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35 HEBRON ARABS BEING QUESTIONED IN CONNECTION WITH BUS EXPLOSION

JERUSALEM, April 25 (JTA)--Police are questioning 35 Hebron Arabs in connection with yesterday's bomb explosion on a bus carrying Israeli workers from Kiryat Gat to Beersheba. The Arabs were all passengers who left the bus at Kiryat Gat where they are employed. The bomb exploded ten minutes later showering the passengers with glass and metal splinters.

Fourteen of the 27 injured were still hospitalized today. One woman was reported in serious condition but her life is not in danger. The bus driver, an Arab from a Gaza Strip refugee camp, told police that he had inspected the vehicle after discharging the passengers at Kiryat Gat as required by regulations, but found no suspicious-looking object. There was some panic in the bus after the blast when the automatic doors did not open. Passengers squeezed out through the windows. Passing cars stopped and took many to the hospital.

REPORT ISRAEL TO ORDER ADDITIONAL F-15 JET FIGHTERS FROM THE U.S.

By David Landau

JERUSALEM, April 25 (JTA)--Israel will soon order an additional 25 F-15 jet fighters from the U.S. over and above the original 25 ordered, some of which have already been delivered, the Jerusalem Post reported exclusively today. The original 25 cost "a reported \$650 million" and Israel had been offered "highly favorable terms" for buying the second batch, the Post said.

In ordering the second batch Israel would be exercising an option it has had since ordering the first 25 early last year. The F-15 is regarded as one of the most advanced fighter planes in the world. When the first three were delivered last December, Chief of Staff Gen. Mordechai Gur said possession of these planes would radically change Israel's war capacity.

The Post noted that the F-15 decision--expected to be finalized within two or three weeks--"is independent of an informal Israeli request for details of the terms of purchase of the General Dynamics F-16, a lighter, less expensive fighter plane which the Israeli Air Force is considering to replace its aging Phantoms and Skyhawks."

The F-15 is manufactured by the McDonnell Douglas Corp., makers of the Phantom. According to the Post, the company is particularly interested in the new Israeli order in order to ensure that full production is maintained.

DUTCH JUSTICE MINISTRY TO PROBE POSSIBLE FRAUD BY ART COLLECTOR

AMSTERDAM, April 25 (JTA)--The Netherlands Ministry of Justice will reopen the dossiers of 88-year-old Jacob Van Tilberg who has been accused of appropriating vast collections of art work and other valuables entrusted to his safe-keeping by Dutch Jews during the Nazi occupation of Holland in World War II, a Ministry spokesman announced today. Van Tilberg has been living in South Africa for the past 25 years.

He had been an alderman of the town of Dordrecht, south of Rotterdam, and after the war was

accused of collaboration with the Germans. But those charges were dropped for lack of evidence. His possession of alleged Jewish art work and valuables came to light when Van Tilberg recently bequeathed a \$10 million art collection to the University of Pretoria. Former members of the Dutch resistance movement in Dordrecht have charged that Van Tilberg defrauded Jews who entrusted him with their valuables. The Jews reportedly were put in touch with Van Tilberg by his Jewish business associate, Peretz Wang, who lived in Scheveningen.

Sources here said that Van Tilberg bequeathed the art collection to Pretoria University rather than to his four daughters who live in Holland because his daughters are aware of its origin and want no part of it.

PERES CITES THREE CONDITIONS FOR ISRAEL'S INTERVENTION IN LEBANON

JERUSALEM, April 25 (JTA)--Defense Minister Shimon Peres who assumed the duties of Premier last Friday, has listed three situations that, he said would trigger Israeli intervention in Lebanon. Addressing an election campaign meeting in Ashkelon, Peres said the situations were:

If Syrian forces crossed the "Red Line"; if Palestinian terrorists advanced close to the Israeli border with Lebanon; and if the Palestinians attacked Christian villages in southern Lebanon "whose fate is a matter of concern to us." Peres said the Syrians knew where the "Red Line" is located. It has never been officially identified by Israel but is believed to be the Litani River. The "Red Line" has also been defined as any deployment of foreign Arab forces in Lebanon that posed a threat to Israel's security.

HERTZBERG: U.S. JEWS SHOULD TELL THE ADMINISTRATION 'TO GO HANG' IF IT PRESSURES ISRAEL TO RUSH PEACE

PIKESVILLE, Md., April 25 (JTA)--Rabbi Arthur Hertzberg, president of the American Jewish Congress, warned here last night against a "hasty settlement" in the Middle East and claimed that it was up to the American Jewish community this year to "tell the (Carter) Administration to go hang when they pressure Israel."

