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1 PERSON KILLED, 2 INJURED BY BOMB

JERUSALEM, Feb. 4 (JTA) -- A powerful explosion in the Old City yesterday killed one Arab and severely injured two others. Police said the blast, which occurred at 6:45 p. m. local time only a few hundred feet from the Western Wall, was caused by the premature detonation of a bomb being assembled by terrorists. A massive round-up of suspects was conducted in the vicinity but most were released after questioning. Police said the house where the bomb exploded was in ruins.

Meanwhile, the United Nations announced yesterday that six soldiers attached to the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL) were killed as a result of a clash with Palestinian terrorists who attempted to infiltrate a security zone last night. Two Eritrean soldiers were killed and three were wounded in the skirmish. Four Norwegian soldiers were killed shortly afterwards when their helicopter evacuating the wounded had a "technical failure" and crashed, according to U.N. spokesman Rudolf Staudhar.

CRACKDOWN ON NEO-NAZIS IN GERMANY

BONN, Feb. 4 (JTA) -- Twelve persons have been arrested in the past week and weapons and literature seized in a police crackdown on a neo-Nazi gang in central West Germany. The suspects were arrested in raids on their homes in five towns. Prosecutor Hermann Weichert said the 26-year-old gang leader, whose identity was not disclosed, is in jail. The others were released.

All the suspects face charges of criminal conspiracy and advocating illegal neo-Nazi activities, Weichert said. He said that five submachine guns, an automatic rifle, pistols, ammunition and more than 15 pounds of plastic explosives were confiscated in the raids.

In a development related to neo-Nazism, a former army officer being tried on neo-Nazi charges described West Germany as a "Jewish republic" and said German Jews should be deprived of their citizenship and placed under "guest law" requiring them to behave as guests.

Former Lt. Michael Kuehnen, 23, told the court last week that his aim was to have the constitutional ban on the Nazi Party lifted or to reestablish it under a new name. He and a 21-year-old student, Friedhelm Puetzmann, are charged with spreading Nazi propaganda, inciting racial hatred and glorifying violence.

Kuehnen, who was discharged from the army in 1977 for his extremist views, said the Nazi propaganda found on him had come mainly from the United States.

Meanwhile, West German Justice Minister Hans-Joachim Vogel said today he thought it probable that the law would be changed to allow continued prosecution of Nazi war criminals after the present time limit expires in December. He said in a radio interview that there had been a shift in public opinion towards abolishing the statute of limitations. This was prompted, he observed, by the screening last month of the American NBC-TV series, "Holocaust."

According to press reports, a record 15 mil-

lion viewed the last part of the four-part series with 41 percent of the viewing public tuned in. This was up from 32 percent, or 11 million viewers, who watched the first installment.

COUNCIL OF EUROPE URGES ENDING TIME LIMIT ON PROSECUTING WAR CRIMINALS

By Edwin Eytan

STRASBOURG, France, Feb. 4 (JTA) -- The Council of Europe appealed last Friday to its 21 member-states to ratify a convention which would permit the prosecution of war criminals without any time limit. The convention, if ratified, would do away with statutes of limitations for war crimes committed during World War II. The Council, which has an advisory role, also called on member countries to cooperate in prosecuting World War II war criminals.

The convention was passed five years ago by the Council but not a single country has ratified it as yet. Three parliamentarians, all from West Germany, abstained in Friday's vote. Seven others, mainly from the Scandinavian countries, voted against the appeal saying it is in contradiction with their national legislation.

A Dutch member of the Council, Socialist Pieter Sroeffeten, said that 3000 to 4000 war criminals have escaped prosecution. Sroeffeten submitted a report on which the appeal Friday was based.

The country most concerned by the Council's plea is West Germany where the Bundestag (Parliament) is due to debate in April an amendment to the statute of limitations law. The amendment would remove any time limits for the prosecution of Nazi crimes. Should it fail to pass, World War II crimes will no longer be prosecutable as of next Jan. 1.

BEGIN'S FORMER ADVISOR ON ARAB

AFFAIRS WARNS AGAINST AUTONOMY PLAN

By David London

JERUSALEM, Feb. 4 (JTA) -- The first serious public attack from within Likud ranks on Premier Menachem Begin's self-rule plan for the West Bank and Gaza Strip was launched by the Premier's former advisor on Arab affairs, Dr. Moshe Sharon, who resigned from his post last week. In an interview published in Maariv, Sharon contended that autonomy would establish the basis for a future Palestinian state and would promote defection among Israel's half million Arab citizens.

