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EXPLOSIVE CHARGE FOUND, DEFUSED NEAR JERUSALEM CITY HALL 69 Suspected Terrorists Held In West Bank

JERUSALEM, May 19 (JTA)--A large explosive charge concealed in a paint can was found in downtown Jerusalem this morning and was defused by police. The can aroused the suspicion of a passerby during the morning rush hour in Zahal Square near City Hall and the Old City walls. All Jerusalem residents have been warned to be on the alert following a wave of terrorist incidents in and around the city over the Shavuot weekend. In one such incident a suspected terrorist sustained self-inflicted wounds when an explosive charge detonated last night as he was planting it in the Ramot Eshkol district.

Security sources disclosed, meanwhile, that 69 suspected terrorists were detained during the last few days in the Jenin area of the West Bank. The suspects are believed to represent four separate terrorist organizations including Israeli Arabs. Large stocks of arms, ammunition and explosive charges were seized by the army and police. The arrests represented the largest round-up of terrorist suspects on the West Bank in recent months, security sources said. The investigation of terrorist activities is continuing.

ISRAEL ACCUSES UNESCO OF PREMEDITATED DISCRIMINATION

PARIS, May 19 (JTA)--Israel has accused UNESCO of premeditated discrimination as a result of its Executive Committee's vote here last week to exclude Israel from a 1976 international educational conference of European and Mediterranean countries to discuss diploma equivalencies and educational levels among the participants. A spokesman for the UNESCO Permanent Secretariate rejected the charge, claiming that Israel has shown no interest in educational questions until now.

The Israeli Embassy here, which studied the UNESCO resolutions, noted that the invitation effectively included all countries bordering the Mediterranean region except Israel. A UNESCO report discussing preparations for the educational conference was distributed to Mediterranean countries in 1972 but Israel never received it. An Embassy spokesman told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that Israel is the only country that was not furnished with the report.

Israel has been a member of the European Convention of University Diploma Equivalencies since October 7, 1971. Therefore, the Embassy spokesman said, Israel had no reason to believe that it would be excluded from a cultural program to be participated in by European and Mediterranean countries. The UNESCO Administrative Council will make the final decision on countries to be invited to next year's conference. Israel is not a member of the Council.

U.S. MIDEAST POLICY WILL BE ESTABLISHED AFTER FORD MEETS WITH SADAT AND RABIN By Peter Friedlinger

VIENNA, May 19 (JTA)--Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger has informed Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei A. Gromyko that American Middle East policy will be established only after

President Ford has held his meetings with President Anwar Sadat of Egypt in Salzburg June 1-2 and with Israeli Premier Yitzhak Rabin in Washington June 11-12, American sources here said today.

Kissinger and Gromyko held the first of three meetings scheduled during the two diplomats' 16-hour sojourn in Vienna. It took place at the Imperial Hotel where Kissinger is staying. The second meeting will be at the Soviet Embassy.

The meetings are the first between Kissinger and Gromyko since the end of the Vietnam war. American sources said that the Soviet Foreign Minister sought to probe Kissinger on the U.S. Middle East position and especially the early resumption of the Geneva peace conference, but Kissinger remained non-committal pending the outcome of the Ford meetings with Sadat and Rabin.

Nevertheless, sources here noted, the U.S. is not disposed toward an early reopening of the Geneva conference and Kissinger will try to persuade his Soviet counterpart that such a multinational conference would have difficulties making progress. Kissinger told reporters that he and Gromyko "would discuss problems which would secure peace for all people."

A subject high on the agenda of their meeting is the American initiative for a U.S.-Soviet treaty limiting offensive nuclear weapons. The sources said Kissinger and Gromyko may prepare the ground-work for the signing of an arms pact when Soviet Communist Party Secretary Leonid I. Brezhnev visits Ford in Washington later this year.

GULF MONEY FOR ARAB PROPAGANDA

WASHINGTON, May 19 (JTA)--Congressional investigators probing bribes and other payoffs abroad by companies based in the United States expect the Gulf Oil Corporation's chairman Bob R. Dorsey, to supply more details on the company's secret contributions to an Arab fund used to propagandize Americans.

Dorsey testified before the Senate Subcommittee on Multinational Corporations which is making the investigation. When the subcommittee sought more information from him on the payments to the Arab fund, Dorsey said he would supply it. Dorsey, who also admitted May 16 to having made illegal political donations in Korea and Bolivia, said his company secretly helped finance an Arab public relations campaign in the U.S.

