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HIJACKERS DEMAND ISRAEL, OTHER COUNTRIES RELEASE JAILED TERRORISTS; SET A THURSDAY NOON DEADLINE

By Edwin Eytan

PARIS, June 29 (JTA)--The gang that hijacked an Air France jet Sunday has demanded the release of 53 Palestinian or pro-Palestinian terrorists presently imprisoned in Israel, Europe and Kenya and has set a deadline of Thursday noon for compliance. They did not say what would be the fate of the 250 passengers and crew members of the seized aircraft that landed at Entebbe airport near Kampala, Uganda more than 24 hours ago if their demands were not met. The passenger list includes more than 80 Israelis and over 100 Jews of other nationalities.

(Israel has maintained official silence on the demands. Sources in Jerusalem said the situation was being studied.)

The hijackers' list contains the names of 40 terrorists held in Israel, including Greek Catholic Archbishop Hilarion Capucci who was convicted two years ago of aiding Palestinian terrorists. It also names six terrorists imprisoned in West Germany, five in Kenya, one in France and one in Switzerland.

According to the latest reports, the hostages were permitted to leave the plane but are being held at gunpoint by the hijackers in a terminal building at Entebbe. The hijackers' demands had been unknown until this morning when they were broadcast by Uganda radio.

Description Of Hijackers

The armed gang that seized the plane shortly after it left Athens airport Sunday on a flight from Tel Aviv to Paris reportedly consists of four men and a woman. This was confirmed in an interview published in the Israeli newspaper Maariv today with Patricia Heyman, a British subject, who was the only passenger released from the plane when it landed Sunday at Benghazi, Libya.

Heyman, who was freed when she complained of being ill, said from her parents' home in Manchester today that the gang was headed by a Spanish-speaking man and included a blonde woman who spoke English with a German accent. The other three hijackers spoke Arabic among themselves, Heyman said. There was speculation here that the Spanish-speaking man may be an international terrorist known as Carlos who is wanted for murder and terrorist activities in several countries.

Heyman said the terrorists, armed with pistols and hand grenades, seized the plane five minutes after take-off from Athens. She said they announced, "We are Palestinians, we have taken over" but that there was no panic among the passengers.

Governments' Reactions Awaited

The main question here today is how the various governments involved will respond to the hijackers' demands. Israel's policy always has been never to give in to terrorists. But the Israelis did release a number of terrorists in July, 1968 after an El Al plane was hijacked over Italy and flown to Algeria. The other governments are expected to comply with the demands.

French Foreign Minister Jean Sauvagnargues said today that France "will be firm and will not give in to pressures." But observers here believe that France not only will release the terrorists it holds but will urge Israel to do the same. A French government spokesman said today that the government had not yet seen the full text of the hijackers' demands. President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing, who returned to Paris yesterday from an international economic conference in Puerto Rico, is reported to be personally handling negotiations with the hijackers. The French are represented at Entebbe by Pierre Renard, the Ambassador to Uganda, and by Ambassador Pierre Bonfous, another ranking diplomat who flew to Uganda yesterday.

Scene At Entebbe Airport

Meanwhile, an airport official at Entebbe who was contacted by the Jewish Telegraphic Agency by telephone today described the atmosphere there as quiet. He said the hostages were "comfortable" and were served their first hot meal last night consisting of soup and curry with rice. They slept on benches and chairs in the terminal building and some slept on the floor, the official reported.

President Idi Amin of Uganda made two trips to the airport and chatted with the passengers. Sources in Entebbe said he appeared to single out Israelis, whom he assured were his "friends and guests." A Ugandan army doctor and a nurse were posted at the airport but their services apparently were not needed. An Air France Boeing 707 carrying a nurse is reportedly at Nairobi, Kenya today.

According to French sources, three hijackers are in the terminal building with the hostages and two have remained aboard the plane. Ugandan army units that ringed the airport are being kept 50 meters away from the terminal under threat by the hijackers to "blow up everything" if they come any closer.

Meanwhile, the Air France office here is under siege by relatives and friends of the hijacked passengers. The latter are believed to include, in addition to 83 Israelis about 35 French Jews and nearly 100 Jews holding Moroccan passports. Most of them live in Paris and were returning from a tour of Israel when the plane was seized.

