



## TERRORIST INCIDENTS BEING PROBED

JERUSALEM, Feb. 9 (JTA)--Road blocks were put up around East Talpilot and Talpilot suburbs of Jerusalem last night after two private cars were set on fire by explosives believed to have been thrown at them by Arab terrorists. Security forces searched several Arab villages near the residential suburb but no arrests were made.

Meanwhile, police and security forces are investigating terrorist attacks on two buses driven by Arabs in the Samaria district of the West Bank. The driver of an empty Egged bus reported to Jenin police this morning that his vehicle was boarded by unknown persons who ordered him out and set the bus on fire. Another driver told police his bus was peppered with small arms fire. There were no casualties in either incident.

## CHILEAN EMBASSY OFFICIAL SAYS UNKNOWN PERSONS ABDUCTED FORMER CHILEAN JEWISH OFFICIAL FROM JAIL

By Joseph Polakoff

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9 (JTA)--A Chilean Embassy official has claimed that David Silberman was abducted by unknown persons from a jail in Antofagasta in northern Chile and that the Chilean government is cooperating with the human rights commission of the Organization of American States (OAS) in an investigation of his disappearance 18 months ago.

Rafael Otero, Counsellor at the Embassy, made that statement to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency in response to an inquiry as to the fate of the 35-year-old Chilean-Jewish mining engineer. Silberman served in the regime of the late President Salvador Allende and was sentenced by the Chilean military junta to 13 years' imprisonment for alleged treason after Allende was deposed in the 1974 coup.

Otero's statement was believed to have been the first to mention abduction in the case in which the Chilean government has provided virtually no information despite persistent inquiries from Silberman's father and sister who live in Israel. His wife and three children remained in Chile. The Embassy official told the JTA that "the government began an investigation and found no evidence where he (Silberman) is and what happened."

He said the human rights commission of the OAS was conducting its own investigation "with the cooperation of the Chilean government" and that the Chilean Minister of Justice, Miguel Schweitzer, was "making a personal investigation." Otero volunteered the information that Schweitzer is Jewish.

## Don't Know What Happened

Silberman was deputy minister for mines in the Allende administration and was general manager of the Cobre Chuque copper mines in Antofagasta. The mines, once operated by the American Anaconda Copper Co., were nationalized by the Allende regime.

Otero said he was "amazing" that "some people intended to get him out of the country" and they could be "a terrorist group from the left or the right. Really, we don't know what happened. He simply disappeared," Otero said. He

claimed that Silberman was tried for treason because he "gave secret processes" to engineers in a Soviet commission that was inspecting production at the Cobre Chuque mines. Otero also alleged that Silberman was "a top executive" of the Chilean Communist Party.

Silberman's father and sister have sought assistance from the International Red Cross, American legislators and various world personages to determine his whereabouts or confirm whether he is dead or alive. They have pointed out that of the many Chilean political prisoners who disappeared when the military regime took over that country, Silberman was the only one who vanished after he was tried and sentenced.

Chief Rabbi Angel Kreiman of Chile, who has pressed inquiries on behalf of the Silberman family, was reportedly ordered by President Augusto Pinochet last year to stop asking questions about Silberman.

## LIKUD MOTION OF NO-CONFIDENCE IN RABIN DEFEATED BY 63-34 VOTE

Premier Regrets Effect Of Washington Statement, Says He Did Not Attack Peres  
By David Landau

JERUSALEM, Feb. 9 (JTA)--The Knesset voted 63-34 this evening to defeat a Likud non-confidence motion after Premier Yitzhak Rabin explained the reasons why Israel's original arms purchase list submitted to the United States last year had to be revised and insisted that his criticism of the list at a Jan. 29 press briefing in Washington was not an attack on Defense Minister Shimon Peres.

Rabin acknowledged what most Israelis had taken for granted from the outset--that he was the "senior source" who told Israeli newsmen in Washington that the weapons list was sloppy, inflated and reflected no honor on the State. If those remarks were interpreted as an attack on the Defense Minister, "then this is to be regretted, for it was certainly not my intention," Rabin told a packed chamber.

He said responsibility for the original list and the revised one rested with himself and Peres and represented a joint decision. He referred to the episode as a "marginal issue" and regretted that it had been blown out of proportion to its importance.