While claiming he had few details of the pro-Arab "public education" campaign, he said Gulf paid \$50,000 secretly to it through the First National City Bank in Beirut in 1970. He said he had a general impression the payment was made after a request was made in the Middle East because the Arab viewpoint "was not understood in the United States."

RABIN DIFFERS WITH PERES OVER EMPHASIS GIVEN TO JORDAN'S MASSING OF TROOPS NEAR ISRAEL'S BORDERS By Yitzhak Shargil

TEL AVIV, May 19 (JTA)--Premier Yitzhak Rabin appears to be at odds with Defense Minister Shimon Peres over the emphasis the latter has placed on the massing of Jordanian troops and armor near Israel's eastern borders. While the fact of the Jordanian military build-up, the first of its kind since 1970, is not in doubt, there are

differences of opinion within the government over whether the matter should have been given the prominence it was by Peres when he toured Jordan Valley settlements last week.

Rabin and Foreign Minister Yigal Allon are said to have preferred that the matter be played down both for diplomatic reasons and to avoid increasing tension in Israel. A tour of the Jordan Valley by Israeli military correspondents was called off on orders from the Premier. Government officials, Peres included, have said that the Jordanian intentions are unclear. Peres linked the build-up to the recent announcement of "cooperation" between Amman and Damascus but reported no evidence that Syrian forces have entered Jordan--a move the Jordanians would not be likely to welcome.

Rabin reportedly believes that Israel's adversaries, including Egypt and Jordan, are interested in heightening tension in the Middle East before President Anwar Sadat's meeting with President Ford in Salzburg June 1-2, thereby hoping to gain a political advantage. Sadat visited Jordan last week and King Hussein's intention may have been to impress him with the fact that Jordan is ready to participate in a new war with Israel. Meanwhile, their fortification work and troop build-ups are continuing.

Security Measures Along Lebanese Border

But Israeli security forces were most active last week along the Lebanese frontier in the north. Extensive precautionary measures were taken in Upper Galilee to prevent possible terrorist assaults on the occasion of the 27th anniversary of Israel's independence last Thursday and the Shavuot holiday that followed.

A broad security belt was established parallel to the Lebanese border and Israeli units, supplied with lists of suspected terrorists and terrorist collaborators, combed the region on both sides of the border. Eight suspects were brought into Israel last week for questioning but all have since been released and returned to Lebanon.

The security measures are credited with having kept the northern regions quiet over the holidays, at least until this morning. An Israeli patrol shot and killed a man observed cutting through a security fence on the border early today. He was identified as an Israeli Arab who was apparently trying to enter Lebanon.

WHITE HOUSE SEEKS TO MOLLIFY ARAB CONCERN OVER OIL EMBARGO REMARKS MADE BY SCHLESINGER

WASHINGTON, May 19 (JTA)--Defense Secretary James R. Schlesinger's warnings that the United States "conceivably" might employ "military measures in response" to another Arab oil embargo engendered angry reactions in Egypt and Jordan which the White House sought to mollify today. Schlesinger, who emphasized that U.S. military action was "very improbable" made almost identical remarks on the subject of an Arab oil embargo in an interview published in U.S. News and World Report and on the ABC television "Issues and Answers" program yesterday.

White House Press Secretary Ron Nessen said today that Schlesinger had said no more than state the position outlined by President Ford last year that the use of force in the event of a new Mideast oil crisis was theoretical and could not even be considered unless the industrialized nations were at the point of "strangulation." Ford also said at the time that the threat of a new oil embargo could create a stale-

mate in the Middle East peace process.

Schlesinger was quoted in the magazine interview as saying that "I think we are less likely to be tolerant of a renewed embargo than we were of the initial one in 1973" during the Yom Kippur War. He said "I am not going to indicate any prospective reaction other than point out there are economic, political or conceivably military measures in response."

On the television program he said, "Just precisely what measures we might take would remain for the circumstances, but I do not expect those circumstances to arise." He added, "we regard" U.S. military action "as a very improbable event in the first place and it certainly is not an option that is attractive on its face, save in desperate circumstances."