At the same time, he flayed the government for failure to alleviate the "feelings of frustration, discrimination and alienation" among Israeli Arabs, especially the educated youth. Sharon, who comes from an old established Sephardic family in Haifa and was a history scholar at the Hebrew University, was appointed Arab affairs advisor by Begin shortly after the Likud government took office in 1977. His political outlook is hawkish although he has eschewed extremist views.

According to Sharon, "Autonomy is a very dangerous thing for Israel. It is likely to bring down disaster upon us. I have no doubt that this is the kernel of a Palestinian state which Israel is in effect helping to create," he told Maariv. He complained that "the Premier never asked my opinion on the subject. Even more serious, he never asked my opinion regarding what effect the autonomy scheme would have on Israel's Arabs."

Sharon said he is convinced with "the most certainty, beyond any shadow of doubt (that) if the autonomy should arise, extremist tendencies will develop among Israel's Arabs. . . . They are concentrated in the areas bordering the autonomy (zones) . . . I see as a likelihood the formation of an Arab political party that will demand that the Israeli Arabs and their areas of residence be attached to the autonomy" zone.

According to Sharon's scenario, Israeli Jews of extreme doveish views would join such an Arab party and its natural focal point would be the Egyptian Ambassador to Israel. Under the terms of a peace treaty, the separatist demands, in effect a return to the "partition plan" lines of 1947, would become an international issue and the pressure on Israel would steadily grow.

Gap Between Jewish, Arab Citizens

Sharon accused the government of promoting a "vast gap" between Israel's Jewish and Arab citizens. He singled out the inadequacy of educational facilities in Arab population centers, which, he said, were short more than 2000 classrooms and burdened by an antiquated curriculum which did not give a fair chance to those Arab youths capable of advancing to the universities.

Sharon said there was no use in avoiding the fact that even young Arab intellectuals who are law-abiding citizens are hostile to Israel and will remain so. It is pointless to "run away from the reality" and unrealistic to expect that the sympathies of the Arab minority will change, he said.

"But we must have control, or at least influence, over its readiness to live as law-abiding citizens. A citizen who is frustrated, discriminated against, alienated, has no motivation to be law-abiding and is a ready target for extremist provocations," Sharon warned.

Had Devised A Blueprint For Change

He said that he had devised a blueprint for change but to date it has not been given a hearing, let alone adopted by the Cabinet. His proposals include mandatory non-military national service for all Israeli Arab youths whose right to a university education would be contingent on its fulfillment. He also urged widespread industrialization of Arab villages. It is unhealthy, Sharon said, for Arab villagers to travel daily to Jewish towns and settlements to work in Jewish factories for Jewish bosses. The government, therefore, should encourage the development of Arab industries.

He said the immediate reason for his resignation was that the post of advisor on Arab affairs had become obsolete and unnecessary. He urged that a Cabinet minister be made responsible for coordinating the policies of all ministries in the Arab sector.

Sharon said Begin had always been ready to hear him out but did not always act on his advice. He said that he had urged the Premier to embark on a dramatic peace initiative toward Egypt during the fall of 1977 because his own studies had persuaded him that Egypt was ready to make peace with Israel. Begin had said "we will find an opportunity. . . . But he did nothing, and in the event President Anwar Sadat moved first earning the plaudits of the world," Sharon said.

SCHINDLER WARNS ABOUT KHOUMEINI

NEWPORT BEACH, Calif., Feb. 4 (JTA) -- The threat of a Moslem "holy war" against the

United States and Israel by the Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini in his drive to seize power in Iran underscores the identity of interest between Washington and Jerusalem in the Middle East, Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler, president of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations (UAHC), said here last night. Addressing 600 delegates to UAHC's Pacific South-west regional convention, Schindler said:

"The essential role which Israel plays in the defense of American strategic interests in this remarkable part of the world is underscored by Khomeini's latest statement. It is time for the White House to recognize publicly that stability in the Middle East lies not in one-man dictatorships but in democratic governments. It is time for the White House to act on the premise that Israel's strength and security must be the highest goal of American policy in the Middle East, not only because our ally Israel needs it but because our country's security requires it."

