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## ISRAEL ATTACKS TERRORIST BASES

TEL AVIV, July 22 (JTA) — Israel Air Force planes attacked terrorist concentrations in south Lebanon this evening and returned safely to their bases, a military communique said tonight. The attack occurred at about 6:30 p.m. local time.

On Friday, a sea-borne Israeli raiding party landed on the south Lebanese coast and attacked a terrorist vehicle on the road between Tyre and Sidon. The vehicle was destroyed and its four occupants were hit, a military communique said. It said the action was carried out under the present policy of pre-emptive strikes at terrorist targets to forestall hostile activities against Israel. Lebanese radio stations reported Friday that Israeli naval craft attempted to land commandos in rubber dinghies and that three civilians were wounded in the ensuing skirmish.

## BEGIN RESTING COMFORTABLY AT HADASSAH HOSPITAL WHERE HE HAS BEEN ORDERED TO REMAIN 10-14 DAYS

By David Landau

JERUSALEM, July 22 (JTA) — Premier Menachem Begin is resting comfortably at Hadassah Hospital where he was admitted last Thursday night for treatment of what his doctors described as a small blockage of a vein supplying blood to his brain. He is receiving anti-coagulant drugs to prevent a recurrence and other medication. Begin was visited today by his long-time aide and confidant, Transport Minister Haim Landau, who told reporters afterwards that the Premier was in excellent spirits and would be up and about soon.

But his doctors have ordered him to remain in the hospital for 10-14 days after which he will require a period of rest at home. They advised that he should not be disturbed by visitors or matters of State and that only extremely important issues be brought to his attention while he is in the hospital.

Begin was hospitalized after complaining of giddiness and impaired vision, symptoms that apparently set in last Wednesday although he continued to carry his full work load through the next day. Dr. Asa Harel, director of the Hadassah Medical Center, offered a guarded prognosis today. He said Begin's condition has passed the acute stage and was stabilized. He said that while the symptoms of giddiness and loss of balance would disappear over the next two weeks, it was too early to say whether Begin's vision problem would be corrected during the recuperative period.

Harel said earlier that Begin had a "tiny" clot lodged in a vein four millimeters long. He underwent a brain scan and, according to Yediot Achrunit today, he will undergo another later this week to determine the extent of brain damage. Harel and the medical team treating Begin noted that the Premier was admitted to the hospital "walking on his own two feet."

Harel said this was the first time Begin has suffered an illness of this kind. He stressed that it was not connected with the heart attack he had two years ago or the subsequent inflammation of the membranes surrounding his heart for which

Begin was twice hospitalized after his election as Premier. Harel said Begin had instructed his doctors to make the details of his illness public. In addition to Harel, the medical team includes Dr. Mervyn Gottesman, a leading cardiologist, and Dr. Basil Lewis, Begin's personal physician.

## ISRAEL WILL AGREE TO

## UNTSO ROLE IN SINAI

By David Landau

JERUSALEM, July 22 (JTA) — Israel will agree to the stationing of an enlarged United Nations Truce Supervisory Organization (UNTSO) force in Sinai in place of the UN Emergency Force (UNEF), it was reported today after a high level ministerial consultation chaired by Deputy Premier Yigael Yadin. The UNTSO proposal was devised between the United States and the Soviet Union in behind-the-scenes consultations at the UN in order to break the impending deadlock over the renewal of UNEF's mandate, due to expire this week. (LATE BULLETIN, P. 3)

The USSR was not prepared to vote for UNEF's renewal which would mean implicit endorsement of the force's intended role under the Israeli-Egyptian peace treaty. But Moscow is prepared for a quiet expansion of UNTSO, the UN force that has been in this area since 1948 so that it can fulfill the intended peace-policing role without a special UN resolution to that effect.

Israel, however, is likely to insist that the troops comprising the expanded UNTSO hail only from states that have diplomatic relations with her. The U.S. and the Soviet Union have made it clear that they will not introduce officers and men of their own, although there are presently, and always have been, a few American and Soviet officers with UNTSO. At the very least, Israel will insist, as it has in the past, that UNTSO forces policing its side of the lines be from countries with which she has diplomatic relations.

