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6 SUSPECTS HELD IN CONNECTION WITH BOMB EXPLOSION IN TEL AVIV CINEMA

TEL AVIV, May 12 (JTA)--Police are questioning six suspects in connection with the explosion of a small pipe bomb in a Tel Aviv movie house, Cinema I, last night. Three patrons were slightly injured by the blast and an usher was trampled in the stampede to leave the theater. All were treated and released from the hospital today.

Police described the device as a ten-centimeter pipe filled with explosives activated by an electric trigger attached to the pipe with adhesive tape. It was apparently small enough to escape detection by the civil defense wardens who search all persons entering movie theaters. The makeshift bomb was planted in the last row.

Terrorists Given Prison Sentences

Meanwhile, a military tribunal in Lod imposed a 22-year prison sentence on a convicted terrorist from Nablus, Louis Nafw Abdu, who was charged with attempting to plant a bomb at Ben Gurion Airport last July 18. An accomplice, Ahmed Ya Yish, will be sentenced next month. Abdu was allegedly recruited by El Fatah while studying at the Beirut University last year and underwent intensive training with fire arms and explosives. He smuggled explosives and detonators into Israel with the help of his father, a horse dealer, the tribunal said.

Another terrorist, Moustafa Mouhammed of the El Turkman tribe, was given a 12-year prison sentence by a military tribunal in Jenin yesterday. He was injured while preparing a bomb. A six-year prison term was imposed earlier on Mahmud Ghazlim of Yafiah village in Israel, who was allegedly recruited and trained by Mouhammed and served as his accomplice.

CONGRESS EXPECTED TO APPROVE FOREIGN AID AUTHORIZATION MEASURE

WASHINGTON, May 12 (JTA)--With some features of the foreign aid authorization measure that President Ford has cited as objectionable excluded in newly-prepared legislation by House and Senate committees, Congress is expected to approve next week a 27-month program totaling \$9.9 billion, of which almost half is earmarked for Israel.

The White House has not indicated how the President may ultimately regard the new bills adopted yesterday by the Senate Foreign Relations and the House International Relations Committees, but the fact that Republican members on both panels, close to the White House, accepted them was seen as a sign of Administration approval.

The new authorization bills incorporate the current fiscal year that ends June 30, the new fiscal year that begins Oct. 1 and the transitional quarter between them to take into account new governmental budgeting procedures. Both bills, as previously, include funding for the transitional quarter at the rate of 25 percent of the 1976 appropriation.

While Ford had indicated he would veto any additional funding in the 1976 bill through transitional quarter allowances, an appropriation bill

never reached him. His veto last week was on the 1976 authorization measure.

Final Enactment Expected In June

Congressional sources indicated that since the policy provisions in the new authorization bills have been softened to help accommodate Ford's views that Presidential authority on foreign affairs was being inhibited, he will go along on the funding formula.

Appropriation bills that will fund the programs outlined in the new authorization measures are expected to be completed by Congressional appropriations committees later this month for final enactment of the program sometime in mid-June.

KIBBUTZ MOVEMENT PLANS TO ESTABLISH 5 NEW SETTLEMENTS IN NEXT 2 YEARS

TEL AVIV, May 12 (JTA)--Kibbutz Hameuhad, the kibbutz movement of the Labor Party's Achdut Avoda faction, has announced plans to establish five new settlements during the next two years, two of them in the Jordan Valley. It also announced plans to recruit 1000 youths who have completed their military service for membership in old and newly established kibbutzim.

The settlement program includes two sites in Central Galilee and one on the Negev plateau. The movement's educational system will seek to absorb needy youths. The movement will also invest IL 80 million to expand kibbutz-based industries geared to production for export. That program will be discussed at the 20th annual convention of Kibbutz Hameuhad which opens at Kibbutz Shefayim next month.

Sources in the movement said there was a growing interest among veterans, young families and students to join the kibbutz framework. Last year, more than 1400 such persons joined the Kibbutz Hameuhad movement, including 400 new immigrants.

ANTI-ZIONIST MOVE BLOCKED

UNITED NATIONS, May 12 (JTA)--Israeli delegates at the UN said today that the Arabs suffered a "great defeat" yesterday when Black African delegates blocked a move by the Arabs to include statements equating Zionism with racism in two resolutions adopted by the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC). The move by the African states indicated a widening rift between them and the Arabs.

