

BUS TRAGEDY MARKS 11th ANNIVERSARY OF JERUSALEM'S RE-UNIFICATION

By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, June 4 (JTA)--Jerusalem celebrated the 11th anniversary of its re-unification today with a mixture of joy and sadness. As thousands sang and danced in festively decorated streets, the families of the victims of Friday's terrorist bus bombing began the traditional seven days of mourning for their loved ones.

Mayor Teddy Kollek, who said the celebrations would be held despite the tragedy, declared today that Jews and Arabs live together in united Jerusalem better than heterogeneous population groups in many other cities in the world. The Arab population of Jerusalem has a vested interest in keeping the city calm. "There cannot be tourism and terrorism at the same time," the Mayor said.

Early this morning, two groups of people passed each other in the streets of Kiryat Moshe near the western outskirts of the city. One was a funeral procession for a victim of Friday's tragedy. The others were students at the Merkaz Harav Yeshiva marching to the Western Wall for an early morning thanksgiving service. Memorial services were held at the Wall, on Ammunition Hill and at other sites where Israeli soldiers fell in the battle for Jerusalem during the Six-Day War.

President Yitzhak Navon attended a military ceremony on Mt. Herzl. In the Mt. Scopus amphitheater, Knesset Speaker Yitzhak Shamir told a gathering of new immigrants that the world has not yet accepted the idea that the Jewish people have returned to Jerusalem for good.

Most of the festivities were held in downtown Jerusalem where students from the Bezalel Art School decorated Ben Yehuda St. That main thoroughfare, converted into a pedestrian mall for the day, was the scene of folk dances and staged "happenings." Crowds watched as about 100 runners competed in the traditional race around the Old City walls. Thousands of children marched across the city. All museums were open to the public without admission charge.

BUS BOMB TOLL: SIX DEAD, 19 INJURED

By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, June 4 (JTA)--The Cabinet opened its weekly meeting this morning with a solemn tribute to the six victims of Friday's bus blast, five of them youngsters aged 12-18 and an American aged 30. The terrorist bomb that virtually demolished the vehicle as it stopped to discharge passengers near Mt. Herzl and the Yad Vashem Holocaust Memorial, injured 19 persons, some of them passengers and others passersby. The explosion damaged property and shattered windows within a 300 yard radius.

The police made several arrests but as of this morning could report no real progress in apprehending the perpetrators. (Reports from Beirut said a terrorist group called the General Command of the Palestinian Revolution's Forces claimed credit for the outrage.)

The dead are: Eliahu Lomberger, 12; Ruhama Grossberg, 15; Tamar Goutel, 15; and Aharon Meir Ohrbach, 17, all of Jerusalem; Arye Scheinfeld, 18 of Bnei Brak; and Richard Fishman, 30, of Washington, D.C. One of the injured persons was still in critical condition today and nine others remained hospitalized at the Hadassah Medical Center. The rest were discharged after treatment of their injuries.

The blast occurred on the eve of city-wide celebrations of the 11th anniversary of Jerusalem's re-unification. Mayor Teddy Kollek announced that the terrorist act would not force cancellation of the festivities which, he said, is apparently what the terrorists wanted.

"Like A Battlefield," Eye-Witnesses Say

The fatal bus ride began shortly after noon Friday at Nablus Gate outside the Old City walls. On the long route to Bayit Vagan, a religious suburb, the bus picked up many passengers, most of them students headed for the suburb. At the first stop there, as passengers were alighting, an explosion ripped through the rear of the bus. Eye-witnesses said the rear half flew into the air. They reported seeing dismembered bodies lying in the street. "Like a battlefield," one witness said. Three persons walking on the sidewalk were injured.

Friday's blast was the latest in a series of terrorist bombings in the capital and on the West Bank. On February 14, an explosion in a Jerusalem bus killed two persons and injured 35. On April 26, two West German tourists were killed when a bomb exploded in their sightseeing bus in Nablus. In terms of casualties, Friday's bombing was the worst terrorist outrage since the March 11 assault on the Tel Aviv-Haifa highway by terrorist gunmen who landed on the beach. Thirty-four Israelis and one American were killed and 70 persons were injured.

Interior Minister Yosef Burg proposed today that volunteers be recruited to search all Jerusalem buses for bombs before they begin their trips. He also suggested that volunteers be assigned to ride buses as guards, especially on long routes such as the No. 12 on which Friday's bombing occurred. Burg proposed further that a joint committee composed of the security forces, police and the volunteer civil guard hold a conference to determine the responsibility of each for the security of Jerusalem.

