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TERRORISTS IN NAHARIYA KILL 4 ISRAELIS, INCLUDING 2 CHILDREN; 2 TERRORISTS CAPTURED, 2 KILLED; ISRAEL HITS LEBANON TERRORIST BASE

By Yitzhak Shargil

TEL AVIV, April 22 (JTA) — Four Israelis including two small children were killed in a series of bloody shoot-outs with a sea-borne gang of terrorists who invaded their home on the Nahariya beachfront before dawn today. Several hours later, Israeli naval units shelled a terrorist base near Tripoli in Lebanon. At the same time, Knesset Speaker Yitzhak Shamir spoke out in support of the death penalty for terrorists. (See separate stories.)

Two of the four terrorists were killed and two were captured, one of them slightly wounded. The dead are Danny Aron, 28, his daughters Einat, 4, and Yael, 2, and police Sgt. Elyahu Shachar of Maalot.

Four other Israelis were hospitalized for wounds. The latest outrage in the terrorist campaign to inflict civilian casualties caused Defense Minister Ezer Weizman and Chief of Staff Gen. Raphael Eitan to cancel their scheduled departure for Cairo today. The visit has been postponed until after Israel's Independence Day May 2. Premier Menachem Begin informed President Anwar Sadat of the changed plans via their "hot-line." The Egyptian leader expressed condolences to the families of the victims.

(At the United Nations in New York, Secretary General Kurt Waldheim today expressed his "regrets" at the terrorist attack in Nahariya. A United Nations spokesman issued this statement: "The Secretary General deplors this cycle of violence and regrets the loss of innocent civilians in Nahariya.")

Elements In The Tragedy

According to security sources, the terrorists are members of the Palestinian Liberation Front, a Lebanon-based organization supported by Iraq. They set out from Tyre in a rubber dinghy with an outboard motor and managed to evade Israeli naval patrols despite increased vigilance in recent weeks. What transpired after they landed on the beach under cover of darkness was pieced together from the accounts of civilians and police.

The terrorists first attempted to break into a private house directly on the waterfront. Finding the gate locked they buzzed the owner, Amnon Sela, on the intercom. Sela became suspicious. He told his wife to call the police while he took his licensed Uzzi submachinegun and opened fire on four men in khaki outside his house.

At about the same time another civilian, suspecting burglars, alerted police. A patrol car driven by Sgt. Shachar rushed to the scene. He fired his service revolver at the terrorists but they cut him down with a shower of machinegun bullets through the windows of his car. Shachar, who was expecting his fourth child shortly, was killed instantly.

The terrorists retreated into a nearby apartment house where they seized Aron who was taking his daughter Einat to the bomb shelter. A neighbor, Charlie Shapiro, a recent immigrant from South Africa, fired at the terrorists with his revolver, killing one of them. The others held

Einat as a shield and fired, wounding Shapiro slightly. They took the child and her father out to the beach. The tragedy was compounded when Aron's wife, fearing that the cries of Yael would attract the terrorists, tried to silence the baby and suffocated her.

The terrorists killed their two hostages on the beach where they were confronted by police. In the ensuing gun battle another terrorist was killed, and two were captured. Three other civilians were wounded and rushed to hospitals for surgery. They are reported improving. Shapiro was treated for his wounds and released before noon.

Another Tragedy Averted

In another terrorist-related incident, an explosive device planted near Jaffa Gate in the Old City of Jerusalem last night was safely defused after it was spotted by a passer-by. Police cordoned off the area and arrested several suspects.

Meanwhile, two Palestinian terrorists who hurled hand grenades in the Brussels airport terminal on April 16 in an aborted attack on El Al passengers were officially charged with attempted homicide by the Belgian authorities. The two men, Khaled Dayek Dokh and Mahmud Hussein, will be tried by the Brabant criminal court and face life sentences. According to unconfirmed reports in the Belgian press, they were aided during their stay in the country by the wife of an unidentified Arab diplomat.

Last Thursday, Sgt. Yossi Bar-Meir, 22, was buried in Kibbutz Afrikim. He was killed April 16 during a clash with Palestinian terrorists near Zarit on the Lebanese border. Among the wreaths on his grave was one from Maj. Saad Haddad, the commander of the Christian militia in south Lebanon. Francis Rizik, a spokesman for Haddad, said Bar-Meir shed his blood not only for his people but also for their brethren in south Lebanon.

