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5 INJURED IN BOMB EXPLOSION

TEL AVIV, Nov. 11 (JTA)--A shrapnel bomb exploded in a Pétach Tikva supermarket this afternoon injuring five people. Police announced that 10 Arabs have been detained for questioning, some of whom were in the supermarket at the time of the blast. The market reopened later after a visit to the scene by the regional military commander and senior police officials.

According to police experts, the bomb was a crude device consisting of explosives, a battery and a clock which activated the charge. It contained nails to inflict maximum casualties. Police said the bomb was concealed in a nylon handbag placed near the entrance to the supermarket where shoppers deposit their parcels.

Two traffic patrolmen issuing parking tickets in the vicinity were the first to arrive on the scene. They summoned ambulances and closed the entrances to the market. Some of the injured were shopping at the time and others were hit by flying glass outside the market. All were expected to be released from hospitals later tonight. The supermarket suffered minor damage except for a large show window that was shattered.

TERRORIST UNITS IN SOUTHERN LEBANON ATTACK CHRISTIAN VILLAGES By Yitzhak Shargil

TEL AVIV, Nov. 11 (JTA)--Terrorist units in the Bint-a-Jabil area of southern Lebanon attacked the Christian villages of Ein-Aabel and Rumayesh with mortars and Katyusha rockets yesterday. Terrorists also ambushed a Christian ambulance, seriously wounding its driver. They have mined roads leading to Christian villages and at least one car, a Christian-owned Mercedes, struck a mine and was wrecked.

The latest flare-up of violence after months of relative calm in the region confirmed reports that heavily armed terrorists have returned to the area of Lebanon adjacent to the Israeli border, apparently with the tacit consent of the Syrian army.

Israeli sources today denied reports that Israeli troops had crossed the border and captured the heights overlooking Bint-a-Jabil. That report came from a Lt. El Khatib, commander of the Arab Lebanese Army in the region. The sources did not deny that Israel was taking deterrent measures against the terrorists but insisted that this was being done from within Israel's borders.

21 Terrorists Held In Gaza Strip

Meanwhile, 21 Arab terrorists belonging to two El Fatah cells were uncovered and detained in the Gaza Strip. Seven members of one cell, along with a cache of arms, were found in Khan Yunis. The others, of Gaza and Khan Yunis, were detained following an explosion Oct. 29 near the Khan Yunis hospital. Two terrorists were killed in that explosion while preparing a bomb. Arms, including four submachineguns and explosives were found in the possession of the members of the second cell.

COUNCIL OF EUROPE ADOPTS CONVENTION AGAINST TERRORISM

PARIS, Nov. 11 (JTA)--The representatives of the foreign ministers of the "Council of Europe" member states yesterday unanimously adopted a European convention against terrorism. The representatives, meeting in Strasbourg, approved a text disregarding "political motivations" as an excuse for terrorist acts and calling upon all signatories of the convention to extradite or locally try terrorists.

The convention, presented by West Germany, needs the ratification of the governments of three member states to become law. The convention describes in great detail terrorist acts and provides for police and judicial cooperation among the member states to prevent them. The "Council of Europe" serves as a European parliament with an advisory role and its conventions need the ratification of a number of member states to become binding.

INAUGURATE FIRST DIRECT ISRAEL-MEXICO AIRLINE SERVICE; MEXICANS ISRAELIS STRESS ITS IMPORTANCE By Chaim Lazdelski

MEXICO CITY, Nov. 11 (JTA)--An El Al 707 jet landed here yesterday inaugurating the first direct airline service between Israel and Mexico. The plane brought Israeli Transportation Minister Gad Yaacobi who was greeted at the airport by his Mexican counterpart, Transport Minister Eugenio Mendez Docurro, and the Minister of Tourism, Julio Hirschfeld Almada.

In a press conference at the airport, Docurro observed that friendly nations occasionally have some differences but these cannot harm sincere good relations. Almada spoke of the political, economic and cultural importance of direct air service between Mexico and Israel.

Replying to questions, he said the boycott of Mexico by American Jewish tourists is over and about 26,000 Jews from the United States visited Mexico so far this year. The boycott began a year ago when Mexico voted in favor of a resolution in the UN General Assembly equating Zionism with racism.