The two resolutions, however, do contain anti-Zionist statements by implication. One endorsed all UN decisions "bearing on racism, racial discrimination, apartheid, decolonization and self-determination" which in effect includes last year's General Assembly resolution equating Zionism with racism.

This is also true of the second resolution which, in approving a request from Ghana for funds for a conference on racism, said the meeting would take steps to secure the "full and universal implementation of United Nations decisions and resolutions on racism."

Algeria wanted to strengthen the connection between anti-Zionism and the two resolutions. But it was opposed at a private meeting by African nations who feared the anti-Zionist move

would hamper efforts aimed at southern Africa, according to sources.

The two resolutions were adopted by a 40-1 vote with Canada casting the lone negative ballot. The U.S. did not participate and eight West European countries in the 54-member body abstained.

Canadian Ambassador Saul Rae said his country opposed racial discrimination and particularly the "iniquitous and demeaning system of apartheid." But, he said, that since Canada was committed to the original aim of the Decade Against Racism it "cannot and will not accept any attempts to forge a link between racism and Zionism." Syria led a move in the ECOSOC debate to link Israel and Zionism in the resolutions aimed at South Africa and Rhodesia.

JEWISH LEADERS BLAST AGNEW

NEW YORK, May 12 (JTA)--American Jewish leaders reacted sharply today to former Vice-President Spiro Agnew's attack on "Zionist influences in the U.S." and the American media and his charges of "Israeli imperialism" and "aggression." Agnew made his allegations during an interview on the nationally televised NBC "Today" show yesterday.

Mrs. Charlotte Jacobson, chairman of the American Section of the World Zionist Organization, noted that "a good deal of" Agnew's business activities since his resignation from the Vice-Presidency in 1973 has been "on behalf of those same Saudi Arabians he claimed 'have been our very staunch friends over a period of 60 years.'"

Mrs. Jacobson observed that "in view of Mr. Agnew's special relationship with Saudi Arabian interests, one can readily understand his comments on the lack of an 'even-handed' U.S. policy in the area, and even his echoing of Arab claims of Israel 'imperialism taking place in the world' whatever that means, and of Zionist 'influences' on the media."

Rabbi Alexander Schindler, chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, said: "Spiro Agnew has disgraced himself once again with his despicable statement, so redolent of the venom and slander we have come to expect from the anti-Semitic lunatic fringe.... But if most Americans will disregard Mr. Agnew's statement, considering its content and its source, there is new encouragement and hope for those hate mongers for whom 'Zionist' is a code word for 'Jew' and who must today be dancing with delight over the latest and most notorious recruit to their ranks."

Shocking And Deplorable Statements

Benjamin R. Epstein, national director of the B'nai B'rith Anti-Defamation League characterized Agnew's remarks as "irresponsible anti-Semitic statements maligning American Jews and the American press" which "are shocking and deplorable and further discredit him." Epstein charged that Agnew was "parroting the Arab propaganda line" and observed that "this comes as no surprise in light of his activities in behalf of Arab petrodollar countries seeking to invest in the United States."

Rabbi Arthur Hertzberg, president of the American Jewish Congress, declared that "Mr. Agnew's statements on the Middle East are as accurate and as honest as his public record led the American people to expect. One wonders how much of his opinion derives from his reported lucrative association with Arab business interests."

Dr. Joseph P. Sternstein, president of the Zionist Organization of America, said "It is a sad case of a discredited man who wishes to get even with the media who he feels harms him. He is so debased he is willing to stoop to anti-Semitic lies to achieve this." Herman Rosenbaum, president of the National Council of Young Israel, said Agnew's remarks were "a shameless display of the kind of ignorance which must always be viewed with concern. His statements indicated a severe misunderstanding of the nature of the American press and public opinion as well as of the Zionist cause."

BOYS TOWN JERUSALEM FETED

By David Friedman

NEW YORK, May 12 (JTA)--The need for Israel to develop as a Jewish State that combines the law of the Torah and modern technology was stressed last night at the 27th annual dinner of Boys Town Jerusalem. Dr. David W. Weiss, chairman of the department of immunology at the Lautenberg Center for General and Tumor Immunology at the Hebrew University, told the 1000 persons attending the dinner at the Americana Hotel that this is what Boys Town Jerusalem accomplishes since it provides both religious and secular studies as well as specialized scientific and technological training.

