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## THOUSANDS ATTEND FUNERAL SERVICES FOR NAHARIYA TERRORIST VICTIMS By Yitzhak Shargil

TEL AVIV, April 23 (JTA) -- Thousands of Israelis attended funeral services today for the four Israelis slain in yesterday's terrorist attack on Nahariya. Premier Menachem Begin was present at the burial of Danny Aran, 28, and his two daughters, Einat, 4, and Yael, 2, at Tivon, near Haifa. Defense Minister Ezer Weizman delivered the eulogy at the burial services for the fourth victim, police Sgt. Eliyahu Shachar, who was buried at his home town, Maalot, in Upper Galilee, near the Lebanese border.

Meanwhile, demands for the death penalty for terrorists multiplied as fury mounted in Israel over the Nahariya murders, especially the deaths of the children. It was learned that Einat's head was smashed in by the killers who then shot her father to death before surrendering to police.

Avraham Shafir, Parliamentary Whip of the Likud coalition, announced today that he would seek legislation by the Knesset to make the death penalty mandatory for the murder of children. Knesset Speaker Yitzhak Shamir said yesterday that he intended to propose legislation that would restore the death penalty as an option in the cases of terrorists who commit wanton murder. Capital punishment is not outlawed in Israel's legal statutes but it has never been applied except in the case of Adolf Eichman. Prosecuting attorneys have standing orders not to request the death penalty.

### New Debate On Death Penalty

But the rising tide of sentiment in the wake of the Nahariya outrage is believed certain to spark a new debate on the subject. Proponents of capital punishment say that its absence encouraged the terrorists to commit revolting crimes against civilians. The terrorists know they will only go to jail if caught and stand a chance of being released in exchange for hostages, those in favor of the death penalty say. They cite the recent release of 75 terrorists in exchange for one Israeli soldier, Avraham Amram, who was captured by terrorists last year while on an unauthorized tour in south Lebanon.

There are still many, however, who oppose the death penalty. They argue that it would only make martyrs of the killers and create sympathy abroad for the Palestinian cause. Some security officials are also opposed. They say terrorists would be less likely to surrender if they knew they were to be executed and less likely to provide valuable information under interrogation.

According to senior security sources, the gang that attacked Nahariya yesterday planned to take hostages and hold them in Lebanon for the release of terrorists imprisoned in Israel. That disclosure gave impetus for demands for the quick trial and execution of the murderers of children.

### PALESTINIAN TERRORISTS KILL SIX PEOPLE IN SOUTH LEBANON

TEL AVIV, April 23 (JTA) -- Terrorist shell fire disrupted a parade through the Christian enclaves in south Lebanon today. At least six peo-

ple were killed in Kfe village and many were wounded. The parade, a display of military strength by the Christian militia to celebrate the newly declared independence of the Christian-controlled area, came under fire from Palestinians lodged in the ancient Beaufort fortress.

The tanks and artillery that had been rolling through the enclaves to the cheers of local villagers, were immediately put into action and a fierce duel began with the Palestinians that lasted several hours. The convoy began its parade at Marj Ayoun, a Christian stronghold, led by militia commander Maj. Saad Haddad. There were scores of tanks, motorized artillery, armored troop carriers, command cars and jeeps. The long procession was welcomed with flowers and the traditional bread and salt. It came under fire as it emerged from Kfe village.

Yesterday, Israeli Defense Minister Ezer Weizman publicly praised Haddad as "a true Lebanese patriot." He said on a radio interview that Haddad's force and the Christian militias in northern Lebanon wanted to rid their country of Palestinian terrorists. Weizman called on the Lebanese government in Beirut to "take serious steps" to achieve that end. He observed, however, that the Syrian influence on President Elias Sarkis of Lebanon is probably greater than Israel's influence with Haddad.

### BLUM: ISRAEL WILL PROTECT ITSELF AGAINST TERRORISTS By Yitzhak Rabi

UNITED NATIONS, April 23 (JTA) -- In a sharply worded letter to Secretary General Kurt Waldheim, Israel pointed out today that "the terrorist PLO boasted" about the latest atrocity in Nahariya, in which four Israeli civilians were murdered yesterday, and declared that the Israeli government is duty bound "to take all measures necessary to protect the lives and safety of its citizens."

The letter, from Ambassador Yehuda Blum of Israel, criticized the United Nations for granting the Palestine Liberation Organization "irregular privileges" and said: "The time has surely come for members of the UN to recognize the implications and consequences flowing from any form of cooperation with the terrorist PLO both within and without the framework of the UN."

