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POLICE GUARDING MAJOR JEWISH ORGANIZATIONS IN FRANCE AFTER A SERIES OF BOMBINGS, BOMB THREATS

By Edwin Eytan

PARIS, July 20 (JTA)--Police are guarding major Jewish installations in Marseilles where a time bomb was found yesterday on the synagogue grounds. The bomb, consisting of three sticks of dynamite, a detonator and an alarm clock, was defused by police. Officials are worried, however, that the attempted bombing could be the beginning of a wave of anti-Jewish violence.

During the last few weeks, vandals desecrated the Nice synagogue, exploded a small bomb in front of the Paris office of B'nai B'rith and threatened to blow up two Marseilles hotels unless the Israeli Consul in that city cancelled a reception due to be held in one of them next Friday.

A man claiming to speak for "The Peiper Group" telephoned the Marseilles office of the French news agency, Agence France Presse, claiming responsibility for some of the attacks, but police officials are not convinced that such an organization exists. Former S.S. Col. Joachim Peiper, a convicted war criminal, was murdered near Paris last week by unknown assailants. Official circles believe the attacks were carried out by violence-prone individual vandals, more difficult to trace down and apprehend than members of an organized gang.

The Marseilles Chief Rabbi has called on the authorities to use all the means at their disposal to track down and arrest those responsible for the assaults.

ALLON: IF ISRAEL IS SUSPENDED FROM UN ASSEMBLY SEVERAL WESTERN STATES ARE EXPECTED TO LEAVE IN PROTEST

By David Landau

JERUSALEM, July 20 (JTA)--Foreign Minister Yigal Allon warned last night that if Israel were suspended from the forthcoming UN General Assembly several leading Western countries would "suspend themselves" from the Assembly in protest. Addressing a meeting of Labor Party leaders in Tel Aviv, Allon said he based his prediction on solid knowledge.

Addressing the same meeting, called to boost the party's preparations for its membership drive and internal elections, Premier Yitzhak Rabin attacked Hebrew University Prof. Yigael Yadin, who has publicly challenged him for the Premiership. "Without mentioning the soldier-turned-archaeologist by name, Rabin denounced "false messiahs" who had emerged to "retroactively" discover that there was political rot in the Israeli establishment. Yadin made the "rot" charge in a speech in Tel Aviv over the weekend.

"Our democratic system is being challenged," Rabin said. "A period of messianism has begun. Messiahs who suddenly find rot everywhere. For 20 years they were quiet...." The Premier noted that Jewish history had been plagued by false messiahs.

AFL-CIO COUNCIL PRAISES ISRAEL'S RESCUE MISSION, BLASTS ARAB BOYCOTT

WASHINGTON, July 20 (JTA)--The AFL-CIO

Executive Council at its quarterly meeting yesterday adopted twin statements on the subjects of terrorism and the Arab boycott, it was announced by Jacob Sheinkman, president of the Jewish Labor Committee.

Despite their preoccupation with the endorsement of a candidate for President, the Executive Council "congratulated the people of Israel for their bold initiative and commended the people of Kenya." The statement also noted that "Israel's courageous action demonstrates the only effective method of dealing with terrorists and putting an end to their bloody plots. The rescue is a clear example of how the free world must henceforth deal with hijackers and political blackmailers."

The Council's statement called upon "the nations of the free world" to "work together for effective methods of dealing with terrorism, including strong political and economic sanctions against any government which harbors, encourages or supports terrorists."

Congress, Administration Urged To Move

In another statement, the Executive Council declared that the Arab boycott "raises issues which go far beyond those of Israel's rights as a free nation. By imposing secondary and tertiary boycotts, the Arabs have put at issue America's willingness to defend its own principles and sovereignty." In demanding an end to cooperation with the Arab boycott on American soil, the Council "called upon the Congress and the Administration to move swiftly to enact legislation and to take such other measures as necessary to achieve this goal."

Sheinkman, who is also secretary-treasurer of the Amalgamated Clothing and Textile Workers Union, hailed the Executive Council statement and called for speedy enactment of the bills which would make the secondary and tertiary boycotts illegal and would deprive American companies cooperating with it of the special tax benefits given to encourage foreign trade.

