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FBI ARRESTS 3 JDL MEMBERS ON CHARGES OF TRANSPORTING EXPLOSIVES; JDL HINTS POSSIBILITY OF PLANT

By Yitzhak Rabi

NEW-YORK, June 8 (JTA)--The FBI announced today the midnight arrest of three members of the Jewish Defense League on federal charges of interstate transportation of explosive materials and a JDL official promptly charged that there was a "strong possibility" the FBI had planted the explosives in the car containing two of the three JDL members. The FBI said the New York City Police Department and the Port Authority of New York-New Jersey took part in the investigation leading to the arrest.

J. Wallace Leprade, assistant director of the FBI in charge of the New York office, and Michael J. Codd, New York City Police Commissioner, jointly announced the arrests at a press conference this morning at FBI headquarters here. They said those arrested were Steven Isaac Ehrlich, 20, of Brooklyn; Thomas MacIntosh Jr., 36, of Woodbury, N.J.; and a 17-year-old juvenile, whose name was withheld because of his age.

Leprade said that an extensive joint investigation by the three agencies led to the arrest of Ehrlich and the juvenile at the Goethals Bridge on Staten Island, shortly after they crossed over the bridge from New Jersey. He said the two suspects had been found to be in possession of a quantity of black powder commonly used in preparation of explosive devices. MacIntosh, described by the JDL as a convert to Judaism, was arrested at his home in Woodbury. Leprade said conviction carried a prison sentence and/or a \$10,000 fine.

Within an hour and a half of the FBI announcement, the JDL called a press conference at its headquarters here at which Dov Fisch, JDL associate director, suggested an FBI plant. Under insistent questioning by reporters as to whether the three members were in fact carrying explosive material, Fisch said there was "a possibility of 30 percent" and that there was also a 70 percent possibility that the few pounds of explosive powder were planted by the FBI.

Charges Soviet Pressure

Fisch also asserted that the arrests were the result of "an increasing pressure by the Soviets on the United States government to arrest Jews" because of the FBI's inability so far to find those responsible for the recurrent attacks on Soviet diplomats and installations in the United States. The JDL has reacted to the attacks by denying complicity but praising the attacks.

Fisch also said that the Ford Administration, in arresting the three JDL men, wanted to save detente with the Soviet Union and that the JDL rejected "crucifixion of the three Jews on the cross of detente."

He called on established Jewish organizations like the American Jewish Committee and the American Jewish Congress, to raise bail for the three suspects. He indicated the three were being held incommunicado by the FBI and that the JDL did not know where they were.

A spokesman for the FBI, in reporting on the

arrests, said that the three men had been taken before federal magistrates here and in Camden, N.J., but that he did not then know what disposition had been made of their cases. Fisch's comment and appeal for bail help indicated the three remained in custody.

ISRAELI ARABS HOLD UP MEMORANDUM AFTER ANGRY PUBLIC REACTION

By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, June 8 (JTA)--A group of Israeli Arab leaders appeared to be having second thoughts today on a memorandum they drafted for Premier Yitzhak Rabin which, in effect, calls for recognition of a bi-national state in Israel. The text of the memorandum, leaked to the press yesterday, engendered an angry public reaction inasmuch as it challenged the Zionist concept of Israel as a Jewish State with an Arab minority. Massab Kassis, Mayor of Mellyyah village in Galilee who is a spokesman for the group, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that the memo would be held up.

He insisted, however, that this did not mean the text would be altered. "The memo was prepared by three persons and we simply wanted to discuss the matter again," he said. Other Arab notables conceded that the original language may have been too strong. "But so was Rabin's disregard for our national distinctiveness," they said.

The group, consisting of Arab mayors and town council members met with the Premier two weeks ago to discuss the problems of Israel's Arab minority. They voiced displeasure afterwards with Rabin's description of the Arabs as a distinctive culture and religion without mentioning any national significance. Their memo saw Israel as a state containing two nations. The Hebrew translation of the Arabic phrase used is a bi-national state.

ISRAELI REPORTS TERRORISTS FIGHTING EACH OTHER IN SOUTH LEBANON; LEBANESE SEEK ISRAELI MEDICAL AID

By Yitzhak Shargil and Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, June 8 (JTA)--The rapidly escalating Lebanese civil war has become a battle between the Palestine Liberation Organization and Syrian-backed Palestinian terrorists, according to the accounts of Lebanese eye-witnesses arriving at Israeli border posts for medical treatment. As Syrian armored columns advanced on Beirut today and Syrian war planes attacked Palestinian leftist strongholds, the Lebanese refugees reported that clashes have taken place between the Syrian-sponsored Al Saïqa and units of El Fatah, the terrorist group headed by PLO chieftain Yasir Arafat.

