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TOTAL POWER FAILURE HITS ISRAEL

By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, Oct. 9 (JTA) -- Israel suffered a total power failure today when an apparent short circuit at the Reading power plant in Tel Aviv blacked out the entire country. The failure occurred at 2:45 p.m. local time. By midnight electricity was partially restored in Tel Aviv but Jerusalem and the northern parts of the country remained without lights. Full restoration was expected by the early morning hours. (This story had to be telephoned to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency's editorial office in New York City since overseas wire transmission services were also affected.)

Officials of the Israel Electric Co. ruled out sabotage and attributed the failure to an "irresponsible error." They did not elaborate. It was not immediately explained why a failure at a single plant should have triggered a general power failure.

There were no reports of terrorist activity or looting as a result of the blackout. But a military spokesman said tonight that the situation created potentially serious security problems and all steps should be taken to avoid a recurrence in the future.

SPECIAL TO THE JTA DAYAN, GHALI TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE

By Edwin Eytan

STRASBOURG, Oct. 9 (JTA) -- Israeli and Egyptian Foreign Ministers, Moshe Dayan and Butros Ghali, flew into this European capital together to address the Council of Europe, a parliamentary assembly consisting of representatives of 21 West European countries. The two men will explain tomorrow their views on peace in the Middle East, the implementation of the Camp David agreements and answer parliamentarians' questions.

The two ministers had a brief conversation aboard the plane which flew them from Paris to Strasbourg and are meeting again tonight at a dinner given by the President of the parliamentary assembly, Hans de Koster of Holland.

Both Israel and Egypt will jointly defend the Camp David agreements and their implementation while, according to diplomatic sources, certain parliamentarians now feel the need for a European dialogue with the Palestinians.

Move To Invite PLO Representative

A number of assembly members are preparing a draft resolution asking that a Palestine Liberation Organization representative be invited to address the assembly. A West German Socialist deputy, Linelotte von Bothner, said here today that some 30 members at least are already backing such a move. The Council consists of 170 deputies.

Mrs. von Bothner said that the assembly's bureau will have to take a decision on this subject. The bureau has already decided to invite the Foreign Ministers of Jordan, Syria and Lebanon to address the assembly and Council representatives are due to visit these three countries. A Council delegation visited Israel and Egypt last summer.

Deputies from a number of West European countries said here today the assembly's mood is changing, indicating that many parliamentarians now tend to favor a European dialogue with the Palestinians and some sort of Palestinian participation in the autonomy talks. Dayan and Ghali will hold a joint press conference tomorrow and probably leave Strasbourg Thursday morning.

WJC GRATIFIED BY POLAND'S MOVE TO INCLUDE AUSCHWITZ IN HERITAGE LIST

By Tamar Levy

GENEVA, Oct. 9 (JTA) -- Dr. Gerhart Riegner, Secretary General of the World Jewish Congress, announced here today that his organization sent a letter to the Director General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) expressing its deep satisfaction and its wholehearted support for a proposal submitted by the government of Poland to include the former concentration camp in Auschwitz in the World Heritage List.

This inclusion would confer upon Auschwitz the national and international protection provided under the Convention for the Protection of World Cultural and Natural Heritage. The Convention was adopted by the General Conference of UNESCO in 1972. The Polish proposal received support by the Bureau of the World Heritage Committee established under the Convention.

The WJC, which enjoys consultative relations with UNESCO, stated in its letter that the inclusion of the Auschwitz camp in the list will ensure the safeguarding of its unique character as a place that witnessed unparalleled crimes of profound significance for the history of mankind.

It said that the perpetuation of the memory of Auschwitz is a sacred trust to be transmitted to future generations and noted that more than four million men, women and children, the majority of them Jews, were put to death in what Winston Churchill termed "probably the greatest and the most horrible crime ever committed in the whole history of the world."

The letter expressed the hope that in perpetuating the memory of the victims, recognition will be given to their national, cultural, and religious identity and the various traditions they represented. The WJC also hoped that the camp site would not only become universally recognized as a historic memorial as a result of the World Heritage Committee's decision, but would also serve as an important educational instrument for the promotion of international peace and understanding.

AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL CALLS ON USSR TO RELEASE ALL POCs

By Maurice Samuelson

LONDON, Oct. 9 (JTA) -- Amnesty International issued a strong denunciation today of the Soviet Union's suppression of human rights and called for the unconditional release of all Soviet Prisoners of Conscience and an end to the abuse of psychiatry for political purposes.