The Likud motion, introduced by Haim Landau, a leader of its Herut faction, called for a vote of non-confidence in the government on grounds that Rabin's remarks in the U.S. had done Israel incalculable harm and demonstrated that the government was badly split and could not function properly. Likud's resounding defeat demonstrated in fact that in a crisis, the coalition government and the Labor Party would rally around the Premier.

The coalition parties were joined by Independent MK Binyamin Halevi. Former Defense Minister Moshe Dayan, a frequent critic of Rabin's policies and an associate of Peres in the Rafting of the Labor Party, also voted with the government. Twelve abstentions were registered by the small minority opposition parties--Citizens Rights, Social Democrats, Moked and Rakah.

Rabin's presentation to the Knesset consisted of two parts--an explanation of the revised arms purchase list and a general report of the results of his talks in Washington with President Ford and

key Administration and Congressional Leaders. With respect to the latter, he stressed that agreement was reached to attempt to reconvene the Geneva conference and at the same time to explore other peace-making initiatives. He said there was also agreement between the U.S. and Israel on non-recognition of the Palestine Liberation Organization since the PLO does not recognize Israel and does not accept Security Council Resolution 242.

The Premier was not specific as to what developments could be expected next on the diplomatic scene. This strengthened the general assessment here that the coming weeks and months would be used, mainly by Washington, to explore various possible approaches, including Israel-Jordan talks. King Hussein of Jordan will visit the U.S. next month, Rabin told the Knesset that "no operative decisions" were required in the immediate future.

#### Explains Washington Incident

His presentation of the arms list issue was more detailed and specific. He said that when he briefed Israeli correspondents in Washington Jan. 29, his intention was to explain to them the complexities involved in submitting Israel's weapons request to the U.S. and why the list presented earlier last year had to be revised and re-submitted in December in more modest form.

In that connection, Rabin disclosed that during negotiations in May, 1974, it was agreed that Israel would submit its arms requests projections for a ten-year period. He said these requests were duly prepared but in the course of further consultations with the U.S. and during the Congressional procedures involving Israel's immediate arms grants, it became clear that more modest lists would have to be submitted.

He said the reasons were: soaring prices in the U.S.; "changes of priorities" in American planning; and opposition in Washington to certain items on the list which threatened to prejudice Israel's case for the immediate supply of other items.

While he was in Washington, Rabin said, he tried to explain to Congressional committees the justification for Israel's requests under the revised lists. He praised Peres and his military and civilian aides for their work in preparing both the original and revised lists and stressed that, as Premier, he had approved both.

While the Likud motion caused the government to close ranks, political observers here suggested that the rift created by the Premier's remarks in Washington may have been only "papered over." There were feelings in the Knesset corridors this evening, especially among Labor Alignment members, that the arms list episode is not yet over and that the abrasions it caused will have to be healed lest they erode the fabric of government.

#### ISRAELI STUDENTS UNION ISSUES MEMBERSHIP CARDS TO NINE SOVIET JEWISH STUDENT PRISONERS

TEL AVIV, Feb. 9 (JTA)--The Israeli Students Union has issued membership cards to nine Jewish students serving prison sentences in the Soviet Union. Two of them, Israel Zaimanov and Joseph Mendelovitz, were defendants in the first Leningrad hijack trial in 1970 and were sentenced to eight and ten years' imprisonment, respectively.

Four other students were jailed for alleged evasion of military duty when they were drafted into the Soviet Army shortly after applying for visas to emigrate to Israel. They are Alexander Silin, Yacov Vinavov and Anatoly Malkin, all of whom were given three-year sentences and Alexander Silin, sentenced to two years. Yuri Vudka was sentenced to seven years' hard labor for alleged "Zionist activities" and Arkadi and Leonid Vainman, twin brothers, received four-year sentences each for "hooliganism."

#### DAYAN OPTIMISTIC ABOUT MIDEAST

TEL AVIV, Feb. 9 (JTA)--Former Defense Minister Moshe Dayan expressed a highly optimistic view of the Middle East situation in an address to the Haifa Maritime and Economic Club. He said chances for peace with the Arabs on terms advantageous to Israel were better than ever before. According to Dayan, no serious world body is now advocating the establishment of a separate Palestinian state, the U.S. is not pressing for Israeli concessions, Egypt is not planning a new war and the Soviet call for a Palestinian state is only a tactical maneuver.