Arabs Rap Schlesinger

An Egyptian "government source" in Cairo described Schlesinger as saber-rattling, and a Jordanian newspaper in Amman said his remarks contributed to Israel's "arrogance." The White House response did not go beyond the assertion that Schlesinger was simply stating what Ford had said months ago. But there was apparent concern in official circles here that the Defense Secretary's remarks could affect the meeting between President Ford and Egyptian President Anwar Sadat in Salzburg, Austria June 1-2.

Ford himself said in a recent nationwide foreign policy address that another Arab-Israeli war would almost certainly lead to a new Arab oil embargo but he did not disclose what action if any the U.S. would take in such a situation.

LAWMAKER WARNS THAT ISRAEL'S UN STATUS MAY BE IN JEOPARDY

PHILADELPHIA, May 19 (JTA)--Americans and Christians will be presented with an ominous challenge this fall if Third World countries in the UN General Assembly seek to suspend or expel Israel from that body. This warning was made last week by the Rev. Robert F. Drinan, U.S. Congressman from Massachusetts, in a commencement address to St. Joseph's College students.

"Arab nations, made proud and arrogant by their possession of sixty percent of the known oil reserves of the world, will use their economic power to intimidate nations of Africa and Asia to join the enemies of Israel in seeking to humiliate this tiny nation of three million Jews," he said.

This movement to alter Israel's status in the United Nations may emerge next October or November, the Democratic legislator predicted. Several non-aligned nations met recently in Havana to plan the details of their conspiracy to suspend Israel, he said. "A more graphic example of an early warning to Christians about a new form of anti-Semitism could hardly be imagined," stated Father Drinan, who added:

"Will Christians finally act affirmatively to expiate their guilt about the slaughter of six million Jews and the ingathering of the exiles in Israel after they had been excluded from the nations of the West?" In our post-Vietnam turmoil over foreign commitments, "there can be no debate that the United States has an abiding commitment to our friendship with Israel," the Jesuit Congressman said.

POPULATION DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM ADOPTED BY ISRAELI CABINET

JERUSALEM, May 19 (JTA)--The Cabinet yesterday adopted an official population distribution program for Israel based on a population projection of four million within the next five years and

five million by 1992. Israel's present population is 3.4 million. The program is the first legally binding plan approved by both the National Planning Council and the Cabinet and will serve as the official guideline for all local and district planning commissions in drafting their future development programs.

It calls for an increase of the population in Galilee, Jerusalem and the Negev regions and a smaller percentage of the population residing in the presently heavily-populated Tel Aviv region. The program is based on Israel's pre-June 1967 borders but assumes that regardless of any future political settlement, some 30,000 Jews will continue to live in the present administered territories and their number will be multiplied in 20 years.

The plan is based on the assumption that Israel's population will consist of 3.3 million Jews and some 628,000 non-Jews by the early 1980s. Those figures in turn are based on an expectation of immigration at an annual rate of 40-43,000.

The Jerusalem district will grow more rapidly than any other according to the population distribution plans. Its present population of about 340,000 will increase to 530,000 by 1980. The Tel Aviv area, which now accounts for 28.4 percent of the country's population will decline in population and by the 1990s only 23.9 percent will live in that metropolitan region.

PRESIDENTS CONFERENCE NATIONAL LEADERSHIP ASSEMBLY TO MOBILIZE SUPPORT, UNDERSTANDING FOR ISRAEL By Yitzhak Rabin

NEW YORK, May 19 (JTA)--A new effort to mobilize public support and understanding in the United States for Israel will be launched at a two-day national leadership assembly of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations on May 26-27. The assembly will be attended by more than 300 delegates from all over the country and will be held at the Delmonico Hotel here.

Rabbi Israel Miller, chairman of the Presidents Conference, said today at a press conference that the meeting will aim at reaching the Jewish community and all other segments of American society and will mobilize "public support and understanding of the moral and strategic imperatives of American support for Israel."

"The first step in this effort," he said, "must be the education of our own Jewish community, for only if there is a knowledgeable and informed American Jewry will we be able to tell the story effectively and persuasively to the community at large."

Arab Boycott To Be Discussed

Another important item on the assembly's agenda will be the Arab boycott and its implications for American society. Rabbi Miller maintained that holding the assembly on the eve of President Ford's meetings with Egyptian President Anwar Sadat and Premier Yitzhak Rabin of Israel has special importance. He pointed out that it is significant that the Jewish community will be mobilized "to show the Ford Administration how united we are."