Meanwhile, the Cabinet today vigorously rejected Friday's Security Council resolution urging Israel to halt "the establishment, construction and planning of settlements in the Arab territories occupied since 1967, including Jerusalem." The Cabinet declared in a statement: "The government reaffirms Israel's position on Jerusalem and the legality of the settlements. Israel will not cooperate with the Security Council committee on settlements." (See separate story from the UN, P. 2.)

## BEHIND THE HEADLINES

## POLITICAL CRISIS LOOMING

By Yitzhak Shargil

TEL AVIV, July 22 (JTA) — A major political crisis is hanging fire pending Premier Menachem Begin's recovery from his latest illness which sent him to the hospital last Thursday night. The looming crisis stems from a growing lack of confidence in the government's ability to manage Israel's rapidly deteriorating economy.

Pressure is mounting within the Liberal Party wing of Likud for the resignations of its four Cabinet ministers — though not for withdrawal from the coalition — while the opposition Labor Alignment is calling for dissolution of the Knesset.

and new elections. These developments, which might have come to a head in the next day or two, are marking time because of Begin's condition.

The Knesset Presidium urged the Labor Party and Sheli factions to hold off on the no-confidence motions they submitted Friday until Begin has recovered and is back at work. Meanwhile, however, former Foreign Minister Yigal Allon and Labor Party Whip Moshe Shahal have taken the initiative to call for new elections. Labor Party chairman Shimon Peres, who returned from a Socialist International meeting in Stockholm last night, said that while he was not sure this is the right moment to dissolve the Knesset, he is convinced the present government "has to go."

Labor appears to have the support of its Alignment partner, Mapam. Last Thursday, the Mapam Central Committee called for the immediate resignation of the government and early elections.

Addressing a press conference here today, Allon said the government is bankrupt, has made the gravest mistakes in economics, politics and security matters and has been unable to implement even the sound elements of its policy. "Labor is not rushing to regain the helm of State," Allon said. "It accepted the decision of the voters. But the dangerous activity of the government and its inability to make decisions makes a mere no-confidence vote insufficient. Hence our initiative for dissolving the present Knesset," he said.

#### Claims Knesset Is Paralyzed

According to Allon, the Knesset is paralyzed by the welter of splinter factions and defections from larger factions. "In its present composition it cannot set up a stable government that can lead the nation. . . . It would be a mistake to seek an alternative to the present government based on the same Knesset," he said.

Allon maintained that any other government would have resigned of its own accord given the present circumstances but this government will not because "its weak components fear that they will be eliminated from the political map when new elections are held." He appeared to be referring to the Democratic Movement headed by Deputy Premier Yigael Yadin.

Peres said he would be meeting with Allon and Shahal tonight to try to determine whether they could muster a Knesset majority for new elections. The Labor Party leader is scheduled to leave tomorrow on a visit to Egypt. But he indicated that he would cancel his trip if the party decided to press its no-confidence motion in the Knesset tomorrow.

It was reported later that the opposition factions agreed to postpone their no-confidence motions for one week. "But we can only wait one week because the Knesset adjourns for the summer a week from next Wednesday," Shahal said tonight.

#### Liberal Party Situation Confused

The situation within the Liberal Party is more confused. Finance Minister Simcha Ehrlich was reported ready to submit his resignation at today's Cabinet session but agreed to reconsider after Begin reportedly told him last week that if Ehrlich resigned, he, too, would step down.

Begin's illness has given Ehrlich more time to contemplate the political and economic repercussions likely to follow his departure from the government. But he is under severe pressure from the younger elements of the Liberal Party. They have demanded the resignations not only of Ehrlich

but of Minister of Commerce Gideon Patt, Energy Minister Yitzhak Modai and Moshe Nissim, Minister-Without-Portfolio. They charge that the ministers have failed to carry out the economic principles of the Liberal Party.

The party's central committee, scheduled to meet tomorrow, has reportedly postponed its session. Committee chairman Leon Dulzin was said to be working on a compromise resolution that would give the government a chance to implement its economic policies before the ministers take the drastic step of resignation. Ehrlich said tonight that he would delay his decision until Begin has recovered.

