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## 83 ISRAELIS AMONG 229 PASSENGERS ABOARD FRENCH AIRLINER HIJACKED IN ATHENS AND TAKEN TO LIBYA

By Yitzhak Shargil

TEL AVIV, June 27 (JTA) -- Eighty-three Israeli citizens, including a two-year-old child, were among the 229 passengers of a Tel Aviv-to-Paris Air France plane which was hijacked by six Palestinian terrorists today shortly after it left Athens. The plane landed at Benghazi Airport in Libya where late today the terrorists, reportedly still had not made their demands known.

It was also not known which terrorist group had committed the hijacking although an unconfirmed report said that an organization calling itself the Radical Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine in Damascus had claimed responsibility. Some Israelis said the hijacking of the French airbus may have been in retaliation for the cordial reception given to Syrian President Hafez Assad in Paris last week.

Ben Gurion Airport was placed on special alert, as is routine when an airplane hijacking occurs anywhere in the region, but planes continued arriving and leaving on schedule. A special command post was set up at the airport to handle details.

### Will Take Necessary Measures

Transportation Minister Gad Yaacobi left a Cabinet meeting to tell reporters that the government had been in contact with the French Embassy here and that the French government and Air France are fully aware that it is their responsibility that the plane and its occupants are returned safely. The Cabinet was informed of the hijacking during its regular weekly meeting. Premier Yitzhak Rabin, Defense Minister Shimon Peres and Foreign Minister Yigal Allon later met for an hour in a special meeting to discuss the situation. No details were given.

Yaacobi said that Israel will take all necessary measures "both politically and in other spheres" to protect the 83 Israelis aboard the hijacked airbus. "The Israeli government is very sensitive to this question (of hijacking) and will take all the action felt necessary," he said. Yaacobi later called the International Civil Aviation Organization in Montreal demanding immediate steps be taken to free the passengers. He said hijacking was the "most serious crime in civil aviation."

Relatives of passengers aboard the plane, who had heard of the hijacking, many of them crying, flocked to the office of Air France in Tel Aviv seeking information. El Al called relatives of the passengers to inform them of the hijacking. Israelis reacted with anger and distress to the news that so many of their countrymen were aboard the airbus. Israel radio said other passengers on the plane included nine Americans, three Canadians, 15 Frenchmen, 10 Greeks, and several other nationalities.

### Stricter Security Demanded

(Israeli Ambassador Simcha Dinitz, who addressed the annual plenary session of the

National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council in Louisville, Ky., this afternoon, commented on the hijack at a press conference afterwards. He said what was needed was stricter security by airlines and at all airports similar to the security measures in Tel Aviv "until this terrorist mania is ended." He also said that when hijackers were caught they should be punished, not pardoned. He said U.S. security measures were good as evidenced by the diminished incidents of hijacking in this country.

(The delegates attending the JCR sessions first learned of the latest hijacking from Dinitz. He announced what had taken place before beginning his speech. He observed that "unfortunately, Air France has not been particularly careful" because the French think "they are immune" to Arab terrorist attacks. "We have had many discussions with them about it," Dinitz said.)

### No Body Search In Athens

The French airbus, a wide-bodied, twin engine jet with a short-to-medium range, took off from Ben Gurion Airport at 8:15 a.m. (2:15 a.m. EDT) and landed at Athens. At Athens about 30 persons left the plane and about 56 boarded it, mostly people from Arab countries. It was learned that while the airbus was there, an inspection of luggage was made but no body searches were conducted in Athens.

Radio contact with the plane was lost about 15 minutes after it left Athens. Neither the pilot nor any of the crew used the special signal installed in every plane to report a hijacking. Nicosia Airport in Cyprus spotted the plane on its radar heading for Libya and it was reported that the plane landed at Benghazi at 3:15 p.m. (9:15 a.m. EDT). There has been no radio contact with the plane by late today. A report from Paris said Libyan officials were negotiating with the six terrorists, but had not been allowed aboard. Food and water had been delivered to the plane.