DULZIN DENOUNCES DECISION TO FOREGO ZIONIST CONGRESS ELECTIONS

By David Landau

JERUSALEM, July 20 (JTA)--Jewish Agency Treasurer Leon Dulzin added his voice today to the mounting criticism of the Zionist General Council's decision to forego elections to the next World Zionist Congress in countries where 90 percent of the Zionist factions agree to a slate of delegates beforehand. In a statement to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, Dulzin denounced the decision "taken in haste" as "a blow to the democratic character of the Zionist movement."

He challenged the contention of WZO Executive Chairman Yosef Almog that the 90 percent requirement assured that elections would be held in most countries. Just the opposite is true, Dulzin claimed. He noted that in the U.S., where two-thirds of all diaspora Zionists reside, the decision already has been taken to dispense with elections.

Dulzin said the failure to hold elections would mean that "new groups and younger people who have joined the Zionist movement since the last

Congress will not be represented." He laid blame for the decision on the Labor Zionists and the World Confederation of General Zionists. Quizin is a leader of the Likud faction in Israel.

"Political party maneuvering designed to secure the continuation of the present status quo" was behind the decision, the Jewish Agency official maintained. He noted that the Zionist General Council meeting last January had ordered preparations for Congress elections and last week's decision was a reversal.

He disputed Almgot's claim that organizing elections would necessitate postponement of the Congress now scheduled to open in Jerusalem in January, 1977. He said there was ample time to organize without deferring the Congress and urged Zionists abroad to reject the 90 percent consensus. He admitted, however, that he saw little chance of that occurring.

SCHMIDT PRAISES UGANDA RESCUE; SAYS NO-OTHER COURSE WAS OPEN TO ISRAEL

NEW YORK, July 20 (JTA)--West German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt has praised the Israeli rescue operation in Uganda and has asserted that the whole incident involving the hijacking of the Air France air bus "has cast so much light internationally on international terrorism that the prospects for a new intent, a new energy in the world to solve that problem in unison has been enhanced, I would hope, at least."

Interviewed Sunday on ABC-TV "Issues and Answers," Schmidt said that he would not comment on the international legal aspect of Israel's rescue operation. "But on the other hand," he said, "what other course was left open to the Israeli government? I don't see any other course, given the situation they were in. I think they did a very intelligent and effective job on that." Schmidt, however, added that he did not know whether the Israeli action will help the international fight against terrorism. This, he said, remains "an open question."

Asked if there should be some sort of international body to deal with terrorism that has the authority on occasion to violate the sovereign rights of nations, Schmidt said he did not believe too much in supranational authorities. "We have seen what the United Nations do, what they can do and what they can't," he said.

Theoretically, Schmidt continued, had there been an international convention against terrorism at the time of the hijacked plane's landing in Uganda, and had Uganda been a party to that convention and had Uganda honored its obligations under such a treaty, "the action of Israel would never have been necessary."

USSR'S PARTICIPATION IN OLYMPIC GAMES CRITICIZED IN VIEW OF SOVIET PERSECUTION OF JEWS, OTHER MINORITIES

LONDON, July 20 (JTA)--A protest against the Soviet Union's participation in the Olympic Games "in view of its persecution of Soviet Jewry and other minorities" was made today by the Women's Campaign for Soviet Jewry.

In a letter to Lord Killanin, the group expressed surprise that while excluding South Africa and Taiwan, the International Olympic Committee "condoned" the Soviet government's domination of the Soviet Olympic Committee.

The letter quoted from the International Olympic rules which stated that "all national Olympic committees must be independent and autonomous and in a position to resist all political, religious

or commercial pressures." National committees that did not conform to the rules and regulations would "forfeit their recognition and the right to send participants to the Olympic Games."

Earlier, a public memorial service for the 11 Israeli athletes slain at the Munich Games was held in London's Hyde Park under the aegis of the British Herut Party.

WORLD'S OLDEST PROFESSION ALIVE AND DOING VERY WELL IN ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, July 20 (JTA)--The world's oldest profession is flourishing in Israel where prostitutes can earn up to IL 1000 (about \$130) a day, according to Hebrew University researcher Dr. Menahem Amir who gave a learned lecture on the subject on a radio economics program today. Street walkers with a strong work ethic accommodate 12-15 clients a day, Amir said. Higher class call girls take fewer clients but charge much more, he said.