Addressing the biennial convention of the AJCongress' National Women's Division, Hertzberg said American Jews should not carelessly support the Carter Administration's desire to reach a negotiated peace settlement in the Mideast this year because "a hurried settlement may not be a settlement at all." He said he did not write off the chances of a peace settlement in 1977 but "if our country commits itself to a hasty settlement or to talks by a certain date the chances for peace could be seriously damaged."

Hertzberg claimed that "The proper role of the U.S. is to get negotiations going, not to set either the terms or the timetable of a settlement. A deadline for peace implies a blueprint for peace and there can be no settlement if it is imposed from the outside either in terms of where the borders should be or when the talks must begin," he said.

Hertzberg said, "I'm afraid the U.S. cannot

produce peace under pressure because the most it could hope for in the short run is non-belligerency. But what we need is peace." In an apparent allusion to an article in the April edition of Foreign Affairs Quarterly by former Undersecretary of State George Ball titled "How To Save Israel In Spite Of Herself," Hertzberg said:

"Peace cannot be imposed for Israel's own good or 'in spite of herself.' It is an illusion to believe that either State Department diplomats or American Jews or even the President of the United States with the best will in the world, can make political decisions for the Jewish State by suggesting where its borders should be or who its neighbors should be. What is best for Israel can be decided only by its democratically elected representatives, only by the people who live in the State and are prepared to die for it. That is the essence of a sovereign people and of a lasting peace."

DECISION BY UN GROUP TO ACCEPT PLO AS FULL MEMBER IS DENOUNCED

UNITED NATIONS, April 25 (JTA)--Israel's Ambassador to the United Nations, Chaim Herzog, said today that the decision by the UN Economic Commission for Western Asia (ECWA) to accept the Palestine Liberation Organization as a full member "is in flagrant defiance of UN rules and practices governing regional commissions." The ECWA decision was reported to have been made yesterday at a meeting in Amman, Jordan. It is subject to approval of the UN Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) currently in session in New York.

Herzog said that by accepting the PLO, the ECWA "has violated its own charter which specifically states that 'members of the commission shall consist of member states of the United Nations situated in Western Asia.'" Herzog added, "This transparent, cynical move coupled with the fact that the State of Israel has not been admitted to the ECWA only emphasizes the process of deterioration which has begun to cause the disintegration of the UN as an organization of independent, sovereign states." (By Yitzhak Rabi)

SENATOR SEES GROWING ARAB UNITY AS A DOUBLE-EDGED SWORD

MIAMI BEACH, April 25 (JTA)--Sen. Richard S. Schweiker (R. Pa.) said here last night that growing Arab unity in the Middle East is a "double edged sword" that could be a potential threat or a potential benefit to Israel. Addressing more than 3000 persons attending a Yom Haatzmaut celebration sponsored by the American Zionist Federation of South Florida, Schweiker observed that "The splintered and fragmented political situation in the Arab world has historically been one of the most unsettling factors in the Middle East."

He said that "In times of war, these divisions have worked to Israel's advantage." But, he warned, "growing Arab unity could be one of the greatest threats to Israel if there should be an outbreak of hostilities in the Middle East."

Schweiker, the ranking Republican member of the Foreign Operations Appropriations Subcommittee of the Senate Appropriations Committee, said that on the other hand "In the search for peace Arab unity could conceivably work to Israel's advantage. If the Arab world could speak as one voice, discussions at the bargaining table would be greatly facilitated. In the past, no Arab state has been able to speak for any other and no Arab state has been able to guarantee that its own people will keep the peace," Schweiker said.

The Senator said that Israel has learned "that

peace does not come from vague, non-binding assurances or tacit signals from individual Arab states. And any plan--if it is to last--must guarantee Israel absolute recognition of her permanent right to exist in peace and secure, recognized and defensible borders."

HERZOG WARNS ECOSOC ON ANTI-ZIONISM By Yitzhak Rabi

UNITED NATIONS, April 25 (JTA)--Chaim Herzog, Israel's Ambassador to the United Nations, urged the UN Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) today to reject the report of the Preparatory Subcommittee for the Conference on the program for the Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination. Addressing ECOSOC this afternoon, the Israeli envoy said that if the subcommittee's recommendations are accepted, "the proposed conference (on racism) will undoubtedly become a conference against Zionism."

