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## 2 KILLED, 4 INJURED BY BOMB EXPLOSION IN CENTRAL JERUSALEM

By Tuvia Mendelson

JERUSALEM, April 29 (JTA)--Funeral services were held here today for Police Inspector Albert Levi and Captain Shmuel Shiff who were fatally wounded last night while dismantling a bomb planted by terrorists in central Jerusalem. The bomb, estimated by police to have contained about two kilos of TNT, detonated at 9:50 p.m. local time in a blast that was heard in distant suburbs. Four other security men were injured and required hospitalization. Two were discharged from the hospital today.

Police, who set up roadblocks and checkpoints in various parts of the city immediately after the explosion, have arrested scores of suspects for questioning. Some have been released but the round-up of others was continuing today.

Levi, 36, who died at Hadassah Hospital, had served on the bomb squad for nine years and was regarded as one of the best sappers in the Israeli police force. Born in Morocco, he came to Israel at the age of nine. Shiff, 45, who came to Israel from Rumania in 1946, was pronounced dead shortly after he was brought to Shaarei Zedek Hospital.

## Concealed In A Paint Can

According to police, the bomb was concealed in a paint can which also contained a quantity of nails, apparently for shrapnel effect. It was spotted by a local resident who reported a suspicious object to police at about 9:30 p.m. Within five minutes, Levi, Shiff and other security personnel were on the scene. Residents were evacuated from the street and the block was cordoned off.

The bomb detonated as Levi, reportedly, was lifting the lid off the paint tin. Police believe that the terrorists intended to plant the bomb in a heavily trafficked area of the city but were frightened off by the presence of security guards in public places. They left the bomb "anywhere" and fled, a police source said.

Levi was interviewed in the press several months ago about his dangerous occupation. He was quoted as saying that there were three principles vital to the life of a sapper: "knowledge, caution and, most important, luck." He told the interviewer that "with time you gain more knowledge; caution develops with experience. But the trouble remains with luck. You have no way whatsoever to control this."

## HERZOG: ISRAEL CANNOT SUPPORT DECADE FOR ACTION UNTIL IT IS CLEANSED OF ANTI-ZIONIST LINKS

By Yitzhak Rabi

UNITED NATIONS, April 29 (JTA)--Israel said today that it "regretfully" cannot support a resolution to approve the Decade for Action to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination until it is cleansed of all links, however remote, with last November's resolution equating Zionism with racism.

Addressing the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC), Israel's Ambassador to the UN, Chaim Herzog, declared that while Israel supports "all moves to eliminate racism in the

world," the introduction of anti-Zionist references to the resolution on the UN-sponsored Decade to Combat Racism "obliges us, regretfully, to speak out against the program as long as that obscene act is in any way, however remotely, associated with this program."

It is for this reason, Herzog said, "that we call upon this body to reject the program until it has been cleansed of an element inspired by racists and anti-Semites."

Herzog charged that the Arabs, by forcing the UN to equate Zionism with racism, have discredited the world organization. He said that racism and racial discrimination do not exist in Israel. "The State of Israel has, from its very inception, been guided by the principles of freedom, justice and peace," he said.

## Answers Criticism About Vorster Visit

Referring to repeated citations during the ECOSOC debate of increased collaboration between Israel and South Africa, and the emphasis put on the recent visit to Israel of South African Prime Minister John Vorster, Herzog said that he rejected all accusations "out of hand."

Israel, he said, "is a sovereign country and has invariably refrained from commenting on whom other countries receive as visitors." He asserted that Vorster's visit began as a pilgrimage to the Holy Places on the occasion of Easter. "I can well imagine what would have been the reaction of my Arab colleagues if freedom of access to the Holy Places would have been denied to a pilgrim merely because of his political views," Herzog said.

The Israeli envoy added, "If you are suggesting that the visit of Mr. Vorster and his ministers must be interpreted as an endorsement of his government's policies, then this conclusion surely applies to all countries where such visits have taken place. You cannot be selective in this matter and if these are your views, then say so about all the countries where such visits have taken place," Herzog said.