Shortly after the hijacking was reported a suspicious suitcase was detected at the Air France counter where passengers were leaving for a flight to the Far East. The public was asked to leave the terminal immediately as security men searched the suitcase and the Air France counter area. The suitcase turned out to be harmless.

### ISRAEL OBJECTS TO ACTIVITIES OF PLO OFFICIALS IN WASHINGTON

By David Landau

JERUSALEM, June 27 (JTA) -- Israel has expressed objections to the U.S. government over the recent activities of top PLO officials in Washington. Shafiq Al-Hut, a PLO political leader, briefed Senators and newsmen in the U.S. capital after having obtained express permission to do so from the State Department. Israeli newspapers reported today that the permit was issued on President Ford's orders.

Officials here said the Embassy in Washington had conveyed Israel's objections to the State Department.

Foreign Minister Yigal Allon told the Cabinet it would be a mistake for Israel to overplay America's recent public expression of thanks voiced by both Ford and Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger to the PLO for its role in the Beirut evacuation. Israel had lodged its official reservations with Washington, Allon said. But the Administration explained that its thanks had been conveyed orally to all parties involved in the Lebanon evacuation, via the British Embassy, and this should not be seen as a direct or indirect recognition of the PLO. Some ministers said later they felt Allon was being "too calm" about these signs of change in the U.S. attitude towards the PLO.

#### **ISRAEL, WEST GERMANY SIGNED ACCORD TO STRENGTHEN ECONOMIC RELATIONS**

By Jon Fedler

BONN, June 27 (JTA) -- Israeli Foreign Minister Yigal Allon and his West German counterpart Hans-Dietrich Genscher, signed an agreement here yesterday aimed at strengthening and expanding economic relations between Israel and the Federal Republic. The agreement includes measures to promote and safeguard West German investments in Israel and the exchange of information and other measures that would assist Israeli exports to West Germany.

Allon arrived here last week at the head of Israel's delegation to the first meeting of the Israel-West German Joint Economic Commission established earlier in the year to increase bilateral trade. The commission is composed of high ranking Israeli and German political and economic leaders. During his stay here, Allon had meetings with Chancellor Helmut Schmidt, former Chancellor Willy Brandt and Helmut Kohl, leader of the Christian Democratic opposition party who said he would visit Israel after the elections.

Political rather than economic matters were stressed in speeches by Genscher and Allon at a dinner given in honor of the visiting Israeli minister by the West German Foreign Minister, Genscher, who greeted Allon as "my respected colleague and dear friend, Yigal," called for "concessions by both sides," to end the Middle East conflict "which affects or burdens all of us."

He said that leading Arab politicians who have visited West Germany have made it clear that they no longer questioned Israel's existence and "in this respect it seems an important development has indeed been initiated, making it easier for Israel to take the steps necessary from its side for a peace settlement." He said West Germany has repeatedly made clear its position, including Israel's right to exist and "what is needed is to show signs of good will and strive vigorously for a comprehensive peace settlement."

#### **Vigorous Defense Of Zionism**

In his speech, Allon delivered a vigorous defense of Zionism which he described as the Jewish response to "the most terrible abomination, the Holocaust which the Hitler regime brought upon us." He said that "Zionism incorporated the wish to build a future in which such tragedies would be avoided. It represents the best in modern Judaism" and "no malicious distortion and no downright lies can alter this truth even when

the opposite is decided three times weekly at relevant and irrelevant meetings, including the institution which calls itself the United Nations."

Allon said Israel "rejected totally" the possibility of a stalemate in peace moves. It would prefer immediate peace negotiations, but if the conditions for this are not yet ripe, Israel is prepared "to conclude a far-reaching political agreement combatting the spectre of a new war and the enmity of our neighbors."

