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## TWO TERRORIST INSTALLATIONS IN LEBANON ATTACKED BY ISRAELI FORCES

By Yitzhak Shargil

TEL AVIV, Aug. 5 (JTA)--An Israeli raiding party attacked a terrorist installation near Tyre in Lebanon last night while Israeli naval units shelled shore installations. Lebanon claimed that the long-range Israeli artillery was also used, killing four Lebanese army officers and injuring one when a shell hit an army barracks. All Israeli soldiers returned safely.

In an apparent retaliation, Katyusha rockets were fired at Kiryat Shemona this morning injuring one man, Gabriel Shlomo, a 55-year-old father of seven, was injured while on his way to work at 6 a.m. An Israeli patrol was also fired upon today from Lebanese territory near Margaliyot, northeast of Kiryat Shemona. Fire was returned. No one was injured. This afternoon the Israel air force attacked an Arab terrorist command post north of Tyre. All Israeli planes returned safely to base.

Last night's raid into Lebanon followed an attempt Sunday night by terrorists to infiltrate into Israel in which an Israeli soldier and one terrorist were killed.

An army spokesman said today that the Israeli unit raided a terrorist base on the outskirts of Tyre near the Ash El Batch refugee camp. He said the Israeli force which came from the sea totally surprised the terrorists, destroying the tent-covered bases and the equipment which included machineguns and mortars in trenches. Some terrorists may have also been injured in the raid, the spokesman said. He added that while the raid was in progress Israeli naval missile boats fired on other targets in southern Lebanon.

Meanwhile, it was learned that the two terrorists captured Sunday night were originally from East Jerusalem. Security officials said they had gone to Lebanon a few months ago via Jordan and there joined an El Fatah unit which trained them and sent them back to Israel to carry out acts of sabotage.

## Raid Not Aimed At Lebanon

Defense Minister Shimon Peres stressed today that the raids were aimed against terrorists and not Lebanon. "We have no war with Lebanon," he said at a ceremony in which special awards were given to excellent workers at Israel Aircraft Industries. Peres said if there are Lebanese casualties, it is because Lebanon has agreed to house the terrorists. He said Israel wanted to avoid civilian casualties but the fact is the terrorists have placed themselves into positions where they are surrounded by civilians.

## ISRAELI POUND DEVALUED 2% U.S. \$ NOW WORTH IL 6.24

TEL AVIV, Aug. 5 (JTA)--The Israel Pound was devalued two percent today which means that the U.S. dollar is now worth IL 6.24. It was the second two percent devaluation since June 17 when a special ministerial committee was given the authority to devalue the Pound two percent every 30 days.

Israelis had expected the devaluation and many feared it would be as high as 10 percent. Importers earlier this week were making a special effort to obtain foreign currency needed to clear goods from customs, and people who expect to travel abroad were trying to get foreign money earlier than they would otherwise need it. In addition, there was a rush for dollar-linked bonds on the Israeli Stock Exchange, pushing up their prices. Today's announcement was seen as a measure against speculators who anticipated a larger devaluation.

There was some opposition to the devaluation from both manufacturers and the Histadrut. The Ministry of Finance said it expected the two percent devaluation to be absorbed by industry. But Avraham Shavit, president of the Manufacturers Association, said manufacturers cannot absorb it because they have to pay a high cost-of-living bonus to employees, and because of the previous devaluation. He said there was no way to evade a price hike on many items.

## Imported Goods Prices To Climb

Yeruham Meshel, secretary general of the Histadrut, took the government to task for not consulting the labor federation before deciding on the devaluation. However, he said he was satisfied that it would not affect the price of essential commodities including fuel.

The first to feel the effect of the devaluation were airline passengers who were told they had to add two percent on their already-bought tickets and the equivalent increase on the travel tax. Imported goods are expected to go up, too--IL 500 to IL2500 more for a stereo set, IL 100 for washing machines, IL 1000 for televisions, and cars are expected to cost several thousand pounds more.