Schindler said he was "deeply disturbed" by the danger that a Khomeini government might turn into a supplier of weapons to the Palestine Liberation Organization. He noted that Iran possesses 78 top-secret F-14s along with Phoenix missiles, advance electronic systems and other weapons, part of the \$8 billion worth of arms sold to the Shah by the U.S. in recent years.

"If Khomeini establishes his Islamic republic," Schindler said, "some of these arms could wind up in PLO hands, particularly in view of Khomeini's anti-Israel attitude and pro-PLO position."

CELIA ADLER FORMAN DEAD AT 89

NEW YORK, Feb. 4 (JTA) -- Services were held yesterday for Celia Adler Forman, "the first lady of the Yiddish theater." She died last Wednesday after a stroke suffered at the Hebrew Home for the Aged in the Bronx. She was 89 years old. She was the daughter of Dina Stettin, a British actress, and Jacob Adler, the Yiddish tragedian who founded a theatrical dynasty which included Stella, Luther and Jay Adler.

First appearing on stage at the age of six months, carried in the arms of her mother, Mrs. Forman won her first success 25 years later as an actress in Ossip Dymov's "The Eternal Wanderer" at Boris Tomashievsky's National Theater in Manhattan.

In 1918 she helped open the first Yiddish Art Theater in New York, putting on plays by Jewish playwrights and translations from the English, Russian and German stage. In addition, she appeared in Yiddish productions of Shakespearean tragedies in the roles of Ophelia, Desdemona and Portia, among others. She played in almost every European capital and was hailed for performances in English-language plays, such as "Men in White" and "A Flag is Born."

In addition to a theatrical career, Mrs. Forman wrote the two-volume "The Yiddish Theater in America," published in 1960 by the Forward Publishing Company. The study outlined the birth and developments of the Yiddish theater developed by her father some 80 years earlier.

CHURCH, STATE DEPARTMENT CLASH OVER U.S. SAUDI ARABIAN POLICY

By Joseph Palakoff

WASHINGTON, Feb. 4 (JTA) -- The Carter Administration and Sen. Frank Church (D-Idaho), the new chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee, have collided head-on over U.S. policy toward Saudi Arabia. Church, in his first major speech as chairman, told the national executive of the Anti-

Defamation League of B'nai B'rith meeting in Palm Beach, Fla. last Thursday that it is time for plain speaking with the government of Saudi Arabia" and called for "a fundamental review" of U.S. policy toward the oil-rich kingdom, including the sale of 60 F-15 jet fighters that involved heated debate last spring.

"I suggest that now is precisely the time to inform the Saudis that a 'special relationship' cannot be a one-way street," Church told the ADL. He called for an end to U.S. "pressure" on Israel to accept a peace treaty with Egypt that goes beyond the framework worked out in the Camp David accords and said the Administration had destroyed its own Middle East policy following Camp David.

At the State Department, chief spokesman Hodding Carter said Friday "we believe we have not left the path of Camp David" and added that "we and the Senator have different conclusions on both where we are and how we arrived there. He noted, "We have a long-standing relationship of confidence and cooperation with Saudi Arabia based on our mutual interests in the peace and security in that part of the world. We will continue to build on that relationship."

Asked whether and how Saudi Arabia has contributed toward the success of the Camp David accords, Carter said "We continue to involve the Saudi Arabian government in conversations on what we are doing and attempting to do on the basis of the Camp David accords." But, he said, "I will not go into specific analysis of the content of those talks."

Carter stressed that "positive results have happened from the sale of the F-15 warplanes to Saudi Arabia. "We have no reason to look back on that," he said. He noted that the relationship with Saudi Arabia has been "successful and beneficial" and that the Saudi Arabians "are playing a positive role in the stability of the area." Saudi Arabia joined with Syria, Iraq, Libya and other countries in the Baghdad conference last November condemning Egypt and the Camp David agreements.

EHRlich's ECONOMIC PLAN DRAWS FIRE

By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, Feb. 4 (JTA) — The Cabinet was laced in bitter wrangling today over Finance Minister Simcha Ehrlich's economic plans for fiscal 1979-80, the essence of which is a three percent across-the-board cut in the national budget to combat inflation. Some ministers claim the cuts are too drastic, at least as they pertain to their ministries, while others insist they do not go far enough.

