



ATTACK ON TEL AVIV WORST SINCE RAID ON MAALOT LAST MAY 15

By Yitzhak Shargil

TEL AVIV, March 9 (JTA)--Israeli authorities rate the terrorist attack on the Savoy Hotel here Wednesday night as the worst since the raid on Maalot last May 15 when 30 Israelis, mostly students, were killed. The final death toll reached 18 when the bodies of five hostages were dug out of the rubble of the hotel. The four-story building was partially demolished when the terrorists set off explosive charges as an Israeli commando unit stormed the hotel at dawn Thursday.

The additional dead were identified as Asher Felmann 15, of Holland; Hans Saffen, a German; Maria Krahenbil, of Switzerland; Andreas Lamror, of Switzerland; and Niari Simons, of Somalia.

Meanwhile, funeral services were held for the three Israeli soldiers killed in the explosion. Col. Uzi Ya'Yiri and Pvt. Moshe Deutchman were buried at the Tel Aviv military cemetery. The services were attended by Premier Yitzhak Rabin, Defense Minister Shimon Peres, Chief of Staff Gen. Mordechai Gur and officers and men of the paratroop unit to which Col. Ya'Yiri, a veteran of the Yom Kippur War, belonged. The third soldier, Sgt. Itamar Ben David, was buried in his home settlement, Kfar Yehezkel in the Jezreel Valley.

Karl Felmann, who was severely injured and was evacuated from the hotel with the permission of the terrorists before the blast, remained in Ichilov Hospital today, unaware that his son was dead. The boy had been attending a yeshiva here. Felmann and his wife returned to Holland six months ago after having lived in Israel for several years. Their eldest son was killed in Sinai a year ago. The father and younger son were to have returned to Holland this week.

500 DEMONSTRATE AGAINST TERRORIST ATTACK; JEWS, ARABS SCUFFLE

PARIS, March 9 (JTA)--Approximately 500 persons demonstrated yesterday in central Paris against the terrorist attack last week on the Savoy Hotel in Tel Aviv. Sponsored by the Union of Jewish Students, the demonstration took place in the street nearest the Arab League bureau and ended near the Place de l'Opera.

Armed policemen, equipped with grenades, lined the streets along the way. A short scuffle between slogan-shouting Arabs and Jewish demonstrators was immediately ended by police, who physically separated the two groups. No arrests were reported.

GOREN; MASS PASSOVER PILGRIMAGE IS ANSWER TO TERRORIST ATTACK

TEL AVIV, March 9 (JTA)--"Come and spend Passover with us." This was the call issued this weekend by Ashkenazic Chief Rabbi Shlomo Goren in the aftermath of Wednesday's terrorist attack on the Savoy Hotel in Tel Aviv. Rabbi Goren said a mass pilgrimage to Israel would be the correct answer by world Jewry to the attack. He urged each community to organ-

ize a group for the traditional Passover pilgrimage to Israel both as a fulfillment of an important mitzva and as a demonstration of solidarity with Israel.

Meanwhile, although hotel owners have feared a mass flight of tourists from Israel and cancellations of scheduled visits, this has not materialized. El Al said it has not received any cancellations of trips to Israel while the hotels themselves reported no significant cancellations in reservations.

SAUDI GOVERNMENT REFUSES TO ISSUE VISA TO DUTCH-ISRAELI REPORTER

AMSTERDAM, March 9 (JTA)--The Saudi Arabian government has refused to issue a visa to Dutch-Israeli journalist Jaap van Wesel for Dutch Foreign Minister Max van der Stoep's March visit to Saudi Arabia. Van Wesel, the Israeli correspondent of the Dutch Progressive weekly "Vrij Nederland," has been a resident of Jerusalem for several years, but has preserved his Dutch nationality.

Van Wesel's initial visa request was refused, officially because only eight major journalists were to accompany the official Dutch party. "Vrij Nederland" suggested that van Wesel travel privately to Riyadh and the visa request was made by the newspaper. Van Wesel's place of residence was not mentioned in the visa request. This second request, which was also refused, triggered an official protest by "Vrij Nederland" at the highest levels.

Dutch Premier Johan den Uyl and Foreign Minister van der Stoep, informed of the situation, have both declared that they would not tolerate any anti-Jewish discrimination against Dutch citizens. The Netherlands Federation of Journalists demanded that van der Stoep cancel his visit if the visa is not issued.

SADAT'S ANNOUNCEMENT THAT HE WILL NOT SIGN NON-BELLIGERENCY PACT SEEN AS OBSTACLE TO KISSINGER'S NEW EFFORT

By David Landau

JERUSALEM, March 9 (JTA)--Officials in Jerusalem would not comment this morning on President Anwar Sadat's assertion yesterday that he would not sign a non-belligerency pact with Israel until all Arab lands had been vacated. Privately, officials said they hoped this was only an opening position and could afford room for maneuver. But it was clear on the eve of Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger's arrival here that "non-belligerency" will be perhaps the biggest single sticking point in the American diplomat's make-or-break second-stage settlement effort.

Israel demands that the agreement contain a mutual, direct and formal undertaking by both sides to renounce the use of force in the settlement of their conflict. Sadat has publicly and repeatedly rejected this demand at this stage, explaining that he could only contemplate such a far-reaching undertaking in the context of a final settlement--or at least linked to a total Israel withdrawal from occupied Arab lands.

