment over the fact that France's pro-Arab stance and especially its sympathy with the Palestinian cause, did not render Orly immune from a terrorist outrage that could easily have taken scores of lives.

The mass circulation France-Soir noted in an editorial that "France is no longer a sanctuary exempt because of its Arab policy and its stand in favor of getting the international community to recognize the Palestinian reality." The paper was referring to the Beirut meeting recently between Foreign Minister Jean Sauvagnargues and Palestine Liberation Organization chieftain Yasser Arafat. Sauvagnargues was the first top level Western diplomat to hold official talks with Arafat.

French Jewish groups seized on the incident to further blast France's Mideast policy. A statement by the Council of Jewish Intellectuals for Israel said the bazooka attack was one of "the bitter fruits of the recent encouragement given to Yasser Arafat by a member of the French government," meaning Sauvagnargues.

The militant Zionist Socialist Students' Liaison Committee (CLESS) held President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing directly responsible for the attack at Orly which it said "reaffirmed the Palestinian desire to find a final solution to the Jewish people." The CLESS statement charged that the French President, by remaining silent on such occasions, only indicated "his complicity."

### El Al Was The Target

Accounts of the Orly attack and evidence collected by police since yesterday made it almost a certainty that the El Al plane with 143 persons aboard on a flight to New York was the terrorists' target. Although the notorious Black September, which claimed responsibility yesterday, denied any connection with the incident today, Commissaire Roux, chief of the Airport Police at Orly, disclosed that the bazooka abandoned by the terrorists was of the same type used by Palestinian terrorists in an abortive attempt to shoot down an El Al plane near Rome Airport last year. He said the bazooka was of Russian make and the projectiles used may have been the new Soviet SAM-7 anti-aircraft rockets rather than the Soviet-made Strella rockets used in the Rome attack.

Another Palestinian terrorist group, the "Mohammed Boudia Commando," has not withdrawn its claim of responsibility. But today another terrorist group calling itself the Young Croatian Army, issued statements in Paris and New York claiming that it was responsible and that the Yugoslavian airliner was the target.

Yugoslav government sources in Belgrade said, however, that it was unlikely that Croatian extremists who oppose the Tito regime were involved.

Although French police are investigating all possibilities, they appear to be convinced that the Orly attack was the work of Arab terrorists and was aimed at the Israeli airliner. Police combed cheap hotels in the Latin quarter today which are favored by young Arab students sympathetic to the Palestinian cause. But they were not optimistic about prospects of finding the Orly terrorists, described by witnesses as tall, dark and in their thirties.

"They obviously belong to a well organized group and are well trained," a police spokesman said. Their white car, a Peugeot, in which they made their get-away, was found abandoned yesterday in a suburb south of Paris. Meanwhile, the government increased security measures at Orly by posting an extra 100 members of the elite CRS police force there.

## ISRAEL LAUNCHES INFORMATION PROJECT

JERUSALEM, Jan. 14 (JTA)--A new project, designed to train volunteers from abroad for information drives on the problems of Israel and the Jewish world was launched today in Haifa by the information department of the World Zionist Organization.

Moshe Gilboa, director of the information department, reported that some 40 persons from the U.S., Canada, Britain, Norway, Finland, Sweden, Holland, Denmark and Australia, are at the seminar. Most of the participants are university graduates, some of them active in the Jewish communities in their countries, and in the Zionist federations.

They will study the strategy of information, and will learn in general in Gilboa's words, "the tools to disseminate information." The seminar will be devoted to a discussion of the Jewish world; the ties between the Jewish people and the people in Israel, Israel's problems, and Zionism as the liberation movement of the Jewish people. The participants came to Israel at their own expense, but the WZO will provide for most of the costs of their stay here.

## TARTAKOWSKY, MOTHER, TOLD THEY CAN LEAVE

NEW YORK, Jan. 14 (JTA)--Yuli Tartakowsky, a Soviet Jewish activist and his mother, Esther, have been given permission to leave the Soviet Union and are expected to depart by Feb. 3, it was reported today by the National Conference on Soviet Jewry and the Student Struggle for Soviet Jewry. Tartakowsky, who was one of the main organizers of the Babi-Yar demonstrations, and his mother, have been seeking exit visas for 2 1/2 years. Tartakowsky was under intense pressure from Soviet authorities and recently was in hiding, the SSSJ reported.