(Reports from Tel Aviv today said the alert was lifted at Ben Gurion Airport last night when it became apparent that the hijacked plane would remain at Entebbe for the time being.)

BROWN STILL FEELS JEWS HAVE TOO MUCH INFLUENCE ON CONGRESS BUT CLAIMS IT IS NOT IMPROPER

WASHINGTON, June 29 (JTA)--Gen. George S. Brown, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff said yesterday he still thinks Jews have an undue influence on Congress. However, Brown, who was testifying before the Senate Armed Services Committee on President Ford's nomination of him for another two-year term as head of the Joint Chiefs, later backed away from the word "undue" and said influence in support of Israel was proper.

Brown's remarks came when Sen. Robert Taft

Jr. (R.Ohio) asked him about his statement at a Duke University law seminar on Oct. 10, 1974 in which he said that Israel had too much influence on Congress and Jews "own, you know, the banks in this country, the newspapers." Brown later publicly apologized for the remarks on Ford's orders.

In replying to Taft yesterday, Brown said he was wrong in asserting that Jews owned the banks and the newspapers. But under questioning from Taft he said "I felt that the Jewish community in the U.S. had an undue influence on the Congress of the U.S." He said he still feels this way "but I feel it is not unusual. There are other special interest groups that have influence or seek to achieve influence on the Congress of the U.S."

Nothing Sinister Or Illegal

The committee soon after went into closed session, but Sen. Sam Nunn (D.Ga.) later emerged and said he was disturbed by Brown's answers. He asked Brown if he believes that Jews exert "undue influence" and the general replied "I feel the influence of Jewish people was only one of many lobbying activities."

Nunn repeated his question about undue influence and Brown replied "The Senator is better able to answer it than I." He added, "I would say that I think that Jewish influence in the interest of Israel...is absolutely proportional to the effort they put in--they work hard at it....I have never implied anything sinister, wrong or illegal."

When Nunn asked him if Jewish influence was disproportionate to their numbers, Brown replied "It may be, but not disproportionate to their effort." Brown stressed under questioning that there was nothing improper in Jewish lobbying efforts and after further being pressed by Nunn, he said, "I don't think there's undue influence."

The Jewish War Veterans have written Ford expressing their opposition to Brown's renomination.

2 NEW SETTLEMENT SITES APPROVED.

By David Landau

JERUSALEM, June 29 (JTA)--The government approved two new settlement sites today, both on the eastern fringe of the Samaria region of the West Bank. One is in the Jordan Valley and the other in the hills overlooking the Jordan rift. The ministerial settlement committee also decided that the Nahal (para-military) settlement of Kohav Hashahar in the same region would be converted into a civilian settlement.

The announcement had more than usual significance because it indicated that the government continues to follow the Allon plan which has come under attack by militant nationalist elements in determining its settlement policy. The committee, headed by Minister-Without-Portfolio Israel Galili, also seemed to want to demonstrate that government-approved settlement of the West Bank is proceeding without delay.

Negotiations continued, meanwhile, with the Gush Emunim over alternative settlement sites for the Kadum squatters. Up to now, the Gush have refused to accept offers made by the ministerial settlement committee and insist on remaining in the "heart of Samaria." Government policy, guided by the unofficial Allon plan, seeks to create a string of Israeli settlements in the Jordan Valley as a security barrier and to avoid settlement in the Samarian highlands where the large Arab population centers are located.

During Sunday's Cabinet meeting, Premier Yitzhak Rabin flatly rejected a demand by the

Gush Emunim that the Cabinet hold a full dress debate on West Bank settlement policies as a condition for their acceptance of a settlement site offered by the government. The Cabinet decided on May 9 to offer the Gush squatters alternative sites. If they reject the offer, they will be removed from Kadum, by force if necessary, the Cabinet said.

THE ISSUE OF GUSH EMUNIM

LONG BEACH, N.Y., June 29 (JTA)--The Gush Emunim movement is "championing a dangerously irreversible policy" toward the administered areas, Rabbi Saul Berman, of the Stern College for Women, told the 64th annual convention of Young Israel here. But he agreed with Rabbi Fabian Schonfeld, immediate past president of the Rabbinical Council of America, that Gush Emunim had matched Zionist feelings to action in its determination to oppose Israeli withdrawal from the West Bank.