According to the refugees, the battles took place near Nabatiyeh and Huleh villages in southern Lebanon. Local villagers who were wounded in the fighting continued to arrive at the Israeli border fence today in cars and horsedrawn carts. At least 20 Lebanese civilians have requested medical care in the past 24 hours. Israeli ambulances and medical corpsmen have been stationed at the border posts for that purpose.

Most of the injuries were caused by bullets or

shell fragments and some were in advanced stages of infection. The wounded are treated and given medication to take home. Seriously wounded persons, such as an elderly woman with a bullet in her throat are taken by ambulance to Israeli hospitals for treatment. The refugees beg the Israelis not to take their pictures or publish their names. They claim that other Lebanese known to have sought medical help in Israel were murdered by terrorists when they returned to their villages.

Meanwhile, a group of West Bank mayors published a statement in East Jerusalem's Arabic press yesterday denouncing the Syrian intervention in Lebanon as a pretext to destroy the PLO. They called on the Arab League to take measures against Syria. The statement was the first by West Bank leaders in support of Palestinians fighting the Syrians in Lebanon.

WZO TO INCLUDE DRUZE IN ACTIVITIES

JERUSALEM, June 8 (JTA)--The World Zionist Organization will consider incorporating Israel's Druze community in its activities; WZO treasurer Leon Dulzin told members of the "Zionist Druze Circle" today. He met with them at the Druze village of Daliyat el Carmel.

The group was founded several months ago as a gesture of solidarity between Israel's Druze minority and the Jewish State. The Druze, a non-Arab Moslem sect, consider themselves "blood brothers" of the Israelis. Druze units have been serving in the Israeli army since the mid-1950s.

OFFICIAL JEWISH OBSERVERS AT NAZI WAR CRIMES TRIALS URGED

TEL AVIV, June 8 (JTA)--Tuvia Friedman, head of the Nazi Documentation Center in Haifa, said here today that either the Israeli government or the Jewish Agency should have an official observer at all Nazi war crimes trials. He said the absence of such observers is interpreted as a lack of interest by the victims of the Nazis and may be the reason for the light sentences or acquittals in German and Austrian courts.

Friedman was commenting on the acquittal in Hamburg of Karl Streibel, a former death camp commandant, and five former guards who were accused of being responsible for the death of a million Jews. He said such acquittals would not be possible if Israeli government or Jewish Agency officials had been present at the hearings.

JEWISH WAR DEAD REMEMBERED

BRUSSELS, June 8 (JTA)--Special prayers for Jewish war dead were recited last night at "Memorial Day" ceremonies in the crypt of Mardasson where Allied personnel who died in the Battle of the Bulge are buried. The Belgian army's Chief Jewish chaplain Pinhas Kalenberg, recited kaddish for the Jewish GIs in the presence of Prince Albert of Belgium, the King's brother, the American Ambassador to Belgium and members of the government.

One of the walls of the crypt, located on the site of the Bastogne battle, is devoted to the Jewish war dead and is decorated with a huge menorah. A special section devoted to American army Jewish personnel killed in action was opened in the Bastogne Historical Center yesterday.

DUTCH DEPORT 4 TERRORISTS

AMSTERDAM, June 8 (JTA)--Four Palestinians sentenced to one-year imprisonment for trying to seize the Warsaw express train have been released

and deported to Syria. The four were arrested and sentenced last September before they could carry out their plan. They wanted to force Dutch authorities to stop allowing Jewish emigrants from the USSR to pass through Holland. The four men were released upon completion of two-thirds of their sentences and put aboard a Syrian airlines plane for Damascus. They had been sentenced on the relatively minor charge of illegal arms possession.

EEC DRAFTS ANTI-TERRORIST MEASURE

BRUSSELS, June 8 (JTA)--The Ministers of Justice of the nine member states of the European Common Market approved a draft project yesterday which would describe terrorist acts as "criminal" and deprive terrorists of their political status. The draft project defines as "common law crimes" aerial hijackings, threats against civilian planes, attacks against civilians and diplomats, the taking of hostages and the use of grenades, bombs and any explosives. The signatory states would extradite the culprits and should this be inapplicable, try their accomplices and conspirators. The ministerial conference launched an appeal to all governments to apply these same rules.

