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1 KILLED, 5 INJURED IN TERROR ATTACK ON NAHARIYA; EXTENSIVE DAMAGE

By Yitzhak Shargil

TEL AVIV, Nov. 8 (JTA)--A 35-year-old woman, Rivka Loupo, was killed and five persons were injured when terrorists launched a volley of Katyusha rockets at Nahariya this afternoon. The attack also caused widespread damage to homes and vehicles in the northern Israel seaside resort.

The attack was the second of the day, an earlier one did not cause any casualties, and the third since two persons were killed by a rocket attack Sunday afternoon. Two of the injured today were children. (See Washington reaction P. 3.)

Chief of Staff Gen. Mordechai Gur said that Israeli artillery returned the fire aimed not only at the area in south Lebanon from which the rockets were launched but also at terrorist strongholds around Tyre. Gur said that in view of the continued Katyusha attacks it would appear that the cease-fire in south Lebanon has been broken totally. However, the government will have to decide whether it still considers itself under obligation to respect the cease-fire which went into effect Sept. 26.

The Chief of Staff, who visited Nahariya accompanied by Gen. Avigdor Ben Gal, commander of the Northern Command, urged people in the town to remain calm. By evening, damaged electric lines had been restored and the fires, mostly burning automobiles, had been put out.

SPECIAL TO THE JTA
ISRAEL REPRESENTED AT GUATEMALAN INTERNATIONAL INDUSTRIAL FAIR

By Jim Reibel

GUATEMALA CITY, Guatemala, Nov. 8 (JTA)--Israel is among the 29 countries being represented here at "INTERFER '77," a Guatemalan government sponsored international commercial and industrial fair which ends Nov. 13. Israel is represented by Israel Aircraft Industries (IAI). The IAI delegation is headed by Joseph Nahum.

Until INTERFER ends, there will be daily flyovers by one of the 12 Arava 20Is bought by Guatemala from Israel since 1974. The Arava is a versatile short take off and landing plane adaptable to troop and cargo transport, medical evacuation or patrol operations.

Gen. Kjell Eugenio Laugerud Garcia, president of Guatemala, presided at the opening day ceremony Oct. 31, attended by the presidents of Nicaragua, El Salvador and Honduras. Security was extremely tight throughout the exhibition grounds located on the edge of Aurora International Airport and in surrounding areas of Guatemala City.

Since its inception in 1971 INTERFER has become the most important Central and South American industrial showcase. As such it has served to focus attention on development trends and policy in the region. With this in mind, President Laugerud declared to the inaugural crowd of more than 1000 exhibitors, diplomats and members of the press, that "only if there is (economic) equality between countries can international peace exist."

IAI, which was founded in 1953 as a small aircraft repair shop, has grown into a major industrial aerospace organization composed of 14 different divisions. In the last 10 years, it has more than quadrupled in size and today employs upwards of 20,000 workers. In the past, INTERFER has served to increase technical cooperation and to aid in the diffusion of industrial knowledge. The theme of INTERFER '77 is "We will all progress together," a process Israel is actively involved in.

BILL BARS EXTRADITION OF ISRAELI CITIZENS WANTED FOR CRIMES ABROAD

JERUSALEM, Nov. 8 (JTA)--The Knesset's Constitution Committee approved a bill yesterday that will bar the extradition of Israeli citizens wanted for crimes abroad. Under the measure, such persons will be brought to trial in Israel. The bill differs from one sponsored by the Likud government which applied the extradition ban to crimes committed before the offender became an Israeli citizen. Attorney General Aharon Barak informed the committee that the government has since reversed its stand and favors the provisions of the new bill aimed at preventing Jewish criminals from immigrating to Israel to avoid extradition.

ISRAELI DIPLOMATIC SCOFFLAWS, BEWARE

JERUSALEM, Nov. 8 (JTA)--Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan said today that he was considering the waiver of diplomatic immunity for Israeli diplomats who are ticketed for violating traffic regulations in the United States. Dayan spoke in response to a question in the Knesset by Likud MK Hillel Seidel who said that Israeli diplomats in Washington owed some $82,000 in unpaid fines for traffic and parking violations. Dayan said the diplomats incurred parking tickets because of the shortage of parking space in Washington.

