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14TH VICTIM OF TERRORIST BOMBING DIES OF WOUNDS

JERUSALEM, July 7 (JTA)--The death toll in Friday's terrorist bombing in Jerusalem rose to 14 this morning when one of the victims, Mira Berger, 34, died of her wounds at Shaare Zedek Hospital.

Israeli security forces, meanwhile, continued their three-day manhunt for the perpetrators. Hundreds of vehicles were stopped and searched and scores of West Bank and East Jerusalem residents were detained for questioning. According to police, however, only four Arabs remain in custody out of several hundred rounded up for questioning since Friday.

A special police team was set up to investigate the tragedy which occurred when a booby-trapped l.e.-box blew up in Zion Square shortly before 10 a.m. Friday spreading carnage among crowds of pre-Sabbath shoppers. Several of the 73 persons wounded remained in hospitals today for treatment of what was described as "severe" injuries.

Police are circulating drawings based on eyewitness descriptions of two Arabs who may have deposited the infernal machine on the busy street. The drawings were distributed to police manning roadblocks in the Jerusalem area. Police have not released any description of the suspects.

Rabin: Terrorists Will Be Pursued

Premier Yitzhak Rabin told the Knesset today that the terrorist carnage reinforces Israel's decision to adhere to its policy "of not entering into any negotiations with the terrorist organizations. The only language they understand is that of the sword, and it is in that language that we shall talk to them." He also asserted that the government of Israel "is determined to continue, with even greater energy, its operation against terrorism--by prevention, attrition and punishment against the terrorist organizations wherever we can reach them."

Rabin urged the international community to immediately and unconditionally condemn the terrorist bombing. He noted that the international community "has reached a new peak in its rapid decline towards appeasement when its representatives--so it is reported--are giving sympathetic consideration to the application of representatives of the Arab murder organizations to take part at the United Nations conference on crime and terrorism which is shortly to take place in Toronto, Canada."

(In Washington, the State Department said: "Our position on terrorist acts is well known. We condemn acts such as the brutal bombing in Jerusalem July 4 and we deeply regret the loss of innocent lives.")

ISRAEL HITS TERRORIST TARGETS IN SOUTHERN LEBANON

By Yitzhak Shargil

TEL AVIV, July 7 (JTA)--Israeli land, sea and air forces struck at terrorist targets along the southern Lebanese coastal strip in a series of raids today that began shortly after midnight and continued until dawn. All Israeli forces returned safely to their bases after destroying numerous

terrorist buildings, boats and vehicles and inflicting an undisclosed number of casualties on the terrorists.

Several Israeli units engaged terrorists in close range fire-fights and others came under terrorist artillery fire which was silenced by Israeli artillery. No Israeli casualties were reported in any of the encounters.

The Israeli raids, which concentrated on the region north and south of Tyre and on the big Rashidiyeh refugee camp, were apparently carried out in retaliation for Friday's terrorist bombing in Jerusalem that claimed the lives of 13 Jews and Arabs. The terrorists struck back during the forenoon hours this morning with volleys of Katyusha rocket fire aimed at Safad, some 12 miles from the Lebanese border, Kibbutz I'Ron and the coastal city of Nahariya. No casualties or damage was reported.

Most of the rockets exploded in open fields. The Rosh Haniqra border post on the Israel-Lebanon border was closed down today and no one, including United Nations observers, was permitted to cross. Shooting was heard in southern Lebanon long after Israeli forces had departed, apparently between terrorists and Lebanese army regulars.

2-Pronged Assault Launched

According to an army spokesman, Israeli infantry units crossed into Lebanon shortly after midnight and at about the same time, Israeli commandos were landed on Lebanese beaches north and south of Tyre by naval craft which shelled terrorist targets ashore. Israeli Air Force planes flew over the target areas dropping flares and later strafed terrorist strongholds as Israeli infantry patrols systematically demolished terrorist command posts and buildings.

The Israeli forces attacked three targets in Tyre, two to the south of it and two to the north. Houses were demolished on the fringes of the Rashidiyeh camp and boats were destroyed in the Rashidiyeh anchorage, a jumping-off place for terrorist sea-borne assaults on Israel. Large fires were seen in the camp. A Lebanese communique this morning confirmed the attack but gave no details of damage or casualties. The terrorist radio station in Beirut reported a fire in the Rashidiyeh camp and said four terrorists were killed.