ISRAEL SHELLS TERRORIST BASE

TEL AVIV, April 22 (JTA) — Israeli naval units shelled a terrorist base on the Lebanese coast north of Tripoli today in retaliation for this morning's terrorist assault on Nahariya. The base was used by George Habash's Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine. The Nahariya terrorists were members of a gang that broke away from the Habash group. They were in possession of Kalashnikov rifles, revolvers, hand grenades, explosives and other equipment.

Israeli security circles, meanwhile, prepared for further terrorist attacks on Israeli civilians. A Palestine Liberation Organization broadcast from Beirut today vowed that terrorist activity against Israel would be intensified and exhorted the Arab world to recognize that the war against Israel has not ended.

Meanwhile, Maj. Saad Haddad, commander of the Christian militia in south Lebanon, sent a telegram of condolence to the Mayor of Nahariya over the terrorist attack. Brig. 1, Zeid, commander of civil defense, visited Nahariya today and urged that every family be equipped with arms.

DEATH PENALTY FOR TERRORISTS: URGED

JERUSALEM, April 22 (JTA) — Knesset Speaker Yitzhak Shamir said today that he supports the death penalty for terrorists in extreme cases and that he intends to propose legislation to that

effect in the Knesset following the terrorist attack on Nahariya this morning.

Shamir said on the Army Radio that he will try to influence Knesset members to support legislation to make the death penalty an option for terrorists brought to trial for murder. While the death penalty is provided by Israel's legal statutes, governments throughout the State's history have maintained a standing order which stipulates that prosecutors avoid requesting that it be implemented.

The issue of the death penalty for terrorists has been dealt with by the Knesset in the past. Any future debate promises to bring out familiar arguments pro and con. Justice Minister Shmuel Tamir refused to comment on Shamir's statement but other Knesset members were quick to express their views on the issue.

Laborite Yossi Sarid said "I am certain that the implementation of the death penalty would only make it easier for the terror organizations in Beirut to focus world attention on their struggle. It is indeed unfortunate that on a day of mourning like today such a deceptive recipe has again been brought to public attention."

Yehuda Ben-Meir of the National Religious Party suggested a reevaluation of the death penalty dilemma. He noted that continued terrorist attacks on Israel necessitate a reevaluation of Israel's position on terror. While observing that the security forces oppose proposals like Shamir's, Ben-Meir contended that "It is certainly worthwhile discussing the subject once more, and I will definitely support such a debate."

5 FREED SOVIET POCs TO BE WELCOMED OFFICIALLY IN ISRAEL

By David Landau

JERUSALEM, April 22 (JTA) -- Plans are under way here to officially welcome the five Leningrad trial Prisoners of Conscience who were personally pardoned last week by Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev and released from prison more than a year before their 10-year terms were due to expire in June 1980.

The five who were imprisoned since June 1970 for their part in allegedly attempting to hijack a plane in Leningrad and fly it to Sweden are Vulf Zalmanson, 39, Hillel Butman, 45, Anatoly Altman, 36, Boris Penson, 33, and Leib Khnokh, 35. The five were told to leave the Soviet Union for Israel by April 30.

Still in prison for the same "crime" are Zalmanson's in-law Eduard Kuznetsov, 38, Mark Dimshits, 51, Alexei Murzhenko, Yuri Fyodorov, and Iosif Mendelevich, 31. Dimshits, the intended pilot of the plane, and Kuznetsov originally were condemned to death, but the Soviets commuted their sentences to 15 years after a world outcry. Murzhenko received a 14-year sentence and Mendelevich and Fyodorov were sentenced to 12 years.

According to some Western observers in Moscow, the Soviet move was timed as a gesture to the 17 American Congressmen who are visiting the USSR to discuss emigration, trade and strategic arms limitation. The delegation includes Charles Vanik (D-Ohio), coauthor of the Jackson-Vanik amendment that ties trade credits to the easing of emigration policies by the Soviet Union. In a related development, Leonid Slepak, the younger son of Prisoners of Conscience Vladimir and Maria Slepak, his wife Olga and their infant son received an exit visa. Leonid, 19, will be joining his brother Alexander in the West.

Premier Menachem Begin intends to personally head the welcoming festivities at Ben Gurion Air-

port when the five men released reach Israel in a week or so. Sources close to Begin revealed over the weekend that he had discussed the Prisoners of Conscience issue with President Carter during his visit to Washington last month to sign the peace treaty with Egypt. The Premier met with relatives of the released men at his home in Jerusalem last night and hinted that he had hopes of further releases in the future.