Some observers here believe that Kissinger himself will eventually step in with formulations of his own designed to bridge the gap between the two sides' positions. Such American intervention

HERZOG CONDEMNES JEWISH FAILURE TO COUNTER-ATTACK ARAB BOYCOTT

By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, March 9 (JTA)--Haim Herzog, the noted military analyst, a former chief of intelligence and the new Ambassador to the United Nations, issued a searing attack against what he termed "the Jewish failure" to counter-attack the Arab boycott. The salvo was fired against both the Israeli government and the Jewish leadership in the diaspora.

Herzog, in an article published in the influential daily, "Haaretz," called upon the Israeli government to establish a central government body which would deal with the boycott, and as a first step urged the convening of a world Jewish economic conference in Jerusalem which would organize the battle against the boycott.

He noted that in the summer of 1973, prior to the Yom Kippur War, he had suggested the formation of an international Jewish organization which would take the offensive against the boycott in areas where Jews are economically influential. He noted that this was reported widely in the Jewish Telegraphic Agency and the general news media but that nothing came of this in the way of concrete actions. Only after the war, Herzog noted, did Jews from all over the world express their willingness to join in this campaign. However, he said, the favorable reaction was not implemented in any practical way.

Speeches Substituted For Action

Herzog stated that some Israeli governmental agencies and private organizations, as well as some world Jewish organizations sloughed over the problem, and instead merely set up committees to study the problem--which meant, in effect, postponing rather than dealing with the issue--or else issued platitudinous statements, which also had the net result of postponing any viable, coordinated, world-wide actions.

"Jewish reaction, insofar as it exists, is local and not global," Herzog stated. "The relative success of the local reactions only proves what could have been done had world Jewry and other sympathizers been coordinated properly," Herzog said.

In a stinging critique of the Israeli government, Herzog stated that "in all its years it did not evaluate the importance of this subject and did not establish an appropriate body to counter-attack and to provide the Jewish world with guidance and leadership." This absence of leadership, he contended, was all the more alarming because Jews want to help, but they do not because there is nobody to organize them.

120 LAWMAKERS ASK LEVI TO PROBE ARAB-INSPIRED BIAS AGAINST JEWS BY SOME FEDERAL, PRIVATE FIRMS

By Joseph Polakoff

WASHINGTON, March 9 (JTA)--A large bipartisan bloc of Congressmen have asked U.S. Attorney General Edward H. Levi to investigate "Arab-inspired discrimination against Jews" by some federal agencies and private American business concerns.

The request was contained in a letter signed by more than 120 members of the House, including the Democratic Majority Leader, Rep. Thomas P. O'Neill Jr. (D, Mass) and the Republican Minority Leader John J. Rhodes (R, Arizona). The letter, made public Friday, was prepared by Representatives Elizabeth Holtzman

(D,NY) and Sidney Yates (D, Ill.).

"Federal agencies, in particular the Army Corps of Engineers, and the Department of State, have honored discriminatory demands by certain Arab countries" against Jews and "a number of private American business firms have honored similar demands with respect to those firms' own personnel," the letter said.

The reported practices, the Congressmen said, are "legally--and certain morally--intolerable." Such discrimination, it said, may well violate U.S. anti-trust and civil rights statutes, as well as two Executive orders.

"Particularly dismaying," the Congressmen said, is the involvement of government agencies in the alleged illegal discrimination. "This kind of official lawlessness is a fundamental threat to our basic concept of a government based on equal justice under the law."

The Congressmen asked Levi for a full investigation of the allegations of official and private discrimination and to "take appropriate action in any instance in which you have reason to believe that United States citizens--whether in their private or official capacities--have violated the law."

AJ CONGRESS' WOMEN'S DIVISION VOTES TO SUPPORT DR. KENNETH EDELIN

PHILADELPHIA, March 9 (JTA)--Delegates to the biennial convention of the Women's Division of the American Jewish Congress voted to file a friend-of-the-court brief in support of a Boston physician appealing a conviction of manslaughter for performing an abortion. The 500 delegates also approved a resolution to promote "free access to abortion" for all women by opposing campaigns against abortion expressed through "constitutional amendment, legislation or riders to appropriations bills."

The resolution, adopted at the closing session of the three-day convention last week, declared that the conviction of Dr. Kenneth Edelin by a Massachusetts court in February had brought "a climate of fear among physicians and hospital personnel throughout the country which will make them reluctant to perform the very kind of abortion which the Supreme Court upheld."

The Supreme Court in 1973 ruled unconstitutional a Texas law making abortion a crime except to save the life of the mother. A Boston jury sustained the prosecution's argument that the Supreme Court ruling did not apply to Dr. Edelin's operation because the fetus he removed was able to live outside the mother's body. The delegates said that Dr. Edelin's conviction, if upheld and applied generally, "threatens to nullify the constitutionally guaranteed right of a woman to have an abortion."

UJA LEADERSHIP MISSION TO ISRAEL

NEW YORK, March 9 (JTA)--Fifty cash chairmen from communities throughout the United States will tour Israel March 13-20 for a critical analysis of the current fiscal crisis and its effect on the 1975 United Jewish Appeal campaign, Frank R. Lautenberg, UJA general chairman, announced today. "The role of the American Jewish community in funding social welfare projects is crucial for the maintenance of adequate living standards," Lautenberg stated. "The 1975 Cash Mission will give campaign leaders a full understanding of the current situation and better equip them to communicate the urgent need for cash." UJA National Cash Chairman Gerald S. Colburan will lead the mission which will meet with fiscal authorities representing the government and review the Jewish Agency budget.