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REPORTS CONFIRM ISRAELI HONORARY CONSUL GENERAL TO EL SALVADOR WAS KIDNAPPED BY TERRORIST ORGANIZATION By Joseph Polakoff

WASHINGTON, Jan. 23 (JTA) -- The kidnapping of gunpoint a week ago of Ernesto Liebes, Honorary Consul General for Israel in El Salvador, now appears to be politically motivated, according to knowledgeable Salvadoran and American sources. Radio Station YSU in San Salvador broadcast yesterday that it had received a manifesto from the "Armed Forces of National Resistance" (FARN) which claimed credit for the kidnapping and demanded the release of political prisoners held by the government of El Salvador. FARN is described as a left-wing, extremist and terrorist organization.

Liebes, a Salvadorean, who is reported to be 75 years old, was abducted Jan. 17 on the Panamerican Highway five kilometers outside San Salvador following an "accident" between his car and one used by four armed men. According to sources here, when the driver of Liebes' car left it in full with the men from the other car who had emerged from their vehicle, Liebes was seized and whisked away.

Radio Station YSU was described by the Salvadorean Embassy sources here as privately owned and one of the most popular in El Salvador. This would mean, it was noted, that its report on the manifesto was widely heard. Meanwhile, Salvadorean newspapers have reported that Liebes' family is concerned about his health. He recently underwent heart surgery.

An assumption that the kidnapping had been based on ransom, a frequent reason for abductions in El Salvador, is not considered inaccurate. While most of those kidnapped are natives, six foreign businessmen in that Central American country were kidnapped last November and December, and three, two Britons and a Japanese, are still missing.

A Japanese industrial executive was the first seized. He was killed. Later, a Swede and a Dutchman were kidnapped and released after reportedly paying ransoms. The missing Japanese was seized Dec. 7 and the two British men were kidnapped Nov. 30. All these abductions took place in downtown Salvador. A wealthy Salvadorean was kidnapped Dec. 20, and released some days later after reportedly paying ransom. No American citizens have been kidnapped.

ISRAELI OLYMPIC COMMITTEE SEVERS SPORTS RELATIONS WITH SOUTH AFRICA By Yitzhak Shargil

TEL AVIV, Jan. 23 (JTA) -- The Israeli Olympic Committee adopted a resolution last night breaking off all sports relations with South Africa, a country boycotted by the International Olympic Committee because of its apartheid policy. Yitzhak Ofek, chairman of the Israel Olympic Committee, said the decision was taken with great regret, in view of the friendly relations between Israel and South Africa, but was necessary to avoid giving the Soviet Union a pretext for barring Israel's participation in the

1980 Olympic Games in Moscow.

Ofek said the move was also an expression of Israel's disapproval of the racial segregation of sports in South Africa. The most immediate effect was the cancellation of the scheduled visit by two prominent Israeli gymnasts to South Africa. The decision will be discussed by the Israel Sports Federation and the International Maccabiah Games Committee will be briefed on the issue when it convenes in two months.

Shmuel Lalkin, chairman of the Sports Federation, said that competition between Israel and South Africa in sports events has in fact been restricted all along to those branches of sports in which South Africa is still a member of international federations. These include gymnastics, fencing and judo. But now all competitions will be suspended, at least until after the 1980 Olympiad.

Ofek said evidence was accumulating that the Soviet authorities were seeking a way to bar Israel from next year's competitions without incurring international protests. One way, he said, was to demand the ouster of Israel because of its sports relations with South Africa.

Hammer Expresses Regret Over Move

Minister of Culture and Education Zevulun Hammer today expressed regret over the move taken by the Israeli Olympic Committee. He said the decision was taken without prior consultations with the government. This is a political move, he said, and should not have been taken by the sports body, especially without consultations. The South African Ambassador to Israel expressed his disappointment over the decision, noting that there were no prior contacts between the Israeli Olympic Committee and his Embassy.

JEWISH COMMUNITY URGED TO REACH OUT TO INTERMARRIED COUPLES By David Friedman

NEW YORK, Jan. 23 (JTA) -- An American Jewish Committee report on intermarriage released today urged the American Jewish community and institutions to reach out to intermarried couples in an effort to have them become more involved in the community.

Yehuda Rosenthal, director of the AJC committee's Department of Jewish Communal Affairs, told a press conference, that with intermarriage increasing, the Jewish community needs to change its attitude "not by accepting intermarriage as a norm but accepting the intermarried couples."

