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JEWISH BUILDINGS BOMBED IN ARGENTINA

NEW YORK, Aug. 29 (JTA) -- Two synagogues and a drug store in a predominantly Jewish neighborhood in Buenos Aires were extensively damaged by bomb explosions this weekend, according to reports reaching here from the Argentine capital. No one was injured. The two synagogues hit were the Max Nordau Synagogue on Murillo Street and the Sephardic Community Synagogue on Camargo Street. The incidents, according to the reports, were the latest in a series of bombings of Jewish buildings.

Meanwhile the mother of Marcelo Ariel Gelman, 20, and Nora Eva Gelman, 19, presented a writ of habeas corpus in Federal Court in Buenos Aires in an effort to locate her two daughters who together with Marcelo's pregnant wife were kidnapped last week from their homes by six armed men believed to be members of a right-wing death squad.

Juan Gelman, the father of Marcelo and Nora, a leading Jewish Argentine poet and journalist, was forced to flee Argentina last year after receiving a death threat from an extreme right-wing organization, the Argentine Anti-Communist Alliance (AAA). Juan Gelman is now living in exile in Rome.

PRO-PLO HARDLINER APPOINTED NEW FRENCH FOREIGN MINISTER

By Edward Eytan

PARIS, Aug. 29 (JTA) -- Raymond Barre, who last Wednesday became the new Premier, replacing Jacques Chirac, announced the appointment. Friday night of Louis de Guiringaud as France's new Foreign Minister. The 64-year-old veteran diplomat's appointment is regarded here as confirmation that hostility to Israel and support for the Arabs remain the keynote of French foreign policy.

De Guiringaud has been a stalwart supporter of a role for the Palestine Liberation Organization in world forums during the two-and-a-half years he has headed the French delegation to the United Nations. During his 40-year career, which included service in Algeria, Japan and Turkey, he developed strong personal sympathies for the developing countries of the "Third World."

In view of this, de Guiringaud was an ideal choice for President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing when he was picked to preside over the preparatory conference for the "north-south" dialogue between the world's major consuming countries and those which produce its oil and other raw materials. De Guiringaud replaced Jean Sauvagnargues who stirred anger in Israel with a notorious handshake with PLO chief Yasser Arafat in Beirut two years ago.

Sauvagnargues, who is suffering from ill health, made a poor personal impression in Israel last year on a visit as the first French foreign minister to travel to the Jewish State since Charles de Gaulle came to power in 1958. De Guiringaud has a reputation as a relentless, patient negotiator with an excellent memory and grasp of diplomatic affairs. The new government

includes Simone Veil, who is Jewish, as Health Minister, a post she held in the previous Chirac government.

PERES: ISRAEL MUST OBTAIN NEW ARMS IN VIEW OF SOVIET SUPPLY TO ARABS

TEL AVIV, Aug. 29 (JTA) -- Defense Minister Shimon Peres declared that because of the continuing supply of Soviet arms to the Arab States, Israel has no choice but to obtain new combat aircraft, assault helicopters, artillery, missile boats and missile systems. He said Israel would acquire part abroad and produce the rest.

Peres, addressing graduates of the Command and Staff College Tuesday night, stressed that Israel will not be frightened by threats or pressure. He said Israel will instead persist in the slow movement toward a peace settlement with its Arab neighbors.

"We must take steps to dispel hostility by both actions and negotiations," Peres said. He said Israel should "signal" Syria that it is prepared to seek another agreement with Damascus and tell Egypt that within the existing agreements, Israel is prepared for an arrangement that would allow for the development of the area.

Peres pledged that Israel would allow Lebanon to restore itself after the present conflict without any interference from Israel. He said that instead of the fence between Israel and Lebanon being a barrier it could develop like the Jordan River bridges into a means for fruitful contact.

SENATE ADOPTS ANTI-ARAB BOYCOTT PROVISIONS BY A VOTE OF 65-13

By Joseph Polakoff

WASHINGTON, Aug. 29 (JTA) -- The Senate, with little debate, adopted Friday four provisions to help combat the Arab economic boycott of Israel and also approved an amendment condemning international terrorism in approving extension of the Export Administration Act. The vote was 65-13. A companion measure is pending in the House International Relations Committee. (See related story p. 4.)

