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6 TERRORISTS, 1 ISRAELI KILLED IN CLASH ON THE LEBANESE BORDER

By Yitzhak Shargil

TEL AVIV, April 17 (JTA) -- One Israeli soldier and six terrorists were killed in a heavy exchange of rifle fire and grenades near Zarit on the Lebanese border shortly before midnight last night. The dead soldier was identified as Sgt. Yossi Bar-Meir, 22, of Kibbutz Afikim. Six other Israeli soldiers were wounded and evacuated to hospitals.

The encounter was the second since Sunday morning when an Israeli unit killed four heavily armed terrorists who had infiltrated from Jordan with the apparent intent to attack Tirat Zvi, a kibbutz in the Beisan area. Last night the terrorists came from south Lebanon. They were spotted by an Israeli patrol which opened fire within grenade range.

The six terrorists were slain after a battle that lasted longer than usual. A number of Kalachnikov rifles, hand grenades and other equipment was found on the bodies. Military sources said it could be assumed that this band, like the one from Jordan, was on the way to attack Israeli villages in Galilee.

Chief of Staff Gen. Raphael Eitan who flew to the scene shortly after the clash, said several hundred Palestinian terrorists are based in the area of south Lebanon controlled by the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL). According to Eitan, the terrorists are concentrated in four enclaves where UNIFIL personnel are not permitted. He said the purpose of these gangs is to inflict civilian casualties in Israel.

Fighting in Lebanon

Meanwhile, fierce artillery duels raged inside Lebanon today as terrorists exchanged fire with the Christian militia. The Christians shelled the Tyre area for over an hour this morning, halting the advance of a Lebanese army battalion which the Christians claim is a pro-Syrian force commanded by Syrian officers. The battalion stopped at Sidon although it had been scheduled to reach Tyre at noon. It is presently deployed among UNIFIL units south of the Litani River. The terrorists, meanwhile, laid down a heavy barrage on Kfe village in a Christian enclave. Casualties were reported, but the number is not known.

The entry of the Lebanese battalion into south Lebanon has raised a new issue between Israel and the U.S. Both Washington and the United Nations consider the unit to be the first concrete manifestation of Lebanese government authority in the south. The Israelis hold it in suspicion. But they informed Ambassador Samuel Lewis today that they cannot oppose its deployment north of the Christian enclaves. The Christians themselves have set up roadblocks to prevent UNIFIL officers in the south from making contact with the battalion.

In a terrorist-related incident, carnage was narrowly averted in Jerusalem today when a passenger on a bus from the center of town to the Hadassah Medical Center at Ein Karem spotted a suspicious-looking object and alerted the driver. All passengers were discharged safely when min-

utes later, a bomb exploded on the bus. There were no casualties.

Aftermath Of Brussels Attack

At Ben Gurion Airport last night, Transport Minister Haim Landau and Mordechai Hod, managing director of El Al, were on hand for the arrival of El Al Flight 334 which had been the target of an aborted terrorist attack at Brussels airport yesterday afternoon. Both hailed the action of Israeli security guards at the airport who helped Belgian gendarmes to capture the terrorists. Neither would comment on broadcast reports from Europe that the Israelis and Belgians had advance information about the attack and were prepared for the terrorists.

According to reports from Brussels today, two of the terrorists identified themselves as members of the Palestine Liberation Organization, but the PLO representative in Belgium said his organization had nothing to do with the attack. A previously unknown group, calling itself "Black March," claimed responsibility last night in Beirut. The name is apparently new as it seems to refer to the signing of the Israeli-Egyptian peace treaty on March 26.

Belgian police said the terrorists had planned to attack an El Al plane that had just landed, but finding security too tight they hurled a hand grenade from an airport terminal gallery. The public prosecutor said they would be charged with attempted murder.

FRIENDLY ENCOUNTER IN SINAI

By Yitzhak Shargil

TEL AVIV, April 17 (JTA) -- The energy ministers of Israel and Egypt toured the Sinai oilfields together today in what, from all accounts, was a friendly, productive meeting on matters relating to the return of the last of the oilfields to Egypt. Energy Minister Yitzhak Mordechai of Israel, was reportedly assured by his Egyptian counterpart, Ahmed Ezzedini Hilal, that Egypt will honor its commitment to supply Israel with Sinai oil under terms of the peace treaty.