Rosenthal and Dr. Egon Mayer, an associate professor of sociology at Brooklyn College, who was research director for the study, also called for a more positive attitude toward converting the non-Jewish partner to Judaism. Mayer said that among the younger couples there was more of a tendency to convert to Judaism.

The report, called "Intercultural and the Jewish Future," is based on responses to questions from 446 intermarried couples, ranging in age from 20-70, in Cleveland, Dallas, Long Island, Los Angeles, New York, Philadelphia, San Francisco and Westchester County. About 21 percent of the non-Jewish spouses had converted to Judaism and 3.3 percent of the Jews had converted to their spouse's religion. The majority of the couples were in what the report termed "mixed marriages" where

both partners maintained their religion.

Two-thirds of the couples were made up of Jewish men married to non-Jewish women. But Rosenman pointed out that among the younger couples the cases of Jewish women marrying non-Jews was increasing. He said this could be attributed to greater education for women, the women's liberation movement, among other things.

Mayer pointed out that the report found that among the couples where a spouse had converted to Judaism, the percentage of those who were involved in the Jewish community or observed various religious practices was as high or higher than among the general Jewish population as a whole. He said the report also showed that the more Jewish knowledge and identification someone had when marrying a non-Jew the more likely was he or she to remain identified with the Jewish community after the marriage.

The Most Important Focus

Rosenman said the AJCommittee would in the future be contributing more toward Jewish education. The report stresses that the most "important focus" in the Jewish community's outreach to the intermarried "must be education, directed not solely to the Jewish spouse, but to the couple and to their children."

The report also urged that adult Jewish education not be limited to the intermarried. "If it is important to encourage more conversions to Judaism among the intermarried, it is even more important for many who were born Jewish to experience a learning similar to conversion."

The AJCommittee decided to make the study after a 1971 report of the National Jewish Population Study conducted by the Council of Jewish Federations; Rosenman explained. He said this study found that where intermarriage rose to 17.4 percent between 1961-65, it climbed to 31.7 percent from 1966-72. Mayer said one-third of all Jews getting married now married a non-Jew. He said there were about 300,000 Jews in the United States married to non-Jews with an estimated total of 500,000 children. He said most children of intermarried couples do not receive any Jewish education at all.

Rosenman noted that intermarriage and the declining Jewish birthrate were the major domestic concerns of American Jews in the 1970s. He said the AJCommittee report tried to bring into perspective an issue that has become emotional among many Jews.

Rosenman stressed that a major challenge for American Jews shown by the report was how Jews should be totally integrated into American life while maintaining their religious, cultural, and communal distinctions. He said the Jewish opposition to intermarriage was "not a question of intolerance of others" or "clannishness," but a "desire on the part of Jews to remain as a people, or a religious community and not to be assimilated or swallowed up by the larger non-Jewish groups among whom Jews lived for the last 2000 years."

CABINET DUE TO HOLD SESSION ON U.S. LETTER ON PEACE TREATY CLAUSE

By David Landau

JERUSALEM, Jan. 23 (JTA) -- The Cabinet is expected to convene in special session tomorrow to hear and ratify the text of a proposed letter to be sent by the U.S. to Israel on the "priority of obligations" issue in the peace treaty with Egypt. Informed Israeli sources said today that the talks being held here with U.S. special envoy Alfred

Atherton, which are focussing on the formulation of this letter, indicate progress slowly but steadily towards a successful outcome.

The sources' assessment, moreover, was that Premier Menachem Begin would himself endorse the evolving text of the letter, and would exercise his powers of authoritative persuasion upon the Cabinet majority to ensure that it was favorably received and ratified there.

The letter, it is understood, is a U.S. attempt to allay Israeli fears regarding the "priority of obligations" issue, in other words, the issue of a possible clash between the peace treaty and Egypt's commitments under its earlier defense pacts with Arab states. The letter makes it clear that Egypt's intervention in a war between Israel and another Arab state would only be legitimate in a case of clear-cut aggression by Israel against that state.

Issue Of Israeli Raids

Israeli punitive or preventive raids against the Palestine Liberation Organization across the borders would not, for instance, be recognized by the U.S. as a legitimate cause for Egyptian intervention. Similarly, Israel's occupation of the Golan and the West Bank would not be able to be cited by Egypt as legitimate grounds for intervention.

Israeli sources have raised the issues of less clear-cut scenarios -- such as Syrian and Iraqi troop concentrations on the Golan border prompting Israeli pre-emptive action -- as requiring a definitive American statement of legal position. The U.S. letter, these sources said, must make it clear that in such cases, too, the U.S. would not justify or support Egyptian intervention.