Dayan said he thought recent developments in Jordan proved that King Hussein never intended to relinquish his influence and role on the West Bank despite the 1974 Rabat summit decision. He said Hussein hates the PLO now even more than during September 1970 when he ordered his army to drive the PLO out of Jordan. Dayan said that Israel should seek ways to advance the co-existence pattern on the West Bank and urged that Jews be permitted to purchase land there.

Former Information Minister Aharon Yariv told the same group that Israel should initiate an overall peace plan including final borders. This may not solve our problems but it may improve our political position in the world, Yariv said. Former Minister Dov Yosef, who was Governor of Jerusalem during the 1948 War for Independence, said Israel must make concessions in Judaea and Samaria but never compromise over Jerusalem. Communist MK Meir Wilner said the only road to peace was through the Geneva conference with the participation of the PLO.

#### HOW TO INCREASE JEWISH TOURISM

JERUSALEM, Feb. 9 (JTA)--The Ministry of Tourism, in conjunction with Jewish communities abroad and various branches of the tourism industry in Israel, is making a concerted effort to reverse the continuing drop in Jewish tourism here, the Ministry's director general, Avraham Rosenman said here.

For its part, Israel is planning a series of events and programs to receive the visitors in this "Pilgrimage Year." These include tours to broaden historical knowledge of Israel, Zionism and Jewry, special entertainment and recreational programs, tours, visits to kibbutzim and army camps, and meeting with Israelis of various communities.

Rosenman stressed the need for the public to participate in the implementation of the program. The Ministry has a list of 700 families ready to receive tourists who wish to meet Israelis in their homes, and the Ministry hopes to enlist more than 30,000 such families throughout the country.

#### YONDEFF BROTHERS RETURNED TO FATHER

TEL AVIV, Feb. 9 (JTA)--The Yondeff brothers, Dov 8, and Menahem 9, have returned to West Germany and the custody of their father, ending an

emotionally charged episode that engendered angry controversy in Israel. The youngsters flew to Frankfurt several days ago on an El Al flight accompanied by their mother who had brought them to Israel in 1973 during divorce proceedings.

Their father, Joseph Yondeff of West Berlin, was given custody of the boys by a West German court. When the Israeli Supreme Court upheld the German court's decision, a storm of protest broke out in religious and nationalist circles in Israel, intensified when the youngsters twice resisted being placed aboard flights to Germany. But most Israeli political figures and jurists agreed that the Supreme Court's ruling, however distasteful to some, had to be carried out.

#### ALMOGI STRESSES NEED FOR ALIYA

NEW YORK, Feb. 9 (JTA)--Yosef Almogi, chairman of the World Zionist Organization and acting chairman of the Jewish Agency, declared that "Aliya is the most important, most serious imperative in our lives." Almogi, the guest of honor at the Association of Americans and Canadians for Aliya seventh annual convention last weekend at the Lido Hotel on Long Island, stressed that "not geography will secure Israel, but demography." He emphasized that increased aliya from North America is Israel's top priority.

The three-day AACA convention, which was attended by more than 150 delegates representing branches from all over the United States and Canada as well as over 100 other people interested in living in Israel, offered a program which included talks and workshops on ways and means of settling in Israel, and discussions on reaching American Jews who wish to settle in Israel.

Yechiel Leket, director of the Israel Aliya Center, stated that by concentrating on a few major areas, aliya work will be more effective. "We want to deepen our work, improve the services of our office," Leket said, adding that the four major areas of priority currently are the processing of aliya candidates more efficiently; improving the system of pilot tours; expanding the relationship with students; and further encouraging people to consider group aliya.

Leket also said that the problems of American olim in Israel can be better solved if more Americans settle in Israel, since a large and strong American aliya in Israel would be able to help absorb the new arriving immigrants.

Mrs. Pamela Erdfarb, of the Bronx, who was elected the AACA's new president, said one of the most important goals for the organization is to have a constant flow of ideas between the membership and the leaders, in addition to having AACA become a real presence in the American Jewish community.

#### Successful Aliya Requires Commitment: Kahane

In a speech to the group Saturday night, Rabbi Meir Kahane, the leader of the Jewish Defense League, stressed that a strong Jewish commitment was the major component of successful aliya. "Without an understanding of Judaism and Jewishness," he emphasized, "there will be no aliya." Tracing the trend of aliya throughout Jewish history, Kahane pointed out that the majority of Jews in the galut (exile) never wanted to leave it, no matter how difficult life there was, to come and live in Israel.

