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SCOTLAND YARD PROBING MACHINEGUN ATTACKS ON TWO JEWISH-OWNED HOTELS; 8 INJURED IN ATTACK

LONDON, Jan. 20 (JTA)--Scotland Yard is investigating machinegun attacks on two Jewish-owned West End hotels last night where seven women and one man were slightly injured by bullets and flying glass. A Yard spokesman said "It is a fair assumption that there is a connection between the two incidents." Detectives were reportedly looking into possible anti-Semitic or anti-Israel aspects of the attacks.

More than 200 young Jews were attending a dance at the Portman Hotel when the attackers sprayed machinegun fire in the hotel restaurant. Three hours later machineguns were fired into the restaurant at the Carlton Towers Hotel where a Jewish wedding reception was being held. The Carlton Towers is owned by the Chinn family.

Rosser Chinn, the head of the family, is a former president of the Jewish National Fund of Britain and his son, Trevor, is deputy chairman of the Joint Israel Appeal. The Portman Hotel is frequented by El Al air crews on their stopovers in London. One El Al flight crew arrived at the hotel last night only 30 minutes after the attack.

Police are considering a possible link of last night's attack to a similar assault five weeks ago on the Churchill Hotel which is also Jewish owned and adjacent to the Portman. Two Americans were hurt in the earlier attack. According to police, the attackers pulled up in front of the Portman in a red Rover car, fired their machineguns and sped away. The attack on the Carlton Towers was almost identical in method. The assailants abandoned their car several blocks from the hotel and escaped on motorcycles, police said.

While sources here said that the Irish Republican Army could not be ruled out completely for last night's attacks, they pointed out that the IRA specializes in bombs, not machineguns.

DAVID ROCKEFELLER REJECTS ISRAELI REQUEST FOR A LONG-TERM LOAN

By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, Jan. 20 (JTA)--David Rockefeller, Chairman of the Board of Chase Manhattan Bank, rejected a request by Israel for a long-term loan. Rockefeller also did not accept an Israeli request that the bank open a branch in Israel.

Rockefeller, who is here at the beginning of a longer Mideast tour, was asked by Israel for a loan for a period of three to five years. Although no mention was made of the specific sum Israel was asking for, it was understood that it would amount to a maximum of \$150 million. Rockefeller explained his negative attitude by referring to business considerations. The bank, he said, was careful not to enter into extension of long-term loans, considering the unstable situation of world financial markets.

Although he did not say so, it was understood that reservations about the possibility of opening an Israel branch originated in fear of negative reactions in Arab oil-producing countries in which the bank is active. The Israeli requests were made at a meeting yesterday with Finance Minister Yehoshua Rabinowitz.

B'NAI B'RITH TO REMAIN WITH UNESCO; WILL CAMPAIGN FOR POLICY REVERSAL

WASHINGTON, Jan. 20 (JTA)--The B'nai B'rith today applauded the actions of cultural and intellectual leaders who have severed their connections with UNESCO in protest over sanctions imposed on Israel. But B'nai B'rith president David M. Blumberg said that his organization, which holds non-governmental status at the United Nations, would not quit its relationships with UNESCO but would "campaign for a reversal of its politicization." This action was endorsed by the B'nai B'rith Board of Governors at its annual meeting here today.

Blumberg said B'nai B'rith would appeal to UNESCO's 40-member Executive Board when that body meets in Paris next May. Such an appeal, he said, is bolstered by the boycott of UNESCO programs by leading scientists, artists, musicians, academicians and others "until the agency re-affirms its non-political character." He called the boycott "the most effective counter-sanctions" to compel a UNESCO reversal.

A similar view was expressed by Dr. William Korey, head of B'nai B'rith's UN office. Korey said Congressional proposals to cut off U.S. allocations to UNESCO "are useful in sensitizing public opinion but the money itself is easily replaced by Arab oil wealth." He added, "The loss of cultural and intellectual leaders is not. Without their support and involvement, UNESCO loses its purpose as a non-political force for universality and intellectual cooperation in the promotion of culture and becomes an irrelevant body."

Resolutions adopted by the B'nai B'rith Board of Governors included a call for government regulations to safeguard democratic institutions from subversion by "any massive infusions of Arab oil and other cartel money" into the U.S. economy. Such regulations might be needed to prevent any large take-over of newspapers, broadcasting stations and other media with recycled petro-dollars, the Board declared.