## FORD HINTS STRONGLY HE WILL VETO FOREIGN AID AUTHORIZATION BILL

By Joseph Polakoff

WASHINGTON, April 29 (JTA)--President Ford hinted strongly again today that he would veto the foreign aid authorization bill which both houses of Congress adopted yesterday and sent to him for his signature. Speaking at a news conference in Houston, the President observed that Congress has sustained 39 of his vetoes and claimed that \$13 billion of taxpayers' money had been saved as a result.

Ford did not refer to the foreign aid measure in his remarks. But their nature indicated that he has not altered his opposition to additional funding for the transitional quarter. The Senate approved the authorization bill by a vote of 51-35 late yesterday. Earlier in the day, the House adopted the measure by a vote of 215-185. Both votes were short of the two-thirds majority required to override a Presidential veto. The Senate by seven votes and the House by 52.

Rep. Otto Passman (D., La.), chairman of the House subcommittee on appropriations, said today

that he will not introduce the House-Senate conference committee report on the aid program until after the President acts on the authorization legislation.

Passman told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that if the President vetoes the authorization bill and his veto is sustained, he would ask the House Rules Committee to allow him to have the appropriations measure stand also as an authorization bill. Passman said this was technically possible. It would mean that the program would operate under the policy authorized by last year's foreign aid bill.

Congressional sources said today that this parliamentary maneuver may well be adopted, since the fiscal year has only two months to go and it would be impossible for Congress to draft new foreign aid legislation before it expires June 30.

Capitol sources have made it plain that the Administration's objections to the authorization bill, which was carefully worked out with Administration experts, were occasioned at the insistence of the arms manufacturing industry which fears that Congressional authority would inhibit their arms sales abroad. According to media reports, the President's oblique veto threat surprised elements in both the State and Defense Departments that had worked with Congress on the authorization measure.

#### EGYPTIAN WOMAN UNDERGOES HEART SURGERY AT HADASSAH HOSPITAL

JERUSALEM, April 29 (JTA)--A 55-year-old Egyptian woman is recuperating in Hadassah Hospital after undergoing open heart surgery there. The woman, Mrs. Padwa Kordiyeh, came to Hadassah, accompanied by her son, a Cairo doctor, after hearing about the hospital over Israel Radio's Arabic program, "A Doctor Behind the Microphone."

Her son, apparently, was one of the people who convinced her to make the journey to Jerusalem. She made contact with Hadassah Hospital through a married daughter who lives in the Gaza Strip and entered Israel via the Allenby Bridge from Jordan.

Mrs. Ilana Batzri, who runs the radio program, visited the Egyptian woman in the hospital and was told that the program was very popular in Egypt. Mrs. Batzri said she frequently receives letters from Arab countries asking specific medical questions to be answered on the program. She said the doctors themselves answer the questions on the program, in Hebrew or English, to ensure the listeners that the answers are authentic.

Mrs. Batzri said she had several times handled the "technical" details to allow someone from an Arab country to come to Hadassah Hospital for treatment. She recently made arrangements for a patient from Syria who was encouraged to come here by Syrian doctors and the hospital is awaiting his arrival.

Meanwhile, five Iranians, three Moslems and two Jews, are back in Iran after receiving kidney treatment at Beilinson Hospital near Tel Aviv. Prof. Joseph Sonnensfeld, head of the hospital's Urology Department, last week was urgently called to Teheran for consultations on a patient there.

#### STUDENT STRIKE AT STERN COLLEGE

NEW YORK, April 29 (JTA)--Stern College for Women, a division of Yeshiva University, was

shut down today by a strike of its students demanding cancellation of dismissal notices against six junior faculty members ordered in an economy move.

A spokesman for the university said that, like many other colleges and universities, Yeshiva University had been forced by declining enrollments, a decline in government and private financial support, inflation and the general economic slump to cut the budgets of its various schools.

He said that Stern College, which has 600 students, had been mandated to reduce expenditures for the 1976-77 academic year by \$70,000 to \$80,000 and that the dismissal of the six teachers, all without tenure, would meet that goal. He said that the teachers had been informed that their full-time appointments would not be renewed as of Feb. 1, 1977. One year advance notice for such dismissals is university policy, the spokesman said.

The spokesman said all yeshiva schools and divisions have been instructed to make appropriate cuts in the 1976-77 budgets.