Meanwhile, financial circles expect another and even larger devaluation soon. Anything above two percent needs the approval of the entire Cabinet. Economists have been stressing that a two percent devaluation will not be effective and a five or six percent devaluation at least is needed. Financial sources noted that the two devaluations were caused by the strengthening of the dollar which is continuing to go up. (By Yitzhak Shargil)

## EFFORT LAUNCHED TO CONVINCE NYC JEWISH MUNICIPAL WORKERS WHO HAVE BEEN DISMISSED TO EMIGRATE TO ISRAEL

By David Friedman

NEW YORK, Aug. 5 (JTA)--The Jewish Agency's aliya department is going after Jewish municipal employees and teachers, layed off because of New York City's budget crunch, in an effort to convince them to emigrate to Israel where they will have jobs waiting for them, the Jewish Telegraphic Agency learned today.

Yehoshua Yadin, executive director of the Israel Aliya Center of North America, said information about aliya has been given to all of the various associations of Jewish employees. In addition, various emissaries from fields where there are manpower shortages have come to the United States to talk about the job openings. These included teachers and psychologists. A representative of Israel's Income Tax Office has also interviewed

accountants and tax collectors. An emissary from Israel's police force will arrive soon to interview Jewish policemen who have lost their jobs, Yadin said.

His comments came after Uzi Narkiss, director general of the Jewish Agency's aliyah department, told the JTA in Jerusalem that a special effort is being made to seek the ousted employees.

Yadin stressed that the municipal workers being sought are in fields for which there are shortages of people in Israel. All who go will be guaranteed a job, he said. He noted that a special effort has been made throughout the United States to recruit teachers. He said 223 teachers have been contacted throughout the country in the last few months of which 55 have already made aliyah, 21 plan to go by the end of the summer and another 33 by the end of the year.

#### Good Idea, Says City Official

Mayor Abraham Beame's office said that the mayor has no objection to the Jewish Agency's recruitment program and the mayor welcomes offers of jobs for the dismissed employees from any source. This was echoed by Nelson Dworkin, who is chief of recruitment for the city's personnel department. "Sounds like a good idea," he said.

A spokesman for District Council 37 of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, AFL-CIO, which represents the largest number of municipal employees, also said that it appeared to be a good idea. Dr. Michael Leinwand, head of the Jewish Teachers Association, also welcomed the Jewish Agency's efforts and said, "I would be glad to help."

#### CABINET APPROVES NEW ARRANGEMENT FOR HEBRON TOMB; MOSLEM SUPREME COUNCIL REJECTS THE MOVE

By David Landau

JERUSALEM, Aug. 5 (JTA)--A Cabinet decision yesterday, made public today, to introduce new arrangements for Jewish and Moslem prayers at Hebron's Tomb of the Patriarchs was immediately rejected this morning by the Moslem Supreme Council meeting in Jerusalem. The new arrangements provide for the divisions of the holy site space-wise rather than time-wise as heretofore.

The large "Isaac and Rebecca" hall will now be reserved for Moslem prayers throughout the day, and the smaller "Abraham and Sarah" and "Jacob and Leah" halls will serve for Jewish prayers. Tourists and visitors will be allowed into all three halls (regardless of their creed)--but not during prayer times. Previously the day had been divided up, with some hours reserved for Moslem prayer, during which time Jewish worshippers and visitors were not admitted to the site.

The new arrangement was formulated by Defense Minister Shimon Peres after a visit to the site last week. There had been squabbling and some violence between the Jewish settlers of nearby Kiryat Arba and the Moslem worshippers. According to some reports, six dovish Cabinet ministers abstained in the Cabinet vote on the new measures and indicated that they believed they were misguided and mistimed.

#### Possible Unrest On Friday

Observers said today there might be unrest in Hebron--especially on Friday, the Moslem holy day. Under Peres' arrangements, Friday is reserved for the Moslem worshippers at the tomb.

Jews will be allowed to pray there after sunset only.

Asked for his reaction, Hebron's Mayor Mohammed Ali Al Jaabari said this was a religious issue and referred questioners to the Moslem Supreme Council. The settlers' leader Rabbi Moshe Levinger was not available for immediate comment.

Peres rejected the settlers' proposal that the ancient Jewish quarter of the city be restored to Jewish life. He has ordered, however, that the ancient synagogue and cemetery be signposted. The Hebron municipality has agreed to clean out the ancient synagogue.

#### A HAIRY SITUATION

JERUSALEM, Aug. 5 (JTA)--Women using swimming pools in Israel have always been required to wear bathing caps. Now, however, long-haired males will have to do the same. "It is not a question of men's or women's lib so much as serious hair pollution in many of the pools," an Interior Ministry spokesman said today in announcing the new regulation.