Dr. Weiss, whose son Hillel recently graduated from the industrial design center at Boys Town Jerusalem, said the Jewish people's only legitimate claim to Israel was the Torah. He criticized those who ignore the Torah as having no value in modern life and at the same time, he criticized Torah scholars who lock themselves away in yeshivot excluding themselves from the modern world.

Stephen Shalom, general dinner chairman, explained that Boys Town Jerusalem was created to educate the poor and make them useful contributing members of Israeli society. He noted that two-thirds of the students are Sephardim.

Boys Town Jerusalem, which conducted its first classes in a refugee camp for a handful of students, now is located on a modern campus in the Bayit Vegan suburb of Jerusalem. The school has some 1200 students, ages 12-20, enrolled in junior and senior high school as well as a College of Applied Engineering and a Technical Teachers College. There are plans to expand the facility to take in 2000 students by 1980.

Ira Guldien, president of the American Friends of Boys Town Jerusalem, presented a sculpture by the artist, Chaim Gross, to Meshulam Riflis, chairman of the Rapid-American Corporation, who was the guest of honor at the dinner. Among those present were Rabbi Alexander S. Linchner, dean of Boys Town Jerusalem, who along with Guldien and Shalom's father, the late Isaac Shalom, helped found the school.

JERUSALEM (JTA)--Wages are rising in Israel but not quite fast enough to keep pace with rising prices, according to figures released Wednesday by the Central Bureau of Statistics. Average wages rose 36 percent last year while prices increased by 39 percent in the same period, according to the Bureau. In certain areas of employment, wages outran price hikes. The average increase in agricultural wages was 49 percent last year and in industry, 44 percent. But in the services sector, the average wage rise was only 28 percent, the Bureau reported.

RABIN: POSSIBLE SYRIAN SHIFT IN ARAB WORLD COULD RESULT IN A CHANGED POSITION TOWARDS TALKS WITH ISRAEL

By David Landau

JERUSALEM, May 12 (JTA)--Premier Yitzhak Rabin noted today that Syria might well be shifting significantly in the Arab world, partly as a result of its role in Lebanon, and said that this shift could result in a changed position towards talks with Israel, too. The Premier spoke in Tel Aviv at a meeting of the Labor Party's moshav division.

Commenting on reports of an impending Syrian-Egyptian rapprochement under Saudi Arabian auspices, Rabin said that if Saudi "or a moderate superpower" could bring Syria to adopt a positive position, together with Egypt, towards end-of-war talks with Israel, he would see in that "a most positive development." In fact, Rabin continued, this was virtually the only feasible scenario for diplomatic progress in the Mideast during 1976.

Rabin's remarks were seen by observers as especially significant in view of the many reports during recent weeks of Syrian-American-Israeli tacit collaboration over the Lebanese crisis. According to some of these reports, Syrian intervention was "cleared" with Israel through the U.S. in advance. Political observers in Israel and in the U.S. had wondered whether this collaboration might perhaps spark subsequent Israel-Syria interim settlement talks under American aegis.

There were also reports that President Hafez Assad of Syria had thrown out some positive hints on this subject to Sen. Jacob K. Javits (R,NY), who recently toured the area. But Israeli and American sources tended to play down these reports, and to play down, too, speculation of possible Israel-Syrian talks as an outgrowth of the Lebanese diplomatic activities. Rabin warned again, as he did yesterday, that if the end-of-war initiative did not get off the ground this year there might well be a thorough re-examination of overall settlement prospects by the new Washington Administration next year.

HERZOG DENOUNCES SOVIET CLAIMS THAT ISRAEL IS PRACTICING 'RACIAL GENOCIDE' AGAINST WEST BANK ARABS

By Yitzhak Rabi

UNITED NATIONS, May 12 (JTA)--Israeli Ambassador Chaim Herzog vigorously denounced Soviet accusations that Israel was practicing "racial genocide" against the Arabs on the West Bank. In a statement at the Security Council today he also chided the Soviet Union for complaining about the harassment of Soviet diplomats in New York while ignoring acts of terror perpetrated by the Palestine Liberation Organization in the Middle East.

