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MRS. BLOCH IS DEAD, TO THE BEST KNOWLEDGE OF BRITISH GOVERNMENT Report Of Finding Her Body Not Confirmed By Maurice Samuelson

LONDON, July 13 (JTA)--To the best knowledge of the British government, Mrs. Dora Bloch "is no longer alive," the Minister of State at the Foreign Office, Edward Rowlands, told Parliament yesterday afternoon. "In whatever circumstances Mrs. Bloch's death took place, the Uganda government must bring those responsible to justice," he said, adding that the government would press "most strongly" for this. He said the government was not satisfied with the results of inquiries made by the Ugandan authorities to date.

A newspaper in Nairobi, Kenya, reported this morning that the partly burned body of Mrs. Bloch was seen in a forest 11 miles from Kampala, the Ugandan capital. Joe Rodriguez, managing editor of the Kenya Nation, said on a BBC interview today that the information was supplied by a Ugandan who said he saw the body of a white woman which was charred except for its right hand and a leg which was ulcerated. The Ugandan was not identified.

Labor MP Michael Foot, leader of the House of Commons, said this afternoon that he was unable to confirm this report. According to the newspaper, the informant said he had gone to the forest with a party of Ugandan soldiers and that he saw the bodies of three Entebbe Airport radar operators near the body of the woman. The forest was described as a place where people are shot or bodies dumped and where families go to search for missing relatives.

Meanwhile, the Board of Deputies of British Jews urged the government to demand that Uganda hand over the remains of Mrs. Bloch "for decent burial beside her late husband" in Israel.

Cries Of 'Shame, Shame'

The government's conclusion about the fate of Mrs. Bloch, a 75-year-old Air France hijack hostage who held dual British-Israeli citizenship, was based on the report given the Foreign Office by the British High Commissioner for Uganda, James Hennessy. Hennessy returned from Kampala yesterday after a fruitless mission to ascertain the whereabouts of Mrs. Bloch. Rowlands said "There seems little doubt that Mrs. Bloch was taken from her room at Mulago Hospital (in Kampala) at about 9:30 a.m. local time on July 4 and that she is no longer alive."

He expressed condolences to her family. The time of her removal from the hospital confirmed that, contrary to Ugandan claims, she was at the hospital when Israeli commandos rescued more than 100 hostages being held at Entebbe Airport during the night of July 3.

Rowland's announcement was greeted with cries of "shame, shame" from MPs. They were directed not only at Uganda, but what many regard as the weak posture of the British government toward Uganda. A number of MPs have expressed dissatisfaction that the government has not officially recalled its High Commissioner and that Foreign Office statements have stopped short

of denouncing Uganda's role in the hijacking and explicitly rejecting Uganda's obvious lies about the circumstances of Mrs. Bloch's disappearance.

Greville Janner, a Labor MP who is vice-president of the Board of Deputies of British Jews, said that Mrs. Bloch's son had asked him to convey the family's deep appreciation for the help rendered by the British government. He said the family attributes the blame solely to President Idi Amin of Uganda "without whom nothing happens in that country." He said the Bloch family wanted the government to continue to do its best to determine if Mrs. Bloch was alive or to see that her body is returned to Israel for burial. Rowlands replied that he would be offering "cruel hope" to say that Mrs. Bloch was still alive.

ISRAELIS UNEASY ABOUT BAN OF TAIWAN TEAM FROM 1976 OLYMPICS

By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, July 13 (JTA)--Many Israelis were uneasy and some angered today over what amounts to the ouster of the 42-member Taiwan team from the Olympic Games due to start in Montreal July 17. These feelings stem from sympathy for a country being ostracized from an international event for purely political reasons--a humiliation suffered by Israel on more than one occasion in the past. But the main concern is that the ban on Taiwan would set a precedent for a similar ban on the Israeli team in the 1980 Olympics which will be held in Moscow.

The Israeli government has made no official expression of displeasure over the treatment of the Taiwanese and is not expected to. To become officially embroiled in the matter would only offend Canada, a friendly nation with which Israel maintains diplomatic and trade relations.