#### ISRAEL DENOUNCES UN RESOLUTION

By Yitzhak Rabi

UNITED NATIONS, July 22 (JTA) -- The Security Council adopted a resolution last Friday night calling on Israel "to cease on an urgent basis the establishment, construction and planning of settlements" in the occupied territories. The vote was 14-0, with one abstention, the United States.

Following the vote, Israel issued at the United Nations, a statement denouncing the resolution, calling it "one-sided," and "distorted." The statement said the resolution "is yet a further encouragement to those attempting to subvert and bypass the current peace efforts in the Mideast. One-sided reports and resolutions that ignore the rights and interests of any party will not help to achieve a just and durable peace."

Israel also charged in its statement that the settlements debate, which considered the recommendation of a three-member commission's report on Israeli settlements in the administered territories, was instigated by Jordan last March to subvert the Egyptian-Israeli peace negotiations. "The commission's report," Israel declared, "takes no account of Israel's security requirements and totally ignores the inalienable rights of the Jewish people in its homeland, including the right to settle in any part of the land of Israel."

The commission, established by the Council March 22, comprises representatives of Zambia, Bolivia and Portugal. Israel has not cooperated with the commission and when it visited the Mideast in June it did not allow its members to enter the territories in question. In its report to the Council the commission sharply criticized Israel's policies in the territories.

#### SPECIAL TO THE JTA

#### SOCIALIST INTERNATIONAL SPLIT OVER

#### KREISKY-ARAFAT MEETING IN VIENNA

STOCKHOLM, July 22 (JTA) -- The Socialist International ended its leadership conference here yesterday with the 22 delegations almost evenly split over whether the International's president, former West German Chancellor Willy Brandt, and its vice president, Austrian Chancellor Bruno Kreisky, should have met with Yasir Arafat, head of the Palestine Liberation Organization in Vienna earlier this month.

The conference debated the issue for four hours in closed session Friday with Kreisky defending his actions and Shimon Peres, chairman of Israel's Labor Party, strongly condemning it. Brandt, who is also chairman of West Germany's ruling Social Democratic Party, did not attend the conference due to illness.

"We cannot deal with an organization which wants to put an end to the very existence of the

State of Israel," Peres said after the meeting. He enumerated the sections of the PLO Charter which calls for the destruction of Israel and declared that "no Socialist or democratic state can accept such conditions." Kreisky said that "the major difference is that for Peres the PLO is not a partner for negotiations while I think the time will come when the PLO will become a negotiating partner." He stressed, "I will continue my contacts with Arafat if I find them useful (in the search for peace) and efficient."

Sources told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that several delegations, including those from Ireland, Holland, Norway and Senegal opposed Kreisky's initiative. The Austrian Chancellor's chief supporter during the debate was former Swedish Premier Olaf Palme.

#### Dissatisfied On Three Major Points

Peres and Kreisky met for two hours Friday before the start of the two-day conference. Peres said he had expressed the Labor Party's dissatisfaction on three major points: that Kreisky and Brandt had not condemned Palestinian terrorism while they did criticize Israeli settlements on the West Bank; that they failed to react when Arafat compared Israel's administration of the territories to the "Nazi occupation"; and that they had agreed to meet with Arafat without obtaining a pledge that the PLO's Charter would be changed to eliminate the clauses calling for the destruction of Israel.

Peres also appealed to the Socialist leaders here not to abandon their traditional pro-Israeli policy. He pointed to Israel's contributions to socialism and democracy. Peres stressed that it would be harmful to Israel's interests if a PLO delegation was invited to a Socialist International meeting, even as an observer.

It is believed that Brandt and Kreisky plan to invite a PLO delegation to the Socialist International meeting in Madrid next year. A decision on this is expected to be made when the Socialist International Bureau meets in Lisbon Oct. 30-31.

#### BENJAMIN GOTTESMAN DEAD AT 81

NEW YORK, July 22 (JTA) -- Benjamin Gottesman, who was closely associated with Yeshiva University for more than 50 years, died last Wednesday in Martha's Vineyard, Mass., while on vacation at the age of 81. He served on the board of Yeshiva since 1925 and was its oldest trustee. Gottesman's association with Yeshiva followed his father's, Mendel Gottesman, who was one of the founders of the Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary, a predecessor of Yeshiva and now an affiliate of the University.