#### **Elements Of The Accord**

The economic agreement signed here included provisions for the establishment of a Trade Center in Israel to keep Israeli manufacturers informed of export possibilities in West Germany and to provide them with vital information about the West German market. The pact also provides the benefits normally granted to developed countries, including subsidies for exhibitions of Israeli goods in West Germany and visits by West German experts to Israel.

An ad hoc working group will be set up to examine questions of industrial cooperation between the two countries, especially in the chemical, electronics and metal sectors, industrial research and development and trade promotion. The two delegations discussed the Arab boycott. According to an official communiqué, the German side "reiterated its position considering the boycott an obstacle to trade and a practice incompatible with its policy of a free economy."

#### **MOKED ADOPTS PLATFORM**

By Yitzhak Shargil

TEL AVIV, June 27 (JTA) -- The left-wing Moked faction adopted a platform at the close of its first political convention here last night which recognized the primacy of Zionism as the national liberation movement of the Jewish people while at the same time recognizing the rights of the Palestinian people to a national state of their own which would co-exist side-by-side with Israel.

Moted leader Meir Payil, the faction's only Knesset member, declared that Israel should welcome a Palestinian state because the national movement of the Palestinians and the Jewish national movement -- Zionism -- are like Siamese twins that developed and crystallized together. He denounced the two superpowers -- U.S. and USSR -- for what he called meddling in the region and using the Israeli-Arab conflict to promote their own interests.

The Moked platform advocated a coalition of the socialist groups and radical elements within the Zionist movement. It viewed Moked as a potential partner in such a coalition that would include the left-wing of the Labor Party and Labor Alignment, socialists from the religious factions, the Black Panthers and the radical intelligentsia.

#### **Planks In The Platform**

Moked supported Jewish strivings to exist as a people in its own homeland with its own language and culture. Loyalty to the independence, sovereignty and security of Israel was described as the starting point for any Israeli-Arab peace movement. But Israel must recognize the right of self-determination of the Palestinian people which could be realized only,

through peaceful coexistence with Israel in a Palestinian state side-by-side with Israel.

The Moked platform stressed that peace agreements must be the result of negotiations between the parties free of dictates or pre-conditions. Israel must make it clear that she is not seeking to annex territories, but the areas taken in the defensive war of 1967 will be held as a guarantee and returned in exchange for peace, the platform said.

Guests attending the opening of the convention included Arye Eliav and Marsha Freedman of the Independent Socialist faction in the Knesset; Eliezer Ronen of Mapam; and other left-wing personalities. Meir Tzaban, Moked's representative in the Histadrut executive, said an emergency economic program was the only way to fight inflation and unemployment.

#### FORD, JEWISH COMMUNITY LEADERS DISCUSS DOMESTIC, FOREIGN ISSUES By Helen Silver

WASHINGTON, June 27 (JTA) -- President Ford discussed matters of national and international concern with 30 Jewish community leaders from all parts of the country at a meeting in the White House late Thursday afternoon. The meeting, which was not announced to the press beforehand, was described by White House Press Secretary Ron Nessen as having nothing to do with politics. The Jewish representatives attending were leaders on the "grass roots" level rather than the heads of major national organizations.

During the course of their discussion which lasted two hours, though originally scheduled for less than one hour, Ford characterized Israel as "the linch-pin for the area (the Middle East) in terms of peace and security there," reiterated the U.S. military and moral commitment to Israel, which he said was very evident and indicated that he was amenable to a compromise with respect to funding Israel's economic and military needs for the transitional quarter between the end of fiscal 1976 and the start of fiscal 1977.

The meeting was reported to have been arranged by Max Fisher of Detroit, a national Jewish leader and personal friend of the President. Ranking Administration official attending included Gen. Brent Scowcroft, chairman of the National Security Council, and Alan Greenspan, chairman of the Council of Economic Advisors. According to Nessen, the meetings was "one of a series" the President has been having "not just with Jewish leaders."

One of the participants said afterwards "it was one of the best meetings I have ever seen the President have with any group. It was a candid exchange of views and I think the group left with the sense that the President has been honest with them. Although he didn't answer their questions 100 percent as they might have wanted, it was a very warm and friendly atmosphere."