American's Father Thought Israel A Dangerous Place

The American victim, Richard Fishman, had been a student at the University of Maryland Medical School at Baltimore, Md., until last summer when he decided to come to Israel for two years before resuming his medical studies. According to Yediot Achronot he was the son of Fred Fishman, a Federal Judge. His father told Yediot that his son had received a secular education but adopted a religious lifestyle at the age of 23 and became strictly Orthodox. Judge Fishman was quoted as saying that he had warned his son not to ride buses in Israel, except in Jerusalem. According to Yediot, the father was unhappy with his son's plans to go to Israel because he believes Israel is a dangerous place. "It may be alright for people to run away from certain countries; but not for those who enjoy freedom as we do," the newspaper quoted the elder Fishman as saying.

CABINET BEGINS DEBATE ON CRUCIAL QUESTIONS BY U.S.

By David Landau

JERUSALEM, June 4 (JTA)--The Cabinet began its fateful debate today over the formulation of answers to two key questions posed by President Carter to Premier Menachem Begin about Israel's peace plan. The questions concern the sovereignty issue on the West Bank after the five year period of "self rule" and the means by which Israel intends to grant political self-expression to the Palestinians.

Cabinet Secretary Arye Naor said, after today's session that the debate will be concluded at the next session on Monday, June 12. The Cabinet will not meet next Sunday because of the Shavuot holiday. He also disclosed that Begin, Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan and Defense Minister Ezer Weizman had reserved their opinions until the next Cabinet meeting. Apparently they intend to hold private consultations on a formulation to be presented to the full Cabinet.

Begin and Dayan conferred for more than an hour at Begin's residence Thursday evening in an effort to resolve reported differences between them on how Israel should reply to the American questions. Dayan was said to be proposing "new ideas" and is believed to favor a greater role for Jordan under the proposed "self rule" plan. But he told reporters, after his meeting with Begin, that he had not suggested any substantial changes.

At today's Cabinet session sharply divergent views were reported to have been expressed. Reliable sources said that Transport Minister Meir Amit of the Democratic Movement for Change (DMC) spoke out in favor of "positive" responses to the U.S. in both tone and substance. But Herut ministers rejected any concessions by Israel at this time and urged a vaguely worded response to the U.S.

ADL URGES "VIGOROUS STEPS" BY U.S. TO BRING EGYPT BACK TO TALKS WITH ISRAEL

CHICAGO, June 4 (JTA)--The Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith urged the U.S. government today to review its position on Middle East issues, to recognize that "it is Egypt and not Israel which has interrupted the process of negotiations" and to take "vigorous steps" to bring Egypt to the bargaining table with Israel.

In a resolution citing what it called inconsistencies between Administration acts and its stated commitment to Israel's security, the ADL further urged the Administration to "call upon Saudi Arabia to demonstrate that it is a moderate state, not only in its anti-Communist posture, but also by a willingness to move toward peace with Israel and to terminate financial aid to terrorist organizations, such as the Palestine Liberation Organization." The resolution, approved at the concluding session of the three-day meeting here of ADL's National Executive Committee, said that "the recent direction" of United States Middle East policy is of "deep concern."

Stating that it understands the Administration's policy of furthering relations with non-extremist Arab states, the ADL said it recognizes "the practical considerations" which motivate this policy. "But," the resolution asserted, "American Middle East policy should take into account the strengths of the United States. It must not be based on a sacrifice of Israeli and long-term United States interest in an effort to purchase

Arab favor and oil stability. Such a policy is doomed to failure."

Dinitz Explains Disappointment With Sadat

In Washington Thursday, Israel's Ambassador to the U.S., Simcha Dinitz, said Israel was disillusioned with Egyptian President Anwar Sadat's peace initiative of last November "not because Israel has changed its mind but because the President of Egypt made a certain strategic decision shortly after his visit to Jerusalem that he did not come to negotiate peace--he came to tell us the conditions of peace." Dinitz spoke at a symposium on the Middle East sponsored jointly by the Histadrut Culture Exchange Institute and the AFL-CIO at the George F. Meany Center.