Three major figures at the United Nations will be among the speakers addressing the assembly, Rabbi Miller said. They are: Yosef Tekoah, Israel's UN Ambassador; John Scott, the U.S. Ambassador to the UN; and Arthur Goldberg, a former U.S. Ambassador to the UN.

Rabbi Miller asserted that there is a recog-

nition among the American people that Israel was not at fault for the breakdown of Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger's efforts to reach a second-stage agreement between Israel and Egypt. He said that during the recent visit to Washington by a delegation of Jewish leaders, he found "feeling of support" for Israel in Congress.

Yehuda Hellman, executive director of the Presidents Conference, who just returned from a short visit to Europe, said that there is a change of attitude in Europe toward Israel, and pro-Israel sentiment especially among the socialist parties is on the rise. He said that one of the purposes of the upcoming assembly will be "to call the American Jewish community for action" and to lift its morale which, according to Hellman, is in a state of despair.

SCOTT: U.S. WILL NEVER ABANDON ISRAEL

PHILADELPHIA, May 19 (JTA)--President Ford paid warm tribute to the Lubavitch movement here last night in his first address to a national Jewish group since taking office. Sen. Hugh Scott (R., Pa.), the Senate Minority Leader, who also addressed more than 600 guests attending the first national conference dinner of the American Friends of Lubavitch, declared in the President's presence that "Each of you can be assured the United States will never abandon Israel or her people."

The dinner, organized by Rabbi Abraham Shemtov of the Lubavitch Center in Philadelphia, was the occasion of the formal announcement of the establishment of the "United States Senator and Mrs. Hugh Scott Library" on the campus of Girls Town, Kfar Chabad II, in Israel, a project sponsored by the world-wide Lubavitch movement to provide educational and vocational training for girls on the high school and college levels.

Ford, who was introduced by Bernard Segal, former president of the American Bar Association, opened his remarks with "Shalom." Then, looking to Scott, he said, "Hugh is one of the first people I turn to when I have 'tzoris' and in the last few weeks, have I had 'tzoris.'" The President praised the Lubavitch movement's commitment "to preserving the deep and abiding faith of the Jewish tradition for the young and succeeding generations."

Referring to Ford's meeting with Israeli Premier Yitzhak Rabin in Washington next month, Scott said, "Out of this meeting I hope will come a pledge of continued arms support to Israel by the United States; support to resist the efforts of the PLO and its terrorist allies to destroy legitimate peace efforts; a promise of continued economic assistance; an understanding that 'reassessment' of U.S. foreign policy in no way means that our historical commitments to Israel will be abandoned" and "recognition that any peace settlement must protect Israel's territorial integrity."

Scott said the American commitment to Israel "is a bond of friend to friend, of good friend to good friend, of a willingness to keep all pledges--to keep them with strength whenever needed--in order to secure the future of Israel." He also said that the U.S. has done "and we will continue to do, everything possible to encourage the Soviet Union to permit emigration to Israel of the many thousands who wish to come to the home of promise."

LONDON (JTA)--Jewish sources in the Soviet Union reported that Col. Yefim Davidovich of Minsk was officially informed that he has been stripped of his military rank and his army pension following his address at a commemorative gathering at the site of the former Minsk ghetto.

THE PHONES ARE RINGING FOR UJA-FJP COMBINED APPEALS

By David Friedman

NEW YORK, May 19 (JTA)--"I came because of my deep interest and commitment to Jewish survival," Mrs. Harriet Sloane, of Westfield, N.J., said today. Mrs. Sloane, a national vice-chairman of the Women's Division of the United Jewish Appeal, was one of 80 leaders of the national UJA who came from the Eastern states to help the Greater New York UJA-Federation of Jewish Philanthropies Joint Total Mobilization Campaign.

The 80 UJA leaders from out-of-town are joined by about 350 New Yorkers in the two-and-a-half-day phone campaign at the New York Sheraton Hotel which began today. This followed a "Survival Sunday" yesterday which included door-to-door solicitations throughout New York City, Westchester County and Long Island and a five-and-a-half hour telethon last night.

The national UJA leaders are participating in the telephone solicitation for the entire period which ends at noon Wednesday while the New Yorkers come in 100 at a time. The volunteers have a busy day starting at 8:15 a.m. with a breakfast briefing and then calls from 9:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. with time out for lunch and more briefings. The out-of-town leaders arrived yesterday and after a buffet dinner were taken to the telethon.

