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## 20 ISRAELI SOLDIERS, AIR CREW MEMBERS KILLED IN SINAI AIR CRASH; COMMITTEE TO INVESTIGATE INCIDENT By Yitzhak Shargil

TEL AVIV, Nov. 27 (JTA)--Air Force Commander Gen. Benjamin Peled has appointed a committee to investigate Tuesday's crash of an Israel Air Force Hercules transport in Sinai which killed 20 Israeli soldiers and air crew members. The giant aircraft, on a routine training flight, plunged into the fog-shrouded 2700 foot peak of Djebel Hial south of El Arish at about 7 p.m. local time. There were no survivors.

Rescue teams, aided by helicopters, were unable to reach the crash site until late yesterday because of the foul weather. One member of the rescue party, army chief pathologist Lt. Col. Yehonathan Meir, was seriously injured in a fall while climbing the mountain.

The names of the 20 victims were published today following notification of next of kin. But there were indications that the military chaplaincy corps has not made positive identification in all cases since funeral services have been delayed pending final identification. The names may have been taken from the list of personnel--nine Air Force men and 11 infantry soldiers--known to have been aboard the aircraft. All were reservists.

### Two Explosions Prior To Crash

The "black box," the automatic flight recording device that all aircraft carry, had not been found as of noon today. The tapes in the box would give the investigators a detailed picture of how the plane was functioning up until the moment of the crash. Flight control officials believe the pilot made a navigational error that took him some 18 kilometers off course. Low-lying clouds and fog obscured the peak until the last minute when the pilot tried to gain altitude but was too late, the officials believe.

Two oil prospectors who were eye-witnesses to the crash said they saw the plane heading toward the mountain and then heard two explosions accompanied by fire balls. Their description indicated that the transport's wing may have struck the slopes setting the plane on fire after which it crashed into the rocky peak. Rescuers found debris and bodies scattered over a radius of 700 yards. The wreckage burned for six hours and the terrain around it was blackened by the fire.

### List Of Dead Published

The following list of dead was published; Sgt. Shlomo Arad, 28, infantry, of Beth Zera Kibbutz; Cpl. Elzhak Aharon, 25, Rishon Lezion, infantry; Cpl. Elyahu Bahir, 30, Givat Brenner, infantry; Capt. Shaul Bustan, 27, Ramat Gan, pilot of the Hercules; Cpl. Itzhak Biederman, 31, Zikim, infantry; Lt. Moshe Baram 29, Holon, flight engineer; Sgt. Gad Gilboa, 31, Ramat Hagolan, infantry. Cpl. Joseph Dagan, 28, Kiryat Tivon; Sgt. Doron Hauser, 19, Tel Aviv, loading control; Sgt. Avraham Vaga, 20, Ben Shimon, loading control; Pvt. Alon Tamim, 27, Shomerat, infantry; Capt. Moshe Yagur, 28, Haifa, navigator.

Capt. Moshe Lavie, 34, Petach Tikva, infantry; Sgt. Doron Maro, 26, Rehovot, infantry; Capt. Uri Manor, 28, Lod, co-pilot; Lt. Amir Klein, 22, Haifa, navigator; 1st Sgt. Arnon Reiss, 34, Hagosh-rim; Sgt. Dan Schitzer, 32, Almagor, infantry; Pvt. Avraham Shapiro, 25, Massada, and Sgt. Nimrod Zaletkis, 29, Rehovot, loading control.

### PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES TAKEN ON GOLAN AS SYRIA STALLS ON UNDOF RENEWAL

TEL AVIV, Nov. 27 (JTA)--Israeli forces on the Golan Heights took what were described today as precautionary measures aimed at meeting any eventualy should Syria refuse to agree to extend the United Nations presence in the region which expires Nov. 30. Military sources said the measures were not necessarily connected with any changes in the situation on the Golan where the Syrian army is continuing to build fortifications and beef up its defense lines. There have been no changes in the deployment of Syrian forces.

But tension continued to mount as the deadline approached with no indication from Damascus yet on the fate of the United Nations Disengagement Observers Force (UNDOF). Chief of Staff Gen. Mordechai Gur visited Golan Heights settlements yesterday to discuss security matters with the settlers. One of the settlements he visited was Ramat Maghlimim where three student army reservists were murdered by Arab terrorists a week ago. The religious-sponsored settlement was also visited by Welfare Minister Ze'evulun Hammer of the National Religious Party who did a tour of guard duty during the night.