Regarding peace talks, Dinitz observed that "If you ask Israel exactly what these borders (the 1967 lines) will mean to it in a peace agreement before you negotiate, you have to ask the same thing of the Arab countries. Israel has never said that the present borders are the final borders," he said. Dinitz also told the 100 participants in the symposium that he believes the "special relationship between the U.S. and Israel will continue to exist whether a certain vote or decision (by the U.S.) pleases us and whether a certain move that Israel takes pleases or displeases the United States."

RABIN PROPOSED ALTERNATIVE PEACE PLAN

TEL AVIV, June 4 (JTA)--Former Premier Yitzhak Rabin believes that the American position on a Middle East settlement at this juncture could have become the basis for an arrangement on the West Bank, had the Labor Party been in office. He also disclosed, in an address to the Jerusalem Journalists Association, that he has proposed an alternative to Premier Menachem Begin's peace plan which he presented to the Labor Party's political committee at a meeting here over the weekend.

Rabin said that he told his Labor colleagues that the American attitude, which apparently has the blessings of Egypt, speaks of a readiness for border adjustments on the West Bank, does not favor a Palestinian or PLO state there and does not claim the right of self-determination for the Palestinians but only that they have a voice in determining their future. His alternative plan, he said, was to divide sovereignty over the West Bank between Israel and Jordan for a limited period after which a compromise would be worked out in the spirit of Security Council Resolution 242.

Rabin unveiled his plan at the meeting of the top Labor-Party leaders including Labor Alignment chairman Shimon Peres, former Premier Golda Meir, former Foreign Minister Abba Eban, former Justice Minister Chaim Zadok and former Transport Minister Gad Yacobi. Labor MK Moshe Shahal, who attended the gathering, urged the Labor Party to make its proposals public to prevent a widening of the gap between Israel and the U.S. Eban called on the government to renew its efforts to draft a joint declaration of principles with Egypt.

AMSTERDAM (JTA)--The Netherlands Anti-Boycott Committee has adopted a new tactic to try to determine whether Dutch firms active in Arab countries are complying with boycott requests. The committee, consisting of the Dutch B'nai B'rith, the Netherlands Zionist Organization and the "Working Group Israel," has purchased shares in several Dutch companies which enables their representatives to ask questions of management at shareholders' meetings.

MRS. SLEPAK TELLS OF QUESTIONING BY MOSCOW POLICE

By David Friedman

NEW YORK, June 4 (JTA)--Mrs. Maria Slepak has told the Canadian Committee for Soviet Jewry that after she and her husband, the leading Soviet Jewish activist Vladimir Slepak, were arrested by Moscow police last Thursday they were questioned principally about he whereabouts of their youngest son who is in hiding, to escape being drafted into the Red Army.

Mrs. Gena Intrator, of the Canadian Committee, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency in a telephone interview from Toronto today that she had spoken by telephone to Mrs. Slepak, who was released from prison Thursday night after she suffered an attack of pancreatitis but was told to report back for interrogation tomorrow. Her husband is still being held at Moscow's Buterskaya Prison.

The Slepaks were arrested Thursday after they displayed a banner from their eighth floor balcony window saying "Let us go to our son in Israel." They were charged with "malicious hooliganism" which could draw a sentence of up to five years imprisonment.

Before police broke into their apartment, crowds in the street yelled at them. Mrs. Intrator quoted Mrs. Slepak as saying that "It is a preparation for a simple old fashioned pogrom. . . . If the restraints were removed the mob would tear the Jews."

Meanwhile, the Student Struggle for Soviet Jewry and the Union of Councils for Soviet Jews reported here today that the Slepaks' eldest son, Alexander, who lives in Jerusalem has cabled President Carter urging his "immediate intervention." In his cable Alexander Slepak said, "Regarding your consistent concern for justice and human rights throughout the world and your past interest and support of the case of the Slepaks, I strongly request your immediate intervention on behalf of my parents, Vladimir and Maria Slepak who have been arrested and charged in the Soviet Union."

Mrs. Intrator reported that yesterday 13 friends of the Slepaks demonstrated in Pushkin Square across from the Slepak home. They were taken away in a police van and interrogated. All were released except for Ida Nudel, who is considered the "guardian angel" of the Soviet Jewish Prisoners of Conscience. The Nudel apartment was ransacked and some of her Hebrew books were taken away.

PRESIDENT'S SISTER PRAISED FOR CANCELLING SPEECH TO PROSELYTIZERS

NEW YORK, June 4 (JTA)--Ruth Carter Stapleton, President Carter's evangelist sister, announced here that she has cancelled a scheduled appearance before a Hebrew, Christian group devoted to proselytizing Jews. Mrs. Stapleton said she called off the engagement "because I do not wish to become involved in any controversy that sets one group against another."