He noted that the report of the subcommittee includes the General Assembly resolution equating Zionism with racism, a report on the Baghdad Symposium on Zionism and other UN documents that have relevancy to Zionism. "The choice before this council is a conference genuinely devoted to combatting racism or yet another conference under UN auspices which will become an instrument for the partisan aims of the Arab states in their unrelenting political warfare against the Jewish State and for the sinister forces of reactionary anti-Semitic racism," he said.

He took issue with the Iraqi representative Bassam S. Kubba who attacked Zionism in his address to ECOSOC last Friday and who called for the "full and universal implementation of UN decisions and resolutions on racism, racial discrimination..." Herzog said that the conference should discuss the "long and bitter struggle of the Kurdish people against Iraqi oppression."

He cited numerous documents relative to Iraqi violations of human rights and oppression of its minorities. He said "the representative of this brutal, racist regime has the affrontery even to appear at an international conference discussing human rights, let alone to raise the issue of human rights in its deliberations."

2 ISRAELI SPIES RE-BURIED ON MT. HERZL

JERUSALEM, April 25 (JTA)--The remains of two Egyptian-born Jews who were hanged in Cairo in 1955 for spying for Israel were re-buried on Mt. Herzl yesterday with full military honors. Moshe Marzouk, who was a dentist and Shmuel Azar, a teacher, were posthumously commissioned Majors in Israel's Army. Premier Yitzhak Rabin, Defense Minister Shimon Peres and former Premier Golda Meir, were among the dignitaries attending the ceremonies.

Coffins containing the remains were handed over to Israel last week in the Sinai buffer zone along with the remains of nine Israeli soldiers killed on the Barlev Line in the Yom Kippur War. In exchange, Israel released 27 convicted terrorists and two ordinary criminal prisoners to Egypt. Earlier in the month Israel returned 19 other prisoners to Egypt.

Marzouk and Azar were acknowledged to have been Israeli agents who were trained in an Israeli Intelligence school in the early 1950s. They were arrested in 1954 after an abortive attempt to bomb American installations in Cairo which was supposed to create a rift between the U.S. and Egypt. The failure of the mission led to bitter recriminations in Israel.

CARTER TELLS HUSSEIN IT WOULD BE A MISTAKE TO BE TOO OPTIMISTIC ABOUT THE MIDDLE EAST SITUATION

Powell, However, Says There Is No Change In Carter's Mideast Outlook
By Joseph Polakoff

WASHINGTON, April 25 (JTA)--President Carter, in warmly welcoming Jordan's King Hussein to Washington this morning, appeared less optimistic than previously in his meetings with the Israeli and Egyptian leaders that important progress will be made this year toward a Middle East settlement.

"This year 1977 is a special time," the President said. "We face possible opportunities for major strides toward permanent peace in the Middle East. It will be a mistake to be too optimistic because of the serious nature of divisions that have long separated one people from the other in the Eastern Mediterranean."

Time Ripe For Geneva Talks

However, later today, following the first Carter-Hussein meeting which lasted 75 minutes, the White House said in a notice to the press that the President and the King "agreed that the time is ripe for a major effort for reconvening the Geneva conference in the second half of 1977."

Asked to explain the apparent differences between Carter's extemporaneous statement of welcome and the notice, Presidential News Secretary Jody Powell said he was "aware of the interpretations" that the President "sounded more pessimistic" this morning.

"It will be a mistake to read into the remarks this morning that there is a change of feeling," Powell said. He added that Carter's oral remarks were a "reaffirmation" of what he had said previously that the way to Geneva "won't be easy."

Powell denied that any information had reached Carter or any development had occurred that caused a change in the President's position. He emphasized it would serve no useful purpose "by underestimating the difficulties to make progress this year."

King Seen As A Key Figure

During his welcoming remarks, Carter, recalling Hussein's frequent visits to the United States since his first call on President Eisenhower 18 years ago, said, "If there is one leader who is a key" to "a possible solution" to the Arab-Israeli conflict "it would be King Hussein."

Neither Carter nor Hussein in his response mentioned the Palestinians or Palestine. However, during a photo ceremony in the White House Oval Office before they opened the first of their three meetings today and tomorrow, reporters heard the President say laughingly to the King that his meeting with a PLO representative in the receiving line at the United Nations in New York last month had generated a tremendous amount of publicity.