Israel has no diplomatic relations with Taiwan. But if Canada can block the team from Taiwan, with which it severed relations in 1970 when it recognized the People's Republic of China, the Soviet Union, it was felt here, could easily do the same against Israel with which it broke relations in 1967. The Russians may not challenge the name "Israel," but may simply say that a "Palestinian" team was a more appropriate representative of this particular land, sources here said.

AT THE DEMOCRATS' CONVENTION: A SEASON FOR ALL ISSUES

By David Friedman

NEW YORK, July 13 (JTA)--Jewish delegates to the Democratic National Convention which opened last night at Madison Square Garden appear to feel that their party will emerge with an election platform that is strong on issues of concern to American Jews, especially support of Israel.

And while most Jewish delegates were pledged to candidates other than Jimmy Carter, most appeared ready to go along with the expected approval of the former Georgia Governor as the Democrats' candidate for the Presidency. "We don't have much choice," one delegate quipped. In this, the Jewish delegates echo the position of non-Jews who supported other candidates. Can-

didates like Sen. Henry M. Jackson of Washington, Sen. Hubert H. Humphrey of Minnesota and Rep. Morris Udall of Arizona, who had strong Jewish support, have all announced their endorsement of Carter.

Rep. James H. Scheuer, who represents a district in Brooklyn and Queens, said that Carter appears to be strong on Israel. But he said that the Jewish community will want to know how he feels about domestic issues of concern to Jews, especially the issue of quotas. He said Jews are very concerned about the use of quotas in employment and education since they feel it is discriminatory. Scheuer noted that the Jewish delegates do not have a caucus such as Blacks or women.

Scheuer said he did not believe that the reported Jewish concern over Carter's evangelistic religious beliefs will play an important part in whether Jews vote for him. He said he saw Carter interviewed on television and has come to the conclusion that he is a "tough" politician in the mold of the Kennedys and Lyndon Johnson and will make decisions on a pragmatic basis rather than on his religious views.

One atypical Jewish delegate was Rabbi Israel Friedman, a member of the Satmar Hasidic sect who was elected as a Jackson delegate from New York. He was non-committal on both the platform and Carter, saying he had to know more about both. There are several other Hasids in the New York delegation and several Hasids are among the 10,000 members of the press covering the convention.

Carter Making A Special Effort

Carter has been making a special effort to win support of Jews because of his poor showing among Jewish voters during the primary campaigns. He only received about four percent of the Jewish vote in the New York primary. Carter has held several meetings with Jewish groups in various parts of the country in recent weeks and is expected to intensify his efforts after this week's convention.

During the primary campaigns, Carter appeared publicly before a group of invited Jewish leaders in New York City and at a synagogue in Elizabeth, N.J., and made strong statements of support for Israel. He has repeated this support at several press conferences.

Many Issues At Stake

The convention is expected tonight to adopt the Democratic Party's campaign platform which includes strong support for Israel, opposition to an imposed settlement in the Middle East or negotiations with terrorists and urges the United States to move its Embassy in Israel from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem.

But Jewish delegates to the convention, like most American Jews, are concerned not only with the issue of Israel but with the whole gamut of problems that face the United States. This includes economics, civil rights, women's rights, the problems of cities, housing, foreign and defense policy, in fact all the issues that the convention will deal with.

This is demonstrated by the fact that several Jews will be presenting parts of the platform tonight that do not deal with specific Jewish issues.

Gloria Schaffer, Connecticut's Secretary of State, will deal with employment policies; Bess Myerson, former New York City Commissioner

of Consumer Affairs, will discuss business accountability; Jerry Wurf, who heads the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, will discuss the Hatch Act; and Rep. Gladys N. Spellman of Maryland will deal with energy. Reps. Bella Abzug and Elizabeth Holtzman, both of New York, have been leading the fight for women's rights at the convention, especially the demand that 50 percent of the delegates at the 1980 convention be women.

Jews are also participating in every position on the convention, from Democratic National Chairman Robert S. Strauss on down. Last night, the benediction was given by Rabbi Emanuel Feldman of Atlanta, Ga.

Many of the non-Jewish delegates have been experiencing in New York their first taste of Jewish delicacies such as bagels and lox, knishes and blintzes. One Southern woman was overheard at a Jewish delicatessen near the Garden as saying "I just can't swallow corned beef."