GOLDA: DESPITE DIFFERENCES, THE U.S. CONTINUES TO BE ISRAEL'S BEST FRIEND

By Joseph Polakoff

WASHINGTON, Nov. 8 (JTA)--Former Israeli Premier Golda Meir said after a 45-minute meeting with President Carter at the White House today that despite their differences Israel and the United States continue to be "very friendly governments." She told reporters that "Israel is always conscious of the fact that we don't have a better friend than the U.S." and "therefore a misunderstanding, a disagreement hurts more."

Mrs. Meir stressed that she was here as a private person, not as a representative of the Israeli government and said that it would be improper for her to disclose what the President said at their meeting. But she acknowledged that the subject of their conversation was the Middle East. She praised the President as "very gracious, very kind, he listened to what I had to say." She said she had no doubts about his "good intentions" but added, "people with the best intentions can make mistakes."

The 79-year-old former Israeli leader was vehement in proclaiming Israel's unwavering opposition to a Palestinian homeland or state, claiming that such entity would be "a threat to Israel's existence" and "is not necessary for the Palestinians."

Mrs. Meir was accompanied to the White

House by Israeli Ambassador Simcha Dinitz. Others present during her meeting with Carter were Zbigniew Brzezinski, the President's National Security Advisor; William Quant, Middle East expert on the National Security Council; and the President's aides, Robert Lipshutz and Stuart Eizenstat. She was escorted by Brzezinski when she left the meeting to talk to reporters.

Asked if she felt President Carter was trying to put pressure on Israel, Mrs. Meir observed that Israel "had differences of opinion with the government before this one and the government before that and the government before that. We're not one people in the same country with the same territory," she said. "We should not expect that there never will be differences between us and the U.S. or our government and another country or the U.S. with another country. The basic principle--the basis for all this--is that we are two very friendly governments. It's easier to fight against enemies than friends," she said.

Question Of Methods, Not Goal

She added, "There is no doubt in my mind or in the mind of any Israeli that the President is very much interested in and desirous of peace in the Middle East." She said that "the methods" may be different on how to go to the Geneva conference but "not whether and not on peace." She said the problem is "what road do you take without causing a greater crisis or going to Geneva and nothing happens."

Asked, "Do you have faith in this President?" Mrs. Meir replied, "We don't doubt his good intentions. People with the best intentions make mistakes, not because they have intentions against peace and against Israel."

Asked if a Palestinian homeland would ever be accepted by Israel, Mrs. Meir replied, "It isn't essential and necessary to Israel and is not necessary for the Palestinians." She said Israel does not accept a Palestinian state because it would be "dangerous for Israel...a threat to Israel's existence and it is not necessary for the Arabs." Asked if she didn't think Palestinians have rights to a homeland, Mrs. Meir asked, "When did you last hear there was a Palestinian who needed a homeland in addition" to the one in which he lives?

She pointed out that after the Six-Day War, the UN spoke of Palestinian refugees, not a Palestinian state. "There is no reason whatever why it (the Palestinian question) can't be solved in Jordan. I don't deny there are refugees but that is because the Arab states don't want to solve the refugee problem," Mrs. Meir said.

5000 YOUTHS IN HOLOCAUST SEMINAR

TEL AVIV, Nov. 8 (JTA)--Some 5000 Jewish youths, two-thirds of them from abroad, have completed a four-day seminar on the history of the Holocaust at the Massua Institute at Kibbutz Tel Itzhak. The institute was established three years ago as a memorial to the European Zionist youth organizations that were exterminated by the Nazis.

But then it was discovered that most Jewish youth, whether in Israel or abroad, knew little about the Holocaust, and it was decided to turn the facility into a teaching institution. Former Tourism Minister Moshe Kol told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that the four-day seminar included eyewitness reports on the pre-war situation, on the Holocaust and on the heroism of the ghetto and resistance fighters. The four-day seminar ended with a visit to Yad Vashem and the Ghetto Fighters Museum.

A memorial building at the Massua Institute symbolizes the Holocaust. There is a black wall indicating the Nazi regime, a wall with the inscriptions, "Yidden" and "Nekomeh" (revenge) and a white wall indicating the free world. Six pillars representing the six million Jews murdered by the Nazis cast a shadow over the white wall indicating the free world's partial responsibility for the tragedy.