Premier Yitzhak Rabin, addressing a Labor Party meeting in Haifa last night, said that Israel asked UN Secretary General Kurt Waldheim when he was in Jerusalem Tuesday to make it clear to the Syrians that if they refuse to extend the UNDOF mandate they would be solely responsible for any deterioration of the disengagement agreement that might follow. Rabin declared that Syria would not be doing Israel any favor by agreeing to an extension.

### HOPES HIGH THAT SYRIA WILL RENEW UNDOF MANDATE; SYRIAN PRESSURE SEEN AS MOVE FOR OVERALL SOLUTION By David Landau

JERUSALEM, Nov. 27 (JTA)--Hopes were still high here today that Syria would finally consent to a renewal of the UNDOF mandate, due to expire Sunday. But observers predicted severely stepped-up Syrian pressure in the coming weeks--especially in the Security Council--for an overall solution involving the Palestine Liberation Organization in some form. Israeli officials say what Syria is in effect aiming at is an imposed solution enforced by the Security Council.

The first step would be to engineer a change in the texts of Resolutions 242 and 338 so as to incorporate reference to the Palestinians' national rights. Syria is expected to urge this at the upcoming Council session due either tomorrow or Saturday. Syria also intends to press the Council to invite a PLO representation to state its case before the Council; just as the General Assembly invited and heard PLO chief Yasir Arafat and as a

result granted observer status to the PLO.

(At the United Nations in New York, Israel's Ambassador, Chaim Herzog, who returned there last night from Israel where he participated in talks with Secretary General Kurt Waldheim on the fate of UNDOF, met this morning with Soviet Ambassador Yakov Malik, who is this month's president of the Security Council. A spokesman for Herzog emphasized that Herzog met Malik in the latter's capacity as president of the Security Council. They reportedly discussed the renewal of the UNDOF mandate.

(Herzog also met today with other permanent members of the Security Council on the issue of UNDOF's mandate. The Council is expected to meet either tomorrow or Saturday to vote on the mandate. It is believed at the UN that Syria will agree at the last moment for a limited extension of the force for a period of two or three months.)

### Syria Bitter About Egypt

Officials here were frankly taken aback by recent evidence of the depth of Syrian feeling against Egypt. This depth of feeling has apparently taken U.S. State Department analysts by surprise, too. But now it is apparent that Syria is just not interested, at this time, in an interim accord. Damascus intends rather to exploit Egypt's "betrayal" in order to capture for itself the leadership role in the Arab world as the faithful protector of the Palestinians.

Hence Syria is expected to shun any interim settlement prospects and press relentlessly for a reopening by the Security Council of the entire Mideast issue. This is the immediate prospect; though once the UNDOF mandate is renewed the vista might change again. Conceivably, Damascus, having played out its hand exploiting the delicacy of the pre-renewal situation, will then indicate that it is after all ready to consider an interim accord. This is conceivable--but the experts here now feel it is unlikely.

Apparently, Washington feels the same way--hence Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger's quiet reassessment, together with a number of his Mideast envoys and experts, of possible alternatives. Observers believe Kissinger will try again to promote his "informal conference" idea, though there can be no guarantee that the Syrians, in their present uncompromising and ultra-hardline mood, would be willing to attend such a conference.

### WORLD ORGANIZATION OF JEWS FROM ARAB COUNTRIES FOUNDED; WILL ACT WITHIN FRAMEWORK OF RESOLUTION 242. TO FIND JUST SOLUTION FOR REFUGEES

By Uzi Benziman

JERUSALEM, Nov. 27 (JTA)--The World Organization of Jews from Arab Countries (WOJAC), founded in Paris this week, will act in behalf of the humanitarian, moral and material rights of the more than 700,000 Jews forced to flee Arab countries after the establishment of Israel in 1948 and the rights of their progeny, Knesset Deputy Speaker Mordechai Ben Porat told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency today. Ben Porat, who is of Oriental background, was the initiator of the new organization.