Atherton and Dr. Eliahu Ben-Elissar, who is head of the Israeli negotiating team, continued to be cautious in their public statements today after a morning working session -- which was the continuation of a late-night session that broke up at 1 a.m. -- Atherton said they had "covered the ground" and Ben-Elissar spoke of "new food for thought" and of a "solution shaping up." Atherton is scheduled to leave for Cairo tomorrow.

ITALY AND LIBYA SIGN ACCORD

ROME, Jan. 23 (JTA) -- Libya's Foreign Minister Ali Triki left Rome with an agreement for Italian-Libyan economic, technological and scientific cooperation and a prediction that the Saudi-Arabian monarchy will fall as the Libyan monarchy fell in 1969 and as the Iranian monarchy is expected to fall now that the Shah has left.

In an interview last weekend with the newspaper, *Messaggero*, Triki said that Iran would now adopt the correct attitude toward the Zionist "enemy," meaning Israel, and "will now give its support to its Palestinian brothers." He did not say what form that support would take.

The Italo-Libyan agreement covers a wide range of enterprises including notable increases in Italian oil imports from Libya that presently amount to 16 million tons-a year, some 15 percent of Italy's consumption. In addition, a bi-national fishing society was set up in the waters off Sicily and Italian investments in Libya and exports of petrochemicals and industrial goods are expected to increase.

Italy is also interested in safeguarding the health insurance and social security benefits of the 15,000 skilled and unskilled Italian workers living in Libya which was an Italian colony before World War II.

Libya Seeks Entry Into EEC

Triki disclosed that at his meetings with Premier Giulio Andreotti and other Italian government officials

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he sought Italy's support for Libya's admission into the European Economic Community (EEC). He said he hoped Libya would be considered for membership along with Portugal, Greece and Spain which are expected to join the EEC later this year.

Discussing events in Iran, he told Messagier that "The (Saudi) people will sooner or later move, following the examples of Libya and Iran." He conceded the possibility of a military coup in Iran in support of the absent Shah but believed that the "officers hitherto loyal to the Crown would have to face the new reality." Triki's visit is regarded as a forerunner of a visit by Libyan President Muammar Qaddafi who is expected in a month or "when conditions are right," according to Triki, on Andreotti's invitation.

DAYAN WARNS ISRAELI ARABS, WEST BANKERS AGAINST ISLAMIC FANATICISM

By David Landau

JERUSALEM, Jan. 23 (JTA) -- Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan warned Israeli Arabs and those on the West Bank today not to be "carried away by the Islamic fanaticism" currently sweeping parts of the Middle East or they would "pay very dearly for it." His remarks, to delegates attending the Prime Ministers' Israel Bonds conference here reflected Israel's growing alarm over recent events, notably the upheaval in Iran and the increasingly outspoken support for the Palestine Liberation Organization by Israeli Arabs.

Dayan also expressed the view that the Islamic ferment in the region would render the coming phases of peace negotiations with Egypt "no easier or simpler" because Egypt now, more than ever, is anxious to prove to the other Arab states that it is not making a "separate deal" with Israel or abandoning the Palestinian cause.

Israel's responses, according to Dayan, should include a tightening of its grip on the West Bank and Gaza Strip and greater circumspection with regard to one-man regimes in the Arab world. In that connection he mentioned Egypt, Jordan and Saudi Arabia. He said peace would have to be founded on solid "nation-to-nation" bases.

His clear warning to Israeli Arabs followed public expressions of support for the PLO by some 200 Arab dignitaries meeting in Nazareth last Sunday. Although the meeting was sponsored by groups closely affiliated with the Communist Party, it drew many non-Communist Arabs including several mayors hitherto considered to be establishment-oriented. The Nazareth meeting followed by a few days an Israeli Arab students' message of support to the Palestine National Council, now meeting in Damascus.

Warns Israeli Arabs To Remember 1948

Dayan warned the Israeli Arabs to "remember 1948" when, he said, they threw away the chance for peace and a Palestinian state and found themselves refugees in Lebanon as a result. "We are not the Shah . . . We are not foreign rulers here," Dayan declared. His audience was visibly taken aback by the sharp and somber tone of his remarks but after recovering from their initial surprise they gave Dayan some warm applause.