Rabbi Schonfeld also told the 600 delegates that the Gush Emunim policy was an American issue "because of the actions of the Secretary of State." He argued that if Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger had not stopped Israeli forces during the Yom Kippur War, there would not have been a Gush Emunim. He said he supported Gush Emunim because it was the only group in Israel to oppose the wishes of Kissinger and "to tell him 'no.'"

Herman Rosenbaum of New York, who was elected to a third term as president of the organization of Orthodox synagogues, challenged American Jewish critics of Israeli policy, denouncing Breira, an organization of American Jews which urges debate on that policy. Rosenbaum assailed "those who would criticize the government of Israel from the sanctuary of distant shores," citing critics like those of Breira "who, 7000 miles away in safety and comfort, direct others."

Rabbi Israel Miller, former chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations and former president of the American Zionist Federation, addressing one of the weekend sessions, urged the Young Israel movement to join the American Zionist Federation. But Rabbi Samuel Fink of Brooklyn, said he doubted that the Young Israel membership would have any input in the AZF and suggested there might be "considered religious reasons" against joining the AZF.

Miller told the delegates that "at a time when the Zionist cause has come under increasing, concerted attack, it is important that all of us pull together in support of Israel and Zionism." He said the AZF included groups representing a wide range of political beliefs and religious affiliations and added that "it is exactly to provide for the unity of such diverse groups and thus to strengthen our support for Israel, that the Federation exists." The convention did not act on the proposal for affiliation.

CATHOLIC PRELATE URGES JEWISH COMMUNITY LEADERS TO ENCOURAGE GREATER CHRISTIAN-JEWISH DIALOGUE

LOUISVILLE, June 29 (JTA)--A prominent Catholic prelate today urged an assembly of Jewish community relations leaders to encourage greater Catholic-Jewish dialogue that "openly and frankly" probes theological questions and "any and all public policy issues" on which the two groups may be divided.

The Rev. Msgr. George G. Higgins of the U.S. Catholic Conference, speaking on religious pluralism at the annual plenary of the National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council, said that "difficulties and frustrations" can be expected in such exchanges, but Catholics promoting dialogue would "reject and repudiate" any efforts by fellow Christians to "misuse it" as a means of pressuring Jews into supporting Catholic positions on such controversial issues as parochialism or abortion.

At a later session, a policy statement adopted by the 350 delegates, representing nine national Jewish organizations and 100 community relations councils, reaffirmed the long-standing opposition of the NJCRAC agencies to prayer and other religious observances in public schools, and to the use of tax funds for parochial schools. Orthodox Judaism, represented here by the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America, again, as in past years, dissented on the parochialism issue.

Another section of the policy declaration, submitted in draft by NJCRAC's commission on inter-religious relationships, had "welcomed" a recent statement by the executive board of the National Council of Churches, the major coalition of Protestant denominations, recognizing Israel's need for secure boundaries. The draft, after floor debate, was amended to add language "deploring the failure of the National Council's governing board, its decision-making body, ever to affirm publicly the legitimacy of an independent Israel."

Christians And Israel

In his appeal for interreligious exchange, Higgins said that American Christians "must be prepared" to urge a U.S. walk-out at the UN General Assembly if the Arab-Third World bloc persists with efforts to expel Israel. The "silence" of the Christian clergy during the Six-Day War, which led many disillusioned Jewish groups to discontinue interreligious discussions, was "an argument for rather than against dialogue," Higgins declared. Christians, then and now, "do not fully understand what Israel means to the Jews in theological terms. Jews themselves are the only ones who can help us to overcome this gap," he said.

Noting that past dialogues had generally been initiated by Jews, Higgins, who is consultant to the Bishops Committee on Catholic-Jewish Relations, said that Catholics now need to reverse the process "in a spirit of deep repentance for past offenses and crimes committed by Christians against Jews."

Statement Denounces Brown

The 350 delegates approved unanimously today a statement denouncing Gen. George S. Brown, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, for statements he made yesterday in testimony at a hearing before the Senate Armed Forces Committee. (See story P. 1) The statement declared that Brown's statements "reflected again his marked insensitivity to a basic aspect of the American system."