The two ministers agreed to set up a joint committee of Israeli and Egyptian oil experts to convene in Tel Aviv in about a week on technical matters. Mordechai and his aides flew to the Abu Rodeis oilfields in western Sinai this morning to meet with Hilal. After a short chat, the two men flew to the Alma oilfields at A-Tur on the Gulf of Suez. Israel returned Rodeis to the Egyptians in 1975 under the Sinai II interim agreement. It is to turn over the A-Tur fields in seven months. They yield about 30,000 barrels of oil a day.

Hilal appeared satisfied with the Israeli installations at A-Tur and the equipment there. While at the site, they announced the creation of the joint committee. Among other things it will discuss the future status of the Neptun Co., which discovered the A-Tur oil and operates the field. Another matter will be compensation to Israel for whatever equipment is left behind for Egypt and the manner in which the oilfields will be transferred to the Egyptians.

Mordechai said later that there were good chances that all of the problems will be solved to the satisfaction of both sides. Hilal, asked about the decision today by the Organization of Arab Petroleum Exporting Countries to suspend Egypt, replied that the fact that Egypt is negotiating with Israel should indicate that it will not be deterred by threats. Egypt's

imports of Arab oil products amount to only six percent of its needs.

Hilal said that in any case, Egypt will carry out its obligation to supply Israel with oil. As for the future, he said Israeli companies will be able to bid for Egyptian oil on the same terms as any other companies in the world.

MINISTERIAL TEAM NAMED TO HOLD TALKS WITH EGYPT ON AUTONOMY

By David Landau

JERUSALEM, April 17 (JTA) -- A six-man ministerial team, headed by Interior Minister Yosef Burg of the National Religious Party, has been named to conduct the negotiations with Egypt over autonomy for the Palestinians on the West Bank and Gaza Strip. They were selected at a meeting last Friday of the 11-man ministerial committee that will draft Israel's autonomy proposals under the chairmanship of Premier Menachem Begin.

The negotiations are to begin in one month, alternating between El Arish in Sinai and Beer-sheva. The Israeli delegation will report back periodically to the larger body which will decide issues of policy. The 11-man group is expected to meet several times before the negotiations start in order to map out Israel's opening positions.

In addition to Burg, the negotiating team will consist of Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan, Defense Minister Ezer Weizman, Agriculture Minister Ariel Sharon, Deputy Premier Yigael Yadin and Minister-Without-Portfolio Moshe Nissim. The appointment of Burg to head the group is seen as a shrewd political move by Begin to mollify the fears of the NRP and other circles uneasy about the effect of autonomy on Israel's hold over the West Bank and Gaza and especially the fate of the Jewish settlements in those territories.

Burg was selected after Dayan made it clear that he did not want to head the team whose ambit of authority he felt would be too limited. Dayan denied in a published interview today recent reports of tension between himself and Begin. "I know of none and feel none," he told a Yediot Achronot reporter.

The Foreign Minister will leave next Monday on a tour of the Far East, including Thailand and Singapore, but is expected back in time to participate in the autonomy committee's deliberations before the negotiations begin.

It was learned, meanwhile, that Israel and Egypt will exchange the instruments of ratification putting their treaty into effect next Sunday or Monday, at Umm Hashiba, an American-manned listening post in Sinai. Officials here said Eliahu Ben-Elissar, Director General of the Prime Minister's Office, would represent Israel at the ceremony. The U.S. Ambassador to Israel Samuel Lewis, and the U.S. Ambassador to Cairo, Hermann Eilts, will also attend.

ATHERTON'S SUCCESSOR TO BE NAMED

By Joseph Polakoff

WASHINGTON, April 17 (JTA) -- President Carter will name a successor to Alfred Atherton, his special Ambassador-at-Large to the Middle East, in the next few days, the Jewish Telegraphic Agency was informed. Atherton, reportedly, will be named U.S. Ambassador to Egypt, succeeding Hermann Eilts.

William Scranton, the former Republican Governor of Pennsylvania, is reportedly slated for Atherton's post, but other candidates have

also been mentioned, including former Undersecretary of State Philip Habib and McGeorge Bundy, who has served as advisor to presidents Kennedy and Johnson.

Atherton played a major role in the Israeli-Egyptian negotiations that resulted in the peace treaty signed last month. He has been Washington's chief expert on the Middle East for the last 10 years and in recent years was engaged in shuttle diplomacy between Israel and Arab capitals. Eilts, also a key figure in the peace negotiations, reportedly desires to retire to join a university faculty.