Amir reported that according to police figures, there are 600-800 known prostitutes working in Tel Aviv, Israel's largest city. In Jerusalem, the second largest, only about 80 are known to police, and in the third largest city, Haifa, there are no more than 40 although Haifa is Israel's main port visited by seamen from all over the world.

Israeli prostitutes might well be the envy of their sisters in other parts of the globe. Only 15-20 percent have pimps. Most of the girls keep all of their earnings for themselves, Amir said.

SPECIAL TORAH CONVENTION IN ISRAEL

NEW YORK, July 20 (JTA)--The Rabbinical Council of America will hold a special "Torah Convention" in Jerusalem, beginning July 28, to be attended by 500 rabbis and lay leaders, it was announced today by Rabbi Walter S. Wurzburger, president of the organization which represents nearly 1000 Orthodox rabbis in the United States and Canada.

Wurzburger said the main purpose of the convention was "to assure our brethren in Israel that we stand beside them wholeheartedly and will continue to do so." He said the demonstration of solidarity was "particularly important" in what are "trying days" for Israel.

Wurzburger said another purpose of the convention was "to combat insidious assimilation, intermarriage and other trends which serve to inhibit the spiritual growth of Jewish communities." He said "Our purpose for meeting in Jerusalem at this time is to proclaim to the world that the city of Jerusalem is indivisible, that it is the spiritual center of world Jewry."

Rabbi Bernard Rosenzweig, first vice-president of the Rabbinical Council, said the convention would discuss vital and controversial issues such as "religion and politics" and would "grapple with such complex questions as the relationship of the State to the Jewish faith and whether a separation of the two would enhance or be harmful to the best interests of the State." A related issue, he said, was the desirability of religious political parties and whether or not they are helpful in furthering religious values and observance.

NEW YORK (JTA)--The Israel Philharmonic Orchestra, under its music advisor and conductor, Zubin Mehta, will be touring the U.S. this fall. The gala Bicentennial tour is being presented by Hurok Concerts, and is under the auspices of the America-Israel Cultural Foundation.

FIGHT SHAPING UP OVER COMPULSORY NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE BILL

By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, July 20 (JTA)--A compulsory national health insurance bill that will not take effect before April 1978 has already stirred a bitter battle between proponents and opponents of the measure. The opposition is not against the principle of national health insurance but to the contents of the draft measure approved last week by the Knesset's Public Services Committee.

The bill would introduce compulsory health insurance through any one of the existing health funds, most of which are affiliated with political parties and the largest of all, run by Histadrut. It is expected to pass its final reading before the Knesset adjourns for summer recess at the end of July.

The bill in its present form is supported by the Labor Alignment and the Rakah Communist Party. Most other parties oppose it for a variety of reasons and their opposition has been strengthened by the Israel Medical Association, the Pharmacists Association and other groups in the medical and health fields. Large advertisements critical of the measure appear daily in the press.

A Main Point Of Controversy

One of the main points of controversy is the establishment of compulsory insurance through existing funds rather than a State-financed independent health service. Critics say that the existing funds are inefficient and that the State-run Institute of Social Insurance can provide the same services at a fraction of the cost.

The proposed bill would have the Minister of Health determine the premiums. Opponents want a public council to make that decision. But the greatest opposition has been engendered by the bill's failure to guarantee that a subscriber who wishes to leave one fund for another will not be subject to reprisals from the health fund he is quitting.

Under the present system, a worker cannot benefit from the Histadrut medical services unless he is a member of Histadrut and if he is a member he is required to subscribe to the Histadrut sick fund. Under the proposed measure, a worker may transfer to another fund at six-month intervals but has no guarantee that if he does so, he will not suffer sanctions at the hands of the giant trade union federation.

The Independent Liberal Party, a coalition partner, has threatened to vote against the bill unless guarantees are written into it. Most observers expect the draft to be revised several times before it is implemented nearly two years from now.

JOSEPH KOTT DEAD AT 78

NEW YORK, July 20 (JTA)--Dr. Joseph Kott, former chairman of the executive committee of the Red Magen David in Israel who had a leading part in planning and directing the group's activities in Israel for more than two decades, died last Wednesday in Tel Aviv, it was reported here today by the American Red Magen David for Israel.