#### NASHPITZ IN SIBERIAN PRISON CAMP

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 5 (JTA)--First word of the location of one of the newest Soviet Jewish prisoners of conscience--activist Mark Nashpitz--was secured last week in information brought from the Soviet Union by the Jewish Community Relations Council's program assistant for Soviet Jewry, Eileen Sussman. Mrs. Sussman returned from the USSR and 16 days of meetings with leading activists in Moscow, Kiev and other Soviet cities. She learned that Nashpitz has been taken to a Siberian prison camp at Tupik, which means "dead end" in Russian.

Mrs. Sussman obtained details in a letter received from Nashpitz by Moscow activist Vladimir Slepak. The letter is believed to be the first news about Nashpitz's location. Nashpitz was arrested Feb. 24 with activist Boris Tsiltonok in a demonstration in Moscow which caused no disruption. They were sentenced March 31 to five years in exile after being denied the right to testify in their own behalf.

In his letter to Slepak obtained by Mrs. Sussman, Nashpitz relates how he has been transferred from prison camp to prison camp since the trial. He said he has been in prisons in Moscow, Sverdlovsk, Novosibirsk, Irkutsk, Mogachevo and Tupik.

"All over, these prisons are overcrowded, and we're given only bread and spoiled rusty khering," Nashpitz wrote. "In the compartments that are big enough for four men, sit 22 men. There are quarrels and sometimes clothes are removed. Now I'm in Tupik. The name speaks for itself. That is why I ask you again and again to inform me what is happening," Nashpitz said in a plea for letters from the outside.

#### U.S. ADMITS 'CERTAIN' MILITARY ITEMS NOT BEING DELIVERED TO ISRAEL; DENIES SUPPLY PIPELINE CLOSED

By Joseph Polakoff

WASHINGTON, Aug. 5 (JTA)--The State Department today admitted "certain" military items are not being delivered to Israel but denied that the supply pipeline is closed. The denial came after a report that the United States has suspended or slowed delivery to cause the Israeli government to make more concessions towards a second interim agreement with Egypt.

Department spokesman Robert Anderson said

that the U.S. has shipped more than \$100 million of military equipment to Israel since April 1. He would not say what the equipment was. "There are certain items where deliveries have not been made for such reasons as not being available, production schedules and special technology," Anderson added. "As we have indicated previously, requests for some items representing new or advanced technology remain pending until completion of the reassessment."

Despite Anderson's denial, reports persisted that the slowdown or suspension of deliveries for materials contracted for before President Ford announced his reassessment of American Mideast policy in March is actually taking place.

Observers wondered why the State Department chose April 1 as a date to discuss deliveries.

Secretary of Defense James Schlesinger had disclosed early last spring that shipments to Israel would be completed in April. Thus it appeared to some observers that military items could be going forward at a trickle to keep the pipeline technically open but the bulk of the materials--which Anderson said had been shipped since April--actually were made about four months ago and little has gone forward since then.

Under questioning, Anderson denied that political reasons are the basis for inducing Israel to be "more forthcoming" on a new agreement and that the State Department has instructed the Pentagon and the U.S. Munitions Control Board to slowdown or halt shipments to Israel. "I rule out the question of political pressure," he said. "I don't accept the word 'pressure.'"

#### SAPIR REVEALS THAT THE USSR HAS RAISED EXIT TAX FOR JEWS

By David Landau

JERUSALEM, Aug. 5 (JTA)--The Soviet authorities have recently raised the amount of money they demand for each exit permit issued to Jews wishing to emigrate, Jewish Agency Chairman Pinhas Sapir revealed here last night. This was one of the causes of the steady and ongoing drop in Soviet aliya, Sapir told the presidium of the Zionist General Council meeting under Council chairman Knesseter Yitzhak Navon.

In a wide-ranging review of aliya problems, Sapir said the recent "most favored nation" pact between the U.S. and Rumania gave reason for hope of an improvement in Rumanian aliya figures; South American aliya was falling despite the dangerous political and economic situation in some countries on that continent.

Soviet aliya figures for the first half of this year were 4710 compared with 9700 during the same period of last year and over 1400 for the same period in 1973. (The figure is of Soviet Jews actually reaching Israel.) During the last month only five hundred Soviet Jews have made aliya from the USSR, Sapir said. The main reason, he felt, was the hardening of the authorities' policy on emigration. The tax hike was an expression of this hardening.