Yaacobi thanked the Mexican government on behalf of the Israeli government for its cooperation in establishing direct air service and expressed the hope that the two countries will continue their mutual cooperation in many fields. The El Al jet left here today for Tel Aviv on the return leg of its inaugural flight. The plane will land en route at Montreal and Amsterdam. It is carrying a large number of Mexican officials, members of a special cultural delegation headed by Education Minister Victor Bravo Ahuja who will visit the Weizmann Institute of Science and other Israeli research centers and universities.

RUMSFELD OUTLINES REASONS FOR CONTINUING U.S. SUPPORT OF ISRAEL By Joseph Polakoff

WASHINGTON, Nov. 11 (JTA)--Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld has said in post-election comments that American willingness to continue

support of Israel is based on the Jewish State's belief in and practice of freedom, its geographic position in an area of danger of U.S.-Soviet confrontation and because it refuses to condone terrorism.

"Israel is an important country in the world because of the example it sets," Rumsfeld said, pointing to the Entebbe rescue operation. "Here is a country that against all odds demonstrated that it didn't believe in terrorism, that it didn't want to condone terrorism, that it would not sit still and allow that to happen, and I think that's an important lesson for people who believe in freedom, and it's good for the United States to see it and it's good for the rest of the world to see it."

His remarks came in a multi-faceted interview with Martin Agronsky that has been taped for telecasting tomorrow night at 10 p.m. on Public Broadcasting Service stations. A copy of the transcript was made available by Station WETA here to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency to quote from it in advance of delivery.

Significance Of Timing

The significance of Rumsfeld's evaluation of U.S. commitment to Israel, which he said is "a sensible policy" and will recommend both to his successor and to President-elect Jimmy Carter, is in its timing and his personal potential political strength in the Republican Party when he leaves the Cabinet in January for an as yet unannounced post. Rumsfeld, at 44, has already served four terms as a GOP Congressman from Illinois and as the U.S. Ambassador to NATO. President Ford named him Defense Secretary succeeding James Schlesinger last Nov. 20.

The timing of Rumsfeld's evaluation was noted by Agronsky who told the Secretary that "were we still in the midst of the (Presidential election) campaign, your remark would probably be evaluated in political terms, but the campaign is over and you really feel that this is the way to evaluate the American commitment to Israel."

Rumsfeld replied, "I have every reason to believe that it's the policy that this country will continue as it has in the past through successive Presidents of both parties." When Agronsky suggested that support of Israel is "a burden that we accepted, in effect, in terms of our national interest, we're willing to continue to support," Rumsfeld responded, "Exactly." He gave his reasons for U.S. backing of Israel after Agronsky had asked, "Why do we support Israel?" when "Israel is a nation of three million people, an island in an Arab ocean of 120 million" and "there are more Arabs and they've got the oil?"

View On Mideast Settlement

Asked for recommendations of a Middle East settlement, such as a U.S.-Soviet guarantee or the Fulbright plan involving a U.S.-Israeli treaty, Rumsfeld replied that from a standpoint of the White House and the State and Defense Departments, "the goal is to keep working, as the United States has, over a period of years, to try to find a formula that works."

Rumsfeld emphasized that Israel and the Arab countries are sovereign nations and "what will work will be that which they will agree to." For a settlement to be "durable," he added, the formula "has to be something that each of them sees as in their interest, and that's the measure, rather than the extent, of the U.S. role in it."

YARIV WARNS ON ARAB MOVES

NEW YORK, Nov. 11 (JTA)--Gen. (Res.) Aharon

Yariv, director of the Institute of Strategic Studies at Tel Aviv University and former intelligence chief of Israel's armed forces, warned here today that the Arab states were making "extensive efforts to maximize their military options against Israel" to force it "to accept an Arab solution to the Mideast conflict."

Addressing a press conference, Yariv said "If there is a stalemate we can expect war." He did not say when this might occur but stressed that "Israel will not be blackmailed into endangering its own existence even if threatened by war."

Yariv cited as "evidence" of the Arab war threat the fact that "The Egyptians and Syrians have renewed their joint command and have appointed Egyptian Minister of War, Gen. Mohammed Gamasy, as head of the joint Egyptian-Syrian command. This is the same command that prepared the 1973 Yom Kippur War," Yariv said. Further evidence, he said, are the "negotiations in process for the resumption of full relations between Egypt and Libya which will have the consequence of placing the arsenal of Soviet weaponry (in Libya's hands) at the disposal of Egypt."