## RABBI MILLER SAYS STATEMENTS ON U.S.-ISRAEL RELATIONS, SUCH AS FORD'S, MUST BE VIEWED IN PERSPECTIVE

By Yitzhak Rabi

NEW YORK, Jan. 14 (JTA)--Rabbi Israel Miller said today that statements on U.S.-Israeli relations such as the remarks made by President Ford in a Time magazine interview published yesterday, must be viewed in perspective. "We cannot merely look

at what is said each day, we should look at the totality of the picture," Rabbi Miller said at a press conference here commenting on the Ford interview. The President had indicated that while U.S. and Israeli national interests coincide at present that may not always be the case and that a formal U.S. guarantee to Israel, while not ruled out, would have to be contingent on "some real progress" toward peace.

Rabbi Miller, chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, said the response of Jewish leadership to such statements should be in perspective to the totality of statements and comments by U.S. officials. Asked if he denied there was U.S. pressure on Israel to be more forthcoming with ideas for peace, Rabbi Miller replied, "Certainly there is a pressure there but there is a pressure on the Arabs too."

He referred to Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger's recent warning that the U.S. did not rule out the use of force to secure Arab oil sources. But Rabbi Miller conceded that there is a potential of erosion of U.S. support for Israel.

#### Optimistic About Israeli Morale

Rabbi Miller, who just returned from Israel where he headed a 24-member Conference delegation that met with Israeli political and military leaders, said he was optimistic about Israeli morale. "The Israelis have recovered their morale and inner strength" and have emerged from the trauma of the Yom Kippur War, he said. Rabbi Miller added, however, that the Israelis were still "worried and concerned" but they have faith in themselves and in the future.

He said that he and the delegation members spent a day with the military and that they sensed their "feelings of greater confidence" compared to what they found on their previous visit to Israel. "We were impressed by the spirit of the people in the military," Rabbi Miller said, citing "the great inner strength" of the young Israeli soldiers. He had words of praise for Premier Yitzhak Rabin, with whom the delegation met in Israel. "We had a feeling that we were talking to a Prime Minister," Rabbi Miller said, pointing out that Rabin demonstrated self-confidence and assurance of a leader who knows which line he is following.

In his opening statement, Rabbi Miller mentioned that today is a day of solidarity with Syrian Jews declared by the Israel National Student Organization. He declared the solidarity of the Jewish community in America with the plight of Syrian Jewry.

#### WALDHEIM PESSIMISTIC ABOUT MIDEAST

UNITED NATIONS, Jan. 14 (JTA)--Secretary General Kurt Waldheim told a press conference today it was doubtful there could be a third extension of the mandate of the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force on the Golan Heights unless there was movement toward a peace settlement. He called the Mideast situation extremely serious.

The UNDOF mandate ends next May, a fact leading to speculation that Waldheim was raising the prospect of a pullout of UN forces five months before that date to put additional pressure on the two sides and possibly on the United States and the Soviet Union to achieve a renewal of negotiations. The mandate of the UN forces between Egypt and Israel in the Sinai expires in April.

The Secretary General cited his talks in Damascus last November with President Assad

of Syria which led to renewal of the UNDOF mandate. Waldheim said Assad made it clear then that this did not mean he was ready to accept a third six-month extension. The UN chief executive said today that unless there was a breakthrough toward a settlement, either in step-by-step pacts or at the dormant Geneva Mideast peace conference, the situation this year "will be extremely serious."

#### HERUT BLASTS GOVERNMENT POLICIES

By Yitzhak Shargil

TEL AVIV, Jan. 14 (JTA)--The government's economic, domestic and foreign policies were blasted by speakers in the second day of Herut's 12th national convention at Jabotinsky House here. Dr. Yohanan Bader, a veteran MK and Herut's economic spokesman, claimed that the government's economic program, launched last November with the devaluation of the Pound, was doomed to failure and would have to be replaced with a new economic plan within a few months.

Other speakers warned of mass unemployment that would demoralize the nation. Dr. Elbad Israel, a former member of Lehi (Stern Group) who topped the "wanted list" during the British Mandatory regime, charged that the Zionist vision was "twisted and distorted" by those governing Israel today. "Tactics have become practice and we are off the track," Israel said.