Referring to the latest report by Waldheim to the Security Council on the situation in south Lebanon, in which the PLO was "euphemistically called the 'armed elements,'" Blum said: "This is the terrorist organization which is directly challenging UNIFIL (United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon) in the fulfillment of its mandate by continuing to use southern Lebanon as a launching ground for murderous attack against Israel."

Noting that 1979 was declared by the UN as International Year of the Child, the Israeli envoy charged that the "PLO has chosen its own murderous way to mark this year -- with the slaughter and injury of innocent children." Blum said that since the beginning of this year, 17 children have been casualties of PLO outrages; in addition to those killed in Nahariya, "Two children were among the four victims of yesterday's outrage."

In a related reaction to the tragedy in Nahariya, Ivan Novick, president of the Zionist Organization of America, condemned today the PLO's terrorist attack, calling them "an assault on world morality," and charged nations having any dealings with the

**V PLO with "acquiescence to terrorism."**

Novick said, "PLO representatives sit at the UN, have offices in New York, while the State Department permits them to travel, give speeches and explain their point of view in our country." "Tolerance of the PLO," he added, "encourages their terrorism." The State Department was challenged by Novick to make clear its decision that "once and for all -- the PLO is not an acceptable partner in any negotiations," in the Mideast.

The ZOA leader added that the UN, which has forces in Lebanon, and Syria, which is occupying Lebanon, show responsibility for PLO terrorism. "Their failure to restrain the PLO makes them accessories to these crimes," he declared.

**DAYAN ON FAR-EAST TOUR AS HERUT PARTY MEMBERS DEMAND HE RESIGN**

By David Landau

JERUSALEM, April 23 (JTA) -- Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan left on an official tour of far Eastern countries today as Premier Menachem Begin acted to ease reported tensions between them despite demands for Dayan's resignation from some members of Begin's Herut Party.

The Foreign Minister was in a philosophical mood as he set off from Ben Gurion Airport. He told reporters that he was ready to "resign at any moment" if the Premier asked him to, without rancor or resentment. Now that the peace treaty with Egypt has been signed "it can be said that Dayan has done his part so Dayan can go home now," he said.

The Herut Executive, at a meeting last night from which many members were absent, recommended Dayan's immediate dismissal. The anti-Dayan faction was infuriated by his remark to West Bank settlers last week that Israel may one day have to choose peace without the Golan Heights or the Golan Heights without peace. They interpreted this as a signal that Israel would be prepared to negotiate a peace treaty with Syria calling for its withdrawal from the Golan just as withdrawal from Sinai was part of the pact with Egypt. Dayan denied that he was advocating a "Sinai solution" for the Golan Heights.

The demand for his resignation was dismissed by Herut Executive chairman Avraham Shechterman as a non-binding decision by a small minority of the Executive's 70 members who have always been opposed to the government's peace policies. Avraham Sharir, chairman of the Likud Knesset faction, echoed that view today. He said it was wrong to have made such a decision before Likud discussed the matter. The Likud faction has called a meeting for tomorrow to which Begin has been invited.

**Rumors Of A Dayan-Begin Rift**

But the controversy over Dayan's public statements was only the latest in a series of incidents that have given rise to rumors of a serious rift between Dayan and Begin. The appointment of Interior Minister Yosef Burg of the National Religious Party to head the ministerial team which is to begin negotiations with Egypt next month on the autonomy plan for the West Bank and Gaza Strip, has been cited as evidence of Begin's displeasure with the Foreign Minister.

Dayan himself reportedly declined the job on grounds that it would not carry sufficient authority, but some sources said he was never offered it. Begin acted to put these rumors to rest

at yesterday's Cabinet meeting. He announced that Dayan and the Foreign Ministry would in fact supervise the entire process of normalizing relations with Egypt.

The inter-ministerial peace committee chaired by Eliahu Ben-Elissar, Director General of the Prime Minister's Office, will submit recommendations to the Foreign Minister, Begin said, according to a Cabinet communique released last night. Ben-Elissar also heads an inter-ministerial committee assigned the task of drafting the autonomy program. But that committee will report directly to an 11-member body headed by the Premier.

Nevertheless, it was plain from Begin's announcement that Dayan will be in charge of implementing all non-military provisions of the treaty with Egypt. The military aspects are within the purview of Defense Minister Ezer Weizman. Dayan's trip to the Far East will take him to Nepal, Burma, Thailand and Singapore. He will also make a "private visit" to Hong Kong, a destination that gave rise to speculation that he might meet representatives of the People's Republic of China.