The emergence of Scranton's name as Atherton's successor was seen here as a first step toward gaining bipartisan support for the Administration's Middle East policies. Scranton served as special envoy to the Middle East for President Nixon and was named U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations by President Ford. In both capacities, he angered friends of Israel by his advocacy of "even-handed" approaches to the problems of the Middle East.

WUJS IN CAIRO CONFERENCE

LONDON, April 17 (JTA) -- The World Union of Jewish Students (WUJS) participated in a conference in Egypt earlier this month, the first Jewish organization to do so since the signing of the peace treaty between Israel and Egypt March 26, it was reported here by Irving Wallach, WUJS Secretary-General. He said WUJS was received officially by the Egyptian and Tunisian organizers of the World Youth Congress on Food and Development, which was sponsored by the semi-official Cairo newspaper Al-Ahram, the United Nations Environment Program and the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization.

Wallach reported that the Congress was attended by delegates from 41 countries, representing all six continents. Among them were delegates from eight Arab nations, including Saudi Arabia. The Congress' only sour note occurred when the Jordanian governmental delegation withdrew after they told the Congress Secretariat that they would not participate because of the official presence of a Jewish organization.

However, Wallach, who attended the Congress, said that a friendly and informal feeling was the rule. He felt the fact that delegates from Nigeria and Cameroon had nominated WUJS representative as the Congress vice president far more accurately reflected the atmosphere there.

"I was genuinely surprised by the warm and open way in which so many delegates greeted me," Wallach said, "much more so as an informal speaker for Israel. Many Egyptian students of the Congress just wanted the chance to speak to a real, live Jew."

"On one occasion, a delegate from Rwanda began speaking to me in Hebrew. He had lived in Netanyahu for one year as part of a training program, and said that he looked forward to seeing Israel again one day. Among the Africans there was no sign whatsoever of any rejection of Israel as a nation. Most often, their questions were about the kibbutz and Israeli agriculture."

During the Congress, Wallach said he met with the president and executive committee of the General Union of Students of Egypt. In addition, several representatives of African and Asian organizations extended invitations to their counterparts in Israel to attend conferences or to hold joint activities, he said. Wallach said he got the impression that Egyptian people from all social strata are tired of war and want peace.

HEW, CJF SIGN \$16 MILLION AWARD TO HELP RESETTLE SOVIET JEWS

NEW YORK, April 17 (JTA) -- A grant award has been signed between the Council of Jewish Federations and the Department of Health, Education and Welfare implementing the \$16 million Federal Block Grant for Soviet-Jewish resettlement, administered by CJF in cooperation with HIAS. It was announced here today by the CJF.

In approving the document, HEW Secretary Joseph A. Califano, Jr., paid tribute to the "impressive record compiled by voluntary agencies in providing help for refugees over the years without Federal aid." But he recognized that "their resources had been strained" by the increasing number of immigrants, particularly from the Soviet Union. Close to 4,000 Jews are currently exiting from the Soviet Union each month. The CJF Washington Action Office has worked closely with the White House, HEW and Congress in formulating the resettlement agreements.

Council President Morton Mandel of Cleveland announced the appointment of Bernard Manekin of Baltimore as program committee chairman of the CJF unit formed to work with Federations in applying for funds and implementing local resettlement. Federations will submit their application for funds directly to the CJF, according to the announcement.

James Rice, executive vice president of the Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Chicago chairs the professional advisory committee, and Karl Zukerman, formerly with the New York Federation of Jewish Philanthropies, has been named director of the CJF program.

Purpose Of The Funds

Describing the grant, Mandel stated that "applications are open to Federations for matching grants on a 50-50 basis to resettle 16,000 Soviet Jews arriving in the United States from October 1, 1978-September 30, 1979. Funds will be used for English language training; vocational and technical instruction; job placement; health care; and related acculturation services. With Council's assistance, Federations will coordinate this multi-faceted, inter-agency process on a community-wide basis."

According to the HEW contract, the purpose of the grant is to enable immigrants in the United States to become "independent and self-supporting members of American society."

Mandel added that the success of the Federal aid program for Soviet Jews will be determined largely by the Jewish community's effectiveness in fulfilling its terms. He urged Federations to work as closely as possible with the CJF resettlement unit to make certain that their programs are effectively and efficiently run, applications are correctly prepared and processed and periodic reporting is timely and accurate.