Police and border patrols were strengthened in northern Israel today in anticipation of possible terrorist attempts at sabotage in civilian centers. Tightened security was maintained on the Jordan River bridges across which, it is believed, "summer visitors" smuggled the explosives used in Friday's bombing.

BEHIND THE HEADLINES ISRAEL'S AGONIZING DECISION: CONFRONTATION WITH WASHINGTON --NOW OR LATER?

By David Landau

JERUSALEM, July 7 (JTA)--The Israeli Cabinet decided yesterday not to decide--yet--whether to conclude an interim settlement with Egypt. Ambassador Simcha Diniz, who had been called in for consultations, was sent back to Washington to

elicit further information from Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger on Egypt's settlement terms. The Cabinet ministers felt they still did not possess all the details they wanted before buckling down to their fateful task; deciding whether to accept or reject the Egyptian terms which have been heavily endorsed both by the Secretary and by President Ford himself.

But the final decision will not be deferred for long. Premier Yitzhak Rabin is due to leave tomorrow for Germany for a four-day official visit, returning before the weekend. Possibly, officials said, he would extend his stay for a day or so to meet with Kissinger, who is also due in Europe this week.

Next Sunday the Cabinet will meet again, and by then the required additional information is expected to be in--and the decision-making process will begin in earnest.

Basic Problem Facing Cabinet

The "basic problem facing the Cabinet," a highly placed source here explained this week, is whether to enter into "sharp confrontation" with the U.S. now, or whether to postpone the confrontation for two or three years. The confrontation, the high source said, was ultimately unavoidable because the U.S. had consistently opposed, and still opposed, Israel's demands for substantial border changes in an overall peace.

If there is no interim agreement with Egypt now, then the U.S. will call, together with the Soviet Union, for a resumption of the Geneva peace conference, and will present there its own overall peace plan. This has been made abundantly clear to Israel by both Ford and Kissinger.

Israel knows enough of what the overall U.S. peace plan will entail to have extreme misgivings over its presentation. The thrust of Israel's dialogue with the U.S. in connection with the interim settlement negotiations has been aimed at ensuring that Washington will not proceed, once an interim settlement has been concluded, to draw up an overall settlement plan "without coordination" with Jerusalem.

Israel has sought assurances that, at least for the duration of the interim agreement (understood to be a period of three years), there will be no pressures from Washington to conclude a similar agreement with Syria, and no attempt to promote an overall settlement at Geneva without prior and ongoing "coordination" with Israel.

Reasons For Delaying Confrontation

What are the arguments in favor of delaying the confrontation, if it is in any event ultimately inevitable? Basically, the highly placed source explained, these arguments hinge on the broad American perception of the current opportunity for the U.S. to enhance its role and position in Egypt. Washington feels the interim settlement approach offers an historic opportunity for Egypt to be encouraged to continue and accelerate its swing away from the Soviet orbit of influence and toward the U.S.-Western orbit.

Following an interim agreement, the Egyptian government, with American and other Western aid, would hopefully devote more of its energies to its internal economic and social problems. At the same time, the process of "normalization" would continue in the Suez Canal zone, also contributing to a further pacification of the area. The Soviet influence, and flow of Soviet weaponry to Egypt, would concomitantly wane, according to this thesis, and Egypt would gradually lose some

of the intensity of its war drive.

Israel, the highly placed source said, did not dispute the broad American contention that an enhanced American role and presence in Egypt and the Mideast would be to Israel's long-term benefit. But Israel is striving to ensure that the price it is being asked to pay in order to facilitate U.S. policy aims in Egypt is not too high and does not leave Israel weakened and therefore susceptible to stepped-up pressures in the near future.

The U.S. role in compensating Israel for the territorial-strategic price to be paid is to make long-term arms and economic aid commitments. This has been one important subject in the current negotiations, the source indicated. Clearly, if Israel rejected the settlement package this would directly and adversely affect the level of U.S. aid to her, though one could not predict to what extent.

DINITZ TO MEET WITH KISSINGER FOR FURTHER CLARIFICATION

TEL AVIV, July 7 (JTA)--Ambassador Simcha Dinitz left for Washington this morning. He told reporters at Ben Gurion Airport that he might meet with Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger later tonight or tomorrow to convey yesterday's decision by the Israeli Cabinet to seek further clarification of the components of a new interim agreement with Egypt before rendering its final decision. (See related story from Washington.)