There was an emotional call for a national unity coalition from a Druze member of Herut--Moussa Assad whose brother was murdered by Palestinian terrorists in Rehanyeh village two months ago.

#### Rabin Scores Beigin's Proposal

Premier Yitzhak Rabin did not remain silent under Herut attacks. Addressing a delegation of the Israeli Students Union which supports a national unity government, Rabin said a partnership with Likud, of which Herut is one of the major constituents, would "totally isolate Israel." He charged that Likud's policy opposed the road to peace and said he would bring up its participation in the government in Labor Party circles only if it agreed in advance to accept the government's basic guidelines on foreign policy.

Rabin heaped scorn on Herut leader Menachem Beigin's proposed three-year armistice in the Middle East during which Israel would negotiate a settlement directly with its Arab neighbors. Rabin termed the plan, unveiled by Beigin at the opening of the Herut convention, as "an unrealistic dream." He said no American statesman would give "a nickel" for Beigin's proposal and not a single U.S. Senator would be ready to discuss a Middle East settlement on the basis of the Beigin plan.

#### GOLDMANN UNDER HEAVY ATTACK FOR RECENT MEDIA INTERVIEWS

By Yitzhak Shargil

TEL AVIV, Jan. 14 (JTA)--Only three weeks before the opening in Jerusalem of the sixth plenary assembly of the World Jewish Congress, Dr. Nahum Goldmann, WJC president, found himself embroiled today in one of the most bitter controversies of his long career in Jewish affairs. The storm centers around recent interviews with Dr. Goldmann published in the Paris newspaper Le Monde and other media in which the 80-year-old one-time president of the World Zionist Organization indicated that he believed Israel should, and indeed eventually will have to, negotiate with the Palestine Liberation Organization.

Dr. Goldmann also disclosed several attempts

by third parties to arrange a meeting between himself and PLO chief Yasser Arafat which he said came to naught because Israeli government leaders objected and he, Goldmann, would never undertake initiatives concerning Israel without its specific approval.

Dr. Goldmann's critics here and abroad charged that the views he expressed, given his stature as president of the WJC, were dangerous and detrimental to Israel's political interests and national security. Dr. Goldmann retorted by claiming, in interviews with the Paris correspondents of Maariv and Yediot Achronot that he felt free to express his views on political moves of the Israeli government and that in fact "I have said no more than Ben Aharon, Liova Eliav or Abba Eban have said in the past."

He was referring to Yitzhak Ben Aharon, former Secretary General of Histadrut, Aryeh Eliav, former Secretary General of the Labor Party both known for their outspoken "dovish" views on Israeli foreign policy, and Israel's former Foreign Minister.

#### Eban, Eliav Issue Denials

Both Eban and Eliav issued statements yesterday flatly denying Dr. Goldmann's intimations that they had once favored contacts with the PLO. Eban said: "I was always against negotiations with the PLO and with Arafat." He said his view was that Israel should seek contact with Palestinians who hold views directly opposite to those of the PLO which seeks the destruction of Israel.

Eliav said he supported the idea that Israel should make it clear that it would meet with any Palestinian organization which states beforehand that it will recognize Israel, rejects the PLO charter calling for the conversion of Israel into a Palestinian state, and which rejects terrorist methods. Obviously, the PLO will make no such declaration and there can be no negotiations with it, Eliav declared.

#### French Jewish Leaders Protest

Goldmann's interview in Le Monde, published Jan. 8 (see JTA Daily News Bulletin Jan. 10), brought a flood of protesting letters to that newspaper from prominent French-Jewish leaders and a prompt disclaimer by the WJC in Paris that Dr. Goldmann was expressing the views of that organization. Yesterday Le Monde published a letter from Salomon Friedrich, associate member of the World Jewish Congress Executive, declaring: "It is inadmissible that Dr. Goldmann be allowed to continue to preside over the WJC or any other Jewish organization in the name of which he seems to be speaking when he expresses opinions so dangerous for the future of the Jewish population."

Andre Montell, president of the France-Israel Alliance, sent a letter to the Israeli Ambassador in Paris, Asher Ben Natan, saying, "This situation is intolerable.... The scandalous attitude of Mr. Goldmann is capable of damaging the efficiency of our action." Jean Pierre Bloch, a member of the France-Israel Alliance steering committee, claimed that Dr. Goldmann's statements were "at best misguided."

