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## LONE GUNMAN SURRENDERS TO AUTHORITIES IN JOHANNESBURG

Identified As Mentally Disturbed South African Jew Who Was Discharged From Israeli Army As Unfit For Service  
By Adele Bernstein (Johannesburg) and Yitzhak Shargil (Tel Aviv)

April 29 (JTA)--David Protter, a 24-year-old mentally disturbed South African Jew who was discharged from the Israeli army three years ago as unfit for service, surrendered to authorities in Johannesburg early this morning, 19 hours after he seized hostages at the offices of the Israeli Consulate General there and went on a shooting rampage that resulted in the deaths of four persons and the wounding of 32.

The last of the hostages, who numbered about 20 and included three children and several women, were released at about 5 a.m. Johannesburg time, shortly before Protter emerged from the building and gave himself up.

The fatalities included two Consulate employees Gloria Raviv, 26, an Israeli security officer and Edwin Molcho, a South African employee, who may have been shot by Protter or killed in an exchange of fire with South African police; and two pedestrians mowed down in the streets when Protter opened fire shortly after 1 p.m. yesterday from a fifth floor window of the Consulate.

### Was Employed By Consulate

Protter, who, ironically, was employed by the Consulate as an assistant security officer whose duties included searching visitors for possible concealed weapons, was credited with inventing the story that the Consulate had been seized by three Lebanese and three Japanese terrorists. That story was telephoned to police yesterday morning, either by Protter himself or by a hostage at gunpoint. It resulted in police and combat troops converging on the building on Fox Street in downtown Johannesburg, at which point Protter sprayed the streets below with machinegun fire.

The tragic and bizarre episode which had the world agog pinned down large forces of South African troops and police; sent the Israeli Cabinet into emergency session yesterday; threatened to cut short the state visit of Israeli Foreign Minister Yigal Alon to France; and drew a declaration from South African Prime Minister John Vorster, broadcast nationally last night, that he would never negotiate with terrorists under any circumstances--a position heartily endorsed by Israeli officials in Jerusalem.

### Demands For Investigation

This morning, Israeli Premier Yitzhak Rabin sent a message of thanks to Vorster for the "resoluteness, understanding, concern and helpfulness which you and your government showed throughout the long hours of suspense and tragedy." There were immediate demands for an investigation in Israel of the entire incident and especially how a person with Protter's record of mental illness was employed as a security guard at an Israeli Consulate.

It was revealed today that Israeli and South African authorities had learned, hours before Protter surrendered, that the hostages were being held by one man--not six terrorists. But both

governments agreed to withhold that information in the interests of the safety of the hostages.

The Israeli government issued a statement this morning, apologizing in effect, to the news media for keeping them in the dark. The statement said that when it was established that there was only one armed person at the Consulate, "the question of the safety of the hostages was at stake and the Israeli government, in accord with the South African authorities, agreed to keep the secret until the end of the drama."

### Mystery Of Entry Explained

The revelation that the Consulate offices were seized by one of its employees explained the mystery of how armed gunmen managed to gain entrance to the premises heavily protected by armed guards and electronic detection devices. According to the story that unfolded in Johannesburg today, Protter entered the building either on Sunday when it was closed, or early Monday morning and began taking hostages at gunpoint as employees reported for work.

He reportedly told them he was staging a security drill and herded them, under the muzzle of a machinegun, into a steel-sided, bullet-proof room through which visitors to the Consulate must pass for security reasons before entering the office area. Between 20-30 persons were thus rounded up, handcuffed and wired with hand grenades and explosives. It still remained unexplained how a single person, albeit heavily armed, managed to accomplish this when so greatly outnumbered by his prisoners.

One explanation was that the presence of children of Consulate employees--school was out yesterday--inhibited resistance. The children, all unhurt, were identified as Yaron Chovar, 14, son of Consul Shlomo Chovar; Offer Manor, 12-year-old son of Abie Manor, Consul for tourism; and Rafi Chelouche, 14, son of Mrs. Yeochida Chelouche, a secretary in the visa section. The hostages also included the Consul General, Aryeh Bustan, who, according to yesterday's reports, was not in the building at the time his office was seized.