10 HOSTAGES RELEASED AFTER BEING HELD FOR 19 HOURS

France Provides Plane For Terrorists
By Cheryl Maisert

PARIS, Jan. 20 (JTA)--A 19-hour ordeal ended this morning for 10 persons, including a child, who were released by armed terrorists from a barricaded lavatory in the Orly Airport terminal building. They had been held hostage since mid-afternoon yesterday when the terrorists seized them after falling in a machinegun and grenade attack on a departing El Al jet. The terrorists released their victims at intervals after French authorities agreed to provide them with a 707 jet to fly to an unspecified country.

(A report from Beirut this afternoon said the terrorists landed at Baghdad airport and took off again for an unknown destination, according to airport sources.)

A young woman and her four-year-old daughter were the first to emerge from the lavatory at 8:20 a.m. local time today. Three more were released at 10:40 a.m., and five others, their hands tied behind their backs, were forced at gunpoint to accompany the terrorists to their waiting plane and then were released. None appeared to be hurt. Earlier reports from Orly had said that only three hostages—a couple and child—were taken.

Cannot Avoid Accidents Of This Nature

French Interior Minister Michel Poniatovsky who conducted the negotiations with the terrorists said later "if there had not been hostages we could have treated the affair otherwise. We would have taken much more severe steps." He said that in the presence of hostages, there was no choice but to accede to the terrorists' demands for an escape plane. But "from the beginning we demanded the liberation of the hostages before embarking in the plane," he said.

Poniatovsky, who was in constant contact with President Valery Giscard d'Estaing during the hours of negotiations and was assisted by the Egyptian Ambassador to France, Naguib Kadry, told reporters afterwards that French security police could not be held responsible for the terrorist actions at Orly, the second terrorist attack in less than a week on an El Al plane at France's largest airport.

"Without putting a policeman on every square meter we cannot avoid accidents of this nature," he said. "The number of police here is very great. And they are efficient. I remind you that as soon as the first grenade was thrown, the police and the Republican Guards reacted and shot at the terrorists," the Interior Minister said.

French Policy Blasted

But Israel's Ambassador to France, Asher Ben Natan, said today that the French government's low key reaction to the Jan. 13 bazooka attack on an El Al plane in take-off may have encouraged the terrorists to strike again yesterday. "There was not a strong enough condemnation of last week's attempt," he said in a radio interview. Ben Natan claimed that the terrorists seemed to be aware that they took little risk in launching attacks in or near Paris.

The French press had high praise today for Egyptian Ambassador Kadry for his efforts in negotiating the release of the hostages. He was also publicly thanked by Poniatovsky. At the same time the 20 Arab ambassadors in Paris issued a statement condemning the attack at Orly. They said "It cannot in any way serve the just cause of the Arab people."

Meanwhile, another El Al plane embarking passengers at Orly Airport this morning was speedily evacuated after an anonymous telephone caller said a bomb had been placed aboard the aircraft. A bomb disposal squad was reported to be searching the plane which had arrived from Tel Aviv and was scheduled to leave at noon for Montreal. Last reports indicated that no bomb was found.

STATE OF ALERT AT BEN GURION AS TERRORISTS WING THROUGH MIDEAST

Israel Holds PLO Responsible
By Yitzhak Shargil and Gili Sedan

TEL AVIV, Jan. 20 (JTA)--A state of alert declared at Ben Gurion Airport early this afternoon was lifted this evening after authorities learned that an Air France 707 jet carrying three terrorists from Orly Airport near Paris had landed in Baghdad. The escape plane, manned by a volunteer flight crew and reportedly with fuel for only a six hour flight, was reported heading for the Middle East.

Israeli authorities confirmed that the plane had requested permission to land at Beirut airport but was refused. The Lebanese authorities blocked the runway with vehicles and equipment making a landing impossible. The plane then headed eastwards and after Damascus closed its air-

port, landed at Baghdad. According to reports from Beirut, the plane landed at the Iraqi capital at 3:30 p.m. local time.

Official sources in Jerusalem said today that Israel regards the Orly terrorists as an integral part of the Palestine Liberation Organization despite the PLO's disclaimers of responsibility for yesterday's attack at Orly and for the Jan. 13 bazooka attack on an El Al jet at the same airport. "It is a well known fact that the PLO is continuously trying to attack Israel wherever and whenever possible," the source said.

France Blamed For Attacks

Although a terrorist group calling itself the Mohammed Boudia Commando claimed responsibility for both attacks at Orly, the Israeli sources said all tracks lead to the PLO. "It is not the first time that a group appears with a new name, enabling the PLO to appear innocent while it continues to plan actions against Israeli targets," the sources said. Mohammed Boudia was an Algerian killed in a bomb explosion in Paris two years ago, an act attributed by some to Israeli counter-terrorist agents.