But Dayan told a group of publishers at the Jerusalem Book Fair last night that he had "no plan" to visit China or meet with Chinese leaders and that he was not invited to do so. He said that in reply to a question from a publisher from Taiwan. He added, however, that Israel was "putting out feelers... talking to people here and there," but so far there are no signs that China may soon recognize Israel or normalize relations with her. Dayan said he expected to be back in Israel in "about three weeks."

**ISRAELI OFFICIAL MEETS WITH THE POPE**

JERUSALEM, April 23 (JTA) -- Yosef Ciechanover, the Director General of the Foreign Ministry, who left today for an extended tour of several European and Latin American countries, met today in Rome with Pope John Paul II for 45 minutes. Officials in Jerusalem said the two men, who met alone, had discussed the peace process in the Middle East, with the Israeli diplomat reporting to the Pope on the negotiations that led to the peace treaty with Egypt. The officials added that the two men also discussed issues connected with human rights in various parts of the world.

Ciechanover delivered to the Pope a letter from President Yitzhak Navon. Its contents were not revealed, but the speculation in Israel was that it included an invitation to the Pope to visit Jerusalem. The officials said the Pope and Ciechanover "agreed to continue the dialogue between Israel and the Holy See at the same high level in the future." Ciechanover met later with Msgr. Cassaroli, the Vatican's Foreign Minister.

**TERRORISTS POSSIBLY RESPONSIBLE FOR EXPLOSION AT JEWISH CENTER**

VIENNA, April 23 (JTA) -- Police said today that a Palestinian terrorist group may have been responsible for the explosion that blasted doors and windows at the Vienna Jewish Center last night, believed at first to have been the work of neo-Nazi elements. The group, which calls itself "Eagles of the Revolution," was also linked to the bombing of a Jewish student canteen on the Left Bank in Paris last month in which 26 persons were injured.

Officials of the Jewish Center said earlier that the explosion seemed to be connected to recent neo-Nazi demonstrations in Austria marking the birthday of Hitler. But according to police, the "Eagles of the Revolution" is probably the "Eagles of the Palestinian Revolution," affiliated with the Syrian-supported Al Sajaq terrorists. They recalled that the

some group attacked a Soviet Jewish immigrant transit center near Vienna in 1973, causing the government to shut it down for security reasons.

An anonymous telephone caller to the Vienna office of the French news agency, Agence France Press, said the Jewish Center was attacked in the name of "The Eagles of the Revolution."

#### SOVIET OFFICIALS REFUSE FORMAL ASSURANCES ON RELAXING EMIGRATION

By Joseph Palakoff

WASHINGTON, April 23 (JTA) -- Soviet officials continue to refuse to provide "formal assurances" to relax Soviet emigration policy in return for improved trade relations with the United States and believe the U.S. intends to freeze the Soviet Union out of the Middle East political process, Congressional leaders who returned here from Moscow over the weekend said today.

Rep. John Brademas (D. Ind.), the House Majority Whip who led the 19-member Congressional delegation on the third interparliamentary exchange between the two countries, outlined the Soviet views at a news conference at the Capitol. He was joined by Reps. Robert Michel (R. Ill.), the Minority Whip; Richardson Preyer (D. NC) and Jack Edwards (R. Ala.).

Brademas said that Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko told Rep. Lee Hamilton (D. Ind.), the chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Subcommittee on the Middle East, that the USSR is "strongly opposed" to the Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty and feels that the U.S. is "deliberately squeezing" the USSR out from the Middle East. Gromyko indicated that the U.S. is not taking into account the "requirement" of the Palestine Liberation Organization and Arab states and told Hamilton the Soviet Union would oppose using the United Nations Emergency Force in the Sinai to police the peace treaty.

Brademas was asked whether Soviet officials who the Congressmen had met indicated any remorse or bad conscience over Soviet support of the PLO and its terrorism, including yesterday's killing of Israelis in Nahariya. Brademas replied "No, no, the answer is no."

Preyer, who headed the delegation's subcommittee on human rights, said the Congressmen were "unable to reach agreement" with Soviet officials on emigration. He said the Americans indicated to their hosts that "the practical effect of emigration does affect U.S. public opinion on issues such as trade and a strategic arms limitation treaty (SALT)."

The Soviets contended, Preyer said, that the release of the five Leningrad trial prisoners, disclosed last week, was not related to the Congressional visit or to the SALT negotiations. Edwards pointed out that the SALT was "the prime topic" for the Russians.