DONALD B. HURWITZ DEAD AT 65

PHILADELPHIA, June 8 (JTA)--Funeral services were held Sunday for Donald B. Hurwitz, executive director of the Federation of Jewish Agencies of Greater Philadelphia for more than 20 years. Mr. Hurwitz, who died Saturday at the age of 65, was to have retired from his post at the end of the year.

Mr. Hurwitz was born in Tiffin, Ohio and was a graduate of Western Reserve University and its School of Applied Social Sciences. He served on the faculty of the McGill University School of Social Work in Montreal. He came to Philadelphia in 1955 to provide professional leadership for the merger of the two largest Jewish community organizations--the former Federation of Jewish Charities and the Allied Jewish Appeal. He was named executive director of the combined agencies. During more than 43 years in the social service field, Mr. Hurwitz held top administrative posts in Montreal, Houston, Tex. and New Haven, Conn. During World War II he served with the Joint Distribution Committee in Europe and North Africa where he administered programs of rescue and relief of Jews.

VATICAN HONORS U.S. PRIEST FOR WORK ON JEWISH RELATIONS

WASHINGTON, June 8 (JTA)--Father Edward H. Flannery, outgoing executive director of the Catholic Bishops' Office of Catholic-Jewish Relations, has received a Papal honor for his services to the cause of improved understanding between Catholics and Jews. Father Flannery was presented the Benemerenti Medal by Archbishop Joseph L. Bernardin of Cincinnati, president of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops, during a recent meeting of the NCCB Committee for Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs in Dayton, O.

Father Flannery will leave the NCCB staff in Washington Oct. 1, to return to his home diocese of Providence, R.I. He has directed the Office of Catholic-Jewish Relations, part of the NCCB Secretariat for Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs, since its establishment at Seton Hall University in New Jersey in 1967. The office was moved to Washington in 1972.

CABINET TO WEIGH BUDGET CUTS BUT MINISTERS STILL OPPOSED TO INCREASES IN THEIR BAILIWICKS

By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, June 8 (JTA)--The Cabinet will meet in special session tomorrow to consider Finance Minister Yehoshua Rabinowitz's call for ministerial budget cuts in the neighborhood of IL 2 billion to compensate for the unexpectedly-high rate of inflation. The matter was taken up at the Cabinet's regular session on Sunday at which various ministers objected strongly to the cuts.

Although a decision was deferred for one week, the government apparently decided that it could not delay action on urgent fiscal measures. Nevertheless, most observers doubt that the Cabinet will take any decisive action tomorrow. Rabinowitz has been meeting privately with his ministerial colleagues during the past two days in an effort to persuade them to accept the cuts. But most of them remain firmly opposed. These include the ministers of defense, housing, education and health.

The Finance Minister is proposing, in effect, that each ministry absorb inflationary price increases by cutting their expenditures. Rabinowitz explained that this is necessary because inflation is rising at the rate of more than 30 percent instead of the anticipated 25 percent.

Meanwhile, Maariv reported today that the long delayed added value tax will go into effect July 1, precipitating a new wave of price increases. According to the paper, some of the increases will stem from the new tax and others from the government's plan to reduce its subsidies for basic food products.

Maariv said the price of gasoline would rise 8-10 percent on top of the 15 percent price hike of last March. The price of electricity will go up by the same amount as the added value tax. The latter rate has yet to be determined but is expected to be between 5-10 percent, Maariv said. The paper said food prices would not increase until August. Histadrut has demanded that the government keep the lid on food prices at least until October.

4 NEW SETTLEMENTS ARE APPROVED, BUT NO DECISION YET ON KADUM SETTLERS

By David Landau

JERUSALEM, June 8 (JTA)--The Ministerial Settlement Committee today approved the establishment of two new settlements in the administered territories and two in Israel proper. But "no progress" was reported on finding an alternative settlement site for the illegal Gush Emunim squatters at Kadum in Samaria.

The Cabinet decided nearly four weeks ago that the squatters would be offered a site in an area where new settlements may be established in accordance with government policy. Speculation that the Kadum issue would be settled today proved incorrect. A member of the ministerial panel told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that the matter was not even mentioned at today's meeting. According to the Cabinet's decision of May 9, the Kadum group would be removed by force if necessary if they rejected the government's offer.