He said its formation stemmed from routine discussions in the Knesset of the long dormant issue of Jewish refugees from Arab lands. With the heavy focus on rights of Palestinian refugees in international forums, the time is now ripe to bring the rights of Jewish refugees to the world's

attention, Ben Porat said.

He said WOJAC would act within the framework of Security Council Resolution 242 which calls for "a just solution of the refugee problem." The text does not specifically identify refugees and Israel maintains that it refers to Jewish as well as Arab refugees.

Ben Porat noted that 586,286 Jews from Arab lands have settled in Israel and at least 200,000 more have emigrated to France, England and North and South America. Through natural increase, their numbers now amount to about 1.7 million.

WOJAC's claim is that while many of these Jews went to Israel out of Zionist sentiments, they were, at the same time bona fide refugees forced by repression and persecution to leave the Arab countries of their birth and abandon not only centuries of established culture and tradition but a wealth of public and private property that has since been seized by the Arab authorities.

### Israel Absorbed 600,000 Refugees

Ben Porat observed that Israel has absorbed nearly 600,000 of these refugees while the Arab states have taken in an almost identical number of Arabs who left Israel. In effect, this was an exchange of populations in the Middle East and WOJAC apparently intends to use that argument in balancing the claims of Jewish refugees against those of the Arabs. In addition, Ben Porat said, WOJAC will make every effort to increase the prospects of a Middle East peace settlement based on secure, recognized borders.

The founding convention authorized the new organization to participate in all international forums debating the problem of Middle East refugees. It has the participation and enthusiastic support of the leaders of a number of Oriental Jewish communities who are among its founding members, Ben Porat said. WOJAC is expected to contribute to Israel's political and informational efforts on the international scene. Within Israel, it is hoped, the new group will boost the communal pride and prestige of the Oriental Jewish community.

### VANCOUVER COUNCIL VOTES TO ASK GOV'T OF CANADA TO CANCEL HABITAT CONFAB BECAUSE PLO IS EXPECTED TO BE PRESENT

By Ben Kayfetz and Michael Solomon

TORONTO, Nov. 27 (JTA)--The Vancouver City Council voted 10-1 Tuesday to ask the Canadian government to cancel the United Nations-sponsored Habitat Conference next year because of the expected attendance of representatives of the Palestine Liberation Organization, the UN General Assembly's anti-Zionist resolution and anticipated disruption in the city because of the conference.

Mayor Arthur Phillips said he expects confrontation and turbulence during the conference and for this reason does not want it in Vancouver. Alderman Harry Rankin said the conference was a waste of money since Third World countries will be aided in assistance in housing and not by talk. Canadian Urban Affairs Minister Barney Danson, who previously expressed reluctance about Habitat, said the government is totally committed to holding it in Vancouver.

Meanwhile, Wilfred Mahoney, Canadian director of the United Steel Workers of America, and vice-president of the Canadian Labor Congress, has condemned the presence in Canada of a PLO spokesman, Mahoney, head of the largest industrial union in Canada, said he volunteered his statement because it was time for non-Jews to speak

out against the PLO presence.

In a related development in Montreal, some 50 Jewish students clashed Tuesday night with some 600 Arab or pro-Arab students at McGill University who had given an ovation to Shafiq el Hout vice-chairman of the PLO's delegation to the United Nations. Arab sympathizers expelled the Jewish students who called Hout "murderer" and "terrorist."

Hout told the audience "the PLO will try to prevent terrorist acts during the 1976 Montreal Olympic Games, but, of course, we cannot give assurances that no acts of violence will take place." Hinting at Canada's pro-Israeli bias, he said, "Canada has never been an imperialist country but if it will continue to submit to Zionist pressures, such an attitude will eventually compromise her relations with the Arab world."

### Jews Urged To Cool Opposition

In Ottawa yesterday, Danson, who is the only Jew in the Cabinet, commented on the strong opposition in the Jewish community to Hout's lecture tour in Canada and the expected appearance of the PLO at Habitat. He urged the Jewish community to cool its opposition to the PLO and respect the rights of free speech in Canada, regardless of how offensive Jews find the views expressed by the PLO representatives.

"I understand the very deep and intense feelings," he said. "But it doesn't help--in fact, it does the reverse. We (Canadian government) intend to use our influence to strengthen the many positive aspects of the UN and change those areas which we consider negative or even potentially destructive of the UN." Danson suggested that the militants who are organizing the anti-PLO campaign did not represent the Jewish community.

