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10 INJURED IN BOMB EXPLOSION

TEL AVIV, July 18 (JTA) -- Ten persons were injured when a home-made bomb exploded in a bus traveling from Kfar Saba to Tel Aviv this morning. Two of the injured were hospitalized and are in serious condition. Both are Arabs from the administered territories. The other injured were given first aid on the spot. Many of the more than 40 passengers aboard the bus were Arabs from Kalkilya, a township near Kfar Saba. The bus was severely damaged.

Police said the bomb consisted of battery-activated explosives concealed in a food tin. The tin also contained nails intended to inflict serious injuries. It was placed on a luggage rack in the middle of the bus. Simcha Waliach, the driver, told police he carried out his regular morning inspection before boarding passengers and found the bus clean. Police are investigating.

FIRST HURRAH IS OVER FOR DEMS: PUSH ON TO GAIN SUPPORT OF JEWISH VOTERS SEEN IN CHOICE OF MONDALE

By David Friedman

NEW YORK, July 18 (JTA) -- Democratic Presidential candidate Jimmy Carter apparently believes that his selection of Sen. Walter F. Mondale of Minnesota as his Vice-Presidential running mate may lessen doubts about his candidacy among Jewish voters. Mondale, who has an unblemished record of support of Jewish and liberal issues, may also be used to discuss matters of concern to the Jewish community during the campaign which opens on Labor Day.

Evidence for this came last Thursday night when Mondale praised Israel's rescue of hostages in Uganda in the only mention of the Jewish state in the acceptance speeches by Carter and his running mate. "Israel, always the bulwark of liberty, has set an historic example for freedom-loving peoples around the world by its bold and brave mission in Uganda," the Minnesotan said to the loud cheers of delegates and others who packed Madison Square Garden for the final session of the Democratic National Convention.

Carter, Mondale Hit Terrorism

In speeches largely devoted to domestic issues and a promise to return government to the people, both Carter and Mondale spoke of the need to combat terrorism. Observers saw this as a direct bid for the Jewish vote. Stressing the need for a President to maintain peace, Carter added: "But peace is not the mere absence of war. Peace is the unceasing effort to stamp out international terrorism."

Mondale's praise of Israel came after he said that the United States rejects "the idea that this nation must sit passively while terrorists maim and murder innocent men, women and children. In the early years of the 19th century this nation defeated the Barbary pirates and guaranteed freedom of the seas. In the final quarter of the 20th century we must defeat the new breed of pirates and guarantee freedom of the skies."

Carter in brief comments on foreign affairs did not single out any nation or region. But he declared, "To our friends and allies I say that what unites us through our common dedication to democracy is more important than that which occasionally divides us on economics or politics."

In his remarks on domestic concerns, Carter said "We can have an America that encourages and takes pride in our ethnic diversity, our religious diversity, and our cultural diversity, knowing that out of our pluralistic heritage has come the strength and vitality and creativity that makes us great and will keep us great."

Carter who was not specific throughout his speech did not touch on such issues that especially concern the Jewish community as aid to parochial schools and church-state separation. He also did not specifically mention the Soviet Jewry issue although he did state that "Peace is the unceasing effort to preserve human rights."

Soviet Jewry Issue Raised

But just before the concluding convention session began the Greater New York Conference on Soviet Jewry held a rally outside Madison Square Garden at which members of the New York delegation participated. Bronx Borough President Robert Abrams, GNYCSJ chairman, said that whoever is elected President in November should be urged to use his influence to help Jews emigrate from the Soviet Union. He said the issue of Soviet Jewry should not be a partisan matter.

Abrams noted that while the Democratic platform does not specifically mention Soviet Jews "the fact that it speaks of the need for freer emigration from the USSR reflects a commitment to those Jews who are eager to leave the Soviet Union." Rep. Bella Abzug, a member of the Democratic platform committee, agreed that support for Soviet Jewry was in the platform. Another platform committee member, Daniel P. Moynihan, former U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations, declared that "the Jackson Amendment is in the platform" although he did not specify how.