Yariv said "This maximization of the military options will be used to pressure the world in an attempt to force Israel to accept the Arab solution to the Mideast conflict." He added that "Israel is fully prepared to negotiate an overall settlement including considerable territorial concessions on the clear, unmistakable and unequal condition of full, real and durable peace."

Replying to questions, Yariv said he did not think the impending departure of Henry A. Kissinger from the office of Secretary of State would have an important effect on negotiations in the Middle East. "The strength of Kissinger's position does not rest on his personality but on the power of the U.S.," Yariv said. He also indicated that he did not consider Egyptian President Anwar Sadat or any other Arab leaders to be moderates because moderation means trying to find a peaceful solution and the Arab leaders are not doing this.

Yariv headed the Israeli military team that negotiated the first cease-fire agreement with Egypt after the Yom Kippur War. He served briefly later as Minister of Information in the Cabinet of Premier Yitzhak Rabin.

BLUMBERG SAYS CARTER'S ELECTION WILL BE GOOD FOR THE JEWISH PEOPLE

By Maurice Samuelson

LONDON, Nov. 11 (JTA)--David Blumberg, international president of B'nai B'rith, said here today that the election of Jimmy Carter was going to be "good for the Jewish people" despite initial reservations expressed by some American Jews and Israelis over Carter's views on Israel and his religious background.

Blumberg, who is attending a meeting of the B'nai B'rith International Council Executive in London, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that when Carter began his campaign for the Democratic Presidential nomination, many people were wary of his religious commitments as a Southern Baptist and there was concern that his inner circle of advisors lacked expertise. But as Carter campaigned around the country, he impressed people as a man of integrity with experience in government.

Anxieties Were Dispelled

He said he was aware that certain prominent Israelis apparently had hoped for a Republican

victory because the Republican Administration demonstrated its support for Israel in concrete terms of economic and military assistance. Some members of the Carter team seemed to favor a more "even-handed" Middle East policy which was interpreted in certain quarters as possibly inimical to Israel's interests, Blumberg said. Such anxieties among American Jews were largely dispelled by Carter's campaign pledges and his strong position against the Arab boycott, he added.

Blumberg said there were no doubts about the capability of Carter's principal foreign policy advisors--Prof. Zbigniew Brzezinski, Arthur Schlesinger Jr. and Cyrus Vance. Vance and Brzezinski have been mentioned by some observers as possible choices for Secretary of State in the Carter Administration. Blumberg described Brzezinski as "one of the most knowledgeable men" in the fields of defense and foreign policy who "speaks in the manner we Jews like."

The implications of Carter's victory was one of the subjects raised at the two-day B'nai B'rith meeting here attended by representatives from the U.S., Britain, Western Europe, Israel and Australia. Ricardo Holzer, chairman of the International Council's Executive and Dr. William Korey, director of the Council, participated.

RABIN ASKS RIBICOFF TO SOUND OUT SADAT ON WHAT SORT OF PEACE SETTLEMENT EGYPTIAN HAS IN MIND By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, Nov. 11 (JTA)--Premier Yitzhak Rabin reportedly has asked Sen. Abraham Ribicoff (D.Conn.) to approach Egyptian President Anwar Sadat in his name to find out what sort of peace settlement Sadat has in mind. Ribicoff and 12 other U.S. Senators left Israel today for Jordan and will be in Cairo over the weekend to continue their study of the possible sale of American nuclear power reactors to Israel, Iran and Egypt. Ribicoff heads the delegation.

According to the reports, Rabin asked the U.S. legislator to ask Sadat what kind of concessions Egypt was prepared to offer in exchange for territorial concessions by Israel. Ribicoff was also authorized to inform Sadat that Israel is willing to resume the Geneva peace conference provided that it is limited to the parties originally invited by the UN when the conference convened briefly in December, 1973. This would rule out participation by the Palestine Liberation Organization.

Rabin's request to Ribicoff to serve as an intermediary to sound out Sadat was made apparently in response to Sadat's statement in Cairo earlier this week that Egypt was willing to sign a peace treaty with Israel and was ready to go to Geneva to negotiate a settlement. Sadat said, however, that he wanted all parties involved in the Middle East conflict to attend, including the PLO.