She made the announcement in a statement read at a press conference Friday convened with the assistance of the American Jewish Committee. She had planned to address the opening of a three day conference of the B'nai Yeshua group June 8. She said it was her brother, the

President, who first made her aware of the strong feelings aroused in the American Jewish community when she accepted the B'nai Yeshua's invitation "some months ago." She said the President spoke to her about it at a family wedding two weeks ago. He did not advise her what to do and the decision to cancel was her's alone, Mrs. Stapleton said, "I am a Christian," she said. "I have never attempted in any way to negate the faith and practices of any other group, however far they might be from my own personal beliefs, nor would I ever willingly be used by any group to attack the faith of any of us. I would not associate myself with any effort that would seek to undermine the survival of the Jewish people as a distinctive ethnic group," Mrs. Stapleton declared. Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum, Interreligious Affairs Director of the AJCommittee, praised Mrs. Stapleton's decision at the press conference. He said her action "is an expression of moral courage, civility and decency. It is above all an important gesture of respect for the integrity of Judaism and for the Jewish people, and thereby contributes to strengthening the American traditions of religious liberty and religious pluralism, the keystones of American democracy."

The American Jewish Congress also expressed gratification at Mrs. Stapleton's decision to cancel her appearance at the B'nai Yeshua conference. "Her action, we believe, will be welcomed by Jews and Americans of every faith, who recognize that respect for the rights and beliefs of others lie at the heart of the American social compact," Richard Cohen, AJCongress associate executive director, said.

LATE-NEWS BULLETIN PILOT KILLED IN MIDAIR CRASH

TEL AVIV, June 4 (JTA)--An Israel Air Force pilot was killed this morning when two Air Force planes collided in mid-air over the Sharon plain. His name was not disclosed pending notification of next of kin. An Air Force announcement said the other airmen involved in the accident were safe. The Air Force commander has appointed a special commission to investigate the tragedy. The type of planes was not identified.

TELLER WARNS ISRAEL OF OVER-RELIANCE ON U.S. WEAPONS

TEL AVIV, June 4 (JTA)--Prof. Edward Teller, father of the H-bomb, said today that it was high time Israel stopped relying excessively on other nations, particularly the U.S., for defense equipment. In a radio interview here, the American physicist said he believed the U.S. would continue its "positive attitude toward the supply of Israel with war materials." He warned at the same time that it is also possible that "the Americans may be in a position that they will not be able to supply materials to Israel" at some time in the future because of the changing nature of the U.S.-Soviet power struggle.

Teller is in Israel to attend a meeting of the Tel Aviv University Board of Governors. He will receive the Herzl Prize award from the B'nai Herzl Association, a cultural association of Jews from Hungary, which was Teller's country of birth.

JERUSALEM (JTA)--Gen. Shmuel Gonen, who commanded Israeli forces in Sinai when the Yom Kippur War broke out and was later forced to retire from the army, is seeking new fields to conquer--diamond fields. He heads an international group that won a diamond mining concession in the Central African Republic.

SPECIAL REPORT**STUDY SHOWS JEWS SIT IN 35****U.S. STATE LEGISLATURES**

By Rochelle Sidel Wolk

ALBANY, N.Y., June 4 (JTA)--"A sociological study of Jewish State Legislatures in America" is Albert J. Abrams' description of his newly published booklet, which he wrote for the National Association of Jewish State Legislators. "There was a big void concerning the subject in political science and journalism," Abrams, Executive Director of the association, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency regarding his booklet, entitled "Jewish State Legislators in America."

"The Jewish community has not yet awakened fully to the great force these Jews who are elected by their neighbors can be in combatting anti-Semitism, in strengthening Jewish causes, and in promoting social progress," Abrams says. "However, as we plunge into the 1980s, it is likely that the Jewish legislator will be more numerous, more visible and more influential than ever before in American history," he asserts.

Legislators Proportional To Jews In Population

Beginning with the first Jew to serve in an American legislature in 1774, the study traces the history of Jewish state legislators until today, when there are 208 of them in the United States. "No clearer evidence of the upward mobility of Jews in United States politics can be adduced than the fact that there are today Jewish legislators in 35 state legislatures," Abrams says in his booklet. "Today, almost three per cent of the 7600 state legislators in the nation are Jewish, a figure roughly equivalent to the proportion of Jews in the country."