PEARL HARBOR COMMANDER

HONOLULU, Hawaii, April 17 (JTA) -- Capt. Allen Shapiro, who has been commanding officer of the Pearl Harbor Naval Station since last June, is the first Jew to hold that post, according to the Hawaii Jewish News.

The 52-year-old Shapiro, who came to Hawaii after serving as administrative assistant to the Chief of Naval Operations in Washington, D.C., was born in Chester, Pa., and grew up in Baltimore, Md. He joined the Navy in 1944 and decided to stay on after World War II.

In an interview with Kirk Cashmere of the

Hawaii Jewish News, Shapiro said that being in the Navy has broadened his background by exposure to various ethnic and religious groups and strengthened his Judaism. He said he was not aware of any anti-Semitism in the Navy and added that it was not difficult being Jewish in the Navy, although being Orthodox is. But, he noted, the Navy provides 30 days of annual leave and an Orthodox Jew could use that to observe Jewish holidays.

Shapiro said that the military is becoming more attractive to Jews. He also told the newspaper that he would like to improve the relationship between Jews in the military here and the local Jewish community which is not as close as in the mainland areas where he had served.

MEETING ON BIAS AGAINST MINORITIES

TORONTO, April 17 (JTA) -- The Canadian Jewish Congress (CJC) appeared before a special public meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners called to consider material in "News and Views," a publication of the Metropolitan Toronto Police Association, disparaging a wide range of minorities, including Jews.

Articles written by a retired police staff sergeant, Ken Peglar, have contained disparaging comments about Italians, Pakistanis, Blacks, Poles, Catholics and Jews. Though the police commissioner has no direct responsibility for the publication, a product of the policemen's union, the public session was convened because the "image" of the police force was involved. Judge Philip Givens, commission chairman, presided.

It was learned that after an apology was given previously by the Police Association president, Peglar's articles had continued to appear through 1978, focussing further public attention on the issue.

A brief prepared by the joint committee on community relations of the CJC and B'nai B'rith paid tribute to the "excellent relations" of recent years in the joint committee's contact with the police force. The brief said it was all the more upsetting to find such material in an official police association publication.

The brief said the CJC made no complaint when the first disclosures of the objectionable material was made, on the assumption that Peglar was representing, as a retired policeman, the thinking of 40 years ago, but when it became known that the bigoted material had been appearing over many months and was not, as had been assured, isolated instances, the joint committee decided to take a public stand.

TRACING INFORMATION ON NAZI VICTIMS

GENEVA, April 17 (JTA) -- More than 30 years after World War II, the International Tracing Service (ITS) at Arolsen in West Germany is still gathering information on victims of Nazism with a view to issuing the documents necessary for their identification or compensation.

Each year the number of applications diminishes and the identification of victims becomes more difficult as information unearthed is often piecemeal and inaccurate. However, by minute research and meticulous recording and filing, the ITS has built up its documentary evidence to solve even very old cases. It has processed more than two million inquiries and its records contain information relating to more than 10 million people who suffered persecution by the Nazi regime.

In 1978 the ITS replied to 83,493 inquiries from some 40 countries, mainly from West Germany and Poland, but also from France, the United States, Israel and the Soviet Union.

BEHIND THE HEADLINES BRITISH JEWRY SWINGS TO THE RIGHT

By Maurice Samuelson

LONDON, April 17 (JTA) -- Whoever wins next month's British general election, the result is likely to show that the 450,000-member Jewish community is becoming steadily more conservative in its political outlook as it progresses up the social scale and feels threatened as much from the extreme left as from the far right.

At the same time, it will again show that in Britain there is no such thing as a distinct Jewish vote, capable of influencing the result. Although the community cares deeply about Israel, there is no major difference between the main parties on the Middle East, and voters know that Britain's influence there is marginal anyway.

Even if that were not the case, it would not make very much difference, since there is not a single constituency containing so many Jews that it can be regarded as a "Jewish" seat. Nevertheless, the community's rightward swing is undeniable. Until 1970, there were two Jewish Conservative members of Parliament. There are now nine, all of whom are seeking reelection. Their numbers are likely to increase further with a Conservative victory.

On the other hand, it looks as though the considerable Jewish influence in the Labor Party has passed its all-time peak. Of the 31 Jewish Laborites in the last Parliament, only 23 are seeking reelection, including nine of the Labor government's 10 Jewish members.