#### Suggestion Of Presidential Waiver

Rep. Charles Vanik (D. Ohio), who co-authored the Jackson-Vanik Amendment, suggested to the Russians a Presidential waiver of the assurances from the Soviets of a freer emigration policy. "The Russians seemed interested," Brademas said. Gromyko wanted to know whether or not Sen. Henry Jackson (D. Wash.) would support this move. Vanik acknowledged that Jackson was not in agreement, Brademas reported.

The waiver provision in the Jackson-Vanik Amendment requires the Soviet Union to provide assurance to the President that its emigration

practice would lead substantially to freedom of emigration. The President can then inform the Congress he would grant most favored nation treatment to the Soviet Union for a year.

Vanik was reported to believe that if the People's Republic of China is provided with most favored nation treatment and not the USSR, the results would be disastrous for the U.S. Jackson's office told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that China is prepared to provide such formal assurances and in any case each country's situation must rest on its own merits. The JTA was also told by Jackson's office that "we stand firmly behind Jackson-Vanik. This is no time to tamper with it."

Brademas also said that when Gromyko was asked for formal assurances, he pointed out that between 1970 and April 1 of this year 98.4 percent of those who asked for emigration visas were given permission to leave. Gromyko seemed to say, Brademas observed, that "we can't agree to linkage but we are letting more people go."

Asked whether Gromyko's percentages are not "terribly misleading" since the basis for his calculations are unverified, Brademas replied he "was not justifying Gromyko's figures." Brademas said he is "open-minded" and has not decided about a waiver for the Soviets. Michel observed that when the waiver proposal arose, the Soviets indicated they needed additional definitions of waiver.

Preyer said that when the Vanik proposal was raised at a meeting with Soviet refusniks the "reaction was mixed." Dr. Alexander Lerner "took a rather hard line against it," Preyer said. But "a majority of the refusniks," while believing the Jackson-Vanik Amendment was responsible for better treatment for Soviet Jews, "realized broader issues are involved" and is trusting Congress to act in their best interest. There was no specific mention of the Anatoly Shcharansky case, Preyer said.

#### TREMOR FELT IN ISRAEL

TEL AVIV, April 23 (JTA) -- A slight tremor was felt throughout Israel this afternoon causing slight damage to some houses in Tel Aviv, Netanya and Hebron. The only injury reported was an Arab woman in Hebron who was slightly hurt when she fell from the roof of her house.

The tremor was felt at 3:10 p.m. and the loud noise from paintings falling from walls and windows shaking caused many people in Tel Aviv to run for the streets or into air raid shelters. Police cars had to be sent into some areas to calm the public. The tremor also set off alarms in automobiles. The epicenter of the tremor appeared to be somewhere under the Mediterranean which meant the coastal area felt the shock to a greater extent than other areas.

#### SADAT TO ADDRESS BG UNIVERSITY

TEL AVIV, April 23 (JTA) -- President Anwar Sadat of Egypt has declined an offer by the Ben Gurion University of the Negev in Beersheba to award him an honorary doctorate when he visits the university May 26 to address the faculty and students. While expressing his thanks to the university for its offer he said he does not accept any honorary titles.

Sadat agreed to address the faculty and students during a telephone conversation he had last Friday with Premier Menachem Begin during which Begin congratulated Sadat on the results of Egypt's national referendum to approve the Israeli-Egyptian peace agreement. The two leaders also agreed that Begin will fly in Sadat's plane from El Arish to Beersheba via Ben Gurion Airport, thus officially opening the air route between Egypt and Israel.

## JEWISH WAR VETERANS CALL FOR ACTION ON NAZI WAR CRIMINALS

SYRACUSE, N.Y., April 23 (JTA) -- Charging that the record of the Justice Department's Special Litigation Unit on Nazi War Criminals has "shown very little progress since its creation," Nathan Goldberg, commander of the Jewish War Veterans, said to a Jewish War Veteran group here that "it's time to put the unit on notice. Unless some concrete action is taken to prosecute accused Nazi war criminals in the next six months, it's time for a new director and a new cast of characters."

After almost two years of "practically no effective results," the unit has been switched from the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) to the Criminal Division of the Justice Department, and the unit was assured that it would receive its full funding of over \$2 million, Goldberg said. "The staff of this Special Litigation Unit will increase until it reaches 38 lawyers, investigators, historians and legal aides, instead of the current staff of 13. Now let them produce some results," he said.

The Special Litigation Unit was created in August, 1977 as part of the INS, under the Justice Department, to investigate and prosecute alleged Nazi war criminals. In October of that year, Martin Mendelsohn was appointed as unit chief.