Newsmen also heard Carter say "We have a very good group of moderate leaders who tremendously want peace. If we fail this year it is going to be very difficult to marshal an effort next year."

Responding to the President's welcome during the usual formalities on the south lawn of the White House, Hussein said "the United States has great resources to influence positively the course of events in the Middle East." He said "Jordan is ready to play its full part in a just and lasting

settlement." He did not mention Israel.

Hussein expressed his "great confidence" in Carter's analysis of the conflicting positions in the Mideast and remarked: "In the past we have suffered a gap in communications between the United States and the Arab world." He said "we are assured your commitment to moral principles" would achieve peace in the area.

U.S. Attitude Toward PLO Unchanged

Powell told reporters this afternoon that the U.S. position toward the terrorist PLO position remained unchanged. Asked whether this meant the PLO cannot enter the Geneva talks even as part of a Jordanian delegation, Powell said, "we cannot see the PLO having a constructive role in these negotiations as long as they refuse to let Israel live in peace." Pressed on whether the Palestinians could participate in the Jordanian delegation but the PLO could not, Powell replied that what he had said was a "restatement" of the U.S. position.

The notice to the press said that the two leaders had discussed various ideas that had been put forward recently with regard to the question of Palestinian representation in the negotiations and how to resolve the Palestinian problem once the negotiations begin. Asked to amplify this, Powell referred to Carter's statement of a Palestinian link or confederation with Jordan. He would not say what Hussein said on this subject.

Carter and Hussein also discussed the "other two central elements of a settlement: territorial boundaries and the nature of peace," according to the notice.

During the welcoming ceremony this morning, Hussein appeared alone on the platform. His wife, Queen Alia, was killed in a helicopter crash last February. In an unusual gesture of warmth toward the monarch, Carter established some precedent by inviting two of the King's seven sons to the platform after Hussein's speech and introduced them to the crowd of Jordanian government personnel, U.S. officials and the media.

Hussein is the third of the Middle Eastern leaders to meet the President. It was their first get-together. The President first met with Israeli Premier Yitzhak Rabin in March and Egyptian President Anwar Sadat two weeks ago.

Last Friday, Carter met with Syrian Foreign Minister Abdel Halim Khaddam for an hour and afterwards the White House said that Carter and Syrian President Hafez Assad will meet in Geneva May 9. No details were given on the meeting with Khaddam who is also Syria's Deputy Prime Minister. U.S. sources said earlier that during his two-day stay here Khaddam was to work out an agenda for the Geneva meeting. The sources acknowledged that other matters might have been discussed.

Prior to his meeting with Khaddam, Carter said at a news conference that he would hold down any comments on the Middle East until after he meets with all the leaders of the area's nations. Saudi Arabian Crown Prince Faud, who is expected here about May 25 will conclude the President's planned series of conferences.

However, since the Israeli election is on May 17, U.S. sources believe he would invite the leader of the new Israeli government to Washington before making any further elucidations, since Rabin no longer is in power.

BRUSSELS (JTA)--The 34th anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto uprising was celebrated here by a religious service at the Main Synagogue.

BEHIND THE HEADLINES DOCUMENTARY ON JEWISH CULTURISTS IN THE SOVIET UNION IS IN THE WORKS

By Yitzhak Rabi

NEW YORK, April 25 (JTA)--A unique, first-of-its-kind documentary film on the struggle for Soviet Jewish culture and the urgent need to assist the Jewish "tarbutniks" (culturists) in the USSR, is to be completed soon according to the producers of the film.

The two young California producers of the project, Sherman Rosenfeld, 29, of Berkeley, and Elliot Fain, 33, of Oakland, introduced a pre-edited version of the film several days ago to a group of representatives of Jewish organizations concerned with Soviet Jewry and members of the press at the offices of the National Foundation for Jewish Culture in Manhattan.

According to the producers, the need for such a documentary is underscored by the fact that central to the problem of Jewish emigration from the USSR is the state of Jewish education within the country. They said that many Soviet Jews believe that without a West-supported campaign to develop Jewish culture in the Soviet Union, the Jewish community there will die out.