According to him, the only way aliya will become meaningful and life in Israel a reality is when Jews realize two things--an awareness and acceptance of their own Jewishness and the fact

that anti-Semitism always lies under the surface, waiting for the proper conditions to erupt.

Kahane bluntly told the audience that aliya was extremely difficult and despite the vast advances Israel has made, life there remains very hard. However, he emphasized, no matter how difficult life was in Israel, Jews must realize that life outside of Israel was impossible for them. He said that each Jew must realize that problems do exist in Israel but that it is each Jew's responsibility to come to live in Israel and solve those problems.

The conference also considered practical aspects of settling in Israel, including employment, housing and education; held a series of workshops to discuss group aliya projects dealing with kibbutzim, moshavim, cities and development towns; and heard discussions by shlichim. Rabbi Herschel Schacter, chairman of the American Zionist Federation, aliya committee, and Jacques Torczyner, member of the World Zionist Organization-American Section Executive, also addressed the convention.

#### SOVIET SCIENTIST RECEIVES EXIT PERMIT

NEW YORK, Feb. 9 (JTA)--The National Conference on Soviet Jewry has learned that Prof. Ilya Iossifovich Pyatetsky-Shapiro of Moscow, one of the highest ranking scientists to apply for an exit visa has received his permit to emigrate to Israel. Pyatetsky-Shapiro first applied in March, 1973. Formerly with the Institute of Applied Mathematics at Moscow University, his application for exit was first refused because he had supposedly had contact with "secret information."

In a letter to the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet, Pyatetsky-Shapiro protested, "I am a specialist in the field of abstract mathematics. All of my works were published and accessible to both Soviet and foreign scientists. In my work I never needed and never used any secret information."

Numerous appeals on the scientist's behalf were made over the last two years. J.K. Goldhaber, chairman of the University of Maryland's Division of Mathematical, Physical Sciences and Engineering, had previously invited Pyatetsky-Shapiro to accept an appointment as Visiting Professor of Mathematics for the 1975/76 school year.

#### FRIEDMAN PROMOTED BY PRESIDENT FORD

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9 (JTA)--Milton Friedman, a senior speech writer and deputy editor on President Ford's staff, was promoted last week by the President to be a special assistant, the White House has disclosed. Friedman will continue to write Presidential speeches and edit materials submitted by other staffers but he will hold a higher station in the White House personnel structure.

Friedman, who served as the Washington correspondent of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency for 21 years between 1949 and 1970, joined Ford's staff in January 1974 when he was Vice-President. Prior to that, Friedman served as press secretary to Senator Jacob K. Javits (R.NY) and held other posts in Washington after leaving JTA.

NEW YORK (JTA)--The New York Legal Coalition on Soviet Jewry, an affiliate of the Greater New York Conference on Soviet Jewry, filed a formal petition with Soviet officials in a drive to reunite Dr. Alexander Tiemkin with his 16-year-old daughter, Marina.

## DRINAN; ANTI-BOYCOTT LEGISLATION PROPOSED BY ADMINISTRATION IS A TOKEN MEASURE WITH LITTLE RELEVANCE

By Joseph Polakoff

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9 (JTA)--The anti-boycott legislation proposed by the Ford Administration is "a token measure which fails to address the tremendous pressures imposed upon American firms by the perpetrators of the Arab boycott," Rep. Robert F. Drinan (D. Mass.) said here.

Attorney General Edward Levi submitted the legislation Jan. 19. It was first outlined by President Ford last November. Its intent is to prohibit economic coercion that results in discrimination against American citizens on the basis of race, color, religion, sex or national origin. Companies would not be permitted to enter into subcontracts contingent upon the subcontractor agreeing not to do business with Jewish-owned firms.

"This proposal is a worthwhile addition to our body of civil rights law, but it has little relevance to the operation of the Arab boycott," Drinan said. "The demands imposed on American firms by the Arab states are rarely blatantly discriminatory on religious grounds."

In general, Drinan noted, companies are required to certify that they do not do business with firms blacklisted by the Arab League and that they do not do business with Israel. In addition, American firms may be asked to supply information on the religious affiliations of their owners and directors as a precondition to doing business with the Arab states. "The Administration's proposal would do nothing to prevent companies from complying with those demands," he said.