#### Some 160,000 On Waiting List

The hardening had caused "some drop" in the number of Jews applying for exit permits, Sapir said, but more than 160,000 were on the waiting list, having applied in the past without success. As to the rise in the number of "noshrim" (emigrants dropping out at Vienna or elsewhere and heading west rather than to Israel), Sapir said this was due in part to a deliberate policy of selection by the Soviet authorities. They specifically chose

exit candidates considered likely to drop out and head west, Sapir indicated.

He saw some hope in reports from the U.S. and the Soviet Union's increasing dependency on American economic help in the field of grain and other areas. "The Soviet Jewry campaign must watch for every opportunity of using this dependency as leverage in its efforts on behalf of would-be Jewish emigrants," Sapir said.

He noted that next month a conference of Jewish leaders would be held (in Paris, Sept. 2) to prepare the ground for a major international congress on Soviet Jewry planned for Brussels in February. The September conference would discuss practical ways in which Jewish organizations could step up their campaigns on behalf of Soviet Jewry, Sapir said.

#### 30,000 Rumanian Jews Want Out

Turning to Rumanian Jewry, Sapir said half of that community's 60,000 persons wished to emigrate to Israel. If the Rumanian government honored its undertakings in connection with the most favored nation agreement, Sapir said, there would be a considerable increase in aliya from Rumania. The increase already felt in June, had continued through July, he reported.

He expressed concern at the Jewish situation in South America, noting the political and economic instability of parts of that continent. Despite the evident uncertainties, however, aliya from there was falling this year. The Jewish Agency and the government had set up a joint committee to consider ways of tackling this problem.

#### UJA, UIA, KH Achievements

Sapir expressed satisfaction at the results of the United Jewish Appeal (UJA) and United Israel Appeal (UIA) cash drives. So far, he said, UJA's cash income had risen by 38 percent; \$166 million had already come in, compared with \$121 million during the same period last year and \$98 million in the same period of 1973.

Keren Hayesod had also registered notable achievements, with \$96 million in cash already in this year compared with the same figure last year (which reflected the Yom Kippur War campaign) and \$33 million the year before. These figures were especially encouraging, Sapir noted, when viewed against the backdrop of the world economic recession.

TEL AVIV (JTA)--A partial strike by municipal, public and government-employed engineers started Tuesday while a threatened strike by the 900 air crew employees of El Al which was scheduled to start at midnight Tuesday was called off after marathon negotiations which lasted until 3 a.m. Tuesday. Meanwhile, a strike by the employees of Bank Leumi, Israel's largest financial institution, is still pending.

WASHINGTON (JTA)--Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger and Israeli Ambassador Simcha Dinitz were scheduled to meet Tuesday evening at which time Kissinger was due to present Dinitz with the latest Egyptian response to Israel's ideas regarding a settlement in Sinai. Egypt's response was delivered to Kissinger in Belgrade by U.S. Ambassador to Cairo, Hermann Eilts, last Sunday.

JERUSALEM (JTA)--Sephardic Chief Rabbi Ovadia Yosef left Israel Monday for a tour of communities in Brazil and Argentina. He will visit Britain and Holland on his way back, taking part in Amsterdam's Portuguese tricentennial celebrations.

## BENTSEN URGES U.S. TRADE CONCESSIONS TO ISRAEL TO COUNTERACT THE ARAB BOYCOTT

HOUSTON, Aug. 5 (JTA)-- Sen. Lloyd Bentsen (D., Tex.), a candidate for the Democratic Presidential nomination, called for U.S. trade concessions to Israel to counteract the Arab boycott. Addressing a public forum at the biannual meeting of B'nai B'rith's board of governors, Bentsen made his proposal after Arnold Forster, general counsel of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, had charged the Administration with "actively opposing" measures to strengthen the resistance of American business firms to the boycott.

Forster said that despite public denunciations of the boycott by President Ford, spokesmen for the State, Treasury, Defense and Commerce Departments had consistently testified against Congressional proposals to legalize the practice.

Bentsen warned against Soviet encroachment in the Middle East by strengthening Israel--"our counterbalance to the Soviets"--through an expansion of trade, enactment of stiff laws against the Arab boycott, military aid to Israel and a reduction of American dependence on Arab oil. These measures, Bentsen said, would prevent a tilt of the balance of power in the Middle East toward the Soviet Union.