#### Picket Lines Honored

A student spokesman said the students had voted 2-1 at a mass meeting last night to strike and that the strike started at 10 a.m. this morning. No classes are being held. Faculty members have refused to cross picket lines. She said there were more than 200 students on the picket lines and that other students were sitting outside the Manhattan school site studying.

The student spokesman said the students feel the dismissals threatened the school's standards of academic excellence and that they believed there were less drastic ways to make the needed budget cuts. The university spokesman said Stern students staged a brief stoppage several years ago to protest what they called delays in construction of the college building.

#### THE BELLS WEREN'T RINGING

TEL AVIV, April 29 (JTA)--The telephones at the Labor Party office here were ominously quiet yesterday. Apprehension was further aroused when officials and employees picked up their receivers and found the lines were dead. A call was placed to the phone company from another office where the lines were functioning. No, a telephone information officer told the caller, there was nothing wrong with the Labor Party office phones that a payment of IL 200,000 owed the phone company couldn't fix. The lines would be opened again for business once the payment was made, the officer said firmly and ringingly. The Labor Party lines continued to be inoperative today.

#### COMMERCE DEPARTMENT TO RELEASE NAMES OF FIRMS INVOLVED IN BOYCOTT

NEW YORK, April 29 (JTA)--In a reversal of policy, the U.S. Department of Commerce will make public the names of American firms charged with Arab boycott-related offenses, according to notification received by the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith.

The issue was a major point in a still-pending lawsuit against the Commerce Department filed by ADL last September, and was the subject of a meeting of ADL officials and Secretary Elliot L. Richardson held last month in Washington. Richardson, in a letter to the ADL, said he had reviewed the Department's use of charging letters as a result of the meeting and has concluded "that

public disclosure is appropriate."

"Therefore," he added, "I have directed the Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Domestic and International Business to make such amendments to the Export Administration's regulation as may be required to implement this decision, and to make publicly available all future charging letters issued for Arab boycott-related offenses."

The ADL participants at the meeting with Richardson were Seymour Graubard, national chairman, Lawrence Petrez, chairman national civil rights committee, Benjamin R. Epstein, national director, Arnold Forster, associate national director and general counsel, and David A. Brody, the agency's Washington representative.

Graubard said that the Richardson decision marked the second major government accession to demands made by ADL in its federal lawsuit against the Department of Commerce. The suit's principal demand--that the Department stop disseminating Arab business offers containing anti-Israel boycott provisions--became moot Nov. 28, when the then-Secretary Rogers Morton, agreed to discontinue the practice. The remaining demand in the lawsuit involves the right, under the Freedom of Information Act, to inspect Commerce Department boycott reports.

#### CANADIAN GOVERNMENT CRITICIZED FOR TAKING NO ACTION ON ARAB BOYCOTT

By Michael Solomon

OTTAWA, April 29 (JTA)--Herb Gray, MP for Windsor, Ont. and a former Minister of Consumer Affairs, criticized the Canadian government for taking no action on the Arab boycott of Israel and its implications for Canadians. Gray, addressing the opening session of the two-day annual policy conference of the Canada-Israel Committee which ended today, recalled that Prime Minister Pierre Elliott Trudeau said in the House of Commons last year that "I think this type of practice (boycott) is alien to everything the government stands for."

Gray cited an agreement signed by Minister for External Affairs Allan McEachen with Saudi Arabia on his recent Middle East tour which is based on the principle "each according to its laws and regulations." Gray asked, "Is that a tacit recognition of Saudi Arabia's boycott?" The former Cabinet member said he wanted the Canadian government to publicly confirm that any takeover of Canadian properties application, particularly one financed by petrodollars, should be checked for any discriminatory intention on the part of foreign investors.

He called on Trudeau to reaffirm that "Arab funds or any foreign funds are not welcome here if they are to be used in any way that is discriminatory against the people of Canada." That was part of Trudeau's statement to the House of Commons last year.

A document released by the Canada-Israel Committee stated that 140 Canadian companies are on the Arab League boycott list. Gray said that the Export Development Corp., a Canadian government agency, has been giving export insurance financing certain transactions by Canadian firms with Arab countries, though it knew beforehand that some of those transactions included compliance with the Arab boycott.