SPECIAL INTERVIEW
THE 'JEWISH SIDE' OF THE
REFUGEE PROBLEM IN THE MIDEAST
By Yitzhak Rabi

NEW YORK, Nov. 8 (JTA)--In an effort to inform the American public that the Middle East refugee problem also has a "Jewish side," the World Organization of Jews from Arab Countries (WOJAC) is undertaking a major campaign here to mobilize activity for the cause of Jewish refugees from Arab lands.

WOJAC's chairman, Mordechai Ben Porat, who is currently a member of the Israeli Mission to the United Nations General Assembly, said in an interview with the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that the issue of Jewish refugees from Arab countries is being discussed with American officials, Congressmen, Jewish leaders and representatives of the media.

"We want to reach a maximum number of Americans, to let them know that there are not only Arab refugees as a result of the Mideast conflict, but also Jewish refugees. The only difference is that the Jewish refugees were absorbed and integrated in Israeli society, while the Arab refugees were left to live in misery by their Arab brothers," Ben Porat said.

Issue Will Be Brought Before UN Assembly

According to Ben Porat, who is a former Labor MK in the Israeli Knesset, the issue of Jewish refugees from Arab countries will soon be discussed by the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations. The issue also will be brought before the United Nations during this session of the Assembly. "I intend to present the subject myself based on my personal experience," said the Iraqi-born Ben Porat, who immigrated to Israel in 1944 at the age of 21.

The immediate goal of WOJAC here, Ben Porat said, is to establish a public committee on behalf of the organization that will include well known persons--Jews and non-Jews--"who are sensitive to the issue of human rights." The committee, he added, will be responsible for informing the American public about the existence of Jewish refugees from Arab countries.

WOJAC represents more than 1,750,000 Jews from Arab countries and their descendants living in Israel today and other countries around the world, Ben Porat said. He pointed out, "Of more than 850,000 Jews living in Arab countries in 1948, only a few tens of thousands now remain in Arab lands," while as a result of the 1948 war 590,000 Arab residents of Israel departed to Arab countries. "Therefore," Ben Porat said, "what has actually taken place in the Mideast in this generation is a de facto exchange of population of the same order and magnitude."

Major Goals Outlined

WOJAC's major goals, Ben Porat said, are:

"that no negotiations towards any settlement in the area take place without consideration of the rights and claims of Jews from Arab countries"; "that compensation and reparations be granted to Jews from Arab countries for their suffering, loss of life, discrimination and confiscation, expropriation and destruction of private and communal property"; and "that the Arab countries restore all assets of spiritual, cultural or religious significance to their Jewish owners."

An international WOJAC convention will be held in Washington next May, Ben Porat said, adding that well known American public figures had already given their consent to participate in the event. WOJAC was established on Nov. 24, 1975 in Paris. It is non-governmental, non-profit and an independent organization.

U.S. CONDEMNS ROCKET ATTACKS

WASHINGTON, Nov. 8 (JTA)--The United States today condemned the rocket attacks on Israel from south Lebanon and expressed its condolences over the loss of Israeli lives in them. "We have conveyed to the Israelis our condolences for deaths and injuries involved by the recent spate of rocket attacks launched from Lebanon," State Department spokesman Hodding Carter said. "We condemn those attacks."

Carter said he had no comment on reports of Israeli artillery fire at points in Lebanon from which the attacks were apparently launched.

Responding to questions on the new round of fighting between Palestinians and Christians in southern Lebanon and Israeli support for the Christians, Carter said that "we continue, as in the past, to urge the parties on both sides to show restraint and are working to that end. We hope the cease-fire can be reinstated."

Carter said the contacts by U.S. officials with the parties is continuing through the American Embassies in Beirut and Tel Aviv. He said the condemnation of the attacks was being transmitted to Israel by cable.

ISRAELI MEDIA CONCERNED ABOUT POSSIBLE CURBS BY GOVERNMENT

By Tuvia Mendelson

JERUSALEM, Nov. 8 (JTA)--The Israeli media, especially television, has become increasingly concerned that the Likud government plans to exercise greater control over broadcast content and mold it to conform to the views of the present coalition.

That possibility was seen as implicit in the remarks of Education Minister Zevulun Hammer of the National Religious Party (NRP) who told a meeting of coalition leaders last night that if they wanted a television service in tune with their line of thinking they had to make sure that "talented, decent people of a high standard" would "take over" key posts in the Broadcasting Authority.