#### Compromise On Funding Indicated

With respect to the \$375 million in transitional quarter funding approved for Israel in the Senate's version of the foreign aid bill, Ford said he could not see his way, "in terms of our own budget situation of agreeing to \$375 million but somewhere within those figures there is a way we can compromise it without a stalemate," He was referring to the difference between the

\$375 million and the \$200 million ceiling proposed by the Administration.

Ford denied reports that he had told Congressional leaders he would veto any measure that contained one dollar above the \$200 million. He said he was aware that the Israelis have indicated they would have a short-fall of \$80 million by the end of the transitional period if they received only \$200 million but observed that "If reasonable people can get together, we hope to be able to solve it so that Israel will not have a short fall."

#### Absolutely Committed To Israel

Ford assured the group that he was absolutely committed to Israel and "could not stand idly by when there were questions about Israel's security and survival. Israel occupies a very strategic piece of land in an area of importance to all the world, although Israel does not have some of the mineral resources other countries in that area have.... Israel is the linch-pin for the area in terms of peace and security there."

He made the point that in the two years that he has been President, Israel received more than 40 percent of the total aid it has gotten from the U.S. between 1943-1975. He stated that Israel received \$6.5 billion in U.S. aid during the 27 months of Ford Administration budgets, including transitional quarter funding.

The President said he would have to complete his review of the specifics of legislation now pending to combat the Arab boycott of Israel before discussing them or taking a strong stand. But he reiterated his strong personal views against discriminatory boycotts.

With respect to Soviet Jewry, the group agreed with Ford that it was too late in the year to provide aid from a legislative viewpoint. Ford said, however, that he hoped ways could be found to "break the log jam." He said he was "not interested in talking about blame in the situation but how do we improve it."

#### NAZI BOOKS PROLIFERATING

BUENOS AIRES, June 27 (JTA) -- Nazi books and pamphlets are appearing more and more prominently on newsstands here. The DAIA, the central representative body of Argentine Jewry, has met recently with high government and military officials to express its concern.

Although the material is presented as historical records, they do not disguise their pro-Nazi support. One series published by the Milicia Publishing House has titles such as "The Lie of Auschwitz," and "Judaism and Catholicism" which claim that the concentration camps did not exist, that the gas chambers were invented by the Allies and that Hitler did not murder six million Jews. Hitler himself is pictured as a benevolent father-figure and the savior of Europe.

La Prensa, the influential conservative morning newspaper, said in an editorial that Nazi and fascist propaganda had not been banned under the law prohibiting the dissemination of ideas which could disrupt national unity and this does not help the government's reputation for political impartiality.

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There will be no Daily News Bulletin dated July 5th due to postal holiday.

## FORM JEWISH COMMUNITY RELATIONS COUNCIL OF N.Y. IN HISTORIC MOVE TO UNIFY RESPONSE TO PROBLEMS

NEW YORK, June 27 (JTA) -- The first organization in the modern history of the New York Jewish community to unify the community's response to its community relations problems was announced here Friday. The Jewish Community Relations Council of New York was established by Jewish community and organizational leaders because of increasing awareness of the severity of the problems facing the Jewish community. It was reported at a press conference here. Its officers were elected and its by-laws adopted at a meeting last week.

Attending the news conference were Richard Ravitch, the JCRC president, and four vice-presidents: Laurence A. Tisch, chairman of the board of the United Jewish Appeal-Federation of Jewish Philanthropies Joint Campaign; Rabbi Israel Miller, former chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations; George Klein, member of the board of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America; and Daniel S. Shapiro, past president of the New York chapter of the American Jewish Committee. Malcolm Hoenlein, executive director of the Greater New York Conference on Soviet Jewry, was named JRC executive director.