"On the contrary," the Administration has "consistently refused to take action under existing law to prohibit participation in the boycott by American firms." Drinan pointed out that officials from the U.S. Departments of Commerce, Justice and State have "testified repeatedly against the enactment of new legislation to prohibit compliance with the boycott."

Drinan said also that "while claiming that it has taken steps to persuade the Arab states to halt restrictive trade practices, the Administration continues to promote trade between American firms and the boycotters."

## ZION SQUARE MOVES FORWARD

NEW YORK, Feb. 9 (JTA)--The New York City Council is expected to act late this month to name the west side of First Avenue between 42nd and 43rd Streets in front of the Isaiah Wall as Zion Square. The Council's Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs Committee voted last week 10-0, with one abstention, to make the change after a public hearing in which 20 persons spoke for the change and two against. Councilman Henry J. Stern of Manhattan introduced the measure to create a Zion Square last November after the UN General Assembly adopted a resolution equating Zionism with racism. The bill was co-sponsored by 41 of the Council's 43 members, including Council President Paul O'Dwyer.

## JEWS URGED TO GET OUT THE VOTE

NEW YORK, Feb. 9 (JTA)--American Jews were called upon yesterday to help get out the vote in the forthcoming primary, local and national elections by Dr. Judah J. Shapiro, president of the Labor Zionist Alliance. Addressing the LZA's national executive committee, he stated that "the condition of Jews in any nation

depends on how good a democracy it is."

The Jewish position, Shapiro observed, "becomes reduced in circumstances where the economy and democracy are weak. It is therefore a genuine Jewish concern that the United States be strengthened for itself as well as for the ability of American Jews to come to the aid of Israel and Jews in need everywhere." The need, he stressed, is to overcome the apathy and the indifference to the democratic process.

Referring to Israel, Shapiro said that the LZA has the obligation to re-emphasize its commitments to support of Israel while directing its attention to issues on the American scene. "In the months to come, Israel will surely be confronted with new pressures, with continued demonstrations of hostility on the part of the Arab world to its continued existence," he said.

Israel, he added, "will require not only material support from American Jews but a vigilant attitude to frustrate any attacks upon it or attempt to weaken it. We may assume that as we approach the end of the United Nations mandate on the Golan Heights in May, there will be attempts to get Israel to make concessions that will weaken it in any future and possible attack."

Shapiro greeted what he noted is the increasingly flexible position to "re-orient their past positions if it can lead to peace without danger to the State of Israel. The new involvement of Jordan in re-establishing its relations with the Palestinians on the West Bank is a most hopeful sign."

## EBAN TERMS ARABS THE 'SPOILED CHILDREN OF CONTEMPORARY POLITICS'

PALM-BEACH, Fla., Feb. 9 (JTA)--"Three percent of the human race has 17 percent of the votes in the United Nations and 60 percent of the world's oil reserves," former Israeli Foreign Minister Abba Eban told an audience of 600 national community leaders at a B'nai B'rith Anti-Defamation League dinner here. He said the Arab nations "with all this privilege of advantage and wealth, are the spoiled children of contemporary politics."

Eban, who was Israel's first Ambassador to the UN, made his remarks at ADL's Bicentennial of Freedom Award Dinner honoring Edgar M. Bronfman, chairman of the board and chief executive officer of the Seagram Company. He said that the root and essence of the Mideast conflict is the Arabs' "monolithic vision" of that part of the world.

Declaring that "anything not Arab is viewed as being alien," Eban said they seek to "eliminate Israel's Jewish personality as they sought to eliminate the Kurdish National Movement in Iraq and the Christians in Lebanon." He warned, "If Israel is not strong, what has happened to Christians in Lebanon in the past 10 months can happen to Jews."

MEXICO CITY (JTA)--There have been no Jewish casualties in Guatemala where an earthquake last week claimed an estimated 12,000 lives, the Jewish Telegraphic Agency was told by telephone by Eduardo Gerstenhaber, Guatemalan Jewish communal leader, but he added that there was very much damage and losses in property and business. There are about 2,000 Jews in Guatemala.

REMINDER: There will be no Daily News Bulletin dated Feb. 16 due to Washington's birthday, a postal holiday.