"Since that time, not one single new case has been brought to court," Goldberg said. "Only two cases have been completed; those of Frank Wallis in Chicago and Feodor Fedorenko in Miami, both now to be appealed. Even those two cases were not instituted by the Special Litigation Unit, but by the U.S. District Court," he explained.

### Raps Special Litigation Unit

"To date the history of the Special Litigation Unit has not been especially impressive. Authoritative legal sources who have monitored hearings have even claimed that the twelve cases now active have been mishandled because of lack of experience and 'bungling.' In some instances, these sources state, the government has been represented in court by attorneys who had absolutely no previous trial experience."

Continuing, Goldberg stated: "Even more amazing, there have been only five attorneys and two investigators working on some 175 active files. And although Congress authorized \$2,052 million for the Special Litigation Unit for the 1979 fiscal year, up until the end of March, INS had allocated only about \$900,000 for the unit's operation."

Goldberg said he was far from satisfied. "Already, Justice Department Associate Attorney General Michael J. Eagan stated on March 28 that he believes that \$2 million is 'more money than can be used' to investigate and prosecute 175 cases," Goldberg said. "This is ironic when one compares that amount of money with the defense fund of accused Nazi war criminal Archbishop William Francis of Gross Lake, Michigan, who reportedly has \$1 million just for his own case."

The JWW commander recalled that President Carter, in proclaiming April 28-29 as Days of Remembrance of the Victims of the Holocaust, said that "we must never forget these crimes against humanity." Goldberg said he applauds "our President's statement, but I also cry out to

him to remember these 'crimes against humanity' by bringing to justice the alleged Nazi war criminals and collaborators who are now living freely in America."

### 10,000 RALLY AGAINST NEO-NAZISM

By Edwin Eytan

STRASBOURG, April 23 (JTA) -- Delegations from over 20 countries, including some from East Europe, demonstrated here Saturday against the emergence of neo-Nazi activities in Europe. The 10,000 demonstrators also called upon West Germany to reject any law liable to restrict the prosecution of World War II crimes against humanity. Police sources said it was the largest demonstration held in the Alsation capital since May, 1968.

The demonstrators, representing over 110 organizations of former resistance fighters and deportees, arrived in Strasbourg by special buses and special trains flying national flags. Prominent among the foreign delegations were several hundred representatives from Poland, Czechoslovakia, Rumania and East Germany. Many wore the old concentration camp striped pajamas.

The demonstrators cabled the Ministers of Interior and Justice in Bonn and the President of the Hesse province to call for the continued prosecution of Nazi crimes. The telegram to Hesse was to call on the state government to "take adequate action to prevent former SS members" from holding a congress in the city of Arolsen next week.

In Paris, several hundred people met at the Memorial to the Unknown Jewish Martyr to commemorate the 36th anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto uprising. Health Minister Simone Veil listened to the kaddish recited to the memory of the Jewish victims. French Chief Rabbi Jacob Kaplan and Israeli Ambassador Mordechai Gazit attended the ceremony.

### NEO-NAZIS CLASH WITH POLICE

VIENNA, April 23 (JTA) -- A group of neo-Nazis from Europe and the United States, wearing Nazi uniforms and armed with clubs, gathered at Adolf Hitler's home town in Braunau on Saturday to celebrate the Nazi dictator's 90th birthday and clashed with leftist demonstrators and policemen. Several persons were injured and police arrested 11 neo-Nazis.

Hours later, Chancellor Bruno Kreisky, campaigning for the May 6 general elections, spoke at a rally of his Social Democratic Party at Braunau. "There are still some incorrigible people who glorify the rule of the Nazis," Kreisky told a crowd of 3000 under tight security measures. "We have to argue with them," he said. "There is no use in staging counter demonstrations, because this gives them even more publicity."

### RIGHT-WING GROUP ATTACKED

PARIS, April 23 (JTA) -- An anonymous Jewish organization assumed responsibility last Friday for an attack against an extreme right-wing organization. An unidentified caller told the French news agency the attack was carried out by a Jewish "combat organization" because the Federation for European National Action was spreading "Hitlerite propaganda." The Federation's Paris offices were slightly damaged when an incendiary bomb burst into flames Thursday night outside its front door. Police later found a second bomb, which had failed to explode, a few feet away.

NEW YORK (JTA) -- An anonymous caller told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency last Friday: "There was no Holocaust. Today is Adolf Hitler's birthday. Heil Hitler."