Gottesman, who was a resident of Manhattan, was born in New York City. For many years he was in the pulp and paper business and served as vice president and treasurer of the Hudson Trading Company in New York. In the last 20 years he managed his own and other investment funds from his office in Manhattan.

His major interest was the library system of Yeshiva University to which he and other members of his family were primary forces of financial support. In addition, Gottesman was active as president and treasurer of the Gottesman Tree of Life Foundation, a philanthropic institution founded by his father in 1916.

#### LATE NEWS BULLETIN

##### DECISION ON UNTSO REVERSED

JERUSALEM, July 22 (JTA) -- The Foreign Ministry, in a surprise announcement late tonight, reversed a decision taken by a special ministerial committee earlier today whereby Israel would have agreed to an enlarged United Nations Truce Supervisory Organization (UNTSO) force to police its withdrawal from Sinai. According to officials, the turn-about followed consultations with Premier Menachem Begin at Hadassah Hospital.

The Foreign Ministry said in its announcement that the U.S. government has been informed of the decision to reject an UNTSO force. It was reportedly made at a meeting between Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan and Deputy Premier Yigael Yadin and top aides following their visit to Begin. Yadin had chaired the ministerial committee which endorsed the UNTSO proposal, reportedly worked out between the U.S. and the Soviet Union, to replace the United Nations Emergency Force. (By David Landau)

##### SEEK SUPPORT FOR HALL OF HEROISM

NEW YORK, July 22 (JTA) -- A group called the American Friends of the Hall of Heroism (Hechal Hagvurah) has been formed to "support, preserve and expand" this little known museum located in the Russian Compound in the heart of Jerusalem. It was announced here by Eugene Singer, chairman of the American Friends. The museum is the former Jerusalem Central Prison which was a detention center for the Irgun and Lechi soldiers under the British Mandate.

Singer, who is also on the Board of Directors of the United Jewish Council of the East Side, said, "With the increasing search by Jewish youth for self-awareness, identity and roots, it is imperative to preserve a monument such as the Hall of Heroism which recalls the legacy and the martyrdom of such Jewish heroes as Zev Jabotinsky, Dov Gruner, Moshe Barzani, Meir Feinstein and many more fighters in the war of liberation that helped to establish Israel." Singer said that Chana Guzman, the curator of the museum, plans to include in the Hall of Heroism martyrs and heroes throughout Jewish history.

##### ACCORD WITH EGYPT ON ANTIQUITIES

TEL AVIV, July 22 (JTA) -- An agreement in principle has been reached that will allow Israeli museums to display some of the priceless antiquities belonging to the remnants of the once flourishing Jewish community in Egypt. It was disclosed here by Philip Klutznick, president of the World Jewish Congress. Klutznick, who arrived in Israel last week after a visit to Egypt, said he had raised the matter with President Anwar Sadat after viewing some of the treasures which he found in a sad state of neglect.

Klutznick said that during visits to synagogues and other Jewish communal institutions in Egypt he found uncounted numbers of rare manuscripts, scrolls and ornaments but no one to look after them. He said that Sadat, on hearing of this, appointed his bureau chief, Mansour Hassan, to look into the matter. An agreement in principle was reached by which the WJC's Commission on Jewish Heritage in cooperation with the Union of Sephardi Communities would undertake the task of cataloguing and registering the items. It is believed that the Museum of the Diaspora will be the first to display the items.

## SPECIAL TO THE JTA

## AAJE FINDS LACK OF COORDINATED EFFORT TO EDUCATE RECENTLY ARRIVED SOVIET JEWISH CHILDREN

NEW YORK, July 22 (JTA) — Arthur Brody, the president of the American Association for Jewish Education (AAJE) warned this week that the "vast majority" of children of recently-arrived Soviet Jewish immigrants "may be lost to the next generation of Jewish life in the United States" unless a coordinated effort is undertaken to determine the most effective means of affording them a comprehensive Jewish education.

Brody said a nationwide AAJE survey of provisions made by local Jewish communities for the educational integration of Russian children "showed a lack of direction and uniformity as to how to do it properly, fund it properly and link it properly to programs involving their parents and families."