Hammer's words were viewed as significant and ominous by observers as far as the present media officials are concerned because the Education Minister recommends who sits on the board of directors of the semi-autonomous authority. New directors will be appointed next March. According to some sources, the new board will be packed with coalition supporters with only a third of the seats going to opposition elements.

Journalists in television and the printed media are well aware that Likud regards many of them as "hostile." A new wave of criticism has arisen from coalition sources alleging that the media deliberately distorted and misrepresented the government's controversial new economic program. It followed a bitter altercation at the Jerusalem TV studio Saturday night, Oct. 31, between Premier Menachem Begin, newscaster Daniel Peer and Dan Shilon, head of the TV news department.

Altercation With Begin

Begin, who had just gone off the air after addressing the nation on the new economic measures accused Peer of deliberately preceding his address with a news bulletin describing a demonstration outside the Premier's home by groups opposed to the economic program. Begin refused to leave the stage where the live news broadcast was still in progress. Shilon then walked from the wings and pulled Begin out of camera range. The Premier left the studio in a rage.

The incident raised an outcry of "hostility" from coalition MKs and demands that the Education Minister take steps to restrain the broadcasters. The TV directors and managers have categorically denied accusations of anti-government bias and insist that television gave a balanced view of reactions to the new economic policy. When Begin accused the broadcasters of failing to cover all of his speeches to various groups, he was told by Shilon that television deals with news, not "posters and information services."

The Broadcast Authority has zealously guarded its independence in the presentation of news and other programming. It frequently incurred the wrath of previous Labor governments for satirizing the foibles of certain politicians. Begin, while in the opposition, was one of its most constant and vociferous critics as were some members of the Orthodox religious factions that are now his coalition partners. In the past, however, the Broadcast Authority was usually allowed to go its own way in the interests of freedom of speech and press.

800 PEOPLE IN EXCHANGE PROGRAM

HARTFORD, Conn., Nov. 8 (JTA)--Nearly 400 people from the Greater Hartford area will leave for Tel Aviv Jan. 23 to spend eight days in Israel as part of the Friendship Force program. At the same time, nearly 400 persons from the Tel Aviv area will come to Hartford.

The Hartford Friendship Flight, in which the 400 people signed up before they knew in which country their sister city would be, is one of the first in Friendship Force, a national program of exchange between American cities and cites around the world. Mrs. Rosalynn Carter, the wife of President Carter, is honorary chairperson of the program designed to promote peace and friendship in the world. In Connecticut, the honorary state chairperson is Dr. Thomas A. Grasso, the husband of Gov. Ella Grasso.

Each group of "ambassadors" from Hartford will live with a host family in the Tel Aviv area for four days and then spend the remaining four days either with another host family or travelling around the country on their own.

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SAN FRANCISCO (JTA)--Some 50 peaceful demonstrators, demanding amnesty and the immediate release of Anatoly Shcharansky, picketed last night at the Palace Legion of Honor where the 60th anniversary of the Russian revolution was being marked. The pickets represented the American Jewish Congress, the Bay Area Council on Soviet Jewry and the northern California Board of Rabbis.

SHRODER AWARD WINNERS TO BE HONORED AT CJF GENERAL ASSEMBLY

NEW YORK, Nov. 8 (JTA)--The 1977 William J. Shroder Awards, conferred annually by the Council of Jewish Federations (CJF), will be presented at the 46th annual CJF General Assembly on Nov. 12, in Dallas, Texas. Awards Committee Chairwoman, Mrs. Jennie L. Whitehill, will make the presentations at the Assembly banquet in the Sheraton Dallas Hotel.

Winners in the category of "Large Cities" are the Jewish Federation-Council of Greater Los Angeles (JF-C) and Bet Tzedek (House of Justice) in Los Angeles for the Jewish Legal Services program; and the Federation of Jewish Agencies of Greater Philadelphia and the Association for Jewish Children for their joint counseling program in the public schools. The American Jewish Congress will receive the "National Award" for its Shareholders Project, instituted to organize action against the Arab boycott of Israel.

Conferred each year in the name of CJF's founder and first president, the Shroder Awards represent the organization's highest designation of innovative achievement.