Opponents of the bill centered most of their criticism on the mandatory "disclosure" provision of the boycott section, claiming it would interfere with trade. Among them were 11 Republicans, led by John Tower of Texas, and two Democrats, James Allen of Alabama and James Abourezk of South Dakota.

The anti-terrorist amendment by Sen. William Huddleston (D Ky) urges the President to use his powers "to encourage other countries to take immediate steps to prevent the use of their territory or resources to aid, encourage or give sanctuary to those persons involved in directing, supporting or participating in acts of international terrorism."

Explains Importance Of The Act.

Sen. Adlai Stevenson (D Ill) who was floor manager of the act, told the Senate that "the bill directly attacks the most repugnant dimensions of the Arab boycott against Israel," and

"reflects a strong belief that the United States should not acquiesce in attempts by foreign governments to enlist American citizens in their battles against friendly nations by forcing them to participate in actions which are repugnant to American values, traditions and law."

Stevenson cautioned that the act will not stop the boycott. "It will only be stopped by an overall political settlement," in the Middle East, he said. "And that requires an even-handed American initiative beyond the competence of the Congress alone."

Prohibitions Contained In Bill

The bill prohibits compliance with Arab boycott demands for discrimination against U.S. citizens on the basis of sex, religion, race or national origin. It requires disclosure by American companies of their participation in foreign boycotts and prohibits U.S. firms from discriminating against other U.S. firms in order to aid nations at war with nations friendly to the United States.

In addition, American firms would not be permitted to disclose racial or religious characteristics of their ownership or management as a condition of doing business with foreign countries.

"These requirements protect the most fundamental American rights from interference by foreign powers," Stevenson said. "They defend the sovereignty of the United States and prevent American companies from being drawn into the conflicts of foreign nations. They will enable American companies to resist efforts to enlist them in a war against Israel."

Continuing, he declared: "This act may cost some business in Arab nations. If so, then it will be known that the sovereignty of the United States and its principles of decency and fair play are not for sale. It will be known, too, that the commitment of the United States to the survival of Israel is unequivocal. Israel will not be sold out for a barrel of oil."

RABID ANTI-ISRAEL ARTICLES APPEAR IN SOUTH AFRICAN PRO-ARAB PAPER

JOHANNESBURG, Aug. 29 (JTA) -- A series of rabid anti-Israeli articles have been appearing during the last several weeks in Muslim News, an independent newspaper published in the city of Athlone on the Cape of Good Hope. Accusing Israel of "treachery" in its rescue of hostages at Uganda's Entebbe Airport, the newspaper stated: "The Zionists have shown by this action and actions in the past that they will not hesitate to perpetrate the most inhuman acts to fulfill their aims."

In an editorial, Muslim News charged Israel with planning to convert the Al-Aksa Mosque on Jerusalem's Temple Mount into a synagogue. In another issue the newspaper showed two photographs under the heading, "Faces of Zionist Occupation." The caption for one picture accused Israel of being a country ruled by "the law of force which is implemented by guns and batons, as our picture shows." The second showed an Arab in Nablus "forced to clear a barricade, put up by Palestinian demonstrators against the trigger-happy and baton wielding Israeli soldiers."

SAM BEBER DEAD AT 75

CHICAGO, Aug. 29 (JTA) -- Funeral ser-

vices were held today for Sam Beber at Beth El Synagogue in Omaha, Nebraska, a congregation he founded and served as its first president. Beber, who started the B'nai B'rith Youth Organization, the largest teenage movement in the world, died last Wednesday in Chicago of pneumonia. He would have been 76 years old next month.

In 1924, Beber, then 22 and a Magna Cum Laude graduate of Creighton University's Law School, organized Aleph Zadik Aleph as a boys group in his native Omaha, utilizing the first and last letters of the Hebrew alphabet as a counterpoint to Greek-letter fraternities.

Two years later, Beber, serving as the youngest member of B'nai B'rith's national board, persuaded the organization to assume sponsorship of the program which, with a girls counterpart added in 1944, currently enrolls more than 40,000 youngsters in its activities.