The settlements approved today are one in Lower Galilee: one in the Gush Etzion, a cluster of four religious settlements in the Judea region of the West Bank between Jerusalem and Hebron; and two moshavim in the Latrun area, one in Israel proper and the other in the territories.

Absorption Minister Shlomo Rosense of Mapam

voted against the latter settlement. He said that while Mapam favored "border rectifications" in this area, it did not see the need for civilian settlements there at this time. He said he favored the settlement in the Etzion bloc because Jewish settlements had existed there before 1948.

TAMIR URGES GREATER CONTROL

JERUSALEM, June 8 (JTA)--Likud MK Shmuel Tamir has demanded that the Knesset Committee on Defense and Foreign Affairs exercise greater control over the military. In a letter to Yitzhak Navon, the committee's chairman, Tamir said the committee deals with defense issues merely in a general nature without any binding authority. He suggested that subcommittees be created to deal with specific areas of defense and foreign affairs.

JEWISH GROUP RAPS LEVI ON BOSTON BUS CASE

NEW YORK, June 8 (JTA)--The Jewish Rights Council (JERICO), a national organization of rabbis and laymen, has written to U.S. Attorney General Edward H. Levi expressing disappointment over the decision of the Justice Department not to enter the Boston school busing case. JERICO claims that all mass busing orders by courts violate the individual rights and needs of the pupils being bused.

JERICO said that every busing decree, in order to agree with the Equal Protection and Due Process clauses of the Constitution, must be based upon a detailed examination of the impact of the busing upon each individual pupil. Otherwise, according to JERICO, individual pupils are going to be punished for the sins of others. This inherent fault of busing decrees, and the resulting adverse impacts upon the education of the bused pupils, renders the present-day mass busing being mandated by the courts unconstitutional, in JERICO's opinion.

JERICO, which was founded in 1971, has previously filed friend-of-the-court briefs in the United States Supreme Court opposing the forced busing of children in public school cases in Denver, Richmond and Detroit.

FIND WAY TO CONTROL SMOG

JERUSALEM, June 8 (JTA)--A team of scientists at the Hebrew University and the University of Pennsylvania have developed a more efficient method of controlling smog. The method, proposed by Prof. Julian Heicklen, who worked with both universities, is reported to cost only one percent of the expense of other systems now in use in the United States.

The new system calls for the diffusion into the atmosphere of minute quantities of a chemical called di-ethyl-hydroxyl-amine which prevents the formation of oxidants in the air. Smog, which is prevalent in areas of strong sunshine and heavy motor traffic such as Los Angeles, has begun to appear in Jerusalem.

BUENOS AIRES (JTA)--The Argentine Zionist Women's Organization, which will be 50 years old in August, started the celebration with several events, among them a reception in its own headquarters which was attended by hundreds of delegates. Greetings were given by Israeli Ambassador Ram Nirzad, while Mrs. Raya Yaglom, president of WIZO, spoke about the women's role in Israel. Other speakers were Clara Kaplan, who is one of the founding members of the AZWO and the chairman of AZWO Catalina Epstein.

JUWS IN FEDERAL PRISONS TO GET KOSHER FOOD

By Ben Gallob

NEW YORK, June 8 (JTA)--Jewish inmates of federal prisons throughout the United States are now entitled to receive full kosher meals, including meat, poultry and fish, according to Sidney Kwestel, president of the National Jewish Commission on Law and Public Affairs (COLPA) which helped negotiate the kosher food arrangement with the Federal Bureau of Prisons.

The statement setting this as formal policy is the first in the 46-year history of the bureau. Kwestel said, adding that it was effective as of May 25. Kwestel said that a series of lawsuits on the issue in federal courts had clarified in general terms the right of Jewish prisoners to a nutritious kosher diet but had not resolved the question of the precise components of such a diet. He said that heretofore the federal government had consistently refused to provide such Jewish inmates with kosher meat or poultry.

A draft statement setting forth the new policy, applicable to any Jewish inmate who asks for a kosher diet, was prepared by COLPA attorneys in cooperation with representatives of the National Council of Young Israel, an association of Orthodox synagogues, the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America, which sponsors a kosher certification program, and the Rabbinical Council of America, an association of Orthodox rabbis.