The Foreign Minister said Israel's policy was aimed at "living together" with the Palestinians. But, he said, if they were "not satisfied" and sought to "replace Israel with an Islamic concept" they would "have to pay very dearly

indeed." He stressed that Israel's defense concerns were now more crucial than ever. It must increase the number of settlements in the Jordan Valley and the number of settlers in existing settlements and the settlements must be sited "in a more compact way," Dayan said.

"The same applied" to Samaria and the Gaza Strip, he said, adding that this was "the only answer" to Israel's defense needs and he believed a majority of Israelis felt the same way. Both Israel and Egypt will have to make an effort to understand each other's considerations and concerns in the light of current regional events, Dayan said.

Praises U.S. Role In Peace Talks

He praised the American role in the peace talks, observing that no other modality could work as well or better in bringing the two sides together. But he criticized the U.S. for allegedly not siding with Israel in its escalating battles with the PLO across the Lebanese border. "No one else will take care of us and that includes the UN," he said. He said the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL) contingents "are sent by their various countries with the best motivation . . . But they cannot provide us with proper defense."

Discussing the broader implications of the situation in Iran and unrest elsewhere in the Middle East, such as the recent riots in Turkey, Dayan said the West must reappraise its assessment of "the stability of regimes in the region" and re-think its prognoses of "what sort of Mideast we shall have in a few years' time." Simultaneously, he said, the governments in this region will be reassessing their own appraisal of "how helpful the U.S. can be in assuring stability."

Dayan said he was not "criticizing anyone. Indeed, I do not think the U.S. could have done anything in Iran . . ." But a number of Middle East leaders will reappraise their reliance on close ties with the U.S. and the West as an assurance of their survival and stability, Dayan said. In that connection, he mentioned the leaders of Egypt, Jordan, Saudi Arabia, Sudan and Morocco who, he said, were inevitably influenced by their fear that what has happened elsewhere might happen to them to.

BACKGROUND OF SLAIN TERRORIST

TEL AVIV, Jan. 23 (JTA) -- The bomb death in Beirut yesterday of Ali Hassan Salameh, the notorious "Abu Hassan" who engineered the 1972 Munich Olympics massacre, was greeted with grim satisfaction in Israel today. The terrorist leader, a member of the top echelon of El Fatah and a close personal associate of PLO chief Yasser Arafat, left a trail of murder and bloodshed in his wake.

Israeli security sources recalled that Salameh, born 38 years ago, inherited a legacy of violence. His father, Hassan Salameh, led Arab marauders during the 1936-38 disturbances in Palestine. He fled to Germany and offered his services to the Nazis during World War II. He was dropped by parachute near Jericho in 1944 to organize an Arab uprising behind Allied lines. He failed in that mission and was killed four years later during Israel's war for independence.

The younger Salameh was an early member of El Fatah, the terrorist arm of the PLO and rose rapidly in its ranks. He was one of the "brains" behind the murderous "Black September" gang that carried out numerous assassinations, terrorist attacks on civilians and aerial hijackings, culminating in the massacre of 11 Israeli athletes at the Munich Olympic Games in September, 1972.

86 SOLONS URGE BREZHNEV TO ALLEVIATE SHCHARANSKY'S HARSH PRISON CONDITIONS

WASHINGTON, Jan. 23 (JTA) -- Eighty-six members of Congress have cabled Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev urging him "to take immediate steps to alleviate the harsh conditions of imprisonment" of Soviet Prisoner of Conscience Anatoly Shcharansky. The Jewish activist, who has been denied visits by members of his immediate family and has been deprived of receiving many of the letters written to him by his mother, Mrs. Ida Milgrom, was sentenced last July to 13 years in prison and labor camp.

The Congressional support for Shcharansky was organized by Rep. Robert Drinan (D. Mass.), chairman of the International Committee for the Release of Anatoly Shcharansky. Drinan said he received a letter from the prisoner's wife, Avital, who resides in Israel, asking that President Carter discuss her husband's case with Brezhnev during the prospective Soviet-American summit conference on the Strategic Arms Limitation Treaty (SALT). Drinan said "I intend to contact the White House in strong and unequivocal support of Mrs. Shcharansky's request." The Senators signing the cable include two new members of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, S. I. Hayakawa (R. Ca.) and Edward Zorinsky (D. Neb.).

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ISRAELI ATHLETES AT MOSCOW OLYMPICS

LONDON, Jan. 23 (JTA) -- The International Amateur Athletic Federation foresees no difficulties for Israeli athletes at the Moscow Olympics next year. The Soviet Union had given assurances that all Asian group states, including Israel, would be allowed to participate, the Federation told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency today.