SOME 5000 FROM CANADA AND ABROAD ATTEND MEMORIAL FOR MUNICH 11

MONTREAL, July 13 (JTA)--Thousands of Canadians of all faiths and from all walks of life, as well as representatives from numerous Olympic teams, participated in a solemn memorial service here last night for the 11 members of the 1972 Israeli Olympic team who were slain by terrorists in Munich. Some 1800 persons filled the sanctuary of the Shaare Hashomayim Synagogue and about 4000 more persons watched the ceremony from elsewhere in the building on closed-circuit television.

The event was covered by more than 200 press and television correspondents from around the world. All five French-language dailies that serve Montreal displayed a photograph of Mordechai Shalev, Israel's Ambassador to Canada, greeting the 52 Israeli athletes participating in the Montreal Olympics on their arrival here Sunday and gave prominent coverage in their editions today of last night's memorial service.

Leading Officials Present

More than 100 leading Canadian officials, including Prime Minister Pierre Elliott Trudeau and six provincial premiers, lent their names to the memorial service project which was co-sponsored by various Jewish organizations throughout the country after Israeli Olympic officials failed in an effort to have the International Olympic Committee sponsor a memorial observance as part of the program for the Montreal Games.

Trudeau, who was accompanied to the ceremony by six other federal Cabinet members, read a Psalm which he delivered in French and English. During the recital of the El Molé Rachamim, persons standing close to the Premier reported later that they saw tears in his eyes. In a spontaneous display of emotion at the conclusion of the memorial service, one of the widows of the slain Israeli athletes presented Trudeau with an Israeli medal.

Others present at the service were Willy Duane, vice-president of the International Olympic Committee, Montreal Mayor Jean Drapeau, provincial and city officials and other leading citizens from various parts of Canada and the widows of three of the Munich victims--Yossef Romano, weight lifter; Kehat Shorr, the rifle coach; and Andrei Spitzer, a fencer--and the 52 members of the 1976 Israeli team.

Spirit Of Munich Still Alive

Rabbi W. Gunther Plaut, the chairman of the memorial service, told the audience: "The spirit of Munich still roams the world. The time is passed for mouthing pious words. Unless there is an answer that comes from the nations of the world, the clouds will form once again and beyond Entebbe there will be other Munichs."

Israeli President Ephraim Katzir stated in a message, read to the audience by Shalev, that "As the Montreal Olympics approach, re-emphasizing for all of us the international fraternity of sport, the memory of the massacre in Munich haunts us even more powerfully."

The Israel Olympic Committee, represented here by its secretary, Chaim Glovinsky, issued a six-page pamphlet in four languages to commemorate the Munich II. It stated, in part: "As a tree in a storm, so shall the Jews survive yet this onslaught. But there is no forgiveness. The pain and anguish we feel at the loss of our fellow sportsmen will give us the power to press forward ever higher, ever faster, as they would have wished us to do." Three hours before the memorial service, the Israeli flag went up over the Olympic grounds.

U.S. HAILS ENTEBBE RESCUE AS
COMBINATION OF GUTS AND BRAINS
By Yitzhak Rabi

UNITED NATIONS, July 13 (JTA)--The United States vigorously defended and hailed last night the Israeli rescue operation in Uganda and described it as "one of the most remarkable rescue missions in history, a combination of guts and brains that has seldom if ever been surpassed."

As the U.S. was praising the Israeli operation Mexico, in a letter to the president of the Security Council, condemned terrorism but said it rejected "the use of armed force by any state as a means of trying to solve conflicts." (See separate story).

The U.S. Ambassador to the UN, William W. Scranton, told the Security Council that the Israeli rescue operation "electrified millions everywhere, and I confess I was one of them." He said that the Israeli raid was justified "because innocent people have a right to live and be rescued from terrorists who recognize no law and are ready to kill if their demands are not met."

First Responsibility Of Israel

Conceding, however, that "there was a temporary breach of the territorial sovereignty of Uganda," Scranton said that under the circumstances the first responsibility of the Israeli government was "to protect her citizens, hostages threatened with their very lives, in mortal danger in a far away place." He detailed the agony of the hostages held at Entebbe Airport in Uganda, a country "whose head of state had rejoiced at the slaying of Israeli athletes at Munich called for the extinction of Israel, and praised that madman, Hitler."