The speakers at the rally stressed that they wanted the delegates to the convention to be aware of the issue. "I hope the Democratic Party convention delegates will take this message back to their communities and recruit their friends and neighbors to the movement to guarantee freedom of emigration and freedom of beliefs for Soviet Jews and all other oppressed people," Abzug declared.

JEWISH AGENCY ASSEMBLY: DECISIONS AND PERSPECTIVES

By David Landau

JERUSALEM, July 18 (JTA) -- Members of the Jewish Agency's Executives in Israel and the United States met for a joint session this morning to sum up and review the five days of hectic activity which ended last Thursday night with the closing of the Fifth General

Assembly of the Jewish Agency. On the whole, the Executive members and other leaders and participants in the Assembly seemed pleased with its outcome.

Yosef Almogi, who was formally elected chairman of the Agency, said in his closing remarks that it had been a particularly "Zionist" Assembly because it focussed on the two fundamental issues of Zionism; aliya and Jewish education.

Indeed, as many observers noted, this Assembly seemed to mark for the first time a public, conscious acceptance by the Diaspora Jewish leadership -- and especially by American Jewish leaders -- that aliya is a challenge, vital to the future of the State and of Jewry, which must directly involve them and not just Israel, Israeli emissaries, or tired Zionist functionaries who have paid lip service to the ideal for decades without realizing it in practice.

In the words of Stanley Sloane of New Jersey, one of the 15 national chairmen of the United Jewish Appeal, "The Americans here at the Assembly have come away with the conclusion that it is for us to get involved in aliya.... It is we who must exhort our fellow citizens to live in Israel." Sloane spoke as a representative of what is called the "non-Zionist" half of the Agency Assembly -- the fund raising organizations as distinct from the organized Zionist party-based bodies.

Two Major Issues Tackled

One major achievement of the Assembly was the unanimity obtained over the delicate issue of aid for Soviet emigrants heading elsewhere than Israel. Leaders of the Joint Distribution Committee and HIAS met with Premier Yitzhak Rabin, Max Fisher, chairman of the Jewish Agency's Board of Governors; Frank Lautenberg, UJA general chairman; Almogi and other top leaders and hammered out a decision, details of which are a closely guarded secret. There is one published fact, however: an eight-man committee is to review the entire problem and report in full within 90 days. (See separate story on Soviet Jewry "Drop-Outs.")

Another cause for satisfaction was the agreement reached on how UJA and United Israel Appeal funds are to be allocated to the "constructive funds" managed by the various political parties in Israel. The new agreement provides for close and constant scrutiny by the Agency's Comptroller, a requirement which critics in Israel and abroad have long demanded.

This decision, however, was not uniformly seen as a breakthrough. The Israeli daily Haaretz attacked it editorially as a coverup of what was to remain, in effect, the same bad situation: Jewish funds raised abroad for Israel being funnelled into party instead of national coffers.

Nor was the rapprochement between Almogi and Jewish Agency Treasurer Leon Dolzin, announced by Almogi himself toward the end of the Assembly, seen by the press and other observers here as necessarily a permanent situation. Both men had been wrangling vociferously for some weeks, and, while Almogi was no doubt right in saying that the press had blown up their squabble there was plainly no guarantee that the rapprochement would last for long.

Frank Criticism Voiced

Especially noteworthy at the Assembly was the very frank criticism voiced by Fisher and Lautenberg. In his closing address to the Assem-

bly Thursday night, Fisher called for an end to politicization of job-getting and job-holding within the Jewish Agency. The Agency and its various services and programs affect the lives of more than 600,000 Israelis and it is vital that it have the best men for the top jobs without regard to their political or party affiliation, Fisher declared. Unfortunately, this has not been the case, he said.

Fisher also said that the point has not been reached where Jewish Agency officials know that their advancement depended solely on their ability and diligence and not on extraneous political factors. The key of party affiliation still bars able people from working for the Agency and bars able officials within the Agency from advancing, Fisher said. The party key must be eradicated and the selection and advancement policies of the Agency must be based solely on merit, he said.