Dr. Kott was born in Lithuania and studied medicine in Russia and Germany. He was an active Zionist and settled in Palestine in 1925 at the age of 27. He worked as a medical doctor in Upper Galilee and in the Jordan Valley on behalf of Kupat Holim, the Histadrut sick fund and

also served as physician at the Palestine Electric Co. hydro-electric station at Naharayim.

In 1936 Dr. Kott headed the medical service of Hagana while continuing to practice medicine in Tel Aviv and nearby kibbutzim and villages. Dr. Kott joined the Magen David Adom in 1933 and helped establish first aid training centers and preventive medicine programs. He headed the MDA's executive committee from 1950 until his retirement this year.

Dr. Kott carried out a medical rehabilitation mission for the Jewish Agency in Europe after World War II among survivors of the Holocaust. In 1954, the Education Ministry sent him to Europe to study public health services in several countries. Since 1962 he had served as director of the Meir Hospital in Kfar Saba.

NEW SETTLEMENTS ANNOUNCED

JERUSALEM, July 20 (JTA)--Some 15,000 youths attended the fifth annual Shomria jamboree of the Hashomer Hatzair youth movement which ended Saturday night with the announcement that eight new Hashomer Hatzair settlements would be established in various parts of the country. The four-day gathering of the Mapam-affiliated movement was held in the Judean hills. Addressing the participants, Education Minister Aharon Yadlin stressed the importance and relevance of the pioneering spirit "which found its first expression in the Hashomer Hatzair movement."

100,000 MARK ABSORPTION MONTH

JERUSALEM, July 20 (JTA)--About 100,000 immigrants and army veterans participated in activities related to Absorption Month in June, according to a report by the Ministry of Absorption which sponsored the event. About 5500 immigrants did volunteer work for the army, visited Nahal (para-military) settlements and played host to soldiers in their homes, the Ministry said.

Another 3500 immigrants visited kibbutzim throughout the country while others attended seminars and related activities aimed at a better understanding of absorption problems. Many volunteers were engaged in cleaning-up projects in neighborhoods populated with immigrants.

HUNGARIAN JEWISH WEEKLY AWARDED

BUDAPEST, July 20 (JTA)--The Hungarian Jewish weekly "Uj Elet," was last week awarded the diploma of honor of the Hungarian Peace Council for its work in "strengthening world peace and tightening the cooperation between the local Jewish community and the (Hungarian) state." The diploma was awarded to the paper's editor, Gyorgy Kecskemeti, and the deputy chairman of the community, Imre Kulcsar who represented the paper.

The weekly has a circulation of 7000. Founded in 1945 it follows a non-political line stressing that "it is neither for Israel nor against it." It reports at length on cultural events in Israel and elsewhere in the Western world. Hundreds of copies are sent to other East European states and some are even mailed to subscribers in the United States.

AMSTERDAM (JTA)--The Netherlands government has decided to increase the grants to the victims of World War II who, either because they took part in resistance activities or were persecuted for reasons of religion or race, had their health and working capacity impaired.

MISS UNIVERSE CAPTIVATES NEW YORK

By Yitzhak Rabi

NEW YORK, July 20 (JTA)--The first army sergeant to become Miss Universe, the strikingly beautiful Rina Messinger of Israel, today held her first press conference in this country and simply captivated the tough New York press corps. It was not only her beauty but also her warmth, charm and sincerity that dazzled the scores of reporters and onlookers that surrounded the 20-year-old Miss Universe for 1976, at the Promenade Cafe at Rockefeller Plaza in Manhattan.

Wearing a green dress and her Miss Universe crown, which she won July 11 in Hong Kong, Ms. Messinger said: "I am so surprised by New York City. I thought New York must be ugly and unpleasant; you know, I saw all those movies about New York....But New York is beautiful and the people here are really nice."

Ms. Messinger, who is the first Israeli ever to capture the title of the "world's most beautiful woman," said that she does not see her future as a movie star. "All I want is to continue to study....I want to learn about everything, about people, about life," she said.

"I am representing my country," the 5' 7 1/2" beauty with light brown hair and dark blue eyes declared. "As Miss Universe I can reach people who are usually not interested in politics and are not familiar with the problems of the Mideast. In that way I can make a modest contribution to peace. And another thing: as Miss Universe I can show the world that life in Israel is not all war...."