The statement added that "the application of such insensitivity and ignorance in the field of military preparedness and intelligence would plainly pose a serious hazard to the interests of the nation. The fitness of Gen Brown to hold the high office for which he has been nominated is called into question by his latest manifestation of lack of judgement and discretion."

HOUSE APPROVES FOREIGN AID BILL

WASHINGTON, June 29 (JTA)--The House last

night approved by a 231-158 vote a \$5.6 billion foreign aid bill for the 1976 fiscal year which ends tomorrow which includes \$275 million for Israel for the July 1-Sept. 30 transitional quarter. The bill had been held up by a dispute between the Ford Administration and the Congressional supporters of Israel over the transitional quarter funding.

Originally, Congress wanted to provide Israel with \$550 million in transitional quarter aid, which was 25 percent of the \$2.2 billion appropriated for Israel for the 1976 fiscal year. But President Ford did not want any supplemental aid saying that Israel had enough for its needs with the funds for 1976 and the \$1.8 billion recommended for the 1977 fiscal year which begins Oct. 1.

Supporters of Israel recently claimed that Ford later approved providing Israel \$376 million in transitional aid but then said recently he wanted to give Israel only \$200 million and divide the remaining \$176 million among several Arab countries. The bill adopted yesterday provides Egypt \$100 million in supplemental aid, Jordan \$60 million and Syria \$15 million. The supplemental aid to Israel includes \$200 million for the transitional period in arms credits, half of which will be forgiven, and \$75 million in economic assistance.

SOVIET BOOK SPEWS NAZI IDEAS

NEW YORK, June 29 (JTA)--"Zionist Falsehoods," printed by the Novosti Press Agency in Moscow and recently obtained by the National Conference on Soviet Jewry, claims that secondary students in Israel are taught that "Jews are entitled to slaves." Printed in English for export just over a year ago, the book accuses Jews of being taught that "they are the elite of the human race and were especially created to pay homage to the Creator." Because of this they deserve to have slaves and these must be non-Jews because a Jewish slave would not devote himself entirely to God."

The book, written by B. Bakanov, is divided into four chapters: "Zionism Yesterday and Today," "The Call of the Promised Land," "The True Face of Israel," and "The Deceived Open their Eyes." Reminiscent of the most notorious anti-Semitic literature of the Nazi era, the book pretends to show that Zionists have always welcomed anti-Semitism, "because it is this that has always justified their existence." The book continues, "It was fascism that brought death and suffering to millions of people, that enabled the Zionists to make a 'selection' of settlers to the future Israeli state." The book says that Zionists put a high emphasis on anti-Semitism so that Jews will recognize "that all non-Jews should be treated as anti-Semites."

BUCHAREST (JTA)--Chief Rabbi Moses Rosen of Rumania has inaugurated a new kosher restaurant in the mountain resort of Brasov, the 11th established by the Federation of Jewish Communities. In Brasov, where there are some 700 Jews, the community is celebrating its 150th anniversary. The town's synagogue is 75 years old. The new restaurant will be used by the Jewish community for both religious and secular ceremonies and a meeting place both for the old and young people.

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

NOMINATIONS FOR 1976 SMOLAR AWARD ARE BEING ACCEPTED

NEW YORK, June 29 (JTA)--Nominations for the 1976 Smolar Award for Excellence in North American Jewish Journalism are now being accepted, it was announced by Lavy M. Becker of Montreal, chairman of the Award Committee. Awards will be presented to journalists for press coverage in eight categories that cover news, editorial and feature materials. Applicants may enter the competition in only one category in any given year.

The Award, established in 1972 by the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds (CJF) recognizes achievements by outstanding North American journalists whose work appears in English-language newspapers substantially involved in the coverage of Jewish communal affairs and issues in the United States and Canada.

Created as a tribute to Boris Smolar, Editor-in-Chief Emeritus of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, and a distinguished author and columnist, this annual award is the highest honor bestowed upon individuals in the North American Jewish journalism field. This year's awards will be announced at the CJF's 45th General Assembly in Philadelphia, Nov. 9-14.