#### Warning On The Habitat Conference

Joe Clarke, leader of the opposition

and president of the Progressive-Conservative Party, declared at another session of the conference that the friends of Israel in Canada are entitled to expect more support from the non-Jewish community against the Arab boycott.

Clarke referred to the Habitat Conference to be held in Vancouver, B.C. in June, to which the Palestine Liberation Organization has been invited. He said, "We are confronted with a Moslem-Communist bloc in the Middle East trying to frustrate efforts for peace" and "should the Vancouver Habitat Conference be turned into an anti-Israel attack by the Communist bloc and the Arabs, we shall make the government respond to such an attack. Should the anti-Israel bloc use the platform in denying Israel's existence, our welcome will be worn out and the majority of Canadians share this view with us."

The Habitat agenda includes better housing, dispersal of huge urban agglomerations and improvement of housing conditions for low income people. Barney Danson, Minister of Housing and Urban Affairs, who is in charge of the conference to which Canada is serving as host, told the conference that "the Canadian government wants the conference to deal exclusively with the issues that are on the agenda because any politicizing of this conference will oblige the Canadian government to take steps."

Danson expressed hope "that the PLO representatives will contribute to the progress of the Habitat Conference and not disturb its work." But he noted that Canadian Jews are legitimately concerned about the PLO's presence. "We are going to fight influences which are wrong," he pledged.

#### UN Is The Center Of World Anti-Semitism

Chaim Herzog, Israel's Ambassador to the United Nations, said here last night at the fifth annual parliamentary dinner of the Canada-Israel Committee that the UN General Assembly has been converted "into the center of world anti-Semitism and the manner in which the UN dealt with the Middle East is a tragedy of major proportions." He stated that 30 percent of the time of the last Assembly session was devoted to attacking Israel. He noted that while the UN was engaged "in its paranoiac obsession with Israel" the world body failed to take up the defense of the Kurds in Iraq or the Black natives in the Sudan.

Aaron Pollack, president of the Canada-Israel Committee, in introducing Herzog, said "Arab and Communist states, after failing to destroy Israel by war, are attempting to liquidate it by diplomatic means. The time has come for Canadians to take a stand against the UN onslaught against Israel. Canada has the power and the morality to help its friends, and Israel is our friend."

#### CORRECTION

George W. Ball, former Undersecretary of State, was incorrectly identified in the Passover issue of the Bulletin as a foreign policy advisor to Sen. Henry M. Jackson (D.Wash.). The Senator's office said today that Ball has not been and is not in any way officially or formally connected with Jackson either as a Senator or Presidential candidate.

NEW YORK (JTA)--Over 1000 persons attended Monday the opening of a Holocaust exhibit at the Center for Holocaust Studies at the Yeshiva of Flatbush in Brooklyn. Dr. Yaffa Ellich, center director, spoke on the meaning of the Holocaust.

**BEHIND THE HEADLINES****RESURGENCE OF THE NATIONAL FRONT**

By Maurice Samuelson

LONDON, April 29 (JTA)--A resurgence of activity by Britain's foremost racist organization, the National Front, is being watched closely by leaders of the Anglo-Jewish community. The front, which claims between 15,000-20,000 members, grabbed the national headlines last weekend when it tried to stage a march through a district in the Yorkshire town of Bradford inhabited by many colored immigrants. Rioting broke out when immigrants and anti-Fascist groups attempted to stop the march.

Although the Jewish community was not involved, the affair was strongly reminiscent of the battles in the Jewish quarters of London's East End before World War II. Those memories were recalled a day after the Bradford march at the 33rd commemoration of the Warsaw Ghetto uprising.

Greville Janner, MP, a vice-president of the Jewish Board of Deputies, said the Jewish community should resist the modern Fascists in the way the fighters of Warsaw had stood up to the Nazis.

Although this may seem a melodramatic comparison, Dr. Jacob Gewirtz, the director of the Board of Deputies Defense Committee, believes that the Jewish community has been the main obstacle to the National Front's acquiring the veneer of respectability to which it has long aspired.