The American envoy called on the Security Council to adopt strong measures against international terrorism and hijacking. He said he believed the Council can do "a great deal" to prevent terrorism which endangers "peace and security in the world today."

The rescue of more than 100 hostages held at gun-point at Entebbe also was defended by West Germany. Ambassador Rudiger von Wechmar said his government was greatly relieved when

the hostages were freed. He added, however, "We deeply regret the loss of life that occurred" as a result of the rescue operation. Terming the hijacking of the Air France air bus nothing "but a criminal act," Wechmar called for action in the upcoming General Assembly against international terrorism.

MEXICO AGAIN SLAMS ISRAEL

UNITED NATIONS, July 13 (JTA)--The Mexican government, which several months ago promised American Jewish leaders that it will not participate in any further anti-Israeli campaigns at the UN after its support of the resolution equating Zionism with racism, has criticized the Israeli rescue operation in Uganda. In a letter to the president of the Security Council, the Mexican government, without mentioning Israel by name but obviously referring to Israel, stated:

"Mexico, faithful to its principles, cannot fail likewise to express its firm rejection of the use of armed force by any state as a means of trying to solve conflicts, because such acts are a flagrant violation both of the Charter of the United Nations and of universally accepted principles of international law, and create precedents of incalculable danger for all civilized coexistence."

"The lack of the political will to implement the basic precepts of the United Nations Charter and the relevant resolutions adopted by the United Nations to give effect to those precepts in specific cases has produced, in the opinion of the Mexican government, a dangerous impasse in the situation in the Middle East which naturally affects all international activity."

The letter also condemned all acts of terrorism, including the hijacking of the Air France jetliner to Uganda "by an extremist Palestinian group."

WAR CRIMES PROBE CANCELLED

VIENNA, July 13 (JTA)--The Austrian State Prosecutor has cancelled investigations of right-wing Freedom Party leader Friedrich Peter for alleged war crimes. The prosecutor's office said no evidence was found for charges made by Simon Wiesenthal, head of the Vienna Jewish Documentation Center of criminal acts committed by Peter during World War II.

Wiesenthal charged last fall that Peter was a member of a Nazi Waffen SS unit in 1942 which killed thousands of Jews in the Soviet Union. Wiesenthal said he had no conclusive evidence that Peter was personally involved in any of these crimes, "but it was very unlikely he should not have taken part."

The charges created a stir in Austrian domestic politics when Chancellor Bruno Kreisky rushed to the defense of Peter and attacked Wiesenthal for making "unqualified charges." The prosecutor's office said a review of the evidence presented by Wiesenthal and further investigations yielded no evidence of war crimes committed by Peter.

JERUSALEM (JTA)--The organizers of the eighth annual Hasidic Song Festival, to take place here Oct. 12-15, have asked composers throughout the world to contribute to that musical event. Composers who are interested in writing music for verses of the Scriptures, should write "Solon Theater" 24 Bloch St., Tel Aviv, for details, or send their pieces on a cassette or in manuscript. The music must arrive in Israel by Aug. 8.

KNESSET DEVOTES SPECIAL SESSION TO AMERICAN BICENTENNIAL

By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, July 13 (JTA)--Premier Yitzhak Rabin said yesterday that Israel and the United States share a common heritage that rises from a common source. He warned America, however, against isolationism and stressed that Israel must be prepared to defend its independence by itself.

Rabin addressed an extraordinarily well attended special session of the Knesset dedicated to the American Bicentennial. The galleries were filled with guests, prominent among them President Ephraim Katzir, U.S. Ambassador Malcolm Toon, Supreme Court judges, the two Chief Rabbis, Jewish Agency officials and foreign diplomats.

Referring to the Uganda rescue mission that was accomplished on the eve of the 200th anniversary of American independence, Rabin declared, "I feel that there is a deep link of content and symbol between the two events that took place on that date. Both express the essence of the contents of the Zionist and American revolutions."

He praised the U.S. not as just a "rich uncle" to Israel "but a people and a state who have faced tyranny and dictatorship in two world wars." However, Rabin added, "If it happens that the U.S. will deviate from its function, isolate itself and turn its back on the free world, democracy and freedom will be in danger." Rabin said that while Israel recognizes the U.S. as the leader of the free world, a nation that is not ready to use all of its human and material resources to defend its independence will not be saved by others.