Rabin has responded cautiously to Sadat's remarks. Addressing leaders of the United Jewish Appeal of France, here on a three-day visit, the Israeli Premier said he agreed with Sadat that the Geneva conference was an acceptable forum to solve the conflict but only on the basis of its original composition. He praised Sadat for saying publicly that he was willing to sign a peace agreement with Israel, but added, "I learned, especially in the five years of my service as Ambassador to the U.S., that the vaguest word in the English language is 'peace.'"

Should Be Viewed In Context

Rabin said that Sadat's statement should be,

viewed in the context of the overall Arab effort to convince the world that they mean business when they talk of peace. He said this was one of the results of the Cairo summit conference where Egypt gave in to Syria on the tactical matter of its intervention in Lebanon while Syria conceded to Egypt's strategic approach aimed at a political solution of the Middle East conflict. "In any case, the coming few years will decide much more than the past in which direction events will develop," Rabin said.

The U.S. Senate delegation will meet with King Hussein in Amman before going to Egypt and Iran. Their talks with the Jordanian monarch are expected to deal mainly with the Middle East situation as a whole. Jordan is not one of the countries to which the sale of nuclear reactors is being considered.

CRYSTAL NIGHT RECALLED

NEW YORK, Nov. 11 (JTA)--"Thirty-eight years ago this week, the shattering of glass and the burning of synagogues throughout Germany signalled the first step in the implementation of the 'final solution'--Hitler's infamous plan for the elimination of the Jewish people," it was recalled by Ruth Perry, national president of the Women's League for Conservative Judaism. "Crystal Night, as that event became known, has been indelibly engraved upon the memory of our people and was vividly recalled only a year ago when the UN adopted the obscene resolution equating Zionism with racism."

Mrs. Perry said that these events and continuing perils which confront the Jewish people will be dealt with at the League's international biennial convention at the Concord Hotel Nov. 14-18. During those five days, she stated, 2000 delegates "will grapple with the vital issues which challenge world Jewry today." The convention will also launch the year-long celebration of the 60th anniversary of the League, Mrs. Perry said.

Among the 2000 delegates comprising the national and regional leadership of Sisterhoods of Conservative congregations throughout the U.S., Canada, Mexico and Puerto Rico, will be an impressive contingent for the first time from Israel. Mrs. Perry noted that 24 Conservative synagogues have been established in Israel in the past decade and the Conservative movement there is gaining in strength.

HERUT WINS ZIONIST ELECTIONS

BRUSSELS, Nov. 11 (JTA)--The Herut Party won the Zionist elections in Belgium with 38 percent of the total vote. It obtained 37 percent in Brussels and 45 percent in Antwerp. The second list was a coalition of Mapam, Hashomer Hatzair and a non-party list which won 22.5 percent of the vote, followed by a "Union of Democratic United Zionists" which obtained 22 percent of the vote. The list which combined General Zionists and individual candidates under the heading "Am Ehad" obtained 18.35 percent of the vote. Belgium is the first country to have held elections for the World Zionist Congress which has been postponed in the meantime. Ten percent of Jewish families took part in the vote.

NEW YORK (JTA)--The plight of Soviet Jewish Prisoners of Conscience will be the focus of nationwide activities Nov. 13 to Dec. 15 it was announced by Eugene Gold, National Conference on Soviet Jewry chairman.

SMOLAR AWARDS ANNOUNCED

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 11 (JTA)--The 1976 Smolar Awards for Excellence in North American Jewish Journalism were announced today at the 45th General Assembly of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds. Lavy M. Becker of Montreal, chairman of the Smolar Award Committee, reported that eight individuals and newspapers were selected as winners of a total of 122 entries. Established in 1972 by the CJF, the award is named in honor of Boris Smolar, a distinguished journalist, author and Editor-in-Chief Emeritus of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency.

The three awards for "News Coverage" went to Berthold Gaster, co-publisher and managing editor of the Connecticut Jewish Ledger, for local news coverage; Janice Arnold of the Chronicle Review in Toronto, for national news coverage; and Herb Brin, editor-publisher of the Heritage-Southwest Jewish Press in Los Angeles, for overseas and Israeli news coverage.

The "Best Series of Editorials" award went to the staff of the Baltimore Jewish Times, headed by Charles Buerger, publisher, and Gary Rosenblatt, editor. The prize-winning entry consisted of two editorials taking different positions on the question of whether Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger should be honored by a local synagogue.