Dinitz, who briefed the Cabinet yesterday on U.S.-Israeli relations, stressed that the government would not act until it had the fullest knowledge and information on Egypt's position. He said that Israel was not playing for time and felt that further clarification can only contribute to the process of understanding.

Dinitz said that Israel is setting no deadlines and would accept no deadlines in matters affecting its basic security and defense. There is no room for haste in such matters and the government will follow its own timetable, the envoy said. He insisted that there was no crisis in Israeli-U.S. relations and that he was convinced that the U.S. would not "throw Israel to the dogs, it will not desert her, not politically and not economically."

Following yesterday's Cabinet meeting in Jerusalem, sources there said there was "a possibility" that Premier Yitzhak Rabin would meet with Kissinger in Europe this week but that no arrangements had been finalized. The sources indicated that the decision would probably depend on Dinitz's talks with Kissinger when he returns to Washington.

Rabin leaves tomorrow on a four-day official visit to West Germany and Kissinger is due to leave for Europe Wednesday. The Premier will return from Germany at the weekend. No government decisions on the next step toward an interim accord with Egypt can be expected before the Cabinet meets again next Sunday, the sources indicated.

KISSINGER TO DISCUSS WITH DINITZ CABINET DECISION TO POSTPONE ACTION ON ACCORD

WASHINGTON, July 7 (JTA)--The State Department confirmed today that Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger would meet with Israeli Ambassador Simcha Dinitz before he departs for Europe Wednesday. Department spokesman Robert Anderson said Kissinger was looking forward to seeing Dinitz before beginning his four-day trip to Europe which will start with a meeting with Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko in Geneva.

Asked whether the Secretary was surprised or

disappointed that the Israeli Cabinet took no final decisions on an interim accord with Egypt at its session yesterday, Anderson said he would not comment because that matter would be a subject of Kissinger's talks with Dinitz. The Israeli government is seeking further information and clarification of Egypt's position before making a final decision.

Anderson said that the Egyptian government "will be kept closely and immediately informed on the diplomatic exchanges on the Middle East settlement effort." He made that statement in response to a question about U.S. Ambassador Hermann Eilits' meeting with Egyptian Foreign Minister Ismail Fahmy in Cairo last week.

Commenting on Israel's raid into Lebanon, the State Department said: "The cycle of violence does not contribute to the achievement of peace in the Middle East." Anderson said, "On many occasions there have been acts of terrorism that lead to counter-violence." He expressed regret for the loss of lives. Under questioning, Anderson said that he "assumes" that the Israeli raid was "retaliatory."

PROMINENT BRITISH JEWS GUARDED AFTER TERRORIST PLOT DISCOVERED

By Mark Segal

LONDON, July 7 (JTA)--Police are guarding prominent British Jews after the discovery last week of a plot to kill or kidnap them. The Jews were included in a list of top people found together with an arms cache in a West London flat. The arms cache was said to be the property of a South American named "Carlos Martinez." Police and forensic experts are looking for more clues in the Bayswater apartment where the arms were found.

Meanwhile, security for the Marks and Spencer family was stepped up because of a possible link with the 1973 shooting of its president, J. Edward Steff. One of the guns discovered in the arms haul was a nine millimeter pistol--the same caliber as that used by the man who burst into Steff's home and shot him in the face. Steff, 69, recovered; but his assailant was not caught.

A Marks and Spencer official would not comment about the possibility of "Carlos" being the man who shot their president. But he said all members of the family were aware of the security situation. It was recalled that the terrorist Leila Khaled warned in a BBC television documentary on terrorism that Arab gangs had "a list of prominent Jews" in the diaspora "which did not just include the Steffs and the Rothschilds."

Mystified About 'Death List'

Leading figures in the entertainment world were mystified when they found out that their names were on the "death list," Impresario Sir Bernard Delfont said "It seems strange to me. I can't understand it at all." Conductor Norman Del Mar said: "I can't imagine what this is about. I have no political activities at all, and it can't have to do with Jews, because I'm Church of England myself."