In a lengthy open letter to President Leonid Brezhnev, the London-based organization listed many categories of Soviet prisoners -- from the 15 imprisoned monitors of the Helsinki agreements to the thousands of people of all nationalities and

religions deprived of their freedom. It referred to Jewish prisoners among those detained for reasons of conscience or for seeking the right to emigrate.

Describing as "cruel, inhuman and degrading" the treatment of Prisoners of Conscience in camps, prisons and psychiatric hospitals, Amnesty International cited the example of the special regime corrective labor colony in Moldavia where political prisoners were forced to work at polishing glass for chandeliers:

"They must work without the equipment necessary to protect their lungs from glass dust and the industrial abrasives that endanger their health. Prisoners are known to have died in recent years from health hazards, including tuberculosis. Prisoners of Conscience there have been beaten. The cells are moist with dampness and infested with mice. Prisoners are meted out a mere 2000 calories a day in rotten cabbage soup, watery gruel and salty herring. Yet their work requires 3100-3900 calories by World Health Organization standards. They are on a diet of measured starvation."

Appeals For Relaxing Harsh Policies

The organization said it was appealing to the Soviet Union to relax its harsh policies in the light of next month's anniversary of the Bolshevik revolution and next year's Olympic Games in Moscow.

In contrast with the Olympic ideals, it said, the Soviet Union had ordered the transfer of Prisoners of Conscience out of prisons and psychiatric hospitals in or near the Moscow area and into distant areas. One potential effect was to conceal political imprisonment and to prevent any potential contact between these prisoners and the thousands of foreign visitors to Moscow during the Games.

Amnesty International warned Brezhnev that next April it would publish an updated and revised version of its 1975 report on imprisonment in the USSR. It would show that political imprisonment and related human rights violations had continued despite repeated Soviet denials that there was political imprisonment in its territory.

In conclusion, the letter appealed to the Soviet government to bring its practice regarding dissenters into line with the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and with the obligations undertaken by the Soviet government in international law.

BODY OF MURDERED ISRAELI SOLDIER FOUND BURIED IN MOSLEM CEMETERY

By Yitzhak Shargil

TEL AVIV, Oct. 9 (JTA) -- The body of a murdered Israeli soldier who Palestinian terrorists pretended to be holding alive as a hostage was found buried in a Moslem cemetery in the Gaza Strip over the weekend. The discovery and the confession of a local Arab from Rafah to complicity in the crime ended the 10-month mystery that had surrounded the disappearance of Cpl. David Shamir.

Shamir was last seen in January waiting to hitch a ride at a crossroad near Rafah. He vanished without trace until several weeks ago when terrorists claimed on the Beirut radio that Shamir was their prisoner. They produced his identity card as proof.

The soldier's family hoped that Israel would agree to release imprisoned terrorists in exchange for Shamir, as it had done last spring to obtain the release of another Israeli soldier held by terrorists in Lebanon. But security circles were skeptical and continued their investigation.

It led to the cemetery and to the arrest of the Arab who admitted that he was one of three members of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine who had offered Shamir a ride last January. Once in their car, they stabbed him to death, stole his documents and buried his body. The documents were smuggled to terrorist headquarters in Beirut where it was apparently decided to use them as bait. Shamir was buried with full military honors yesterday.

3 FORMER POCs URGE AMERICANS TO CONTINUE EFFORTS FOR SOVIET JEWS

By Yitzhak Rabi

NEW YORK, Oct. 9 (JTA) -- Three former Soviet Jewish Prisoners of Conscience urged the American public not to relax its campaign on behalf of Soviet Jews. They said they feared the recent increases in Soviet Jewish emigration would lull Americans into a false sense of victory, while in reality, more Jews than ever before are denied exit visas.

The three, Eduard Kuznetsov, Anatoly Altman and Wolf Zalmanson, spoke today at a press conference sponsored by the National Conference on Soviet Jewry (NCSJ) at the Carnegie Endowment Center here. The three are currently touring the U.S. on a mission designed to rally American public support to secure the release of Josif Mendelevich, Yuri Federov and Aleksei Mürzhenko, who have been in Soviet labor camps for more than 10 years. They are imprisoned for their part in the June 1970 attempt to hijack a Soviet airplane and fly to Israel.