He also criticized the failure to solve the problem of red tape that plagues immigrants because of the duplication of activities between the Jewish Agency and the Ministry of Absorption. The late Premier Levi Eshkol had promised to solve this problem years ago and a solution cannot wait much longer, Fisher declared. He expressed concern over the sharp drop in aliya rates both from the West and the Soviet Union.

Lautenberg complained that the fund-raisers he represents did not have sufficient say or participation in the Jewish Agency's policy-making process -- policies supported by funds raised by the UJA and UIA. In an interview with the Jerusalem Post, the UJA leader said fund-raisers "feel they want to do more than simply go over the budget and approve or deny allocations which is not the traditional main function of a board of directors."

Lautenberg said, "I get more and more inquiries from colleagues and other U.S. fund-raisers about what the Agency does and how it functions." He also complained about the politicization of job placements in the Agency. "Every management position should be given the person best qualified, not according to (party) affiliation," he said.

Lautenberg bridled at complaints voiced during the General Assembly that fund-raising results have fallen off of late. "It is not fair to chastise a community that does so well. Most of them (the fund-raisers) are volunteers who give much of their time and effort," he said. Lautenberg said that the Israeli rescue operation at Entebbe Airport in Uganda resulted in an upsurge of contributions. But he still did not think the UJA would be able to cover the \$65 million shortfall in the Agency's \$502 million budget for this year. "If it is not made up, the budget will have to be cut back during the year," he said.

SOLUTION SOUGHT ON SOVIET JEWISH EMIGRANTS WHO DO NOT GO TO ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, July 18 (JTA) -- The problem of "Neshira" -- drop-out of Soviet Jewish emigrants en route to Israel which has been topping 50 percent -- was discussed here last Thursday at a top-level meeting of government and Jewish Agency leaders. A terse communiqué, deliberately unrevealing on this sensitive matter, said all present had agreed to set up an eight-man committee, representing

all parties involved, which would report back within 90 days. Among those at the meeting was Premier Yitzhak Rabin, several ministers, Jewish Agency Board Chairman Max Fisher, Agency Chairman Yosef Almogi, and other leaders. Agency sources told JTA that the meeting on "neshira" was perhaps the most important and most meaningful aspect of the entire week of Agency Assembly deliberations.

The sources, too, would not reveal details of the discussion. They said representatives of the Joint Distribution Committee and of HIAS -- two organizations which have been rendering assistants to the "noshrim" -- were present. Almogi and others have warned that a 50-percent plus "neshira" rate could endanger all Soviet emigration.

TWO MAJOR CHANGES APPROVED IN ISRAEL'S MONETARY POLICY

By GII Sedan

JERUSALEM, July 18 (JTA) -- The Cabinet approved two major changes in monetary policy today, both aimed at strengthening the marketability of Israel's exports. The most far-reaching decision was to link the Israel Pound to a "basket" of foreign currencies instead of solely to the U.S. dollar as heretofore. The Cabinet also accelerated the so-called "creeping devaluation." The Pound was devalued by another two percent, effective at midnight Sunday and will stand at IL 8:12 to \$1.

The linkage change was long advocated by the Governor of the Bank of Israel, Moshe Zanbar, but the government had hesitated for some time to break the dollar linkage. Under the system approved at today's Cabinet meeting, the Pound will be linked to a composite unit related to the value of the currencies of the principal nations trading with Israel. The U.S. dollar will account for only 30-40 percent of the linkage; 20-30 percent will be linked to the Pound Sterling and the rest to the West German Mark, the Swiss Franc and the Dutch Guilder.

Basis For New Depreciation

The change was made because the strength of the dollar in relation to the European currencies nullified the effects Israel was trying to obtain by regularly depreciating its Pound relative to the dollar. When Israel devalued the Pound by two percent and the dollar increased in value by a similar rate, the actual devaluation in the European market was close to zero and the aim of improving the competitive strength of Israeli exports was frustrated.

The value of the new system is that the exchange rates will now reflect the fluctuations in a variety of currencies. When the dollar is down, other currencies appreciate in value; when the dollar rises, it is neutralized by the depreciation of other currencies to which the Israel Pound will be linked.