#### FORD'S INTERVIEW SEEN AS GENTLE NUDGE By David Landau

JERUSALEM, Jan. 14 (JTA)--The publication, on the eve of Foreign Minister Yigal Allon's Washington visit, of President Ford's Time magazine interview devoted largely to the Mideast is

seen--both in timing and in content--as a firm but gentle nudge aimed at eliciting further concessions from Israel in advance of second-stage talks. The President's offer, observers here feel, of formal U.S. guarantees following "some real progress" towards a settlement is intended to soothe Israel's security susceptibilities and prod her towards greater generosity in her offered Sinai pull-back.

The effort to arrange at short notice a Ford-Allon meeting is seen, similarly, as evidence of the President's own pressing concern that America's Mideast efforts should move forwards--and should be seen to move forward.

(In Washington, State Department spokesman Robert Anderson said today that Allon will meet with Ford at the White House Thursday and hold afternoon sessions with Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger tomorrow and Thursday at the State Department. In view of the President's delivery of his State of the Union message to Congress early tomorrow afternoon, Anderson said, Kissinger will not host a luncheon as usual for Allon tomorrow. Because of the Secretary's tight schedule, Anderson also said, Kissinger will not meet Allon at the airport. Anderson urged reporters not to read any significance into these departures from the usual diplomatic courtesies for a Foreign Minister.)

#### Psychological Arm-Twisting Seen

Official comment on the interview has been reserved to the well-known Israeli position; that American formal guarantees would be welcome indeed, but only in tandem with agreements between the combatants and with adequate defensive arrangements on the ground.

The President's veiled warning that while the U.S. and Israeli interests coincide at present, they might not always do so, and that in that case the U.S. national interest must take preference in policy-making, is seen here as a piece of psychological arm-twisting--probably engineered by Kissinger--in advance of the Allon talks.

Nevertheless, observers do not ignore the fundamental truth of Ford's assessment. Official thinking here is very aware of the currently very real and definite American interest in attaining a second-stage settlement and thereby further thwarting Soviet designs in the region. There is, therefore, a readiness to re-examine positions and contemplate farther-reaching proposals, but not until there are clear indications from Egypt that it will offer a substantive political quid pro quo in return. It is looking for such indications, one official said here, that will mark Allon's talks in Washington beginning tomorrow.

#### JWF OFFICES IN DALLAS DESTROYED BY FIRE

DALLAS, Jan. 14 (JTA)--A fire of unknown origin totally destroyed a building housing the Jewish Welfare Federation of Dallas and one of its constituent agencies Saturday afternoon. Police are investigating the blaze but so far have found no evidence of arson, according to Walter J. Levy, executive director. Levy said the Federation was continuing to operate from temporary quarters made available in the auxiliary building of the Jewish community center. He said it was possible that some of the Federation's case records might be salvaged. The building was "burned to the ground" in the fire that fire department officials believe may have started in a snack bar area at about 4:30 p.m. Saturday when no one was on the premises, Levy said there had been no threats or instances of vandalism prior to the fire.

## BEHIND THE HEADLINES OLD DREAMS AND NEW REALITIES By Jack Siegel

PARIS, Jan. 14 (JTA)--A general review of the leading press and assessment of European opinion indicates that a shift in attitude vis-a-vis Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organization is a pragmatic one. The hysteria about an oil shortage or embargo has yielded to a cold reality. While the populace is either exhorted to or legally limited in the usage of energy there is no overt diminution of such services. Yasir Arafat, boosted by a new India-PLO pact, is depicted as a character rather than a ruffian, a flamboyant who refers to his concept of a secular Palestine state as a vision. "I can dream, can't I," he is reported to have said. (Shades of Martin Luther King.)

But the dream is an awareness, or so he thinks, that time is on his side. And once having made a major inroad in the Middle East with such a Palestine state the next step is a giant one towards the realization of that dream.

The deal with India is another major advancement. Whatever Prime Minister Indira Gandhi's motives--Moslem confraternity, oil for the lamps of Indian beggars, a boot against the Western (read imperialist) countries--they are not immediately relevant to the success of Arafat and the PLO. It enables him to flash out his moderate image. Furthermore, Israelis have been reported talking to his people in Prague. True or not, where there is such smoke there is not necessarily a liar.