Strong opposition has developed outside the government, from Arnon Gafni, Governor of the Bank of Israel on one hand and, on the other, from Histadrut Secretary General Yeruham Meshel who dismissed the plan as unworkable and "nothing new."

But Ehrlich ardently defended his proposals at a press conference after today's Cabinet session. He said it would distribute the burdens of austerity equally between the public and the government and that its effects would be felt only gradually.

The Cabinet will meet in special session Thursday for an economic discussion at which the fate of Ehrlich's plan may be decided. The position of Premier Menachem Begin is not known but is expected to have considerable influence over the outcome. The consensus here is that the plan will be adopted despite serious

reservations held by many ministers.

Two-Pronged Attack On Inflation

The Ehrlich plan calls for a two-pronged attack on inflation, one by severely reducing government expenditures and the other by tightening tax collection. One of the most controversial points is the proposed IL 2-3 billion cut in government subsidies for basic products and services which could result in a 100 percent increase in the price index. The property tax on business, plots, agricultural land and cars would be doubled. Banks would be required to report all cash transactions to the Treasury involving more than IL 50,000.

Wage earners would have to report any additional income. The government and other public bodies would not enter business transactions with anyone who does not have a clean record with the income tax authorities. Government officials would be authorized to close down the businesses of any persons convicted of tax violations and an annual list of violators would be published.

The value added tax (VAT) on banks and insurance companies would be raised from nine to 12 percent. Housing mortgages would be linked to the cost-of-living index. That proposal was denounced by Meshel who said it was "bad news for people who hope to purchase their own apartments. They will never get out of debt."

The government also plans to freeze hiring and freeze most public construction. The main goal of Ehrlich's plan is to reduce inflation by 10 percent. The Finance Minister argues that unless these measures are implemented, inflation will reach 50 percent in the new fiscal year.

TAMIR: TREATY WITH EGYPT MUST BE CONTINGENT ON EGYPTIAN GUARANTEES OF ISRAELI ACCESS TO SINAI OIL

JERUSALEM, Feb. 4 (JTA) — Justice Minister Shmuel Tamir said yesterday that Israel's evacuation of Sinai under a peace treaty with Egypt must be made contingent on Egyptian guarantees of Israeli access to oil from the Sinai fields. Citing the cut-off of oil from Iran which had supplied a substantial portion of Israel's petroleum needs, Tamir said on a radio interview that "unless our permanent oil supply is assured there is no point for Israel to quit Sinai."

The Sinai fields provide about 15 percent of Israel's oil. While Egypt has promised to sell oil to Israel at world market prices and the U.S. is committed to supply Israel with oil for five years in case of an emergency, Tamir wants more iron-clad guarantees. Tamir appeared to welcome the stalemate in the Israeli-Egyptian peace negotiations, observing that it had brought a "better perspective" and that "there are things which are now more clearly visible than before."

TORONTO (JTA) — The president of the Eastern Canadian B'nai B'rith says it has withdrawn from the Toronto International Caravan program because it was forbidden to name its exhibit "The Jerusalem Pavilion." District 22 president Hy Lampert said it was inconceivable that the Caravan program should discriminate against Jerusalem. "We were indeed surprised by the sudden decision taken by the Caravan, especially when on Israel's 25th anniversary, a Jerusalem pavilion was included in the program," he said. Observers suspect that pressure was exerted by several Arab groups also participating in the Caravan, an annual event in which many ethnic groups exhibit pavilions with arts and cultural expositions.

ORTHODOX LEADERS RAP CONSERVATIVE SUPPORT FOR WOMEN RABBIS

NEW YORK, Feb. 4 (JTA) -- Leaders of three national groups representing Orthodox synagogues, rabbis and women, jointly expressed regret at the recommendation last week by a commission of the Rabbinical Assembly that women be ordained as rabbis, as "another radical break with the mainstream of historical Judaism." It is a specious gimmick rather than a genuine effort to bring women into the rabbinate, and it is a tacit admission that Conservatism is, in fact, a declining movement.

This statement was issued by Julius Berman, president of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America (UOJCA), Rabbi Bernard Rosenzweig, president of the Rabbinical Council of America, and Deborah Turk, president of the Women's Branch of the UOJCA.