Israeli circles appeared bitter today that the French authorities provided an escape plane for the Orly terrorists. Saving the lives of the hostages was a great achievement but letting the terrorists go so easily "is only an encouragement to further acts of terror," one source said. The circles claimed that France has become a safe place for terrorists to operate because they can be sure that France's official pro-Arab attitude will cause them no harm.

DATE FOR KISSINGER'S TRIP-TO ISRAEL NOT YET FINALIZED

WASHINGTON, Jan. 20 (JTA)--A spokesman for the Israeli Embassy told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency today that no date has been set yet for the next visit of Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger to Israel. Kissinger was invited by Israeli Foreign Minister Yigal Allon during their three days of talks here last week. The Embassy spokesman would not confirm or deny reports attributed to a reliable diplomatic source today that Kissinger would be in Israel on or about Feb. 10.

Meanwhile Hermann Eilts, the U.S. Ambassador to Egypt, flew back to Cairo today and was believed to be carrying a report on Allon's meetings with Kissinger. Although there was no confirmation of that fact, Eilts was called home for consultations and was in Washington during Allon's visit. U.S. officials are believed to be arranging for Kissinger to go to Cairo for talks with Egyptian President Anwar Sadat either before or after he goes to Israel. There were also unconfirmed reports that Kissinger would visit other Arab capitals the next time he is in the Middle East.

2 JEWISH TOURISTS EXPELLED FROM USSR AFTER OFFERING TO SERVE DR. STERN'S EIGHT-YEAR SENTENCE

LONDON, Jan. 20 (JTA)--Two young Jews, Elie Joseph, 19, of London, and Gilead Freund, 20, of New York, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency of their expulsion from the Soviet Union last Friday following a five-day visit in which they met with Soviet Jewish activists and went to the Soviet Ministry of Internal Affairs to offer to serve Dr. Mikhail Stern's eight-year labor camp sentence. The two said they went to Moscow last Monday to establish contact with the Jewish aliyah movement.

Last Thursday they went to the Ministry of Internal Affairs and demanded to see a senior official to discuss with him their offer to serve Dr. Stern's sentence. They were admitted to the Ministry despite

the fact that they were carrying with them iron chains with which they intended to chain themselves to the building if they were refused admittance or in case their request for a meeting was turned down.

They were shown into the office of Col. Al-pachnikov, a senior ovir official, who listened to their complaint about the treatment of alyya applicants and replied that 85 percent of those wishing to leave were granted exit permits. Joseph and Freund denied this and insisted on discussing the Stern case which they described as a gross miscarriage of justice. After three hours of exchanges, Al-pachnikov summoned the KGB.

KGB agents bundled the two men into a car and drove them into a forest some 15 kilometers outside Moscow. They threatened them with prison sentences but in the end took them to Moscow Airport on Friday night and put them on a plane bound for London. George Evnine, the general secretary of Herut in the United Kingdom, told the JTA that Freund is a member of the Executive of American Betar. Joseph is the leader of British Betar.

REPORT SOVIET ACTIVISTS FEEL TRADE PACT BREAK NOT OMINOUS FOR EMIGRATION

NEW YORK, Jan. 20 (JTA)--Top Jewish activists in the Soviet Union were reported today by Jewish sources here as telling foreign newsmen that the Soviet Union's rejection of the 1972 trade agreement with the United States does not necessarily herald a tougher Russian attitude toward would-be Jewish emigrants. Some 15 of Moscow's most prominent activists, who held a conference in the apartment of mathematician Alexander Lerner to assess the Kremlin's decision, expressed optimism for the future of their emigration movement.

They reportedly told newsmen during an informal press conference that the government apparently is continuing its policy of allowing some Jews to leave while refusing permission to others. Lerner, speaking for the other activists, said: "We do not think the Soviet government will carry out retaliation against the United States on the backs of the Jews." At the same time the activists said they would continue their struggle to secure free emigration rights for those who wished to leave the USSR.

This assessment seemed to differ with views reported by Jewish sources in the Soviet Union last week immediately after the USSR repudiated the trade agreement. At that time reports in London from sources indicated that the break indicated that prospects for increased Jewish emigration were not good. However, belief was expressed that regardless of how grim the immediate picture, the doors of the Soviet Union would never again be closed to emigration. The only question, they noted, was how wide the doors will remain open in the future.