Leon Dulzin, chairman of the Jewish Agency Executive and the Brussels Conference on Soviet Jewry, issued a statement welcoming "this Soviet step... I hope it will be followed by the release of all other Prisoners of Zion and by the granting of exit permits to the refusniks." He congratulated the families of the freed men, most of whom are living in Israel, for their "courageous firmness during the long years of suffering." He also sent a message of thanks and encouragement to all Soviet Jewry activists the world over "who worked for this moment."

Reactions To The Pardons

(In New York, Eugene Gold, chairman of the National Conference on Soviet Jewry, said "This is the first positive step we have seen regarding the prisoners." He noted that although pardons are normally given after a prisoner admits guilt, none of the five men admitted culpability in any of the crimes for which they were convicted. "For years we have insisted that the only real crime of the Jewish POCs has been their struggle to emigrate to Israel," Gold said.

(Mervin Rjseman, chairman of the Greater New York Conference on Soviet Jewry, said the release of the five POCs is an auspicious indication that the Soviet Jewry movement's continuing efforts have been successful. He said that Solidarity Sunday for Soviet Jews on April 29 will be dedicated to securing the freedom of all those imprisoned or in exile because of their desires to emigrate.

(The Student Struggle for Soviet Jewry, while saying that the pardon of the five POCs is "a gesture that must be noted," emphasized that "the main focus of the Jackson-Vanik amendment -- the actual process of emigration from the USSR -- has become much more difficult, and the number of successful applicants is low. Other Prisoners of Conscience and long-term refusniks remain trapped in the USSR."

(The SSSJ pointed out that in several major Soviet cities there are enormous lines of would-be Jewish exiles at visa offices who are given applications at "a deliberate snail's pace" -- in Kiev, over 2000; in Odessa, 1000; and in Minsk, over 2000. In Mogilev-Podolsk, it was reported that the visa office has posted a notice that no more applications would be taken this year.

(Harold Becker, chairman of the Soviet Jewry Committee of the American Jewish Congress New York Metropolitan Council, recalled that young Jewish artists associated with the AJCongress Martin Steinberg Center had "adopted" Penson. "We take heart from his release as we vow to continue our efforts in behalf of other Soviet Jewish Prisoners of Conscience," Becker said.)

By happy coincidence, Penson's release had been preceded by a few days by the publication, in Tel Aviv, of a book of more than 100 drawings and sketches that he did in prison. "Artist Behind Bars" is the name of the volume, put out by a leading Israeli publishing house.

36TH ANNIVERSARY OF WARSAW GHETTO UPRISING MARKED BY 5,500 PEOPLE

By David Friedman

NEW YORK, April 22 (JTA) — The link between the Holocaust and the emergence of the State of Israel was stressed today as some 5,500 people gathered inside Temple Emanu-El and outside on Fifth Avenue to commemorate the 36th anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising and mourn the six million Jews killed by the Nazis during World War II.

The annual event, sponsored by the Warsaw Ghetto Resistance Organization (WAGRO) in conjunction with other Jewish organizations, featured Jewish leaders and public officials under an emblem that declared "Remember" in Hebrew, Yiddish and English.

The program, held for the eighth consecutive year at the massive Manhattan Reform temple, was under the auspices this year of the President's Commission on the Holocaust. The ceremony here, and in other Jewish communities throughout the United States, marked a week-long remembrance of the Holocaust which will include President Carter's participation in a ceremony at the Rotunda of the Capitol Tuesday and a service at the National Cathedral in Washington next Sunday. In Israel, Yom Hashoah (Holocaust Remembrance Day) will start tomorrow night.

Many of the 2,500 persons in the main sanctuary of the temple wept when 25 women survivors lit candles as the Temple Emanu-El Choir sang "Ani Maamin," when children from the Ramaz School in Manhattan and the Solomon Schechter schools on Long Island walked up the aisle with yahrtzeit candles, when six survivors accompanied by six children of survivors lit one candle each in memory of the six million dead or when Metropolitan Opera tenor Misha Raitzin sang El Male Rachamim and songs of the ghetto fighters.

Link Between Holocaust, Israel

Many of the speakers pointed to the link between the Holocaust and Israel. Yehuda Blum, Israel's Ambassador to the U.N., who celebrated his bar mitzvah in the Bergen-Belsen concentration camp, said that the "rebirth of the State of Israel" is important not only because it is the realization of Jewish nationality but also because it includes a "vow" that "Jewish blood will no longer be spilled with impunity" and that Jews will no longer be homeless or defenseless. Blum said that as the Passover Haggadah reminds Jews in every generation to consider themselves as having been freed from Egypt, Jews must consider themselves from now on as having survived the Holocaust.