Some 650,000 youngsters have participated in the program since its founding and Beber took pride in the subsequent professional and public achievements of many of its "alumni." An AZA distinguished Alumnus Award named for Beber is presented each year.

One of Beber's earliest disciples whom he enrolled in AZA was Philip M. Klutznick, later to serve as B'nai B'rith president and as U.S. Ambassador to the UN. They became brothers-in-law and business partners in the creation of Forest Park, Ill., a model for planned communities. The pioneer development, begun in 1946, is now a city of 50,000.

Beber had been active with many civic and philanthropic organizations. He served on the national boards of the Boy Scouts and the Jewish Welfare Board, and the United Jewish Appeal. He had also headed Omaha's Federation for Jewish Service. A recent major gift by Beber enabled B'nai B'rith to establish a summer youth camp in Wisconsin this year. It will be named the B'nai B'rith Beber Camp.

FORMER OFFICIAL URGES U.S. TO STOP FLIRTING WITH PLO, PALESTINIAN STATE

WASHINGTON, Aug. 29 (JTA) -- The United States should abandon its "creeping toward tacit recognition" of the Palestine Liberation Organization and "stop flirting" with the idea of a Palestinian state, a former U.S. official at the United States, told B'nai B'rith last night.

Rita Hauser, U.S. representative to the UN Human Rights Commission during the Nixon Administration, also urged a halt to American support of UN refugee camps, contending that U.S. policy of paying the bulk of refugee costs, however humanitarian in motive, had "substantially contributed" to the lack of a Middle East peace solution. A "hard-nosed insistence" on the Arab world absorbing the refugees "would have been the far wiser policy," she declared.

Mrs. Hauser's views were in a speech she was to have delivered at the annual meeting of the B'nai B'rith International Council. Unable to attend, she submitted the text for distribution at the opening session of the four-day meeting. Chaim Herzog, Israel's Ambassador to the United Nations, will deliver a major address tomorrow on the forthcoming UN General Assembly debate. Joseph J. Sisco, former Undersecretary of State for Political Affairs and now president of American University, will receive the B'nai B'rith President's Medal for

his services in the U.S. government.

Assesses PLO Threat

Mrs. Hauser warned that creation of a PLO-dominated West Bank state between Israel and Jordan would preclude the stability needed for peace between Arabs and Israelis. Events in Lebanon, where the PLO has had an instigating role in Lebanon's civil war, "supports fully" Israel's refusal to accept a Palestinian state which "could become a staging ground for a relentless irredentist attack on the Jewish State," she said.

"Even the non-radical Arab states," she added, "must by now fully realize that the PLO is more a threat to their integrity than to Israel." Absorption of the refugees by Arab states would "wreck the remaining effectiveness of the PLO, allowing Jordan and possibly Syria to move toward a settlement with Israel," Mrs. Hauser declared.

Mrs. Hauser said that perpetuation of the refugee camps had made it easy in the past for the Arab states to exploit the refugees as "surrogate fighters against Israel, whose blood was cheap indeed." Only when the PLO "did the unthinkable" and "threatened Arab leadership in Jordan and Syria directly did Arab brotherly support present another face," she said.

CABINET REVIEWS SINAI ACCORD

By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, Aug. 29 (JTA) -- The Sinai agreement signed with Egypt has lived up to expectations, and served the interests of both countries, Foreign Minister Yigal Allon said today. His statement followed the special Cabinet session dedicated to the interim agreement signed a year ago.

The session opened with a report by Allon, Army Chief of Staff Gen. Mordechai Gur reviewed the military situation in the Sinai, but no decision was taken regarding the present political situation there. Most of the participants in the discussion agreed that the interim agreement had been a positive move and noted the easing of the situation in the region; the tightening of relations with the United States and Egypt's efforts for civilian development in the Suez Canal zone.

However, there was some ministerial criticism of Egyptian violations of the accord and the recent warlike statement by President Anwar Sadat.

Following the session Allon said in a radio interview that Israel benefited in the agreement in that it could reorganize its armed forces, and rearrange new defensible lines.