If Conservative Party leader Margaret Thatcher becomes Prime Minister, she will have at least two senior Jewish Cabinet ministers -- Sir Keith Joseph and Sally Oppenheim. Even in the Labor Party, Jewish MPs have displayed their "conservative" inclinations by tending to be to the center or right of the party.

Defending The Status Quo

Most Jewish members, Conservative as well as Labor, emerged as defenders of the status quo in the recent heated debates about giving a measure of independence to Wales and Scotland. Leading opponents of the devolution plan included Laborites Leo Abse and Eric Moonman, who is the chairman of the Zionist Federation, and Conservative lawyer Leon Brittan.

Although none of them stressed that they were influenced by their Jewish background, it was hardly surprising that they felt unable to relate to local nationalisms which might one day threaten the unity of the United Kingdom. This is not to say that all Jewish politicians were against giving Wales and Scotland greater autonomy. But the Jewish community has traditionally identified its own security with the stability of the realm and most Jewish politicians instinctively expressed this in the debate on devolution.

Since it has achieved unprecedented prosperity and contentment, therefore, Anglo-Jewry will increasingly cling to the social status quo, fearing that further radical changes might perhaps do it more harm than good. This, in turn, will further dilute the community's traditional preference for the Labor Party as the party of equality.

The one possible brake on the community's rightward shift might have been fear of the extremist National Front which plans to run more than 280 candidates. However, the Front is condemned as strongly by the Conservatives as by Labor and the smaller Liberal Party.

For its part, the Board of Deputies of British Jews has played an important part in the fight against the National Front, particularly in producing leaflets exposing its Nazi characteristics. The Board has, however, been careful not to ally itself with the country's main anti-racist organization, the left-wing Anti-Nazi Front, which it says is anti-Zionist and anti-democratic.

PASSOVER SEDER AT WEST POINT

WEST POINT, N.Y., April 17 (JTA) -- The top Generals of the United States Military Academy joined several hundred West Point Jewish Cadets, officers and guests Sunday evening to recite the traditional Haggadah at a Passover seder held in the Thayer Hotel on the campus of the Academy.

Lt. Gen. Andrew J. Goodpaster, superintendent of the Academy, who read several prayers himself, told the cadets that the "march for freedom" as expressed on Passover is a "driving force for all mankind." The seder, he continued, adds "a wonderful dimension to the experience of West Point for our cadets and all our guests."

Attending the seder were officers and members of the West Point Jewish Chapel Fund which is raising funds to build the first Jewish Chapel in the 174-year history of the Academy, as well as officers and members of the Jewish War Veterans. Many non-Jewish cadets attended the festive seder. The West Point Jewish Cadet Choir sang Israeli and Passover songs at the services conducted by Rabbi Avraham Soltes, the Jewish Chaplain at the Academy.

Chaim H. Friend, executive director of the West Point Jewish Chapel Fund, which is located in New York City, said that "the seder was one example of the services and activities that one day soon would be held in the Jewish Chapel which will be built to perpetuate Jewish identity as well as foster greater understanding through inter-faith activities."

SUNY STUDENTS AT PASSOVER PROGRAM

ALBANY, April 17 (JTA) -- More than 500 students at the State University of New York here participated in this year's Passover Meal Plan, offered through the kosher kitchen run by the University Auxiliary Services. Jay Kellman, supervisor of the kosher kitchen and coordinator of the Passover arrangements, said that preparations for the Passover program began last December when university officials and student members of the Kashruth Committee first met to discuss the project.

"This is the largest kosher kitchen in the whole SUNY system," Kellman said. "The university has been fully cooperating in every way, including the replacement of necessary kitchen equipment which couldn't be koshered for Passover." Twenty students worked through the night before Passover under the direction of Rabbi Moshe Charowitz, of Capital District Lubavitch, and Kellman to properly clean and prepare all kitchen equipment and utensils for the holiday. Over 1000 meals are being served daily at the kitchen during Passover.

WASHINGTON (JTA) -- The World Bank has announced loans for Syria and Jordan totalling \$45 million mainly for industrial and agricultural purposes. Jordan will receive \$15 million to help meet the increase in demand for electric power in that country. Syria will get \$30 million for a drainage project designed to improve agricultural production in the lower Euphrates River basin and to arrest the spread of salinity in that area. The overall cost of the project is \$52.5 million. The electric power project in Jordan is tagged at an estimated cost of \$53.5 million.