He said the survey, which scanned 45 Jewish communities throughout the country during the 1978-79 academic year, found "wide variances in methodologies" employed by schools to integrate Russian children into their student bodies, a "scattergun approach" toward communal subsidization of tuition costs; and a dearth of classes to educate parents — themselves deprived of Judaic instruction in the Soviet Union — about their religion, culture and traditions.

"Probably the most distressing disclosure, however, is the problem of retention — how long the students remained in the schools in which they were initially enrolled," he said.

## Outline Of Findings

Among the 40 schools providing data in this area, only four reported "some students continuing their Jewish education through high school," Brody said. "The remainder stayed for considerably shorter periods — some as little as one year or only as long as they received scholarship stipends."

He said the survey, which was conducted by the AAJE's Department of Community Service, Information and Studies under the supervision of Department director Dr. George Pollak, found a preponderance of students were placed in day schools and were thus free of the necessity of attending classes in Sunday or after-hours supplementary Hebrew schools.

Brody said the day schools' high level of Judaic instruction, concentration of classroom time and structured curriculum and learning discipline — the last best approximating the regimen to which the Russian children are accustomed — "make their utilization most desirable and valuable from the viewpoint of the Jewish community."

However, even in this setting the AAJE president deplored "the absence of evaluative national guidelines regarding both the children's integration into the student body and the means of funding their education. While the communities and schools are seeking to deal with these issues as best they can," he said, "the crazy quilt assortment of situations prevalent today represents little more than seat-of-the-pants guesswork based on limited information and experience."

## Conflicting Approaches Noted

By example, Brody said the survey showed that 42 schools placed the Russian children in regular Judaic and general studies classes, five

provided special classes in both areas and 30 employed a combination of both approaches; 16 placing them in regular general studies classes but in special classes for Judaic instruction, and 14 doing exactly the opposite.

The tuition fee policies among schools which provided data "are likewise diffuse and uncoordinated," he said. Eighteen schools require Russian parents to pay for their children's tuition, 16 send tuition bills directly to the local Jewish federation and 19 receive lump-sum allocations to cover tuition and other expenses.

In addition, Brody noted that only seven of 43 reporting communities provided special classes for the parents of immigrant children — these, primarily through local Jewish community centers or community bureaus of Jewish education. The AAJE president said the survey's findings "offer compelling reasons for the Jewish community to analyze and evaluate the practices of educating Russian Jewish children and funding their schooling."

He said that the development of systematic techniques in these areas "would give invaluable guidance to schools and other agencies seeking to integrate these young people and their families into the mainstream of Jewish religious and communal life — more particularly, if the Soviet Union continues to lower immigration barriers and permit even greater numbers of Jews to come to the United States."

## THE NAZIS AMONG US

WASHINGTON, July 22 (JTA) — A report prepared for the 84th national convention of the Jewish War Veterans which begins tomorrow at the Town and Country Hotel in San Diego, Calif., says that "more than 200 Nazi war criminals have found haven in the United States over the past three decades."

The report, by Charles Allen Jr., an author and journalist who has been investigating Nazi activities in this country for several decades, adds: "An estimated 149 of them have been knowingly employed by government agencies, notably Intelligence, headed by the FBI, CIA, State Department and the Army, Navy and Air Force."

Allen's report charged that the newly-formed Justice Department's Office of Special Investigations lacks vigilance in the prosecution of Nazi war criminals. He said the new director of the Office, Walter Rockler, "approached insolence when he told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency" earlier this year: "There have been people who have suspected there are probably a fair number of war criminals — Nazis — hanging around the U.S. It's probably worth looking into." Allen is a contributing editor of The Churchman magazine, a member of the editorial board of Jewish Currents, and the author of "Nazi War Criminals Among Us."

TEL AVIV (JTA) — An explosive device, discovered on a crowded beach in Netanya Saturday morning was dismantled by police sappers before it could detonate. A man noticed the device concealed in a cigarette case placed in the sand and notified the lifeguards. The lifeguards warned the thousands of bathers on the beach to clear the area as police were called in to dismantle the device.

AMSTERDAM (JTA) — The Netherlands Ashkenazi Congregation has been granted 30 minutes television broadcasting time twice a year by the Ministry of Culture and Social Affairs.