Yehudi Menuhin, controversial figure in the Jewish community here due to his frequent statements supporting the Arabs and his recent refusal to sign protests of leading artists and intellectuals against the exclusion of Israel from UNESCO said: "I am not surprised. Lists of this sort appear from time to time."

A spokesman for British Herut told the JTA: "There have been attacks on Jewish people in

Britain before and one has to face the realities of the possibility of more attacks on Jews....All one can do is be vigilant and cooperate with the police."

Probes Being Pursued

Martin Savitt, chairman of the defense and group relations committee of the Board of Deputies of British Jews, told the JTA that he had been in touch with the appropriate police authorities on this matter. "They advised me that the matter is being taken care of, and suitable investigations are being pursued. If further action concerning the Jewish community here is necessary, they will advise me and keep me informed," he said.

When asked whether any special instructions for particular precautionary measures had been issued to communal institutions and organizations, he replied in the negative. Savitt said that they are advising members of the Jewish community in Britain to observe standing instructions on security arrangements.

UJA LAUNCHING MISSION PROGRAM DESPITE LATEST TERRORISM

NEW YORK, July 7 (JTA)--Frank R. Lautenberg, general chairman of the United Jewish Appeal, announced today that in spite of the latest terrorism in Jerusalem, the UJA is launching its most ambitious mission program to Israel to date. Referring to last Friday's terrorist bomb blast in Jerusalem, Lautenberg said "No provocation, however cruel and cowardly, will deter us. This outpouring for missions is in itself a defiant celebration of the sanctity of Jewish life."

The UJA announced that there are already 250 Jewish leaders going on the Prime Minister's Mission to Israel in August. More than 300 community leaders have signed up for the annual study conference in October and there are over 400 reservations in the Young Leadership Cabinet's "Koach" mission Nov. 6-16 which is aiming for 1000 participants. During September, October and November there will be over 50 community missions to Israel as part of the UJA's overseas mission program, the UJA said.

Meanwhile, UJA headquarters reported receiving a cable from the Family Mission of its Young Leadership Cabinet presently in Israel, composed of 23 families with over 63 children, who reported that they were well and undeterred by the bombing in Jerusalem. Their message said: "We grieve to hear that Jerusalem has been defiled by terrorists. We are well and strong and all the more resolved that we stand as one with our people. After four days of the mission, we can only say that as one mission family, we have deepened beyond all measure, the meaning of our lives."

TOON TAKES UP POST IN ISRAEL

TEL AVIV, July 7 (JTA)--Malcolm Toon, the new United States Ambassador to Israel, has arrived in Israel with his wife and daughter to take up his new position. He said he brought no special message from President Ford but did bring the best wishes of the President and Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger for the Israeli nation and its government. Toon, a career foreign service diplomat who has had no experience in Middle East countries, told reporters that like all Americans, he shared sympathy for Israel and its problems. He added: "I think that all Americans place a very great value on the ties between Israel and the U.S. and on every effort feasible to maintain and keep these ties."

FORMER 'IRON GUARD' LEADER FACES LOSS OF U.S. CITIZENSHIP

DETROIT, July 7 (JTA)--The United States Attorney in Detroit has filed suit to revoke the citizenship of Rumanian Orthodox Bishop Valarian D. Trifa of Grass Lakes, Mich., on grounds that he falsely denied his membership in the Rumanian Fascist "Iron Guard" and participation in pogroms against Rumanian Jews in 1941 when he applied for naturalization. Trifa, 61, was granted American citizenship in 1957.

The cleric, a one-time leader of the Rumanian Christian Students which the government, in its suit described as "a section of the Iron Guard," has 60 days to reply to the charges which were served formally two days ago. The government's action against him was the culmination of an extensive review by the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service that followed allegations that Trifa had misrepresented his activities in Rumania in the early years of World War II.

Members of the "Iron Guard," the Rumanian equivalent of Hitler's Storm Troopers during the Fascist regime of Ion Antonescu, were automatically excluded from the U.S. at the time Trifa arrived in this country claiming status as a displaced person. According to the government's suit Trifa "did advocate the killings of Jews and Masons and did participate in the activities commencing on or about Jan. 21, 1941 which resulted in the murder of Jews and destruction of property."