Officials said New York, which has the world's largest Jewish community and is headquarters for many national and international Jewish organizations, has been the only major city without a central Jewish community relations coordinating agency. Initial funding for the new JCRC was provided by the Federation in the form of a special grant for two years. Officials said financial support will also be received through membership fees and independent contributions.

### Unified, Effective Action Sought

Ravitch said that many Jewish organizations "have separately tried to cope with matters which universally affect the New York Jewish community, including neighborhood stability, police relations, relations with other ethnic groups, loss of jobs and security arising from the city's fiscal crisis, legislation and other matters relating to the continuity and vitality of Jewish life in New York City."

Adding that each organization has "traditionally spoken for itself alone," he said that the JCRC "hopefully will have the funds and the organizational support to act effectively and in a unified fashion on all matters of vital interest to the Jewish community."

Shapiro said that "we have been at all times mindful of the fact that the autonomy of each of the organizations participating be respected and that we do not in any way derogate from that. Nevertheless, the New York Jewish community faces unprecedented challenges, and it has become essential to recognize the need for an overall coordinating mechanism concerned with community relations."

Hoenlein said that "at a time when we face unprecedented problems, it is all the more important that we be able to mobilize our resources and strengths for considered deliberation and coordinated action."

Other JCRC officers include Jack Weiler, chairman of the Joint Distribution Committee; honorary JCRC president; Maxwell Raab, presi-

dent of Temple Emanuel, vice president; Irving Silverman, president of the United Synagogue Metropolitan region, treasurer; and Irving Husin, honorary president of the New York Federation of Reform Synagogues, secretary.

### Founding Member Organizations

Founding member organizations of the JCRC include: the American Jewish Committee, American Jewish Congress, Jewish Labor Committee, Jewish War Veterans, National Council of Jewish Women, Union of American Hebrew Congregations, United Synagogue of America, Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America, Federation of Jewish Philanthropies, Labor Zionist Alliance, and the Zionist Organization of America.

Also, the United Jewish Appeal, Hadassah, New York Board of Rabbis, National Council of Jewish Israel, Workmen's Circle, Council of Jewish Organizations in Civil Service, and the borough-wide Jewish Community Councils of the Bronx, Queens and Staten Island. Hoenlein said other organizations are expected to join in the coming months.

### FORD URGED TO HELP CANCEL PERMIT FOR RALLY BY NEO-NAZI GROUP

WASHINGTON, June 27 (JTA) -- A meeting is being sought by a number of Jewish and non-Jewish groups with President Ford to seek persuade him to arrange cancellation of a permit to a local neo-Nazi group to stage a "White Power" rally in front of the White House on the Bicentennial weekend. The permit for the rally, scheduled for noon on July 3, was granted to the Nazis by the Park Police.

Sen. J. Glenn Beall, Jr. (R. Md.) is aiding the groups in the effort to meet with the President. The groups include the Zionist Organization of America; the Shalom Club, an organization of Holocaust survivors; the Silver Springs (Md.) Jewish Center; the Gold Star Mothers; the Gold Star Wives; the Jewish War Veterans and supporters from both Black and white Christian groups.

Fred Schulman, public affairs director for the ZOA in Washington, who is spokesman for the groups, said "no group should be allowed publicly to urge the violation of the first amendment rights of Blacks and Jews, as the Nazis so consistently do." He noted that at a recent Nazi White Power rally in Chicago, 14 persons were injured, 32 arrested and an injunction issued against Frank Collin, a Nazi leader and his followers.

Schulman said the injunction prohibits the urging "of the violation of the rights of Blacks in the area, where such action is directed to inciting or producing imminent lawless action and is likely to incite or produce such action."

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JERUSALEM (JTA) -- The Siegfried and Irma Ullmann Building for cancer and related diseases was formally opened at the Hadassah Medical Center here Sunday. The \$15 million facility, financed by special grants from the Siegfried and Irma Ullmann Foundation, the U.S. Agency for International Development and substantial sums raised in Israel, will be open to patients from all over the Middle East, Europe and Israel.