### One-Man Operation Discovered

The authorities first learned that the Consular offices were being held by one man after Protter was persuaded to admit a doctor to tend the two wounded hostages who later succumbed. Protter, communicating with police by walkie-talkie radio, demanded that the doctor strip to his underclothes to ensure that he was not carrying weapons.

A South African army physician, Dr. H. Gottlieb who complied with that condition, was permitted to enter the offices and to leave, after which he informed the authorities of the true circumstances. Mrs. Nurit Raviv, wife of the slain security officer, was the first hostage released yesterday afternoon. Mrs. Raviv is pregnant and has one daughter.

Protter's demands were not immediately made known. But the incident took a strange twist late yesterday when it was reported that the alleged "terrorists" were demanding a large helicopter to carry them and their hostages to the airport and an El Al airliner to fly them to Tel Aviv. It was believed at first that they hoped to bargain

with Israeli officials for the release of terrorists imprisoned in Israel.

The Israeli Ambassador to South Africa, Yitzhak Unna, whose appearance was demanded by Protter, flew to the scene from Cape Town on instructions from Jerusalem and negotiated with Protter. As it turned out, the demented security guard was demanding an audience with Rabin to "advise" him how to handle Israeli political affairs.

#### Protter's Background

As the hostages were being released at intervals in Johannesburg, the Jewish Telegraphic Agency in Tel Aviv began to gather information on Protter's background. According to official records, he first came to Israel from South Africa in 1966, at the age of 16, on a Jewish Agency study program. But he was unable to adjust and was dismissed from the program the following year. While on a bus to Lod Airport he stabbed himself with a scout knife. He was hospitalized and eventually returned to South Africa.

He turned up in Israel again in 1970 and two years later joined the army. But he was discharged within three months for mental reasons and a psychiatric team found him unfit even for reserve duties. Shortly afterwards, Protter was arrested for impersonating an Israeli paratroop captain. He persisted in his impersonation and was re-arrested several times and served short prison terms before he was finally deported to South Africa. His record was apparently unknown to the Israeli Consulate in Johannesburg when he was employed as a security assistant.

There were no indications today of what triggered his violent behavior yesterday. Some sources said his actions were premeditated revenge for being ousted from Israel. Others said simply that he went berserk.

#### BLAST DESTROYS SYNAGOGUE IN CENTRAL PARIS; POLICE PROBE ORDERED

By Edwin Eytan

PARIS, April 29 (JTA)--A pre-dawn blast virtually destroyed a synagogue in central Paris. French Interior Minister Michel Pontiatowski, in a telegram to Jewish community leaders, expressed indignation over the attack and said he had ordered the police department to do "everything possible to find and bring to justice the perpetrators "of this criminal attack." The powerful explosion also destroyed three parked cars, tore a huge hole in the street and shattered every window in the immediate vicinity. A four-year-old girl was slightly injured by flying glass. Sleeping neighbors were literally thrown from their beds.

Alexander Klein, president of the synagogue, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency he had received no threats. Police investigating the blast found no messages or inscriptions from the vandals. It was felt the attack might be connected with the current visit to Paris by Israeli Foreign Minister Yigal Allon, but there was no immediate claim of responsibility by any terrorist group. Chief Rabbi Jacob Kaplan of France visited the synagogue this morning, accompanied by Alain de Rothschild, president of the Consistory, and Jean Rosenthal, president of the Representative Council of French Jewish Institutions. Rothschild told the JTA he was greatly disturbed that such incidents occur in France.

#### Respect, Friendship For Israel

Allon, who arrived here yesterday on a three-day official visit, had two working sessions yes-

terday with French Foreign Minister Jean Sauvagnargues. The two diplomats later, at a dinner last night in Allon's honor, expressed differing views on how to bring about a settlement in the Middle East. The French diplomat stressed that Israel's security must be assured in any settlement.