9000 Persons Being Solicited

The scene today was one of bustling activity. The volunteers, men and women, sat at rows of tables which covered the hotel's basement ballroom. They were constantly on the telephone and scribbling down figures and other data. A large board at the front showed the number of pledges already made and their total which reached nearly \$500,000 during the first two hours.

William M. Landau, who is co-host for the event, said 9000 persons are being solicited for pledges of \$1000 or more. Landau, who is also president of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, said that many prospects may be convinced to donate by the idea that someone thought the need is important enough to come from far away to solicit him or her personally.

This view was echoed by Marc Lincoln Marks of Sharon, Pa., a former member of the UJA National Cabinet. Marks said in person-to-person talks, people appreciate that someone has taken the time and effort to travel some distance to seek their support. Mrs. Sloane noted that in a city with the Jewish population that New York has, every Jew must be reached by the UJA drive "to support Jewish survival with dollars."

L.A. FEDERATION-COUNCIL TO ASSIST IN RESETTLEMENT OF SOME 1000 SOUTH VIETNAMESE REFUGEES

LOS ANGELES, May 19 (JTA)--The board of directors of the Jewish Federation-Council of Greater Los Angeles has voted unanimously to provide resettlement assistance for South Vietnamese refugees as requested by the United States government. Mrs. Lawrence Jay Weinberg, JFC president, said the Federation-Council through its affiliated agencies--primarily Jewish Family Service and Jewish Vocational Service--would assist in the absorption of approximately 1000 South Vietnamese men, women and children into the metropolitan area.

"As a philanthropic organization representing the organized Jewish community and dedicated to

meeting human needs," Mrs. Weinberg said, "Jewish Federation-Council recognizes its humanitarian responsibilities to join with other community and religious groups in helping these unfortunate refugees build new and productive lives." Costs of the services will be met by government funds. She described the board's action as "eminently consistent with the historic Jewish and American response to the needs of the displaced and dependent."

Alvin Bronstein, JFC executive vice-president, said the resettlement process would be part of a national effort initiated by United HIAS Service. United HIAS staff deployed in government receiving centers will channel the refugees to the local community, he said. Once here, public welfare agencies will provide them with such basic needs as food, clothing, health care and rent subsidies with Federation-Council agencies supplementing these efforts with individual counseling and other services designed to help them acclimate to their new culture and language.

The action by the Federation-Council here is in line with similar actions undertaken during the past two weeks by various Jewish organizations throughout the country.

12-15 JEWISH TOMBSTONES DEFACED

NEW YORK, May 19 (JTA)--Twelve to 15 Jewish tombstones were defaced yesterday in a Brooklyn cemetery. The markers were spray-painted with graffiti, according to Henry Benisch, superintendent of Mt. Hope Cemetery. A police spokesman said five youngsters, between the ages of 12-14, were arrested yesterday afternoon and charged with criminal mischief. They are from the Brooklyn-Queens area.

JOINT U.S.-ISRAEL MEDICAL PLANT OPENS AT HEBREW UNIVERSITY

JERUSALEM, May 19 (JTA)--A joint American-Israeli medical plant has opened its new headquarters as the first enterprise on Hebrew University's new science-based industry campus in the Sanhedria quarter of Jerusalem. The partnership was sponsored by Hebrew University's Yissum Research Development Company and the Ames Company Division of Miles Laboratories, Inc. of Elkhart, Indiana. The Ames-Yissum Company, which originally opened in Jerusalem six years ago, manufactures diagnostic kits for evaluating thyroid functions. The company exports to about 30 countries.

Undeterred by the Arab boycott, Miles Laboratories, Inc. is continuously increasing its various activities in Israel, a university spokesman said. The medical company's activities range from production of sophisticated chemicals for research laboratories to manufacturing nutrients obtained from plants.

George Orr, president of Miles Laboratories, said at dedication ceremonies earlier this month that his firm operates in 140 countries. He added that "of all places I visited there is no question that the one which has made the most impact on me is Israel." Israeli Commerce and Industry Minister Haim Barlev stated in his address that international corporations operating in Israel are discovering that they are not losing money, despite the Arab boycott. ***

LONDON (JTA)--Dr. Simon Frisner, chairman of the Polish-Jewish Ex-Servicemen's Association, told the JTA that the Association has received word from Warsaw that the Warsaw Club of Roman Catholic intellectuals volunteered to clear up the neglected historic Jewish cemetery of Gensza Street and is now doing so.