"As a quid pro quo for our territorial concessions we got satisfactory security arrangements as well as American military aid," he said. He expressed the belief that the interim agreement would eventually lead to further agreements in the region. However, he added, such agreements will have to wait until after the Lebanon crisis. "which blocks any hope and possibility for any Arab readiness to try and negotiate further steps."

Discounts Role Of U.S. Elections

Allon discounted any connections between the American elections and possible new political moves in the area. "Why should America press Israel, when America knows very well that Is-

rael gave up its demand for an overall settlement and satisfied itself with the American idea of a cessation of the state of war? America knows very well that it is because of the Arabs -- who did not bother to answer our proposals -- that there is no progress in this particular area."

Continuing, Allon declared: "Any satisfactory agreement will be accepted by Israel without pressure. Any agreement which will not satisfy Israel will not be accepted, even under pressure. I know we are not a big power, but we comprise 50 percent of the conflict."

Dayan Criticizes Sinai Accord

Over the weekend in an interview on Israel Radio, former Defense Minister Moshe Dayan criticized the Sinai accord saying that Israel gave up land without receiving anything in return. Dayan said Israel failed to get in the accord what it should have, an end of belligerency agreement. He said it could still get this agreement if the United States made it a condition for providing American arms and economic aid to Egypt.

Dayan also said he would have preferred to have symbolic contingents of U.S. and Soviet troops in the United Nations peace-keeping force which supervises the buffer zone under the second Sinai agreement. He contended that the presence of both U.S. and Soviet troops would put teeth in the accord.

In an earlier interview last week, Dayan urged the United States to reduce its military aid to Israel and concentrate on pressing for a formal end to the Arab-Israeli conflict. This reportedly angered Premier Yitzhak Rabin who told a Labor Party meeting that Dayan should not have made the statement or even raised the issue.

NUCLEAR SPREAD TO BE PROBED BY SENATE GROUP VISITING THE MIDEAST, EUROPE

WASHINGTON, Aug. 29 (JTA) -- A select Senate committee will visit Israel, Egypt, Iran and other countries to study U.S. security and foreign policy interests "with particular emphasis on world-wide nuclear proliferation," the Senate has decided.

The action, which will include visits to European nations, was proposed by Majority Leader Mike Mansfield, (D Mont) and Minority Leader Hugh Scott (R Pa) and was adopted without debate Thursday. The European countries were not named.

In introducing the resolution, Mansfield said the "next Congress" will be faced with the development of a policy to cope with the world-wide proliferation of atomic reactors. "It is probable," Mansfield added, "that the Senate will be asked to make judgments on the sale of nuclear reactors to certain countries such as Iran, Israel and Egypt in the Middle East."

His statement was taken as indicating that the Senate will not take up the proposed sales to those countries during the current session of Congress which is expected to adjourn Oct. 2 for the Presidential election.

The committee, to be appointed by Vice President Nelson A. Rockefeller, who presides over the Senate, is likely to include members of at least three Senate committees related to foreign relations and nuclear affairs.

BIPARTISAN BLOC OF SENATORS URGE FORD TO ACT ON WORLD-WIDE TERRORISM

By Joseph Polakoff

WASHINGTON, Aug. 29 (JTA) -- President Ford was asked Thursday by a powerful bipartisan bloc of 20 Senators to take "appropriate measures" to combat international terrorism, including suspension of American traffic to any country harboring terrorists. (See related story page 1.)

In introducing the "sense of the Senate" resolution on the bloc's behalf, Sen. Jacob K. Javits (R, NY) said it should be taken "as an indication that the United States does not intend to tolerate the continued activities of terrorists and their accomplices."

The resolution which was referred to the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, urges the President to direct U.S. ambassadors to encourage foreign governments to suspend air service to any nation "aiding or abetting terrorism until the international community, in implementing the Helsinki accords, has been assured that the nation in question has ceased such activity."

It also recommends that the President undertake negotiations to strengthen the "current minimum safety standards" and improve airport security in "those nations with direct air links to any transgressor nation and in other airports servicing international air transportation."