Altman, Zalmanson and three other Jews were pardoned in April by Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev, while Kuznetsov was among a group of five prisoners exchanged by the U.S. for two Soviet citizens convicted of spying in New Jersey. Last week Kuznetsov, Altman and Zalmanson met in Washington with National Security Advisor Zbigniew Brzezinski, Congressmen and other U.S. officials. They said Brzezinski promised the U.S. will increase its efforts on behalf of Soviet Jews.

Subjected To Harsh Treatment

In today's press conference, Zalmanson said that Mendelevich, who is an Orthodox Jew, suffers more and is subject to harsher treatment because he refuses to abandon his religious practices. Although he was originally sentenced to a labor camp, he has been transferred to Chistopol Prison, which is known for its strict rules, Zalmanson said.

Kuznetsov pleaded on behalf of Federov and Mürzhenko, who are not Jewish, noting, in response to a question, that if released they will probably immigrate to Israel. Kuznetsov also charged that at least 16,000 Jews apply each month for permission to emigrate but only 4700 are usually granted exit visas.

Altman urged that continued efforts be taken to help Ida Nudel, who is in exile in Siberia, to regain her freedom, noting that she is now the only woman on the list of POCs. Brooklyn District Attorney Eugene Gold, chairman of the NCSJ, said the methods by which the three former POCs were released -- pardon or exchanges -- could be applied to all Jewish activists now imprisoned in the Soviet Union and that such a release would be very feasible at this stage of U.S. - USSR relations.

OIL TO ISRAEL UNDER DISCUSSION

By Joseph Palakoff

WASHINGTON, Oct. 9 (JTA) -- Israeli and American energy specialists are to continue their discussions here on the supply and pricing problems connected with Egypt's pledge to sell oil to Israel and the U.S. commitment to keep Israel

supplied should it be unable to obtain oil elsewhere.

The discussions began last week, following Egypt's reported notification to Israel that it would sell oil at the "spot market" prices which are usually higher than contractual rates. Israel is seeking a contract with stable prices. It is reported that two million tons of Egyptian oil annually are involved.

Premier Menachem Begin wrote to President Carter last week about the oil problem, including a "fair price" for oil. But the White House has not yet publicly reacted to the letter. State Department spokesman Hodding Carter said today that "It is a White House thing" when asked about Begin's letter. American and Israeli sources said that the current U.S.-Israeli talks involve positions of both Egypt and the U.S. on oil supplies.

The State Department confirmed, however, that Israel has not asked the U.S. for oil under the American commitment related to the Israeli-Egyptian peace treaty. These discussions are connected to the mechanics of determining prices and supply.

Issue Of The Monitoring Treaty

Meanwhile, the issue of the monitoring treaty compliance in Sinai during Israel's withdrawal from that territory is also under examination. Israel's Ambassador to the U.S., Ephraim Evron, was to meet with State Department officials late today on Sunday's decision by the Israel Cabinet.

The Cabinet approved "in principle" the monitoring agreement reached in Washington last month but only as an interim measure and demanded that the U.S. create a multi-national peace-keeping force as envisioned in the Israeli-Egyptian peace treaty. The U.S. still supports the United Nations Truce Supervisory Organization as a substitute for a multi-national force.

CARTER: U.S. WILL NOT TALK TO PLO UNTIL IT RECOGNIZES ISRAEL'S RIGHT TO EXIST AND ENDORSES RESOLUTION 242

By David Friedman

WASHINGTON, Oct. 9 (JTA) -- President Carter reiterated today that the United States will not deal with the Palestine Liberation Organization until it recognizes Israel's right to exist and endorses United Nations Security Council Resolution 242.

Carter's comment was made at a news conference in response to a question whether he agreed with Andrew Young, former U.S. Ambassador to the UN, and others that the U.S. do away with the promise former Secretary of State Henry Kissinger made to Israel not to negotiate with the PLO. The promise was made as part of the 1975 Sinai II agreements.

"No, I do not," the President replied. "We will not negotiate with the PLO, we will not recognize the PLO until after the PLO recognizes Israel's right to exist" and endorses the UN resolution.

Earlier, Carter said he has "no plans to talk to the Rev. Jesse L. Jackson about the Black activist's recent visit to the Middle East." He noted that Jackson had reported on his trip to Robert Strauss, the President's special Ambassador for Middle East negotiations. Jackson, who met with Strauss yesterday, later told reporters he urged the U.S. to meet with representatives of the PLO.