## Terrorists Will Not Determine Future

Bentsen, who with Senate minority leader Hugh Scott (R., Pa.), introduced legislation authorizing the President to withdraw the U.S. from the General Assembly and cut off U.S. funds should the Arabs succeed in ousting Israel, said that the U.S. would not "tolerate the expulsion of Israel. Let no one doubt our commitment on that," he declared. "The future of the United States and Israel will not be determined by blackmailers or terrorists. It will be determined by our own ties and friendship."

Forster criticized Administration opposition to an anti-boycott law--which it has explained as interfering with Middle East peace negotiations and harmful to American-Arab trade relations--as "specious rationalizations." He added: "Experience has shown that when American companies firmly reject the boycott and continue to trade with Israel, their Arab customers, who heed American products, goods and technical knowhow, blink at the boycott."

The B'nai B'rith board of governors praised the action of the Canadian government in canceling in Toronto a UN conference on the prevention of crime, because the Palestine Liberation Organization would have been a participant. It expressed appreciation "in a practical way" by voting to convene the 1978 convention in the same city.

## TENNIS TOURNEY RAPPED FOR HOLDING GAMES ON ROSH HASHANAH

WASHINGTON, Aug. 5 (JTA)--Rep. Edward I. Koch (D., N.Y.) expressed surprise and shock in a letter to Bill Talbert, chairman and director of the United States Open Tennis Tournament, for having scheduled the games on Sept. 6 and 7, the first two days of Rosh Hashanah.

"Scheduling the games on those days means that Jewish players, whether of American or foreign nationality, will be either precluded from participating or caused to violate the basic tenets of their faith," Koch stated in his letter. "The same would apply to spectators of the Jewish faith." The Congressman urged Talbert to im-

mediately reconsider holding the tourney on those days and the scheduling of another date.

Talbert, who was called by the JTA for comment, said that his hands were tied because the International Lawn Tennis Federation schedules the tourney dates the world over. Talbert said the games have for decades been held beginning the last Thursday in August and continuing through the first Monday of September. However, the games this year are scheduled to begin almost a week later. Talbert suggested the JTA contact Mike Burns, president of the U.S. Tennis Association, for further comment. Burns, however, could not be reached for comment.

## ISRAELIS IN U.S. SPEND THOUSANDS TO OBTAIN WORK PERMITS, CHANGE THEIR VISAS TO PERMANENT RESIDENT STATUS By Yitzhak Rabi

NEW YORK, Aug. 5 (JTA)--Israelis in the United States are spending thousands of dollars in order to obtain work permits and to change their visas to permanent resident status. These facts and others concerning the U.S. immigration laws and the Israelis in America were obtained through a series of interviews with Israelis here, most of whom arrived here after the Yom Kippur War.

The permanent resident status entitles its holder to live and work permanently in this country with the option to apply for U.S. citizenship five years from the date the new status was granted. According to those interviewed, the price of a "green card"--the card issued by the U.S. immigration authorities to those who are granted permanent residency status in the U.S.--ranges between \$800-\$1000. The money is paid to lawyers who handle the legal process of obtaining a "green card."

"It looks as if a whole industry has developed around the green card business," a young Israeli, who himself recently obtained a permanent U.S. residency, noted the other day. All the Israelis who were interviewed by the Jewish Telegraphic Agency said that they approached their lawyers through a third party, usually another Israeli friend who had his case successfully resolved by the same lawyer. "The names of the 'good lawyers' who know how to present a case successfully are spread by word of mouth," said an Israeli Hebrew teacher, who received her green card on the basis of her profession.

In the opinion of many Israelis it is much more difficult to obtain a "green card" now than it was only a few years ago. But, according to a New York lawyer, who has been handling applications of Israelis for permanent residency in the U.S. for some years now, those who meet the requirements of the immigration authorities have no special difficulties getting the desired "green card."

A major requirement to qualify for permanent U.S. residency is having an American sponsor--an employer who is willing to sign an affidavit on behalf of the applicant, declaring that the applicant is professionally essential to his company.

TORONTO (JTA)--Perry Meyer, 47-year-old Montreal law professor and Jewish leader, has been named judge of the trial division of the Quebec Supreme Court. He teaches law at McGill University. He is chairman of the Canadian Jewish Congress executive committee and has represented Canadian Jewry at international confere-