Theodore Mann, chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, declared that the Holocaust has taught Jews that they must defend Israel and that they must make sure "we will endure here and in Israel."

Sen. Daniel P. Moynihan (D. N.Y.) said that the "ultimate triumph" of the Warsaw Ghetto fighters was the creation of the State of Israel. He said the ghetto fighters taught future generations that there "is no alternative to strength and determination for those who wish to preserve their freedom."

Concern Is Increasing

These remarks were echoed by Benjamin Meed, president of WAGRO and chairman of the event today. "If Israel is strong today, and if Israel was able to persuade its former principal enemy to make peace," Meed declared, "this physical and moral

power -- reaches back to 1943 to the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising. It was there within the ghetto walls, in 1943 that all the Jews demonstrated their determination to stand up, to fight and to die for their rights as people."

Meed, who is also chairman of the Advisory Board of the President's Commission on the Holocaust, said that it appears that as time goes by concern for what happened in the Holocaust increases. "As the years pass, the picture becomes clearer," he said, "not only to us who were there, but to people who never were there, to American-born Jews, to the new generation, to our own children, and yes, perhaps in some ways to the rest of the world."

Meed also expressed concern that the Holocaust must continue to be remembered, so that it will not happen again, after the survivors are no longer alive. This concern was shared by Edward Sanders, President Carter's advisor on Jewish affairs, who represented the President at the ceremony.

Sanders said the ceremony here, the largest in the nation, is a fitting memorial to the martyrs who died in the Holocaust. But he also said that the memory must continue once the survivors are gone. He said this is why the President's Commission is trying to find the most fitting memorial for the Holocaust. Gov. Hugh Carey of New York and New York City Mayor Edward Koch joined Meed in proposing that a memorial to the Holocaust be placed in New York City. Carey and Koch issued proclamations declaring today "Warsaw Ghetto Day" in the state and city.

The program ended with the audience joining Meed in supporting a resolution protesting the freeing of four persons in Germany last week charged with criminal activities at the Maidanek concentration camp on grounds that positive identification was lacking. The resolution demanded this practice not be used again by German courts.

Among the many other ceremonies held throughout the country today was the community-wide observance in Philadelphia at the newly-refurbished Monument to the Six Million Jewish Martyrs. The area around the monument has been improved and the monument itself has a new base with an inscription which says in part that the six million Jewish martyrs "suffering and heroism are forever branded upon our conscience and shall be remembered from generation to generation."

This year's program in Philadelphia was based on the theme, "Children of the Holocaust: The Lost Generation Remembered" in recognition of 1979 as the International Year of the Child. Before the ceremony, children from throughout the Philadelphia area joined representatives of numerous synagogues and organizations in placing wreaths at the base of the monument. During the ceremony itself, five candles were lit by representatives of Jewish organizations and a sixth by a Holocaust survivor's child, in memory of the one and-a-half million children who died in the Holocaust. The annual program is sponsored by a Memorial Committee.

Jewish communities also have scheduled events throughout the week. In Chicago, a memorial service will be held at noon Tuesday at Spertus College sponsored by the Public Affairs Committee of the Jewish United Fund and the Chicago Board of Rabbis and Spertus College. Also scheduled is a program at City Park led by city officials. Many municipalities and state legislatures throughout the country also have programs. The Board of Jewish Education of Greater New York is providing schools with special materials for use on the observance of Yom Hashoah on Tuesday.

RIBICOFF WOULD FAVOR EASIER AMERICAN LOAN TERMS FOR ISRAEL

By David Landau

JERUSALEM, April 22 (JTA) -- Sen. Abraham Ribicoff (D. Conn.), told newsmen here last Friday that he would support Israel's request for easier repayment terms on the aid it will receive from the U.S. to help cover the costs of the Sinai pullback.

Visiting Jerusalem as a member of a special U.S. economic delegation headed by Robert Strauss, Ribicoff said he recognized that the terms as they presently stood would impose a very heavy burden on Israel's economy. He reportedly said he would favor the proposal that half the aid be made over as a grant and the other half as a loan, at nine percent interest over 30 years. Under the present terms, only \$800 million of the \$3 billion aid package would be in the form of a grant.

Strauss and Israeli Commerce Minister Gideon Patt, meanwhile, signed a trade agreement providing for reduction of tariffs and encouragement of trade through other means. The hope is that this agreement, intended, according to Strauss, as a first step in post-peace economic cooperation, will help narrow the trade gap between Israel and the U.S., which is adverse to Israel.