Today's news conference, held in the Old

Executive Building next to the White House, was the first formal press conference Carter has held here since July and the first since Young resigned his UN post after misinforming the State Department about his unauthorized meeting with the PLO's observer at the UN. The Young resignation led Jackson and Southern Christian Leadership Conference officials to travel to the Mideast for meetings with PLO leader Yasser Arafat.

The President was also asked today whether he would consider a U.S. military intervention in the Mideast if the circumstances required. Carter replied that he sees no need for American intervention anywhere in the world at this time and such a step would be based on the question of U.S. security.

STATE DEPARTMENT SAYS NO TO PLO

By Joseph Polakoff

WASHINGTON, Oct. 9 (JTA) -- The State Department bluntly reiterated today that the visit of American Black leaders with Palestine Liberation Organization officials in the Middle East has not changed U.S. opposition to dealing with the terrorist group without preconditions. The reiteration came several hours before President Carter made the same point at his press conference here.

The State Department noted in that connection that Egyptian President Anwar Sadat's messages through the Rev. Jesse Jackson, to PLO chief Yasser Arafat have been rejected by the PLO and by "another country other than the U.S." According to State Department sources, Syria also rejected the Sadat overture. The contents of Sadat's messages have not been made public.

The Department's statement followed Jackson's 90-minute meeting yesterday with the U.S. Special Ambassador to the Middle East, Robert Strauss, and Assistant Secretary of State Hamid Saunders. The meeting was held at Jackson's request, the State Department said.

Since the PLO had issued a six-point statement after Jackson's visit with Arafat and others in Beirut last week, the State Department was asked today if that was "sufficient for the U.S. to re-examine its policy" of not dealing with the PLO. "No," the Department's chief spokesman Hodding Carter replied, "we haven't changed our position."

The State Department has said many times in the past that before the U.S. deals with the PLO, apart from "security considerations" for American personnel, such as in Lebanon, the PLO will have to recognize Israel's right to exist and accept UN Security Council Resolution 242.

Spokesman Carter had pointed out previously that the PLO's six-point statement to Jackson and to Walter Fauntroy and Joseph Lowery of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) did not alter the PLO's position.

While Jackson visited Strauss and Saunders, neither Fauntroy nor Lowery have given their versions separately to the Carter Administration. Fauntroy said he will report to the House of Representatives on the SCLC visit in his capacity as the District of Columbia's representative to Congress, but he has not done so yet.

ELIZABETH, N. J. (JTA) -- Rabbi Pinchas Teitz said he has received confirmation from spokesmen of several Jewish communities in the Soviet Union regarding their receipt of esrogim, lulavim and hadasim which he sent to the various communities for the Succoth holidays. The communities which received the supplies included Moscow, Leningrad, Kiev, Riga, Vilna, Tashkent, Tbilisi, Kovna, Chernovitz, Baku, Minsk, Babroisk and Lvov.

FOCUS ON ISSUES SOVIET SUPPORT OF PLO TERROR REVIVES BASIC MIDEAST ISSUE

By Joseph Polakoff

WASHINGTON, Oct. 9 (JTA) -- The recent television documentary, "The Russian Connection," that supplied clear evidence of Soviet support of Palestinian terrorism has revived a neglected issue that is basic to understanding the Arab-Israeli conflict. The question the documentary raises is whether those Europeans and others in the West, including certain American Black leaders and sections of the media, recognize the issue in which they are engaged.

In clamoring for U.S. recognition of the Palestine Liberation Organization before it adheres to the UN Security Council's own resolutions -- the only standards on the Middle East conflict to which both the U.S. and the Soviet have subscribed -- those pro-PLO elements are undermining both the West and political democracy while strengthening the allies of tyranny.

In the closing scene of the 30-minute documentary, the PLO's representative at the United Nations, Zehadi Labib Terzi, sullenly acknowledges "the Russian connection" with PLO terror. Confronted with the evidence, Terzi uses the PLO euphemisms for terrorists to hide the meaning of both terror and its use by the Soviets to establish a firm ally within easy range of the Saudi Arabian oil fields. The Russians, Terzi says, "open some of their academies to our freedom fighters. There's no secret about that. Our boys do it in the open."