Sauvagnargues said that the French government continued to believe that three conditions had to be fulfilled to bring peace in the Middle East. He said these were Israeli evacuation of the occupied areas, taking into consideration the right of the Palestinians to a national homeland, and mutual recognition of all states in the area and the granting of very serious guarantees to ensure the security of their borders.

The French Foreign Minister concluded his toast with an expression of France's "respect and friendship" for Israel. In his response, Allon said peace could be achieved only by mutual honorable concessions which would satisfy Israel's security needs and the political aspirations of the Arab states.

#### Confers With Jewish, French Leaders

Allon's second day in Paris was marked by a visit to the Tomb of the Unknown Jewish Martyr, accompanied by Sauvagnargues who, visibly moved, knelt briefly and placed a tri-color wreath on the crypt. French army buglers sounded taps as several hundred Parisian Jews gathered at the memorial in the heart of the old Jewish quarter, looked on and later cheered the Israeli minister.

Earlier, Allon breakfasted with three leaders of the French Jewish community; the Chief Rabbi; Rosenthal; and Baron de Rothschild. Allon discussed Israel's political stand and urged them to continue their work on behalf of Russian and Syrian Jews. Later, the Foreign Minister received 80 members of the local Jewish community, representing most Jewish organizations in Paris.

The day's tough meeting came when Allon called on French Premier Jacques Chirac. For about one hour Chirac asked Allon pointed and sometimes slightly aggressive questions such as why don't you negotiate with the Palestinians? Why do you refuse to even recognize them? In spite of this interrogation, French and Israeli official circles said the meeting was cordial though it also was outspoken and frank.

Allon was due to meet late this afternoon with French President Valery Giscard d'Estaing. This evening he will be the guest of honor at a dinner tendered in his honor by the United Jewish Appeal in France presided by Michel Topiol and CRIF, chaired by Rosenthal.

#### 40 JEWISH LEADERS CONFER FOR 2 HOURS WITH SISCO, ATHONTON ON MIDEAST, U.S.-ISRAEL RELATIONS

By Joseph Polakoff

WASHINGTON, April 29 (JTA)--The concerns of the American-Jewish community over the current status of U.S.-Israeli relations were expressed here today in a two-hour exchange of questions and answers between 40 American-Jewish leaders representing virtually every major national Jewish organization and two top level State Department officials.

The officials, Joseph J. Sisco, Undersecretary of State for Political Affairs, and Alfred E. Atherton, Assistant Secretary of State in charge of Middle Eastern Affairs, met with the group at the request of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations. The group included the American Jewish Committee which is not a member of the Conference of Presidents.

Rabbi Israel Miller, chairman of the Presidents Conference, who spoke to reporters in the State Department lobby after the meeting, said that as a result of the exchange, he personally believed that the "climate is better now" between the U.S. and Israel than it was last March 22 when the second-stage talks between Israel and Egypt conducted by Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger, were suspended. But, Miller cautioned, "we are in for a long difficult period" in the U.S.-Israeli relationship.

Miller told reporters that the bulk of the questions at the meeting and Sisco's responses were related to "the malaise of the Jewish community. --indeed of the entire American community--over the pressures being put on Israel by overt and off-the-record remarks" by Administration sources, the climate created by these remarks and the linkage of military equipment to the Administration's reassessment of its Middle East policies "which we felt ought not to be." He observed that there have not been "many positive words regarding Israel in recent weeks by Administration spokesmen."

#### Encouragement And Question Marks

Miller said that the State Department officials attending the meeting had said "certain things that encouraged us" but also left "some question marks." He said the positive aspects were the reiteration of the U.S. commitment to Israel's security and the special relationship between Israel and the U.S. Less positive was the outcome of the reassessment and the failure to state the quantities of aid Israel would receive from the U.S.

According to Miller, Sisco, who is chairman of the group conducting the policy review ordered by President Ford, stressed that the U.S. is committed to Israel's security and survival and that he understood the sensitivity among Israel's sympathizers here when the Administration speaks only of Israel's survival without mentioning security.