Abrams lists the 15 states that have no Jewish legislators as follows: New Hampshire, Louisiana, Tennessee, Kentucky, West Virginia, Mississippi, Oklahoma, Kansas, Iowa, Indiana, Idaho, Wyoming, South Dakota, Montana and Washington. "Zero-Jewish legislatures are not to be viewed as anti-Jewish or anti-Israel," he says. "In fact, Israel has many friendly non-Jewish legislative leaders in these states who have traveled to the Middle East for on-site inspection of Israel's problems."

Abrams describes "break-through" legislators as those with one Jewish legislator, and his study reveals that "nine states and one territory have already moved into a developmental phase in American politics by electing a single Jewish solon." Reasons for the "break-through," according to Abrams, include immigration of Jews to different areas of the country or recognition of extraordinary individual ability. "Electing one Jewish legislator is like planting a seed," Abrams says. This Jewish legislator "is likely by his example to break down political barriers for other Jewish candidates for legislative office." The legislatures that now have one Jewish legislator, according to Abrams, are: Arkansas, Virginia, Virgin Islands, Delaware, North Dakota, Nebraska, Utah, New Mexico, Arizona and Alaska.

Most Concentrated In North East

"Of the 208 Jewish state legislators in the United States," the booklet says, "118 of them are concentrated on the northeastern seaboard, principally in New York, Maryland, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Rhode Island and Maine. That 59 per cent of all Jewish solons in our country come from these states re-

flects not only the migratory phenomenon of the late 19th and early 20th centuries, but also the openness of the political systems in these states."

Pointing out new areas still to be researched, Abrams says, "No roll-call analysis has been done to determine whether Jewish legislators in varying state cultures vote differently on what kind of issues than their non-Jewish brethren. No studies of effectiveness of Jewish solons have been undertaken. No history of the Jewish legislator in American politics has been written. Nor have scholars produced any behavioral studies of the Jewish solon in the political milieu."

CANADIAN MP QUESTIONS TELEPHONE CO. DEAL WITH SAUDI ARABIA

By Michael Solomon

OTTAWA, June 4 (JTA)--New Democratic Party leader Ed Broadbent, has charged in the House of Commons here that "Bell Canada's \$1.1 billion contract to modernize Saudi Arabia's communications system contains a discriminatory clause against Israel which the Canadian government should have removed." He said that as a result of the telephone company's contract, Bell has not submitted a bid on a similar contract for Israel which he said could have helped ease Canada's severe unemployment problems.

"There is a clause in the contract" between Bell and Saudi Arabia "which states that Bell Canada is not doing business with Israel," Broadbent said. "That clause is there for one purpose only--which is discrimination." Industry Trade and Commerce Minister Jack Horner replied in the House that he was not aware that Israel was interested in having Canadian firms bid on the installation of a new telephone system in that country. He added "whether or not Bell Canada will bid on a similar contract in Israel will depend upon Israel and Bell Canada."

Broadbent insisted that the Canadian government should have acted to remove the discriminatory clause because the State-controlled Development Corporation had insured Bell Canada for \$450 million for any possible risk in accepting the Saudi Arabian bid.

WIESENTHAL URGED DUTCH TO ASK EXTRADITION OF WAGNER

AMSTERDAM, June 4 (JTA)--Nazi hunter Simon Wiesenthal has asked the Dutch government to request the extradition of Gustav Franz Wagner, an alleged Nazi war criminal living in Brazil. Wiesenthal has identified Wagner as the former deputy commander of the Treblinka and Sobibor concentration camps who was responsible for the mass murders of Jews between 1942-1944, including 32,000 Dutch Jewish deportees at Sobibor.

The Netherlands Auschwitz Committee and The Netherlands Wiesenthal Fund have also asked the government to seek Wagner's extradition. Wagner, detained by Sao Paulo police last week, has denied that he was a ranking officer at the concentration camps. Wiesenthal, who heads the Nazi war crimes documentation center in Vienna, said in a Dutch television interview Thursday night that the date and place of Wagner's birth, July 18, 1911 in Vienna and the names of his parents were identical with those of the Sobibor deputy commander. No other staff member at Sobibor had the surname Wagner, Wiesenthal said.

TEL AVIV (JTA)--Three members of the Israeli Olympic Committee who are members of the Asian Sport Federation, arrived in Bangkok Sunday uninvited, to attend the Asian Sport Federation meeting there.