Other Recommendations Outlined

Other recommendations would have the U.S. suspend the rights by any foreign air carrier between the United States and any foreign nation that may involve terrorism and revoke operations by any airline that does not maintain "transportation security sufficient to meet the minimum security standards" established by the Convention on international civil aviation.

The resolution also urges the President to conduct a comprehensive review of all U.S. trade and diplomatic relations to determine what further appropriate actions, including specific sanctions, may be taken to discourage any further support of international terrorism.

Among the cosponsors of the resolution are Senate Minority Leader Hugh Scott (R Pa), Deputy Minority Leader Robert Griffith (R Mich) Clifford Case, the ranking Republican on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee; Democratic Vice Presidential nominee Walter Mondale and Hubert H. Humphrey, Democrats of Minnesota, Adlai Stevenson (D Ill) and Walter Huddleston (D Ky).

Case told the Senate that "there is overwhelming evidence that the Libya government has aided and abetted terrorists" and that therefore "it is time for the world to treat the Qaddafi government as one deals with an infected animal -- by imposing a quarantine." He urged the President to encourage nations to suspend service to Libya until "Libya no longer assists terrorists."

NOTED SOVIET EMIGRANT SAYS ALMOST ALL SOVIET JEWS WANT TO LEAVE

CHICAGO, Aug. 29 (JTA) -- Dr. Vitaly Rubin, noted Soviet Jewish authority on ancient Chinese philosophy, had a busy schedule here last week addressing the Public Affairs Committee of the Jewish United Fund of Metropolitan Chicago holding a press conference and appearing on NBC. Ruben and his wife were permitted to

emigrate to Israel last June after a four-and-a-half year struggle. Speaking at a press conference sponsored by the Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Chicago, he expressed the opinion that "almost all Russian Jews want to emigrate. Jews are insulted every day." The primary victims of the Soviet policy of "locked borders," Rubin said, are the Jews and Germans. "They have been invited to Israel and West Germany," he observed. "Other Russians would have to find a country to accept them before they could hope to emigrate." Rubin thanked the American Jewish community and academic community, without whose efforts he is convinced he would not have been permitted to emigrate.

In an interview with NBC, Rubin expressed his joy at living in freedom in Israel. His wife pointed out that Tuesday, when these public meetings were taking place here, was their 20th wedding anniversary and "20 years ago we never dreamed to hope that we would be permitted to live in Israel, among our people, and visit the United States." When the NBC reporter asked just what the Rubins meant about "feeling free," Rubin explained "freedom is freedom of expression and freedom of movement. I had neither in Russia. Now I am a free man."

At a meeting of the Public Affairs Committee of the JUF, an umbrella group encompassing 37 major Jewish organizations, Rubin was quizzed about the widely publicized issue of Soviet Jews who leave the USSR with visas to Israel and then choose to go elsewhere.

When asked whether it would be wise for Israel to make a more thorough investigation, into the intentions of whether applicants for visas really want to settle in Israel, Rubin, who now lives in Jerusalem, replied that "it would be wrong to withhold the means of saving a man's life just because he does not want to go where we want him to go."

BRITISH, U.S. JEWISH LEADERS TO JOINTLY DISCUSS MAJOR ISSUES

NEW YORK, Aug. 29 (JTA) -- The Board of Deputies of British Jews has invited the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations to meet in a joint leadership session in London later this year for a discussion of major issues in which both communities are concerned.

Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler, chairman of the Presidents Conference, said the invitation had been extended by the officers of the Board at a luncheon in London for him and Yehuda Hellman, executive director, while the two were en route home from a visit to Rumania two weeks ago.

The invitation was repeated by Greville Janner, M.P., senior vice-president of the Board of Deputies at a meeting of the Presidents Conference last week. Schindler said the Presidents Conference welcomed the invitation and would decide on a mutually acceptable date.

JERUSALEM (JTA) -- South African TV has signed a contract with the Herzliya Studios for the production of five half-hour documentary films on Israel and its holy sites. The series will be featured on the South African National network. The agreement was announced here by Robert Schmidt, director of religious programs on South Africa's radio and tv.