Earlier, the Federation placed a four-month ban on international competitions in 21 countries who took part in last month's Asian Games in Bangkok, from which Israel had been excluded. It also banned their athletes from participating in other international competitions until April 14. The countries who had taken part in the Bangkok Games had committed a "deliberate breach" of the rules of the Federation which had refused to authorize the games because of the ban on Israel.

TERRORIST ROCKETS HIT ISRAELI VILLAGES; WEIZMAN ISSUES WARNING

By Yitzhak Shargil

TEL AVIV, Jan. 23 (JTA) -- Terrorists in Lebanon launched a new barrage of Katyusha rocket attacks on Israeli border villages today and drew a tough warning by Defense Minister Ezer Weizman that if these attacks continue, Israeli artillery will hit civilian centers in Lebanon.

Weizman was addressing the Knesset's Foreign Affairs and Security Committee after a rocket struck an unoccupied school building in Kiryat Shemona this morning and an apartment house causing damage to both structures. No casualties were reported, apparently because the entire school population and residents of the town were in bomb shelters. Weizman said if the terrorists hit civilians, Israeli forces will strike at civilian targets across the border. He noted that Israel has far greater fire power than the terrorists.

Israeli artillery opened fire on terrorist rocket positions after the salvos hit Kiryat Shemona and other border settlements in Upper Galilee. As was the case last week, the terrorist

attacks on Israel followed a bitter exchange of fire between them and Christian forces in the enclaves along the border. The artillery and rocket duels that have been going on since last Friday have confined the entire Israeli population in the north to bomb shelters despite cold weather and heavy rains.

WRITER URGES FORMATION OF WORLDWIDE 'FRIENDS OF YIDDISH' MOVEMENT

NEW YORK, Jan. 23 (JTA) -- S. L. Schneiderman, the writer and past president of the Yiddish Pen Center, made a passionate appeal to start a worldwide Hoveve Yiddish ("Friends of Yiddish") movement, patterned on the historic Hoveve Zion movement at the end of the last century. This movement of "Friends of the Yiddish language and literature should embrace secular as well as religious Jews of every conviction who have a sentiment for Yiddish, the language of our martyred brethren," he said.

Speaking at the banquet of the Roosevelt Hotel celebrating the 30th anniversary of the Jewish Cultural Congress in which over 500 representatives of various Jewish organizations in New York and outside New York participated, Schneiderman warned:

"We are the last generation of Yiddish-speaking Jews who have the duty to preserve the values of the Yiddish civilization that has produced a great literature that achieved the highest recognition of the Nobel committee in Sweden that has awarded the 1978 literary prize to the Yiddish novelist Isaac Bashevis Singer." Julius Schatz, director of the Commission on Jewish Life and Culture of the American Jewish Congress, stated in the name of AJC president Howard Squadron, that his organization is supporting the movement for "Friends of Yiddish."

MSGR. VINCENZO BARALE DEAD AT 75

ROME, Jan. 23 (JTA) -- Msgr. Vincenzo Barale, who helped save many Jews from the fascists and Nazis during World War II, died yesterday at his home in Rivoli at the age of 75. The Jewish community in Turin, where he carried out his activities when he was Cardinal Fossati's secretary, recalled that not even imprisonment by the Nazis and fascists on suspicion of his clandestine activity stopped him from courageously continuing his work of dedication to justice and compassion. He was remembered after the war by the Jews he saved and was awarded the Gold Medal of the Italian Jewish community in Milan on April 17, 1955.

Although Barale shied away from publicity it was known that he and Fossati saved many Jewish lives by offering them secret shelter, producing false documents and helping them to escape when possible. On Aug. 2, 1944, Barale was arrested by the Nazis who had heard of his activity. They surrounded the Bishop's palace in Turin, and conducted a room-to-room-search, looking for hidden refugees. When they found none, they took Barale with them and imprisoned him for several weeks.

He was freed through the intervention of the Archbishop of Milan, Cardinal Schuster, but was then forced to remain in the town of Cesano Boscone under house arrest. Barale was one of 23 other Catholics who received the Gold Medal of the Italian Jewish community. Several Italian priests have also been awarded the highest possible recognition in Israel for selfless courage: trees in the memorial forest of "The Righteous of the Gentiles" at Yad Vashem.

WASHINGTON (JTA) -- Nathan Goldberg, Jewish War-Veterans National Commander, urged the Carter Administration to recognize Jerusalem as Israel's capital.