The statement characterized the Conservative call for women rabbis as "widening its continuing breach with traditional Judaism, and further obliterating the distinction between the Reform and Conservative movements in this country. While the Reform and Conservative movements have just awakened to the role of women in the synagogue and Jewish society, the Orthodox community in America opened its first school to provide women with an appropriate Jewish education over 40 years ago."

Today, the statement continued, "there are Orthodox educational institutions for women throughout the country with thousands of students, including many schools on the college level, and seven college-level institutions in Israel serving American women. The experience of the Reform Movement, which has ordained women rabbis for several years, has not been successful."

The three Orthodox leaders said that the move to ordain women "is only the latest step in a long road which has seen the Conservative Movement in this country reduced from a large modernizing force to an empty shell. Although it boasts large membership roles, its temples are no longer centers of religious ferment, its youth is not committed to its religious ideology and its only seminary has not grown significantly in 30 years, while it drifts further away from its traditional roots."

HATE MESSAGES FACE LEGAL TEST

By Ben Kayfetz

TORONTO, Feb. 4 (JTA) -- The Canadian Human Rights Commission has announced plans to test its authority for the first time against pre-recorded telephone hate messages. The Commission will appoint a three-member tribunal to rule on complaints about so-called "white power messages" made available by the Western Guard Party in Toronto.

Officials said that a hearing by the tribunal, expected in May, will provide the first interpretation of the new law against telephone hate messages. In addition, the issue could prompt a lively debate on free speech, in view of the fact that the law itself was opposed, in Parliament and by the Canadian Civil Liberties Association, as a threat to free communication.

The tribunal's job will be to decide whether a Western Guard message, which can be heard by dialing a Toronto telephone number, "is likely to expose a person or persons to hatred or contempt" because of his race, religion, origin, color or other prohibited ground of discrimination.

A confidential policy prohibits identification of complaining groups or individuals, but commission authorities have indicated that the Toronto complaints were prompted by the singling out of Jews. The law against hate messages is a section of the Human Rights Act passed in July 1977. It closed a loophole in the Criminal Code section on hate propaganda which covers only hate incited "in any public place."

SEEK PUBLIC LISTING, CONDEMNATION OF COUNTRIES AIDING TERRORISM

By Joseph Polakoff

WASHINGTON, Feb. 4 (JTA) -- Senators Abraham Ribicoff (D. Conn.) and Jacob K. Javits (R.-N.Y.) said they will re-introduce tomorrow in the Senate legislation that would require the United States to "publicly list and condemn foreign countries that aid terrorist activities."

The bill, which failed to reach the Senate floor during the 95th Congress, after being favorably considered by four committees in the Senate, is expected to have a companion measure in the House where it had been under consideration by three committees before the session ended. The Senate measure last year had some 30 co-sponsors. A bipartisan bloc also introduced a companion measure in the House.

Under the terms of the Ribicoff-Javits legislation, the President would be allowed to stop foreign assistance, sales of defense materials, commodities of potential military application and duty-free treatment to any foreign government on that list.

"We simply cannot tolerate foreign governments aiding international outlaws," Ribicoff said. "Giving a nation 'outlaw' status on a public list will be an effective sanction in itself against aiding terrorists in the future. I suspect few American tourists or corporations would feel comfortable doing business in that nation." Ribicoff is chairman of the Senate governmental affairs committee which will hold hearings soon on the measure.

Javits, the ranking minority member on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, said that he understands that the Administration wants to remove from the bill the proviso for automatic application against governments found to support international terrorism.

Javits said that the "automatic application of sanctions is a central element in this legislation." He added that if not included, it is unlikely that governments aiding terrorists would be brought to account. Javits noted that the Carter Administration apparently wants to make the application of the sanctions "entirely discretionary with the President," thereby weakening materially this deterrent.

BUENOS AIRES (JTA) -- The Israel Tourist Office here announced the inauguration of an exposition about Jerusalem in Mar del Plata, the largest South American seaside resort where in January and February a total of one million tourists spend their holidays. Several Israeli films will be shown, conferences will be held and pictures of Israeli painter M. Benari will be exhibited. Events will take place this week.

AMSTERDAM (JTA) -- Simon Wiesenthal has during the past months submitted to the Dutch Justice Ministry the names of 10 former Dutch war criminals who, after having been sentenced to death or life imprisonment in absentia during the first post-war years, are still free in various West European countries.