Miller said that Sisco told the group that while the U.S. would like to return to the step-by-step negotiating process, it looked as if the option will be the Geneva conference. No date was mentioned. Sisco warned, according to Miller, that a flashpoint will occur in the Middle East this July when the newly extended mandates for the United Nations peace-keeping forces expire. The mandate for the United Nations Emergency Force (UNEF) on the Egyptian front was extended for three months and that of the Disengagement Observers Force (UNDOF) on the Syrian front for two months--meaning that they will both expire at about the same time.

Another flashpoint will be in August unless there is some progress toward a peace settlement, not necessarily at Geneva but in terms of some kind of development, Sisco said, according to Miller.

#### Aid To Israel Discussed

Regarding U.S. military aid to Israel, Sisco told the Jewish leaders, Miller said, that aid was not the question; the question is the amount, and, as always, we have to wait until other factors in the reassessment are concluded. Sisco also said, according to Miller, that the reason the U.S. prefers the step-by-step approach to a Mideast settlement is that it does not want to tackle the Palestinian question at this time.

Sisco said the U.S. was not thinking of the Palestinians in terms of statehood, but the problem will have to be dealt with, though he didn't

say how, Miller reported. He said that Sisco acknowledged that the passage of Israeli cargoes through the Suez Canal was part of the January 1974 disengagement agreement concluded between Israel and Egypt. But Sisco evaded the question of whether Israeli cargoes would indeed be permitted through the waterway when it is reopened June 5, Miller said.

#### Meeting Had Input Value

He observed that today's meeting was important because two high-State Department officials had the opportunity to hear from representatives of the American Jewish leadership the concerns of the Jewish community. "We feel that not only U.S. support should be given to Israel in general terms but spelled out in terms everyone could understand--the kind of help politically, militarily and economically to Israel," he said. Miller noted that Sisco indicated that he had gotten a "clear message" and that the meeting had an input value for the current reassessment. According to Miller, the two-hour session was conducted informally and in a very friendly atmosphere.

#### WARM RECEPTION FOR HUSSEIN

WASHINGTON, April 29 (JTA)--President Ford, preoccupied with the Vietnam crisis, met for an hour today at the White House with Jordan's King Hussein between urgent sessions with Cabinet members and Congressional leaders on Indochina problems. Afterwards the White House said the President "reaffirmed the U.S. continued and active support for the Jordanian government's efforts toward economic development and the importance the U.S. attaches to a strong stable and friendly Jordan." The President also said that "the U.S. remains committed to working for a just and lasting peace in the Middle East."

The warmly worded communique was observed as being in sharp contrast to the stand-off statements recently made by the President and Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger regarding U.S. relations with Israel. Hussein is here on an "unofficial" visit and is to receive honorary degrees from several colleges, including Florida State University. He will be a guest at a black tie "working" dinner at the White House tonight. The meeting today was also attended by Zayd Rifai, Jordan's Prime Minister, Kissinger and Tom Pickering, the U.S. Ambassador to Jordan.

#### MITZVAH CAMPAIGN PARADE HELD

NEW YORK, April 29 (JTA)--A parade of 25 vehicles manned by 250 youth members of the Lubavitcher movement was held today in support of the six-point "Mitzvah Campaign" started by the Hasidic movement a year ago. The parade began this morning at the Lubavitcher complex in Brooklyn and ended on Fifth Avenue in Manhattan.

Rabbi Shmuel Butman, Lubavitcher Youth Organization director, said that the Lubavitcher youth, in their mitzvah mobile campaign, have succeeded in persuading at least 200 New York Jews to don phylacteries daily. The parade was held to mark Lag B'Omer. At the end of the parade the young people drove their vehicles to various parts of the city to continue their efforts for traditional Jewish practices.

NEW YORK (JTA)--Vladimir Markman, a Jewish activist from Sverdlovsk, has just been released from the labor camp after serving a three-year term, it was reported Tuesday by the Student Struggle for Soviet Jewry. Markman was arrested April 1972 after protesting the sentences of the first Leningrad trials. His family went to Israel last year.