"Creeping devaluation" was adopted by the government in June, 1975. A three-member ministerial committee was empowered to devalue the Pound by up to two-percent every 30 days without the need for Cabinet approval. The ministerial committee will now be empowered to devalue the Pound by two percent as frequently as it deems necessary, though not in excess of eight percent in any four-month period.

PROBE ORDERED IN MURDER OF FORMER NAZI SS COLONEL

By Edwin Eytan

PARIS, July 18 (JTA) -- French police are under orders from Justice Minister Jean Lecanuet to investigate with "utmost speed and thoroughness" the murder last week of former SS Col. Joachim Peiper who was convicted of war crimes by an Allied court after World War II but later freed. His charred body with gunshot wounds was found last Wednesday in the burnt-out ruins of his house in the Burgundy district.

Police suspect that Peiper was "executed" by a group calling itself "The Committee for Action on Behalf of Resistance Fighters and Deportees" which is believed to have members associated with extremist Jewish organizations. The Paris bureau of the West German news agency DPA received an anonymous telephone call the day after the killing in which the "Committee" claimed responsibility.

The group has no connection with legitimate anti-Nazi and former resistance fighter organizations. The International League for the Rights of Man branded the murder "useless and pointless." Serge Klarsfeld, husband of Nazi-hunter Beate Klarsfeld, said the killing of Peiper, who was 61, was "contrary to the spirit of the resistance and politically useless."

Peiper was convicted in 1945 of having ordered the execution of 71 unarmed American prisoners of war during the battle of Malmedy. He was sentenced to death but eventually reprieved and released from prison in 1956. He was tried later for having ordered the destruction of an Italian village in 1943 and the death of 43 civilians but was acquitted for lack of evidence. Peiper commanded an SS Panzer regiment during the war. He was a colonel at age 29 and known as "Hitler's Wonderboy."

Suspicion Of Reprisal

Suspicion that his murder was in reprisal for his wartime activities was re-enforced by a press conference held by eight hooded men in Paris April 18, 1975 at which ex-Nazis were warned that unless West Germany ratified the Franco-German agreement on the prosecution of war criminals, "they will be executed." Police sources said that some of the hooded men are believed to be associated with extremist Jewish groups.

Following his release from prison, Peiper headed the advertising department of the Porsche Motor Co., in Stuttgart. He retired to France in 1966. Last month he was recognized by a former French POW. He complained to police that he subsequently received countless threats by phone and mail. He sent his family back to Germany but remained behind. Police believe he fought a gun-battle with his assailants before he was killed.

MONTREAL (JTA) -- The Jewish National Fund of Canada announced that Harry and Wanda Zekelman and their children, Alan, Barry and Clayton, all of Windsor, have established a project in Israel's Canada Park in memory of Lt. Col. Johnathan Nethanyahu, the Israeli officer killed in the Uganda rescue mission. The project will also honor the Israeli forces who rescued the hostages.

WARM ISRAELI RECEPTION TO WINDUP OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL SESSION

JERUSALEM, July 18 (JTA) -- Israel reacted with unconcealed gratification to the windup of the UN Security Council's debate on Israel's rescue operation at Entebbe Airport in Uganda. The resolution by the Organization of African Unity calling on the Council to condemn the Israeli action was withdrawn at the last moment when its sponsors realized that the measure would fail to receive the nine votes required for its adoption.

In an official statement issued last Thursday evening, a Foreign Ministry spokesman said the "abject failure of the attempt to condemn Israel for the Entebbe operation" in effect was an acknowledgement of "Israel's right to act the way she did." The failure meant, too, that the Council had refused to give its "stamp of approval" to Arab international terrorism.

"Israel draws encouragement from the vote of six countries (the United States, Britain, France, Italy, Sweden and Japan) which supported the proposal condemning terrorism.... The rejection of that proposal (by the U.S. and Britain) serves as further proof of the inability of the UN to deal effectively with problems threatening human society as a whole...."