Urges U.S. Move Embassy To Jerusalem

Likud leader Menachem Begin, speaking for the opposition, praised the U.S. He used the occasion to urge the U.S. to move its Embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem which he described as "the most ancient capital in the world but the only capital in which the Ambassador of the U.S. does not reside permanently."

Later, after the assembled guests toasted the Bicentennial, Toon thanked Rabin and Begin for their speeches. "As usual, I do not agree with everything Begin said, but as always I shall report his words to my superiors, but always with a brief editorial comment," Toon said.

Month-Long Bicentennial Exhibit

Meanwhile, a month-long Bicentennial exhibition was opened at the Hebrew University in the presence of the Deputy Chief of Mission at the U.S. Embassy, Thomas Dunnigan, faculty and administrative staff and invited guests. The exhibition, titled "Proclaim Liberty Throughout the Land," was assembled with the assistance of the Jacob and Hilda Blaustein Foundation. It features books and pictures portraying the founding of a new society in the new world, the establishment of the American republic and the role of immigrants in the formation of American society.

RABBI CALLS FOR 'PAN-AMERICAN UNION OF RELIGIOUS JEWRY' TO COMBAT DANGER OF ASSIMILATION, INTERMARRIAGE

BUENOS AIRES, July 13 (JTA)--A call for the creation of a "Pan-American Union of Religious Jewry" was issued here by Rabbi Moshe Sherer, executive president of Agudath Israel of America. Delivering the keynote address at a conference attended by delegates from Agudath Israel chapters in Latin American countries, Sherer said that the accelerating rates of intermarriage and

assimilation which have hit the South American Jewish communities requires the building of new bridges between North and South American religious Jewry for mutual action to combat this common plague.

Sherer, who will also address the 25th anniversary dinner at the end of the four-day conference this week, marking the 25th anniversary of the founding of Torah educational institutions in Argentina by Agudath Israel, paid special tribute to the new Kollel graduate school recently opened here.

He stated that the Kollel, the only school of higher Torah research in Latin America, will provide the "native-born yeshiva deans and teachers to expand Torah education in Latin America, similar to the revolution in yeshiva education wrought in the United States by American-born day school leaders."

Raps WZO Program

Sherer charged that the "South American Program" started by the World Zionist Organization with a \$3.5 million appropriation over three years to halt the ebbing away of Jewish life on that continent, is "misdirected because the bulk of these funds are spent for Jewish education programs not based on traditional observance." "A Torahless Jewish educational effort is an exercise of futility, because it simply cannot fire the soul of the Jew with the desire to continue living Jewishly in an hostile society, which is the avowed purpose of the 'South American Program,'" Sherer said.

In addition to the problems of Torah education, intermarriage and the situation of local Jewish communities in Latin American countries, the Agudist conference is taking up the problems of Israel and Soviet Jewry.

AIR FRANCE EXEC THANKS ISRAEL FOR UGANDA RESCUE OPERATION

TEL AVIV, July 13 (JTA)--A top executive of Air France arrived here last night to personally express the company's thanks to Israel for rescuing the hijack hostages from Entebbe Airport in Uganda July 3. The hostages included the flight crew of the seized Air France air bus, all of whom returned home unharmed.

Denis deJean, vice-president and European general manager of France's national air carrier, also told reporters at Ben Gurion Airport that Air France sent a doctor to Kampala to find out what happened to Mrs. Dora Bloch, the only hostage who remains unaccounted for. The British government said yesterday that it believes Mrs. Bloch to be dead. (See separate story P. 1.)

DeJean, who was greeted at the airport by Transport Minister Gad Yaacobi, said, "I have come specially to Israel to express our gratitude to you and the Israel government for the great deed in rescuing the hostages from Uganda." Yaacobi asked the airline official to convey Israel's appreciation to the flight crew for their responsible and courageous behavior throughout the ordeal. DeJean disclosed that the Ugandan authorities have released the hijacked plane and it was currently being inspected at Entebbe.

NEW YORK (JTA)--Seminars on Jewish history and the Hebrew language are being held by Soviet Jewish activists in Minsk and Kishinev, according to the Al Tidom Association. These informal groups meeting on a regular basis are being harassed by the Soviet authorities.