The Smolar Award winner for "Best Regular Editorial Column" was won by Martin Levin, editor of the Winnipeg Jewish Post. His entries included columns dealing with Israel's invitation to South African Prime Minister B.J. Vorster for an official four-day state visit, Spiro Agnew's comments regarding Jews and the media and the observance of Holocaust Memorial Day.

In the field of feature articles, the Smolar Awards were given to Frank Wundohl, editor, Philadelphia Exponent; Robert Cohn, editor, St. Louis Jewish Light; and Jakki Savan, assistant editor, St. Louis Jewish Light.

Basis For Feature Articles Awards

Wundohl's winning entry in the competition consisted of a series of articles dealing with his visit to Israel and included interviews with the Commanding General of Israel's northern frontier, Gen. Raphael Eytan, former Israeli Ambassador to the United Nations, Yosef Tekoah and an article on tomato crops growing in the Negev.

Cohn won for three articles dealing with an exclusive and first interview with David Williams the stepson of Philip Roth, which disclosed that Williams' mother, the late Margaret Martinson Williams Roth, is the basis for characters in some of Roth's most important work; a comparative review of the CBS television film series, "Moses the Lawgiver" with the Tony Curtis film "Lepke," and the implications of the Jewish characters in both; and a comparative review of the film, "Young Frankenstein" and the original film version of "The Golem."

Savan won her third Smolar Award for her feature articles on Bob Hope's long-standing friendship with the late Sam Zvibelman of St. Louis, fondly remembered as "Sam the Watermelon Man"; Israel and its quest for increased immigration; and an interview with Elie Wiesel.

Announcement of the winners was made by Saul Wiener of Philadelphia, Vice-Chairman of the Smolar Award Committee.

YIDDISH FILM LIBRARY ESTABLISHED

WELLESLEY, Mass. (JTA)--Concerned for the preservation and effective educational use of

a priceless legacy from the recent Jewish past, the Jewish Media Service of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds and the American Jewish Historical Society have together acquired the largest existing collection of films to have been made in the Yiddish language.

Hitherto in private hands, the collection includes such classics as "The Dybbuk," "The Vow," "Tevye," "Mirele Efros," "Uncle Moses," and "Green Fields," along with 25 other feature-length films made in Poland and the United States during the 1930s and '40s.

Jerold C. Hoffberger, CJF president, called the Yiddish films "a priceless treasure" in hailing their acquisition. "They are unique and irreplaceable," he stated. "The benefits in the enrichment of Jewish life and American life are incalculable, in the numbers who will see the films and in the timelessness of this treasure. We are deeply grateful to the persons whose gifts made this possible."

Funded By Dedicated Individuals

Prints and negatives of all the films will be deposited in sealed archives for permanent safe-keeping and scholarly use. At the same time, films selected for their outstanding educational or entertainment value will undergo extensive technical rehabilitation and be supplied with new English subtitles. Multiple copies of these films will be made for wide-scale circulation in the Jewish community and beyond.

The acquisition of these films was funded by a few dedicated individuals, Charles and Isa Rutenberg of Clearwater, Fla., and Henry and Edith Everett of Brooklyn, N.Y., for whom the collection will be named. Additional contributions have been made by individuals in Cleveland, Boston and Worcester, Mass., and the Workmen's Circle.

These funds are being used to begin the expensive technical renovations. Some assistance will be provided by the government-sponsored American Film Institute and the Library of Congress, but more private funds will be needed. The Rutenberg and Everett Yiddish Film Collection will establish the first communal film archive for North American Jewry.

DINITZ TO STAY ON AS AMBASSADOR

JERUSALEM, Nov. 11 (JTA)--Premier Yitzhak Rabin and Foreign Minister Yigal Allon have officially asked Ambassador Simcha Dinitz to continue his tenure as Ambassador to Washington for an unlimited period. This was announced here today following rumors that Dinitz would leave office after the inauguration of President-elect Jimmy Carter.

The request by Rabin and Allon was seen as an expression of confidence in Dinitz who has served in Washington for more than three years. It did not mean that Dinitz may not be replaced in the course of next year. Both Rabin and Allon praised Dinitz for his work in Washington.

JERUSALEM (JTA)--Syria will extend the mandate of the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force (UNDOF) on the Golan Heights according to political sources in Jerusalem. The assumption here is that Syria is interested more than ever in a settlement with Israel because she cannot let her forces there to deploy them in Lebanon and along the unstable frontier with Iraq. The UNDOF mandate expires at the end of this month.