The idea for the documentary came from Rosenfeld who visited the USSR in September-October, 1976 and met the organizers of the Moscow Symposium for Jewish Culture which was scheduled for last December but never ran its full course because it was suppressed by the Soviet authorities. Upon returning to Berkeley, Rosenfeld helped organize a vigil in front of the San Francisco Soviet Consul's home and a parallel conference to support the Moscow Symposium. Both events were filmed by Fain and his crew and will be part of the documentary.

Focus Of The Film Outlined

The film will focus on the struggle for Jewish culture in the USSR through interviews with Soviet Jews and American Jewish scholars and photo-montages of Soviet posters and cartoons, newspaper clippings and other historical material. It will also include scenes of life of Soviet Jews in the USSR and scenes of Soviet Jews living in Israel and the United States. A special segment of the film will include interviews with Soviet Jewish leaders already in Israel.

Rosenfeld and Fain said that they made the half-hour documentary for Jewish and non-Jewish audiences alike. Disclosing that the budget of the film is about \$8500 and that more than a third of this amount had been spent by the film group, the producers said they will not be able to proceed without financial support to provide the balance. They said they are looking for individuals or groups to "invest time and/or money in the project." They added they plan to return to the USSR to interview leaders of Jewish culture and to gather additional historical material.

HADASSAH GETS \$750,000 A.I.D. GRANT FOR ITS MEDICAL FACILITIES IN ISRAEL

WASHINGTON, April 25 (JTA)--The Agency for International Development (AID) signed a contract today implementing a grant of \$750,000 for Hadassah's medical work in Israel. Arturo Costantino, director of the program, and Rep. Clarence D. Long (D.Md.), chairman, House Subcommittee on Appropriations on Foreign Operations, participated in signing the agreement with Charlotte Jacobson, Hadassah chairman for Foundations and Grants, who prepared the pro-

posal. Bernice S. Tannenbaum, Hadassah national president, was due to participate but was unable to attend because of illness.

Long said that "Hadassah is a vital center of medical care, training and research. Every dollar spent increases the quantity and improves the quality of health care provided millions of peoples--regardless of religion and nationality." Mrs. Jacobson pointed out that last year Hadassah spent about \$6 million in the United States for hospital supplies and equipment.

The AID funds are provided for under the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 as amended, and will be spent in the United States for the purchase of supplies and equipment to expand facilities devoted to patient care, teaching and research at the Hadassah-Hebrew University Medical Center in Ein Karem and at the Hadassah University Hospital on Mt. Scopus, from which Hadassah was cut off in 1948 and to which access was restored in 1967 after the Six-Day War.

Since 1967 Hadassah had received about \$6 million in AID grants which have contributed toward rehabilitation of the Hadassah University Hospital, Mt. Scopus, as a 300-bed regional hospital to service Jewish and Arab populations of eastern Jerusalem, the West Bank and the Gaza area; and the Moshe Sharett Institute of Oncology, housed in the Siegfried and Irma Ullmann Building for Cancer and Allied Diseases at Ein Karem, which will open soon. The Institute will provide the most comprehensive cancer diagnosis and treatment between Rome and Tokyo, in addition to research and teaching programs.

Need For Expansion Explained

Mrs. Jacobson explained that expansion of the Medical Center has been necessary because as the population of Jerusalem has increased by at least 30 percent, the varieties of medical care have multiplied and the need for additional trained medical personnel and research must be met.

A special certificate, illuminated with one of the famed Chagall windows in the synagogue at Ein Karem, was presented to Long by Mrs. Jacobson as a memento of the occasion. Mrs. Jacobson, who was president when the Mt. Scopus hospital was returned to Hadassah and who subsequently, as Hadassah Medical Organization and Building and Development chairman, has been responsible for a decade of development in which Hadassah has spent over \$50 million.

FIRST SOUTH AMERICAN HEBREW SONG FESTIVAL MARKS ISRAEL'S ANNIVERSARY

SANTIAGO, April 25 (JTA)--The First South American Hebrew Song Festival was held here last week to celebrate Israel's 29th anniversary. The three-day event, which was held at the Municipal Theater of Santiago and the Carlton Sheraton Hotel, attracted participants from Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Paraguay and Uruguay. Nava Baruchin, winner of the internationally famed song festival of Vina del Mar, came from Israel as a special guest.

The event was hosted by "Hineni," a newly formed Jewish non-profit organization, and the city of Santiago. Rabbi Mauricio Pichon of Hineni organized the festival. The local press, radio and television gave wide coverage to the event and advertisements announcing the festival were visible in many stores and on streets in the city.