Strauss said his mission was ordered by President Carter as soon as he had heard from President Anwar Sadat and Premier Menachem Begin about their successful summit meeting in Cairo two weeks ago. The delegation visited Egypt first and then flew to Israel. "We have not come to arouse exaggerated expectations," Strauss cautioned, "but to open the first pages in a great book that will have to be written in the years to come." The delegation included high-ranking U.S. government officials and private businessmen interested in trade and investment opportunities here and in Egypt. Its members reported that Sadat felt Begin's Cairo visit had created closer personal relations between himself and the Israeli Premier, and had praised Begin for his "courage" in steering Israel through the peace pact.

PENTAGON MINIMIZES REPORT OF U.S. CONTINGENCY PLAN IN THE MIDEAST

By Joseph Polakoff

WASHINGTON, April 22 (JTA) -- The Department of Defense sought to minimize a news report last Friday attributed to "qualified Pentagon sources" that the U.S. is forming contingency plans to establish a force of 100,000 troops, including 40,000 combat soldiers for defense of U.S. interests abroad, including the Middle East.

A Pentagon spokesman told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that such reports "pop up every now and then." He emphasized that the U.S. military forces are "always prepared to protect American interests in a non-NATO scenario." The spokesman denied any single development or combination of events at present contributed to the publication of the latest report on Pentagon planning.

According to the report, the contingency planning covers all of the Middle East and the northwestern Pacific, while the Persian Gulf, area from Iraq to Oman on the Arabian Sea are regarded by the Defense Department as the most potentially explosive region.

The Pentagon spokesman observed that the Department would never publicly denote specifics on its assessments of danger areas but acknowledged under questioning that the Persian Gulf, the Middle East and Korea are areas on which a plan-

ner would focus attention.

As for contingency planning, the spokesman referred to President Carter's address March 17 of last year at Wake Forest College in which he said "the Secretary of Defense at my direction is improving and will maintain quickly deployable forces -- air, land and sea -- to defend our interests throughout the world."

The spokesman also read from a prepared statement that said "this Administration has repeatedly emphasized that our military must have the capability to project power abroad in a non-NATO scenario." The statement added: "We must be able to respond effectively and simultaneously to a relatively minor as well as a major contingency. This has been commonly referred to as the war-and-a-half scenario."

TWO WEST BANK SETTLEMENTS APPROVED

By Barbie Zelizer

JERUSALEM, April 22 (JTA) -- The Cabinet approved the establishment of two new settlements on the West Bank today, at Elon Moreh and Shiloh. But a number of ministers expressed reservations, and the three members of the Democratic Movement, Deputy Premier Yigael Yadin, Justice Minister Shmuel Tamir and Minister of Social Betterment Yisrael Katz, opposed the decision.

Speaking for his colleagues, Yadin said "I oppose the Cabinet decision for two reasons. One relates to the well known differences of opinion between my party and the majority of the government. We oppose additional settlements in already populated areas of the West Bank. The second reason is that the approval of the settlements is a surrender to facts imposed by the Gush Emunim and does not represent a decision initiated by the government."

Yadin said he supported the establishment of settlements on the West Bank for security reasons but stressed that this was not the case with Elon Moreh and Shiloh. Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan warned that the establishment of these settlements would involve the expropriation of privately-owned Arab land near Nablus.

On those grounds, Minister of Commerce and Industry Gideon Patt and Minister Without Portfolio Moshe Nissim abstained from voting. The Cabinet majority promised that that aspect of the project would be examined thoroughly before the decision is implemented. Yadin noted in his remarks that the Ministerial Defense Committee had agreed last week that the establishment of new settlements will no longer be decided on in secret session but subject to a "public parliamentary debate."

BONN -- In an address marking the 36th anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto uprising, Heinz Galinski, chairman of the Berlin Jewish community, proposed that in West Germany, as in the United States, a day be set aside in memory of the victims of Nazism. Galinski said the annual observance was "very useful" for the youth in the United States and asked "would it not be good to follow this example in the German republic?"

WASHINGTON (JTA) -- President and Mrs. Carter joined the family of Stuart and Fran Eizenstat at the first Passover seder at the Eizenstat residence. It was made known over the weekend. Eizenstat is Carter's assistant for domestic affairs and policy. Two years ago, the Carters attended the seder at the home of his counselor, Robert Lipshutz. Eizenstat and Lipshutz are both of Atlanta, Ga., and old friends of the Carters.