A UN conference on crime scheduled for Toronto last September was transferred to Geneva after the Canadian government asked that it be deferred when a controversy erupted over the proposed presence of PLO representatives.

### UJA-FEDERATION FORMALLY LAUNCHES 1976 DRIVE TO MEET HUMANITARIAN NEEDS

NEW YORK, Nov. 27 (JTA)--The United Jewish Appeal-Federation of Jewish Philanthropies Joint Campaign formally launched Tuesday night the New York Jewish community's 1976 effort to provide philanthropic aid to endangered and needy Jews in Israel and elsewhere overseas and to the member agencies of Federation, which serves 1.5 million New Yorkers each year. The dinner at the New York Hilton, attended by more than 500 leaders, was picketed by employees on strike against the Federation and the Joint Campaign. They are members of the Community and Social Agency Employees Union, District Council 1707 AFSCME (AFL-CIO).

Charles Ballou, chairman of the Labor Relations and Personnel Committee of both Federation and the Joint Campaign, made public a memorandum he has sent to Jewish community leaders, noting that the dispute is in mediation and expressing hope for an early resolution.

Ballou stated that the leadership of Federation and Joint Campaign, in establishing guidelines for his committee's conduct of negotiations with the union, "carefully weighed the vital requirements of Israel and of our member agencies, the need to keep operating expenses at a moderate level, and the economic plight of New York City, while giving maximum consideration to the needs of our workers and the impact on them and their families of

the increased cost of living."

He reported that "the executive staff of the Joint Campaign and Federation are carrying on the work of the two organizations as effectively as possible. To date, the 1976 Joint Campaign has been conducted as planned. All of the community inaugural dinners of the campaign were held as scheduled with excellent attendance and, more important, with very encouraging fund-raising results." Joint Campaign officials noted that initial 1976 activities have raised between \$10 and \$11 million, representing a substantial increase over last year in the contributions of those whose giving is included in that amount.

### KAHANE TRANSFERRED TO ALLENWOOD

By Ben Gallob

NEW YORK, Nov. 27 (JTA)--Rabbi Meir Kahane was transferred today to the federal minimum security prison at Allenwood, Pa. after a Federal Circuit Court of Appeals ruling that he was entitled to kosher food as a federal prison inmate.

Barry Slotnick, attorney for the founder of the Jewish Defense League, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that it was his understanding that, under the agreement by the U.S. government to comply with the ruling, all Jewish prisoners under federal detention requesting kosher food would hereafter be provided such a diet which will include rabbinically-certified kosher meat and fowl.

Federal Judge Jack Weinstein, who sentenced Kahane last March to a year in prison for parole violation, ordered Kahane to serve his term at the Allenwood facility and to receive kosher food there. U.S. government attorneys challenged the kosher food order, which was upheld by a lower court and yesterday by the appeals court.

While the appeals court order said only that Kahane was entitled to nutritionally-balanced kosher meals, which he is getting by restricting his diet at the Allenwood facility to vegetables, fruits and such fish as tuna, Slotnick said Kahane would start getting kosher meat meals probably next week. Slotnick said he had been informed that federal officials were discussing with local kosher caterers provision of kosher meat meals to Kahane.

When the government rejected Weinstein's order that Kahane be provided kosher food at the Allenwood facility, the judge allowed Kahane to stay at a half-way detention house in Manhattan, pending outcome of the court battle. Kahane was given permission to leave the facility daily to go to kosher restaurants and to synagogue for worship. Slotnick said that, with time off for good behavior, Kahane would probably complete his sentence by the end of January.

### GERMAN FOREIGN MINISTER IN ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, Nov. 27 (JTA)--Germany's broad agreement with Israel on several aspects of Middle East politics--and its known disagreement on the question of future borders and on the Palestine question--were outlined during a working session here this evening between Foreign Minister Yigal Allon and his guest, German Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher. Genscher, his wife and 12 aides arrived in Israel today for a four-day official visit. Genscher began his visit with a tour of the Yad Vashem Holocaust Memorial and laid a wreath at the memorial flame and stood silently for several moments. Then he visited Herzl's grave nearby and planted a tree close to it--to symbolize Germany's support for Zionism, currently under attack.