The incident referred to was a violent "Iron Guard" uprising in Bucharest during which several score Jews were murdered in a mock ritual kosher slaughter in a slaughterhouse. The government has obtained eye-witness accounts of the rampage of looting, raping and murder in the Jewish quarter from persons in the U.S., France and Israel. All of the witnesses place Trifa, whose given name then was Viorel, at the scene of the violence.

The formal proceedings against Trifa will not move into judicial chambers before next fall and a prolonged and complex case is expected that might continue for years. The defendant is expected to appeal if the verdict is de-naturalization and even if the government wins its case it will have to initiate separate proceedings to secure Trifa's deportation.

LIGHTS FOR FREEDOM

NEW YORK, July 7 (JTA)--The Student Struggle for Soviet Jewry has urged "all concerned Americans to keep a light for freedom shining at their window" as linked American and Soviet spaceships fly over North America on the night of July 17. The Soviet and U.S. astronauts are slated to come together that day for a joint space mission.

"Light will be our symbol of hope for the freedom of Soviet Jews," a SSSJ spokesman stated, "and perhaps it is not a coincidence that Thursday evening July 17 is the close of Tisha B'Av fast day which mourns the destruction of the Holy Temple. We hope that the astronauts will see lights shining across America, and our message will penetrate the hearts of the Kremlin's rulers. From the Soviet destruction of Russian Jewry we pray for a redemption."

SOVIET JEWS THREATENED

NEW YORK, July 7 (JTA)--Rafael Nudelman and Ilya Rubin, two Jewish activists who have contributed to the underground newspaper "Jews

in the USSR," also known as "Samizdat" (By Ourselves) have been threatened with trial, the National Conference on Soviet Jewry reported today. According to the NCSJ, another activist, Mark Azbel, has been told that he would be called as a witness against Nudelman and Rubin. The underground newspaper was established several years ago by the Soviet Jewish scientist Alexander Voronel who has since emigrated to Israel.

The NCSJ also reported that Lev Roitburd of Odessa, who attempted last week to go to Moscow to meet with the visiting American Senators, was beaten and arrested. His wife reported that she was summoned to Moscow and was told that her husband will be brought to trial for "resisting arrest," an offense for which he can be sentenced to 1-5 years in prison. In another development, the NCSJ said that the Jewish cemetery in Odessa was recently desecrated. The local police are reportedly investigating.

NEVER TOO LATE FOR A BAR MITZVAH

JERUSALEM, July 7 (JTA)--It is never too late to celebrate one's Bar Mitzvah, not even at 82. When Benjamin Swig of Taunton, Mass., reached 13 in 1906 he could not celebrate his Bar Mitzvah because the small Massachusetts town had only eight Jews and no rabbi. However, he never gave up the idea of celebrating his Bar Mitzvah, and so he did, at 82, with a simple ceremony at the Western Wall.

Now a well known San Francisco philanthropist, Swig could afford to waive the rights for a Bar Mitzvah present, and contributed instead a \$150,000 gift to the Jerusalem Foundation for a unique archaeological garden to be created in the city. The gift was handed to Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kollek, who is also chairman of the Jerusalem Foundation.

'ACTS FOR ISRAEL'

NEW YORK, July 7 (JTA)--"ACTS for Israel" (American and Canadian Trade Skills for Israel) opened their offices here last week. The organization has been formed for the express purpose of recruiting skilled labor to work in a civilian capacity in Israel during a crisis. It is only during times of mobilization that volunteers will act as back up specialists.

ACTS is now ready to seek volunteers from all over the United States and Canada. This includes heavy equipment operators, truck drivers, electricians, automobile mechanics and technicians in many other fields.

Al Bazel, executive director of ACTS said: "We are confident that in the event of a crisis the economy of Israel could have some semblance of normalcy through these efforts." He went on to say "the week before the Yom Kippur War no one knew or surmised that war would come. We therefore urge concerned people to volunteer now so we will be ready if there should be another sneak attack." ACTS is in the process of setting up regional offices or liaison in key cities so that registration and information can be gathered on a local level. * * *

TORONTO (JTA)--Felix Kandel-Camov, a Soviet Jewish scriptwriter, plans to begin a three-day hunger strike July 10 to coincide with a Moscow film festival, Mrs. Genya Intrator, national vice-chairman of the Canadian Committee on Soviet Jewry said. The theme of the festival is "humanism in the arts." Kandel-Camov called on his colleagues to help him in his allya struggle.