But Herzog characterized as "shameful threats" the warning by Jewish Defense League founder Meir Kahane in Tel Aviv Monday that Jewish activists overseas would kidnap Russian diplomats. Referring to Kahane, Herzog said: "These shameful threats made by a small and irresponsible group must not be confused with the efforts of the Jewish people to ensure the freedom of Soviet Jewry." Herzog said the attitude of the Israeli government toward "a fringe group led by Rabbi Kahane was clearly stated" by Foreign Minister Yigal Allon who yesterday sharply condemned Kahane's threats.

The Israeli envoy spoke in reply to remarks by Soviet Ambassador Yakov Malik in the Secu-

ity Council Monday in which he accused Israel of "genocide" and charged U.S. authorities and New York City officials of protecting and encouraging "terrorist Zionist groups" in recent attacks on Soviet diplomatic installations. Malik's charges against American authorities were dismissed as "baseless" by the U.S. delegate to the Security Council, W. Tapley Bennett, who nevertheless, condemned the attacks as "outrageous."

Charges Selectivity Of Complaints

Herzog accused Malik of selectivity in his complaints about acts or threats of terror. Referring to a bomb blast in the center of Jerusalem on the eve of Israel's Independence Day last week in which 33 persons were injured, including a Greek diplomat and his wife, Herzog said:

"I ask the distinguished delegate of the Soviet Union, how did you react? Did you condemn this indiscriminate act of violence against diplomats... or did you and most of your colleagues here vote to seat those who claimed credit for the act of terrorism?" Herzog's reference was to the PLO which claimed responsibility for the Jerusalem bombing.

With regard to the charge of "genocide" against Israel, Herzog observed that the Soviet Ambassador apparently got his information from the verbatim record of the current Security Council debate during which the Arab states lodged all manner of accusations against Israel. He noted that this was not a reliable or credible source and suggested that Malik verify the true facts from a Soviet delegation currently visiting Israel.

"This delegation from the Soviet Union which attended the annual memorial in the Red Army Forest in the Jerusalem hills commemorating the Allied victory over Nazi Germany will doubtless be able to apprise Ambassador Malik of the true state of affairs on the West Bank," Herzog said. He did not amplify the nature of the Soviet delegation.

Debate Termed Waste Of Time

Herzog reiterated his contention that the current Security Council debate on the West Bank situation is a futile waste of time. He noted that the debate which Egypt had urgently requested is "being dragged out" because the Egyptian delegate has no direction from his government. He said this was because the inter-Arab confrontation has not been resolved and therefore instructions are not arriving.

Herzog concluded by saying, "Until we, the representatives of the Arab governments and the representative of Israel, begin to sit down and negotiate across the table instead of maligning each other across the table in this purposeless manner, we shall never advance toward peace."

(In Jerusalem today, Foreign Minister Yigal Allon warned Egypt not to contravene the spirit of last September's Sinai accord by resuming political warfare against Israel. Allon assailed Egypt for moving the current Security Council debate on the West Bank which, he said, ran counter to the spirit of that agreement. He said he hoped Cairo's move was an aberration, not the beginning of a real shift.

(Allon remarked that Egyptian President Anwar Sadat was surely too much of a statesman to be led by PLO chief Yasser Arafat. It is ridiculous for the Security Council to take up this kind of debate while ignoring the daily carnage in Lebanon, Allon declared.)

STUDY SHOWS EFFORTS TO EQUATE ZIONISM WITH RACISM HAVE BACKFIRED AMONG CHRISTIAN GROUPS IN THE U.S.

WASHINGTON, May 12 (JTA)--Arab efforts to equate Zionism with racism have backfired sharply among Christian groups in the United States, according to a survey made public tonight by the American Jewish Committee.

Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum, national interreligious affairs director of the AJ Committee, speaking at a dinner of the organization's Interreligious Affairs Commission, prior to the formal opening tomorrow of AJ Committee's 70th annual meeting, said that the UN General Assembly resolution equating Zionism with racism "aroused Christian opinion as seldom before." This storm of criticism in America and in many parts of the world "has thus far proven to be counterproductive to the goals of Arab propaganda," he noted.

Analyzing the 74-page survey, conducted by Judith Banik, assistant director of the interreligious affairs department, Tanenbaum said: "Both the substance of the resolution and its adoption by the UN were widely denounced by Christian groups and leaders in the United States and abroad. Much of this response was immediate and spontaneous, and it came from every level of the organized Christian church community--from the leadership of the national Catholic, Protestant, Evangelical and Orthodox institutions, from regional and local church groups, and from individual clergy, academicians and religious journalists."