COURT RULES AIR FORCE CANNOT PENALIZE PERSONNEL WHO WEAR BEARDS FOR RELIGIOUS PURPOSES

WASHINGTON, July 18 (JTA) -- A U.S. District Court has ruled that the U.S. Air Force has no right to penalize personnel who wear beards for religious reasons. Judge Aubrey E. Robinson, Jr. handed down this decision last Thursday in directing the Air Force to reinstate Lt. Col. Mitchell D. Geller, an Orthodox rabbi, to his former status as an active reserve chaplain and give him all promotions due him since 1972 and back pay since 1973.

Geller, who lives in Norwich, Conn., said when he joined the Air Force in 1950, he did not feel a religious obligation to wear a beard. But when his father died in 1966, he felt he then did have a personal obligation to do so. For six years he was not challenged. But then the commander of Westover Air Force Base in Massachusetts ordered Geller to shave off his beard, he refused and subsequently was reassigned to inactive reserve status.

Geller sued the Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of the Air Force charging his First Amendment right to freedom of religion was being violated. His lawyer, Nathan Lewin, called it ironic that the Air Force appointed a Geller for religious purposes as a chaplain but was trying to "prevent that religious leader's exercise of his religious obligation."

The Air Force contended Geller "must accept the fact that as a military officer he must adhere to the Air Force appearance and dress standards" and that it was requiring no more or less of him than is required of other members of the Air Force. In upholding Geller's claim, Robinson ruled that the court is persuaded by the record that "the wearing of beards, although not required, is a well-established religious tradition among members of the Jewish faith, and that Geller 'wore his beard in furtherance of that religious practice.'"

JWV SLAMS MEXICO

WASHINGTON, July 18 (JTA) -- The Jewish War Veteran scored Mexico's condemnation of Israel's rescue operation in Uganda and said that Mexico's stand was related to its anti-American attitude. Judge Paul Ribner, JWV's national commander, said that the action by Mexican President Luis Echeverria was "unconscionable" and further strengthened JWV's continued position urging tourists to "stay out of Mexico."

In his statement, Ribner said: "So long as Mexico aligns itself with Arab terrorists and seeks only our money, Americans should avoid traveling to Mexico. We should not spend our money in a country whose President obviously is determined to align himself with these forces in the UN who have expressed publicly their hatred of our democratic way of life."

A tourist boycott was instituted by American and Canadian Jewish and Zionist organizations following Mexico's vote last November in the General Assembly for the resolution equating Zionism with racism. The boycott was lifted later, after Echeverria met in Mexico City with U.S. and Canadian Jewish leaders and pledged that Mexico would not again participate in any anti-Zionist moves in the UN. Only the JWV continued to call for the boycott.

RODOLFO MONFOLO DEAD AT 99

BUENOS AIRES, July 18 (JTA) -- Funeral services were held at the Tablada Jewish cemetery Friday for Prof. Rodolfo Monfalo, an Italian-Jewish author and philosopher who died here at the age of 99. He had lived in Argentina since 1939 when he fled the Fascist regime in Italy. Prof. Monfalo was born in Sinigaglia, Italy and was educated at the University of Florence where he received a doctoral degree in philosophy at the age of 22.

He was a professor of philosophy at the University of Bologna and after settling in Argentina he taught consecutively at the universities of Buenos Aires, Cordoba and Tucuman. Prof. Monfalo published more than 500 books and articles. Among his best known books are "Hellenic Genius," "Interpretation of Heraclitus;" and "Thinking in Antiquity."

ISRAELI YOUTHS IN MUSIC COMPETITION

RAPID CITY, S.D., July 18 (JTA) -- Some 50 teenage Israeli musicians are here to play their way to a world championship. The youngsters, 12-20, are the Kiryat Ono Youth Symphony Band, a group of consistent prize winners competing here in the International Youth Band Festival. Kiryat Ono is a modern Israeli city of 20,000 just outside Tel Aviv. Preliminary competitions began this weekend and the finals will be held on Thursday in Bottineau, N.D.

The festival is the start of a 13-city five-week tour arranged by B'nai B'rith for the group. It includes a concert on the White House ellipse as part of the Bicentennial White House visitors program. Band members are from the Kiryat Ono's Music Conservatory which has an enrollment of 500. The band has won high awards in many European competitions during the past 10 years.