He told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that the National Front had even offered to participate in the demonstrations for Soviet Jewry. However the Board did not have the slightest hesitation in shunning any such offer. "We refuse to have anything to do with organizations which reincarnate Nazi race doctrines," Gewirtz said. Recently, in any case, the Front has begun to revert to open anti-Semitism.

**Exposed By Board Of Deputies**

One of the main weapons against the National Front at the last general election was a quarter of a million leaflets distributed throughout the country, which exposed the Hitlerite past of the Front's leaders. They were produced by the Board of Deputies.

The Front's next political effort will take place at local council elections on May 6, for which the Board of Deputies has produced another 100,000 leaflets. The elections will test the success of the Front in stirring up prejudice at a time of unemployment and inflation. In some districts with many immigrants, the Front has been known to win 25 percent of the vote. This compares with the three percent vote which they average in Parliamentary elections.

But despite the Board of Deputies' involvement in the anti-racist fight there is remarkably little contact with Britain's colored communities which are the National Front's main target. The Board has knocked at the doors of colored groups. But the West Indians seem to regard the Jews simply as part of the white community, while the Asian immigrants, many of them Moslems, may be inhibited by anti-Zionism.

The Jewish community's anomalous position is also underlined by the fact that not one Jewish organization is listed in an ethnic minorities directory published by the government-sponsored Community Relations Commission.

**VOTE ON ANTI-BOYCOTT RESOLUTION**

KANSAS CITY, Mo., April 29 (JTA)--A resolution sponsored by the American Jewish Congress, requiring corporate disclosure of participation in the Arab boycott of Israel or in discrimination of Jews at the behest of the boycott, received 2.7 percent of the votes of shareholders yesterday at the annual meeting of the General Electric Co.

Loeb Granoff, a Kansas City attorney representing the AJCongress and the Jewish Community Relations Bureau of Greater Kansas City, voted proxies for 350 shares of stock including 20 owned by Irene Kleinberg, of Riverdale, N.Y., who originally presented the resolution. The AJCongress resolution, which is similar to one being offered at other annual meetings of major American corporations, received a higher vote than any of the other resolutions opposed by the GE management at yesterday's meeting.

**U.S. RELIGIOUS, ZIONIST NATIONALIST GROUPS URGED TO FORM A COALITION**

NEW YORK, April 29 (JTA)--Rabbi Meir Kahane, founder of the Jewish Defense League, is calling for a coalition of religious and Zionist nationalist groups in the United States to oppose concessions by the government of Israel. In a release to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency from Jerusalem, Kahane said the coalition, to be called Echad (One), will be launched at a convention in New York in October.

"I call upon every individual who is a member of a particular religious national group to remain in his organization, as active as before," Kahane said. But, he added, "There is no reason why individual members of Mizrahi, Betar, ZOA, Agudat Yisroel, JDL, Yavneh and all the countless other groups as well as unaffiliated individuals who agree on a basic program should not be able to join together."

Kahane said the new coalition would be similar to the Socialist Zionist Union, a coalition which was formed recently by Habonim and Hashomer Hatzair and a number of radical Zionist groups and individuals around the country. He called for "an even greater kind of unity on the part of the religio-national camps."

Kahane said the members of Echad would support a program that calls for putting Jewish interests first; that says "The land of Israel is the home of the Jewish people and of no one else; there is no 'Palestine' or 'Palestinian People'... not one inch of Jewish land should be given up and there are no allies upon whom Israel can depend." He said the program would also urge that the "liberated land" be annexed to the State of Israel and "unrestricted Jewish settlement" be allowed there immediately.

**MRS. RIVKA SAPIR DEAD AT 54**

JERUSALEM, April 29 (JTA)--Mrs. Rivka Sapir, widow of the late Pinhas Sapir, chairman of the Jewish Agency and World Zionist Organization Executives, died here this week of cancer at the age of 54. The Sapirs were married in 1974, two years after the death of the former Finance Minister's first wife, Shoshana, who also succumbed to cancer. Sapir died of a heart attack in the summer of 1975.

AMSTERDAM (JTA)--Holland is reluctant to accept Israeli experts for advanced training in its food industries, according to Dutch Labor Minister Jacob Boersma.