Miles Jaffe of Detroit, national chairman of the AJ Committee's Interreligious Affairs Commission, announced that the study would be used as the basis of Jewish-Christian dialogues in numerous regions throughout the United States.

Perceived As Anti-Semitic

Examination of the Christian reactions, according to the study, indicates that reaction to the UN resolution was independent of customary political attitudes on Middle East issues. Leaders of church groups often critical of Israel, as well as those friendly to Israel, denounced the UN action, perceiving it not only as anti-Israel and anti-Zionist, but as anti-Semitic.

One of the primary messages of the study, he continued, "is that the leadership and masses of the Christian world--Roman Catholic, Protestant, Evangelical, Greek Orthodox, Black churches--have understood the terrifying seriousness of the massive, systematic campaign of Arab leadership to try to dehumanize Israel and the Jewish people. The Christian condemnation of this Arab attack against the entire Jewish people has been one of the heartening demonstrations of understanding and human solidarity in the 20th century."

Tanenbaum noted that among those condemning the anti-Zionist resolution were Archbishop Joseph Bernadin, president of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops; Dr. Robert Moss, president of the United Church of Christ; Dr. Philip A. Potter, general secretary of the World Council of Churches; Jan Cardinal Willebrands, president of the Vatican's Secretariat for Promoting Christian Unity; as well as the National Catholic Conference for Interracial Justice.

Assurance Of Christian Support

This does not mean, Tanenbaum declared, "that Christian leaders, nor Jewish leaders for

that matter, approve of every policy or political action of the Israel government."

The widespread response, he said, was an indication of the growth of communication between Christians and Jews in many parts of the United States. That communication, he stated, "provides no guarantees that the organized Jewish and Christian communities will see eye to eye on Israel or a host of other issues. But Christian responses to the UN resolution must surely reassure Jews of deep and widespread Christian support in the struggle against anti-Semitism."

The AJ Committee's annual meeting, which will continue through Sunday at the Washington Hilton Hotel, will be addressed tomorrow night by President Ford. The closing session will be a reception at the State Department where Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger is expected to make a statement. The reception will be hosted by Joseph J. Sisco, Undersecretary of State for Political Affairs, and Alfred L. Atherton Jr., Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs.

ISAAC KAPLAN DEAD AT 97

BUENOS AIRES, May 12 (JTA)--Isaac Kaplan, a pioneer in Jewish colonialization in Argentina and a veteran in the South American Zionist movement, has died at the age of 97. Born in Poland, Kaplan came to Argentina in 1906 and settled in the Entre Rios Province. He was an organizer of agricultural cooperatives and was editor of the Cooperator Colonialist from 1921-46.

Kaplan was a vice-president of the DAIA during its formative years, a former president of the Jewish National Fund of Argentina and the Argentine Zionist Federation. He was the author of several books, including one on the Jewish colonialization movement and one on Biblical commentary. Until a few weeks before his death he was still writing articles in Yiddish for Di Presse and in a Spanish journal about the cooperative movement.

JEWISH REPORTERS TO ATTEND EDITORIAL CONFERENCE IN THE USSR

ST. LOUIS, May 12 (JTA)--Members of the American Jewish Press Association will join with members of the Overseas Press Club of America and the Newswomen's Club of New York in the First Editorial Conference to the Soviet Union May 17 through May 25, it was announced by the AJPA.

AJPA members participating in the conference include Robert A. Cohn, editor of the St. Louis Jewish Light and AJPA president; Anne Shapiro, associate editor of the Kansas City Jewish Chronicle; Doris Sky of the Intermountain Jewish News of Denver; Sam Clevenson of the Albany Jewish World, and Jeanne and Joseph W. Samuels of the Jewish Herald-Voice of Houston. Frances Franks, executive secretary of the Jewish Federation of Greater Kansas City, will be a member of the Jewish delegation.

The conference will meet in Moscow three days, visit Kalinin and spend three days in Leningrad. The theme of the conference will be "Key elements towards further detente." The parley is coordinated and escorted by Simone Bassous, director of Editorial Conference International in New York City. Bassous also organized the first Editorial Conference to the Middle East two years ago. . . .

NEW YORK (JTA)--Gov. Hugh Carey has issued a proclamation of solidarity with the Salute to Israel Parade to be held June 13 in New York.