600 People Receive Legal Aid

The Bet Tzedek Jewish Legal Services (JLS) program in Los Angeles was established in 1974 to provide high quality legal assistance at minimum cost for Jewish community residents unable to afford the services of a private attorney. Originally staffed solely by volunteers, the program in 1976 received a grant from the Jewish Federation-Council of Greater Los Angeles, to be administered by Jewish Family Service, to employ a full-time staff attorney and legal secretary in addition to the volunteer corps.

More than 600 people now receive legal aid from the JLS annually. These full-time services range from counseling on legal aspects of Social Security and Medicare to major litigation. The participation of volunteer attorneys, law students and lay intake workers has enabled the program to offer an estimated $250,000 of legal service at an actual cost of less than $40,000 per year.

The program's location in the Beverly-Fairfax area of Los Angeles, containing the city's highest concentration of Jewish poor and elderly, has contributed to its success in serving the needs of the community. Mrs. Lawrence Jay Weinberg is JF-C president. Stan Levy is Bet Tzedek president.

Dealing With Drug Abuse

"Project Pride," sponsored by the Federation of Jewish Agencies of Greater Philadelphia and the Association for Jewish Children, was developed to deal with a growing problem threatening children in Philadelphia public schools: drug abuse. The project provides intensive counseling for children, parents and teachers in a comprehensive program. I. Jerome Stern is president of the Federation. Joseph L. Taylor is president of the Association.

Classroom sessions supervised by Project Pride psychologists and social workers give students the opportunity to discuss aspects of their lives which may disturb their personal growth. Peer-pressure, frustration, low self-image, and family conflicts are examined in a relaxed atmosphere conducive to honesty and mutual trust.

Parallel group counseling for parents enhance their ability to create a healthy home atmosphere for children. Consultations with teachers and school administrators contribute to a total educational environment designed to clarify and eliminate student problems. Activities of Project Pride have now expanded to include the development of community "satellite supports" involving churches and civic organizations, and a summer day-care program financed by local business and civic groups.

Combatting Arab Boycott

The AJCongress' innovative "Shareholders Project" is designed to institute anti-boycott resolutions by stockholders in major corporations. The project utilizes a ruling by the Securities and Exchange Commission requiring corporations soliciting proxies for the election of officers to include in their mailings shareholders resolutions pertaining to company business.

Prior to the establishment of the project last year, no shareholder resolutions on the boycott issue had been introduced at an annual company meeting. Over 2000 AJCongress members and friends organized to introduce anti-boycott proxy resolutions in 200 companies. To date, 60 companies have given written assurances on non-compliance with the Arab boycott of Israel. Rabbi Arthur J. Hertzberg is AJCongress president.

Public Relations Awards Announced

Special awards also will be presented to Jewish Federations for outstanding public relations efforts, it was announced by Nat Kameny, chairman of the CJF Public Relations Awards Committee.

In the category of "Best Special Events," which honors outstanding community programs sponsored and organized by Jewish Federations, this year's winners are the Jewish Community Federation of Cleveland for sponsorship of an Israeli exhibit at the Ohio State Fair; the Jewish Welfare Federation of New Orleans for its special Judaica Exhibit, and the Tulsa Jewish Community Council for its Israel Fair.

Special citations in this category will be awarded to the Toronto Jewish Congress for its Maccabiah Day program; the Jewish United Fund of Chicago for its "Walk With Israel"; the Greater Hartford Jewish Federation for its Community Fair, and the Akron Jewish Community Federation for its "Day in Washington."

Awards in the category of "Exceptional Effort" will be presented to the Combined Jewish Philanthropies of Greater Boston, the Philadelphia Federation of Jewish Agencies, the Jewish Welfare Federation of San Francisco, the Jewish Federation of Palm Beach County and the Jewish Federation of Omaha.

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JERUSALEM (JTA)--Chief Sephardic Rabbi Ovadia Yosef will visit Spain next month as guest of the Jewish community there. He will inaugurate the first Jewish school in Spain since Jews were deported from that country in the 15th Century. It is the first time that Israel's Chief Rabbi will visit Spain.

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TEL AVIV (JTA)--Two Air Force pilots were injured Tuesday when their Bell-206 helicopter crash landed near Herzliya. Both were hospitalized, one with serious injuries and the other slightly injured. The accident is under investigation.

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TEL AVIV (JTA)--Shimon Peres left for the U.S. Tuesday on a fund-raising tour for the United Jewish Appeal. He is due to visit Washington to meet with Carter Administration officials.