Eight Categories Announced

The eight categories making up this year's competition and for which awards, as merited, will be made are: three in the area of "News" coverage for local, national and overseas reportage respectively; two for "Editorial" excellence--either a single editorial or a series, inclusive of cartoons, and for an outstanding regular column devoted to news analysis and commentary; and in the "Features" area, separate awards recognizing a series of articles on a special theme, a single article (inclusive of interviews, personality sketches, film, book reviews), and a regular column whose focus is the local community scene.

This year's competition covers material published between June 1, 1975 and May 31, 1976, with the deadline for entries Sept. 1, 1976. Nominations can be made by newspapers and journalists of the American Jewish press, as well as organizations and interested individuals. A person can be nominated and/or enter the competition in only one of the eight categories.

In announcing the opening of the '76 Smolar Award competition, Becker commented that "the growing stature and service record being achieved by the North American Jewish press is a vital fact affecting us all. As informed individuals, better able to shape meaningful responses for ourselves and programs for our communities, we appreciate the extent to which a capacity for decision-making and community-building is due to an alert and dynamic press." Judging is by the Smolar Award Committee, a body of distinguished representatives of the Jewish and general press, arts and letters, the field of public relations, community leadership and the CJF Board of Directors.

A 'YANKEE TALLIT' DESIGNED FOR BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

NEW YORK, June 29 (JTA)--The Bicentennial celebration has inspired products galore. There is something for every person's taste, whim and sentiment at prices ranging up to thousands of dollars. But now along comes an item specifically designed for the observant Jew who may want to combine prayer with a subliminal reminder of America's

200th anniversary: a Bicentennial "Yankee tallit."

A new company, calling itself the Yankee Tallit Works, located in New York, is offering a tallit made of lightweight kettlecloth denim, braided atarah, orange decorative stitching and natural color fringing. A spokesman for the firm said the tallit "has 100 percent wool tzitzit (ritual fringes) tied by a carefully selected staff of men who meet the most rigid religious standards."

He noted that the tallit, a matching kippah and appropriate tallit bags, which have been designed and introduced to the American Jewish public in honor of the Bicentennial, has "a uniquely American design." It was also designed, he added, to attract younger people "who believe that prayer should and could be a less formal experience without having to deviate from tradition or halacha."

An Exciting Idea

Yaakov Gross, a graphics designer who designed the tallit, said the idea came about from a conversation he had with two friends, Haim Plotzker, a Fordham University political scientist, and Edya Arzt of the Women's League for Conservative Judaism. They said there was a need for an American-designed tallit and Gross went to work on it. Plotzker is acting as production manager of the firm.

The first "Yankee tallit" was presented to Rabbi Alexander Schindler, chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations and president of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, according to the firm's spokesman. The spokesman said that Schindler, upon trying on the new tallit, said it "is an exciting idea which should appeal to the young American Jew."

NAZIS TO MARCH

WASHINGTON, June 29 (JTA)--The Ford Administration has rejected a demand by Washington area Jewish groups that President Ford rescind a permit for a local neo-Nazi "White Power" rally in front of the White House Friday. The group plans to be dressed in full Nazi regalia with storm trooper uniforms, swastika arm bands and Nazi flags for the demonstration timed for the Bicentennial weekend.

The Administration's answer came yesterday at a meeting Sen. J. Glenn Beall Jr. (R.Md.) and Jewish community leaders had with John Kyl, Assistant Secretary of the Interior and officials of the National Capital Parks Service and police. Members of Club Shalom, an organization of Holocaust survivors, made an impassioned appeal to Kyl for cancelling the permit.

The Administration officials cited various park regulations and maintained that the permit would not be cancelled. A suggestion by Beall to change the location of the Nazi demonstration for a place less central and safer was also rejected.

Dr. William Perl, chairman of the international advisory council of the Jewish Defense League, said that the Nazi Party is a forbidden organization "in all civilized countries," including Germany. He also stressed that "this is not a matter of offending Jews only, but all those who fought the Nazis in World War II and were killed by them." He said "It is a betrayal of those buried here in Arlington Cemetery." Perl demanded that Ford personally step into the dispute and cancel the permit granted to the Nazis.