INDIA SCORED FOR ISRAELI TABLE TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIP TEAM

TEL AVIV, Jan. 20 (JTA)--Israeli authorities say they will demand a change of site for the international table tennis championship tournament scheduled to open in Calcutta Feb. 6 unless the Indian government lifts its ban on the Israeli team. The International Table Tennis Federation has notified Israel by cable that the Indian government is refusing to issue entry visas to the Israeli players.

The cable stressed that Federation had nothing to do with the decision which was taken on a governmental level in New Delhi. It was the second overt anti-Israel move by India in recent days.

The first was when the Indian government became the first non-Arab, non-Moslem nation to accord diplomatic status to the Palestine Liberation Organization.

Net Result Of Ban

Israeli sports authorities have called on the Federation to take steps to assure Israel's participation, failing which Israel would insist that the tournament be moved to another country. Israel pointed out that the Indian decision violated the international sports agreement whereby a country is allowed to host an event only if all participants are admitted.

Roy Evans, president of the ITTA said in a telephone-interview that he believed the Israelis would still be able to attend the tournament in Calcutta because entry visas are not required of any visitors who do not plan to remain in India longer than 21 days. He said he had informed the Indian officials by cable that the Israelis planned to attend and received no reply.

Israeli sport circles cited several precedents for the last minute shifting of international tournaments away from countries that had discriminated against Israeli participants. They recalled that a lawn tennis tournament scheduled for Djakarta was moved to Hong Kong after the Indonesian authorities refused to grant visas to the Israeli team. Similarly, an attempt to prevent Israel from participating in a wrestling competition in Turkey was reversed through the intervention of the International Federation.

SAUVAGNARGUES SAYS ALLON DUE IN FRANCE FOR OFFICIAL VISIT IN MARCH By Edwin Eytan

PARIS, Jan. 20 (JTA)--French Foreign Minister Jean Sauvagnargues announced here yesterday that Israel Foreign Minister Yigal Allon will arrive on an official visit to France in March. His visit will be the first ministerial visit to France since October 1968 when Abba Eban met his French colleague, Michel Debré, in Paris.

French officials later told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that Allon will arrive on March 13 and spend three days in France. He will meet with President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing, Premier Jacques Chirac and Sauvagnargues. The French Minister, who was speaking over the French national radio, said that he is looking forward to Allon's arrival "as I developed with him during my visit to Israel friendly and trusting relations."

The French Minister said in reply to a question, "what separates us from the Israelis are our divergent views on the Palestinian issue." He added, "if a catastrophe is to be averted Israelis and Palestinians will have to open a dialogue. The two peoples are cousins and they should seek cooperation instead of fighting amongst themselves."

Sauvagnargues said his government will do nothing to impede American Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger's step-by-step diplomacy. He said, however, that "one day a global approach will be needed in order to settle all the outstanding issues." The Minister seemed to refer to a resumption of the Geneva conference under the term "global approach." Sauvagnargues was interviewed by six newsmen, including the Jewish Telegraphic Agency. The others were French radio and newspaper correspondents.

BONN, (JTA)--"The History of Mathausen Concentration Camp has been published by the Austrian Camp Community. This book, written by Hans Marsalek, is the first documentary history of the former concentration camp and its 49 other buildings.

B'NAI B'RITH PRUNES ITS BUDGET First Such Reduction Since the 1930s

WASHINGTON, Jan. 20 (JTA)--B'nai B'rith's Board of Governors voted yesterday to restrict 1975 expenditures to an amount approximately equal to last year's income--in effect, a cut-back in its budget. It was the first such reduction since the 1930s. The Board, mindful that income was \$750,000 below the organization's overall \$21 million budget last year, adopted a cautious approach for the current year, foregoing increases that would compensate for last year's inflationary rise.

The current budget, not yet finalized, is likely to be \$20.3 million. The Board's actions yesterday dealt with proposed expenditures for all B'nai B'rith's national and international activities except those of B'nai B'rith Women and the Anti-Defamation League. In recent decades, B'nai B'rith has shown a steady financial growth, adopting a record budget each succeeding year.

David M. Blumberg, B'nai B'rith president, explained the current budget as "not panic-but prudence in a year of economic uncertainty." The cutbacks, he added, were not a "prediction of gloom" and the "signs are more positive than negative" for restoring the funds at an early date. The Board supported this view by adopting a contingency budget to provide increases by mid-year if funds are available.

Blumberg noted that despite "last year's recession economy" the combined sources of income for B'nai B'rith's youth programs--among them local federation and welfare fund allocations--had shown a five percent increase over the preceding year.