Meat, Fish Will Be Available

Kwestel said the new policy statement spelled out the right to kosher food and stated that the inmate's diet must contain "as great a variety of foods as possible, including meat and poultry." Eligibility is open to "any Jewish committed offender who wishes to observe the dietary laws" and remains in force for the inmate "as long as non-kosher food is not consumed." Such a breach of kashruth observance "may" result in loss of the inmate's "entitlement." The statement also provides that removal of the kosher food privileges may be challenged by the inmate through the usual prison grievance procedures.

According to the policy statement, all kosher foods provided to Jewish inmates "shall be properly certified or deemed acceptable by the kashruth division" of the Orthodox Union "symbolized by the OU on the container or packaging, or by any other Orthodox agency deemed acceptable by the inmate."

The new arrangements recognize that kosher food may become non-kosher if brought into contact with non-kosher food or utensils used to prepare non-kosher food. Jewish inmates are therefore provided with "access to a hot plate, or some other means to heat their food; at least two pots and pans--one for preparation of meat dishes and one for preparation of dairy dishes--or at least two dishes, bowls and cups--one each for meat meals and one each for dairy meals--and two sets of eating and serving utensils."

Utensils Must Be New

The preparation and serving utensils must be new, with the exception of the hot plate. Inmates also will be provided with "a special storage area in which to place their eating utensils and cooking equipment, to preclude their accidental use in connection with non-kosher food."

Approval of the policy statement followed action by the Bureau of Prisons, during the Passover

period last spring, to permit Jewish inmates to receive greater amounts of Kosher-for-Passover foods, including TV dinners, than ever before, Kwestel said. Harold Jacobs, UOJCA president, and Herman Rosenbaum, Young Israel president, hailed the approval of the statement as an important development and praised the spirit of cooperation of the Bureau of Prisons.

Paul Epstein, of the COLPA Washington Branch, was legal counsel to the negotiating team which included Stanley Schlessel, director of the Young Israel University Kosher Dining Division; Rabbis David Cohen, UOJCA director, and Elkanah Schwartz, UOJCA public affairs representative, and Robert Tersky, a Newark attorney.

The Passover program was coordinated by Epstein and Schlessel, with the meals provided by the Young Israel Kosher Dining Division, Kwestel said. It was understood that the prison bureau would absorb the additional cost of the kosher meat, poultry, and fish in the program.

A COLPA spokesman said the kosher food problem was much less complicated in state and local prisons, where visitors are permitted to bring parcels of food, a practice banned in federal prisons.

UJA-FJP RAISES \$5 MILLION IN MARATHON DRIVE IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, June 8 (JTA)--A 16-1/2 hour marathon of campaigning by 10,000 New York Jews on Sunday and continuing to Monday in support of the United Jewish Appeal-Federation of Jewish Philanthropies Joint Campaign have yielded their first \$5 million, according to joint campaign officials. Braving rain and wind, thousands of volunteers in the organization's annual mobilization, working out of 99 centers throughout New York City, Westchester and Long Island, called on neighbors and asked them for contributions to aid needy and endangered Jews in Israel, elsewhere overseas and here at home. The "bell-ringers" had raised \$750,000, at last count.

The marathon ended at 1:30 a.m. Monday when a television special went off the air, having raised to that hour \$3,832,110 from New Yorkers of all faiths. Alan King and Bess Myerson were the hosts on the program broadcast by the local WPIX-TV station. It featured more than 50 stars and celebrities and raised half a million dollars more than a similar show last year.

An additional \$450,000 was raised during the day Monday by relays of volunteers who continued to man the telephones in a mid-town Manhattan hotel. Hundreds of New York City volunteers were joined by Jewish community leaders from cities throughout the United States. Their activities thus far have brought "Mobilization '76" volunteers a third of the way toward their goal of raising \$15 million this week, a record sum for so short a time in the absence of all-out war involving the people of Israel. A similar effort a year ago raised \$8 million. Howard Samuels and Elaine K. Wink are co-chairmen of the multi-pronged effort that has enlisted volunteers young and old, from all over the city and suburbs.

NEW YORK (JTA)--The 11 American Jews who met with Spanish King Juan Carlos and Queen Sophia in Washington last week were members of an American Jewish Committee delegation headed by former U.S. Supreme Court Justice Arthur Goldberg, honorary president of the AJ Committee.