The general attitude hereabouts is that Israel must surrender territories and return to initial boundaries but must also be guaranteed independence. How? Nobody says. The generalization is placed alongside the specific program of the PLO and lies there untouched like the traditional Indian sacred cow.

### Paying A Debt To Conscience

Having made this statement consciences are assuaged and homage is paid to the holocaust about which people begin to show less and less interest. Intellectuals take a stand for Israel on UNESCO but the matter is cultural, not political, perhaps ignoring that the freedom of the former depends on the freedom of the latter. Arab petrol dollars penetrate the English economy. France has long since made deals with Arab countries.

Germany is hedging its bets and U.S. Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger is slowly being deflated here as a miracle worker. There is also antipathy to whatever he thinks his efforts could produce, especially now in the light of his physical threat to Arab nations.

Who cares then? Israel, of course, does. Its summit position in 1967 as an "elitist" group as De Gaulle called it, is now reduced to a matter of survival against huge odds as well as overt and covert indifference. The world-wide Jewish community generally cares but begins to see anti-Israelism as the seeds of a new anti-Semitism.

Isolated scientific and political personalities make pro-Israel statements and then vanish into the main stream. The benign image of a Holland riding bicycles, while warming Jewish hearts, or an England beleaguered by an IRA and dredging its northern shores for oil, is hardly part of the new solution.

### Need To Anticipate Developments

The fact is the world is experiencing a kind of a revolution, or to put it more palatably a pro-

cess of change with manifestations here and there of violence. And Israel--whose power of self-defense exists--is part of that revolution.

In the politically sophisticated and suspicious world today, the violence of revolutions are muted in non-violent forms, and it is essential not to be deceived by them. It is vital to be a part of the change lest it become overwhelming. Israel doubtless is reassessing its position and the Jewish communities must take note of and anticipate these developments so as to meet them with sufficient insight and management.

### BERGMAN FILES \$1M LAWSUIT

NEW YORK, Jan. 14 (JTA)--Rabbi Bernard Bergman has filed a lawsuit for \$1 million in damages in Federal District Court here charging that his constitutional rights were being violated in the investigations of nursing homes in which he is a major figure. The suit was filed against Assemblyman Andrew Stein, William Cabin, an assistant New York State Welfare Inspector General, and John L. Hess, a New York Times reporter. The Bergman suit charged that Stein, Cabin and Hess were presenting "an unremitting barrage of unfair, inaccurate, maliciously false and prejudicial reports" of alleged improprieties and criminal acts by Rabbi Bergman.

The complaint cited both civil and criminal federal civil rights laws as having been violated by the acts of the defendants designed "to prevent and hinder the constituted and proper authorities of the State of New York from granting equal protection of the laws to the plaintiff," and "by exaggerating and manufacturing allegations against the plaintiff so that public officials would be unable to consider any and all allegations...in accordance with due process of law--that is, impartially, free from outside influences, and according to established procedures."

Attached to the complaint filed by Rabbi Bergman, were a number of exhibits which illustrate the nature of the false allegations made against him in the press. Specifically, the complaint denied the allegation that there exists a "Bernard Bergman syndicate" of nursing homes in New York State. It alleged that this false characterization has been repeated in a "regular and unabated" manner since October, 1974, in order to inflame the public against Rabbi Bergman. As a matter of fact, Rabbi Bergman has an interest in the operation of only two nursing homes in New York. Judge Charles Stewart, Jr. has scheduled a hearing on Jan. 22 on the request for a preliminary injunction.

Stein heads a temporary state commission on living costs which has been investigating the nursing home industry and has made public charges of alleged wrong-doing in the operations of Bergman-owned nursing homes. It will hold joint hearings on Jan. 21 with the United States Senate subcommittee on long-term care. Rabbi Bergman has failed to appear before the Stein committee. Stein said, in response to the lawsuit, that he hoped it meant Rabbi Bergman would testify at the Jan. 21 hearings. Hess began reporting last September on abuses in nursing homes. Stein, Cabin and others then began investigations of Rabbi Bergman's activities.

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BONN (JTA)--West German government and party leaders and Jewish representatives are to meet Jan. 16 to discuss winding up reparation payments to Jews who were racially and politically persecuted under the Nazis; it was reliably learned Tuesday. A final bulk payment of about DM 600 million has been mentioned.