The documentary, aired by the Public Broadcasting Service (PBS) and the Canadian Broadcasting Company (CBC), is the product of the CBC and the KERA-TV/Dallas-Fort Worth of the Public Communication Foundation for North Texas. The documentary's producer is Herb Krosney, a relative of Gale Rubin, the young New York woman who, while in Israel, to photograph "Birds on the Beach," was among the 29 killed by PLO terrorists near Herzliya last year.

Documentary Extends Public Knowledge

KERA's own press releases, distributed by PBS, says the presentation "documents hard evidence that the Soviet Union supports PLO terrorism by supplying money, weapons and military training for Palestinian terrorists within the Soviet Union itself" and of "Soviet involvement" in the training of "other terrorist groups in Africa and the Middle East."

That the Soviets support the PLO has been widely known for years. The documentary extends public knowledge of the facts: Contributing to them are a PLO defector who is hooded to avoid identification from PLO gunmen. In addition, Ray Cline, former head of the State Department's intelligence, and Gen. Shlomo Gazit, head of Israeli military intelligence, testify. Gazit estimates more than 200 PLO officers are trained in the Soviet Union and other Eastern bloc countries each year.

"The Russians will do whatever they can to undermine Western democracy, particularly if it can be done by proxy by the PLO, the Cubans and others," Gazit says.

Some Unanswered Questions

While the "Russian Connection" doubtlessly is useful in countering the greatly publicized love affair between some Americans and the PLO without heading the consequences of it, nevertheless it leaves open some other questions. Why is not

the U.S. government itself involved in the film as a witness to the Soviet operations? Why does the State Department refrain from including the Soviet Union when it discusses means to halt the terror into Israel from Lebanon?

The burden of the expose is put mainly on the Israelis and to a lesser extent on Cline, now a Georgetown University professor. If the Carter Administration can become incensed about 3000 armed troops in Cuba, why cannot it be visibly disturbed by the 15,000 armed PLO men in Lebanon supplied by the Soviets?

Additionally, the documentary incorrectly refers to Ambassador Andrew Young's departure from U.S. government service. Narrator Marilyn Berger, falling into the twisted version of why Young resigned, says he was relieved of his post for violating U.S. policy by talking to the PLO. This is grossly incorrect. Young turned in his resignation because of the ire of Secretary of State Cyrus Vance, backed by Senate Democratic leader Robert Byrd (D.W.Va.) and others high in both major parties for Young's untrue reporting to his State Department colleagues about his meeting with the very same Terzi in the documentary.

To some here, this report by Young and his subsequent admission of the facts constitute the last straw for Vance and his friends in Young's free-wheeling in the United Nations. Another view is that some in the White House saw it as an opportunity to please Vance and at the same time put the blame for Young's removal on Israel and American Jewish leaders. Both Vance and President Carter belatedly absolved the Jewish leaders but clearance of Israel has not yet been fully made although the President, by implication, has done so by saying that no one caused him to cause Young to resign.

COLLECTION OF RUBIN'S PHOTOGRAPHS PUBLISHED BY ABBEVILLE PRESS

NEW YORK, Oct. 9 (JTA) -- The Abbeville Press in New York has announced the publication of "Gale Rubin: Psalmist With a Camera," a collection of photographs taken by the late photographer who was killed by Palestinian terrorists in March 1978 at a bird sanctuary in Ma'agan Michael in Israel where she had been photographing the nesting habits of storks and pelicans. The terrorists then continued their rampage on the Haifa-Tel Aviv highway where they killed 28 more people.

Based on photographs first exhibited in a 1977 show at the Jewish Museum titled "Birds of the Heaven, Beasts of the Field, the Bible as Source," the "Psalmist With a Camera" also includes selections from her later work exhibited at the Israel Museum in Israel and the Magnes Museum in Berkeley, Calif. The excerpts accompanying the pictures in her book were culled from the lyric poetry of the Bible and Prophetic literature.

The "Psalmist With a Camera" includes a touching tribute to Rubin's gentleness and humility by Gen. Avraham Yaffe, chairman of the Israel Nature Reserve Authority, and the man who invited her to photograph Israel's animate and inanimate life.

TEL AVIV (JTA) -- Bank Hapoalim announced it has opened a banking house in Montevideo, Uruguay. It will be officially known as Hapoalim (Latin America) Casa Bancaria S.A. and is a subsidiary of Bank Hapoalim (Switzerland) Ltd. It will service clients in Uruguay and will promote business in South America. The banking house will be significant in the expansion of trade between Israel, Switzerland and Latin America.