Says She Misses Israel

After mentioning that she considers former Israeli Premier Golda Meir to be the greatest person in the world today, Ms. Messinger said: "I believe that men and women should be equal. I believe in equal pay for women...but I must admit I like men to open doors for me or letting me first out of the elevator." Asked what she thought about American men, she replied, "Well, I did not meet any yet," adding, "I have a boyfriend back in Israel." Asked if she received any offers for marriage since she has won the title of Miss Universe, Ms. Messinger smiled broadly and said, "No. Not yet. But in Hong Kong one man was sending me everyday a bottle of champagne and flowers."

Ms. Messinger, who will be staying in New York for a week before returning to Israel, said, when asked by the Jewish Telegraphic Agency if she has any message for the people in Israel, "Ani nora mitgagat L'Israel" (I miss Israel, terribly). And then she added: "At times, I miss Israel so much that I can't avoid the tears in my eyes." Ms. Messinger said that she is contributing part of her \$10,000 cash prize for her winning the title of Miss Universe, to the fund for wounded Israeli soldiers.

Security At Minimum

Asked if she is provided with extra security because she is an Israeli, Miss Universe said: "I am guarded as any other Miss Universe would be guarded. I don't have extra guards and I don't feel it is necessary." Security, in fact, was not strict at today's press conference. Correspondents walked in without being asked to identify themselves. Although Ms. Messinger said she has no extra guards, the JTA correspondent spotted at least one Israeli secret service man watching her very closely--more for reasons of

security than beauty.

CHICAGO JEWISH FEDERATION GETS \$90,000 HEW CONTRACT TO AID INDO-CHINESE REFUGEES IN THE AREA

CHICAGO, July 20 (JTA)--The Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Chicago has been awarded a \$90,000 contract from the Department of Health, Education and Welfare (HEW) to find and upgrade jobs for Indo-Chinese refugees in the Chicago area, it was announced by Richard E. Friedman, HEW regional director and James P. Rice, executive vice-president of the Jewish Federation.

The Federation will subcontract with five other voluntary social service agencies experienced in the resettlement of refugees to provide a team approach to job finding and development, vocational counseling and training. The agencies are: Lutheran Child and Family Service; Catholic Charities of Chicago; Travelers Aid of Metropolitan Chicago; the Jewish Family and Community Service; and the Jewish Vocational Service of Chicago.

The contract calls for hiring of two vocational counselor-job developers for the Jewish Vocational Service and the Catholic Charities; a skill training coordinator with the Jewish Vocational Service; four social workers attached to each of four of the agencies; and part-time interpreters. The contract runs from July 15, 1976 to July 14, 1977.

The project will operate with the cooperation of the Illinois Department of Public Aid and the Illinois Governor's Indochinese Resettlement Office. The resettlement office is a new one established to supervise resettlement in Illinois. Friedman said the project is designed to provide whatever supportive services may be needed by individual refugees to remove them from welfare rolls and to help them be self-sufficient and self-supporting.

HOUNDED FOR CONTACT WITH ISRAELIS

NEW YORK, July 20 (JTA)--Sarafima Starobinitz, a Soviet Jew residing in Moscow, has been harassed and hounded by the Soviet authorities since nine months ago when she spoke to visiting Israeli athletes, Al Tidom Association sources in Moscow reported.

Miss Starobinitz, a student, attended an international sports event at the Lusniki Sports Palace in Moscow Sept. 19, 1975. After the competition, she spoke to members of the Israeli team who invited her to dine with them at the restaurant of the Hotel Rosia. Shortly afterwards, she was taken to a police station where she was beaten and accused of being a streetwalker preying on foreigners, Al Tidom reported.

Since then Miss Starobinitz has been hounded constantly by the Soviet police and subjected to numerous interrogations and other more serious harassment. The most recent move against her has been her expulsion from the institute which she attended, according to Al Tidom.

AMSTERDAM (JTA)--An aircraft of the Dutch charter company "Transavia" en route from Tel Aviv to Amsterdam omitted a scheduled stopover at Athens Friday after the Transavia agent there received an anonymous telephone warning that the aircraft would be blown up on landing. The agent in turn informed the pilot. A spokesman for the Dutch Foreign Ministry confirmed that the identity of the phone caller is unknown.