POLISH CHRISTIAN HONORED FOR AIDING JEWS IN WARSAW

CHICAGO, Jan. 20 (JTA)--Edmund Kosek, a Polish Christian who during World War II hid more than 200 Jews in a Warsaw basement, was honored by the Israeli Yad Vashem Memorial Institute. Kosek, who was visiting Chicago, was presented a certificate and medal at a ceremony several days ago at the Israeli Consulate-General here. Among those attending was one of the persons he saved, Morris Hochman, who now lives in Chicago. He shook Kosek's hand saying: "I and at least 200 other Jews, are alive today because of this man."

In 1943, Kosek's father, Waclaw Kosek, was executed by the Germans for concealing Jews. The son continued hiding Jews, sheltering more than 200 until he could provide them with forged identity papers describing them as Christians. "I was raised in a Jewish neighborhood, a lot of my friends were Jewish," Kosek said in explaining why he hid the Jews.

Ehud Aytel, Israel's Consul General here, presented Kosek with a certificate recalling his help "at the risk of his life," and a medal of the Yad Vashem Memorial Institute in Jerusalem. The Israeli official described Kosek as "a true human being who went out of his way to do heroic deeds. He decided to do what he did because he was born to be a human being. In the process he became a hero. He was one of a small elite who did not give in to oppression and brutality."

NEED FOR INFORMATION AND EDUCATION ABOUT ISRAEL IN THE UNITED STATES

NEW YORK, Jan. 20 (JTA)--Rabbi Israel Miller, chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations,

said he was "deeply gratified" by discussions he had in Washington last Thursday with Israeli Foreign Minister Yigal Allon on Israel's public relations needs in the United States. Rabbi Miller said he had exchanged views with Allon on new ways to support Israel's cause in the United States and also on the "special importance" of expressing solidarity with Soviet Jews following the Soviet decision to nullify the 1972 trade agreement with the United States.

Allon, Rabbi Miller said, evinced a close understanding of the importance of strengthening programs of information and education in the general and Jewish communities in the U.S. The American Jewish leader said there was broad agreement on the need to build public appreciation of Israel's need for secure and agreed-upon borders and on the role of an economically and militarily secure Israel in enhancing American strategic interests and advancing the cause of world peace.

48, INCLUDING KAHANE, ARRESTED IN CLASH WITH POLICE; FBI PROBING SHOTS FIRED INTO SOVIET UN MISSION

NEW YORK, Jan. 20 (JTA)--Rabbi Meir Kahane and 47 other demonstrators were arrested last night in a clash with police outside the Soviet UN Mission in which six persons, including two policemen, were slightly injured. Two of the demonstrators were held on felonious assault charges but the rest, including Kahane, were released after being given summonses for disorderly conduct.

The clash occurred when scores of demonstrators who marched from a Jewish Defense League rally at the Diplomat Hotel in the Times Square area to the Soviet Mission on the Upper East Side blocked traffic near the Mission building. Some tried to crash police barriers. A JDL spokesman told reporters the demonstration was to protest the treatment of Jews in the USSR. After the arrests several dozen demonstrators continued to march peacefully in the area without further incidents.

Meanwhile the FBI is investigating the firing of two 22 cal. bullets into the Soviet Mission building from an adjacent construction site before dawn yesterday. No one was injured and the damage was slight. The Soviet Mission lodged a formal protest and received expressions of outrage and regret from Mayor Abraham D. Beame.

A JDL spokesman claimed no knowledge of the shooting but said the organization applauded such action. An anonymous male caller told United Press International yesterday that the shots were fired because of "repression of Jews in the Soviet Union." The caller added, "Never again" and "let my people go," slogans used by the JDL.

UN Office Defaced

(In Washington, the office of the United Nations was defaced yesterday. A hand-painted sign on the outside of the building stated: "There is no land of Oz and there is no Palestine." An anonymous caller telephoned the AP here and said this was done in protest against the UN policies "which are planned to destroy Israel and murder its population. Never again.")

JTA EDITOR HONORED

LIMA, PERU, Jan. 20 (JTA)--Mrs. Trudi Schydrowsky, editor of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency's Daily News Bulletin in Lima for the past 14 years, was honored by Hebraica, the local Jewish Country Club, for her 40 years of work for Jewish and Zionist causes. The Jewish Peruvian Library was filled to overflowing for the award ceremony which was chaired by Moshe Avidan, Israel's Ambassador to Peru. Israel's honorary consul, Dr. Marcos Roitman; noted Mrs. Schydrowsky's efforts in helping found the local branch of Wizo; her help in establishing the local Jewish school, and her work for the JTA.