

3 TERRORISTS KILLED WHILE TRYING TO INFILTRATE ISRAEL BY SEA OFF NAHARIYA BEACH

By Yitzhak Shargil

TEL AVIV, June 16 (JTA) — Three terrorists attempting to infiltrate Israel by sea were killed in an exchange of fire with an Israeli Navy patrol boat early this morning, off the beach at Nahariya. An Israeli sailor was slightly wounded.

According to an official announcement today the terrorists entered Israeli territorial waters from Lebanon in a motorized rubber dinghy and headed for Nahariya. They were detected by an early warning system ashore and a Navy patrol boat of the Dabour type was dispatched to intercept them. A brief battle ensued during which the terrorists fired bazooka shells until their dinghy sustained a direct hit, capsized and burned.

The bodies of the three terrorists were washed ashore near Nahariya. Security forces combed the area for additional infiltrators but nothing was found to indicate that any had landed. Nahariya was the target of a sea-borne terrorist attack 14 months ago in which three Israeli civilians and one policeman were killed.

RED CARPET FOR HUSSEIN

By Joseph Polakoff

WASHINGTON, June 16 (JTA) — King Hussein of Jordan will receive the red carpet treatment when he arrives here today for a week-long official visit, including a 21-gun salute as he is greeted by President Carter on the White House lawn. President Anwar Sadat of Egypt and Premier Menachem Begin of Israel did not rate that honor when they visited Carter separately in April, although both received State dinners at the White House.

Hussein is due in Washington this afternoon and will return to Jordan next Saturday night. His schedule includes meetings with Carter at the White House tomorrow and Wednesday and a State dinner tomorrow night. He will meet with the Senate Foreign Relations Committee and the House Foreign Affairs Committee tomorrow afternoon and will also meet with Defense Secretary Harold Brown. He will see Secretary of State Edmund Muskie on Wednesday and will address the National Press Club Thursday.

Hussein was to have come to Washington in April but postponed that visit because its proximity to the Sadat and Begin visits might have created the impression that the Jordanian monarch had softened his position toward the Camp David accords. Jordan remains adamantly opposed to the Camp David agreements. President Carter told an audience of American Jewish editors and publishers at the White House Friday that he would use all of his powers of persuasion to bring Hussein into the Middle East peace process.

Hussein will be visiting Washington in the immediate aftermath of the Venice summit meeting of the nine member states of the European Economic Community (EEC) which declared that the Palestine Liberation Organization and other Palestinian groups have to be "associated with" the peace process.

MOSCOW VISAS FOR ISRAELIS CANCELLED

TEL AVIV, June 16 (JTA) — Soviet authori-

ties have cancelled all of the entry visas they previously granted Israelis who paid \$400 in advance to attend the Olympic Games in Moscow this summer. Their act was seen as a reprisal for Israel's decision last month to join the U.S. and other countries boycotting the games because of the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan.

Although Israel will not send its athletes to Moscow, about 170 Israeli nationals applied for visas and paid in U.S. dollars for hotel accommodations and admission tickets to the various events. Two days ago, 80 of them were notified that their visas were granted. They planned to leave for Vienna tomorrow to collect the visas and proceed to Moscow.

But the Soviet Embassy in Vienna advised the Israeli travel company, Peltours, yesterday that all of the visas have been withdrawn and the passports of the applicants were on their way back to Israel. Peltours had made the travel and hotel arrangements in conjunction with Intourist, the Soviet travel agency, which collected the \$400 from each applicant. Intourist has given no indication when or how it will refund the money. (By Yitzhak Shargil)

KOLLEK DENOUNCED IN KNESSET

By David Landau

JERUSALEM, June 16 (JTA) — Mayor Teddy Kollek of Jerusalem was denounced in the Knesset today for saying that Premier Menachem Begin was in a way "philosophically" responsible for the June 2 bomb attacks on three West Bank mayors. Kollek made that remark in the course of a television interview broadcast Thursday night on KQED, the Public Broadcasting Service station in San Francisco.

Avraham Sharir, chairman of the Likud Knesset faction, introduced an urgent motion deploring Kollek's statement. The motion accused the Jerusalem Mayor of giving aid and comfort to the Palestine Liberation Organization and slandering the Prime Minister. Kollek is presently on a fund-raising tour of the U.S. He was taken sharply to task by Begin at the weekly Cabinet meeting yesterday.

Begin also attacked Shimon Peres, chairman of the opposition Labor Party and former Premier Yitzhak Rabin who were quoted in the French newspaper Figaro, as saying that they favored the return of much of the West Bank to Jordan. According to Begin, that would mean giving the West Bank to PLO chief Yasir Arafat.

Kollek expressed his view when he was asked by KQED reporter Phil Bronstein whether Begin's insistence on Jewish Biblical rights to the West Bank had encouraged violence against the three mayors.

DEFENSE BUDGET DECISION POSTPONED

By Yitzhak Shargil and David Landau

TEL AVIV, June 16 (JTA) — Premier Menachem Begin postponed a decision on the explosive issue of defense budget cuts today by naming Agriculture Minister Ariel Sharon to head a four-member panel that will try to work out a compromise between the Defense Ministry and the Treasury. Its recommendations are expected in several days.

The immediate result was to raise a storm of protest within the Cabinet and in the Knesset where coalition and opposition members charged that Sharon was being brought into the defense establishment through the back door. The defense establishment itself was unhappy since Sharon made it clear to the top army brass today that "A cut can be made and will be made." The committee Sharon heads will consist of two senior officials from the Finance Ministry and two from the Defense Ministry. Sharon will have the deciding vote.

Begin acted to avert a showdown with Finance Minister Yigal Hurwitz who is demanding a IL 15 billion reduction in the defense budget this year. Hurwitz stomped out of a meeting with Begin and Chief of Staff Gen. Raphael Eitan yesterday and absented himself from the regular weekly Cabinet meeting. He told reporters later that his walk-out was a gesture of protest against procrastination and indecisiveness by the government. The inflation rate rose by another 9.5 percent last month.

Begin, who is serving temporarily as Defense Minister, convened another meeting today with senior officers at General Headquarters. Hurwitz and Sharon attended. The Finance Minister contended that the rapidly deteriorating economic situation was a greater menace to the security of the State than the proposed budget cuts. He was strongly backed by Sharon, a retired general and Yom Kippur War hero.

Eitan Questions Other Spending

But Gen. Eitan, who has been campaigning vigorously against the cuts demanded to know where the money is coming from to build a new building for the State-owned Bank of Israel. If there is no money for fuel for tanks, why are large, luxurious cars roaming the streets? he asked. "How can you demand a cut in the defense budget when 300,000 Israelis are able to travel abroad every year?"

These arguments are not considered likely to prevail. Since Ezer Weizman resigned as Defense Minister on May 26, partly because of his dispute with Hurwitz over the budget cuts, the defense establishment seems to have lost much of its political clout. Begin appears to have adopted the role of a mediator in the dispute.

The protests against Sharon, the Cabinet's leading hawk, stem from another political matter. He is believed to have been Begin's first choice to replace Weizman but his appointment was firmly opposed by the Liberal Party and the Democratic Movement, two of Begin's coalition partners. His critics were angered therefore when he was given, in effect, the final say on the Defense Ministry budget.

Meanwhile, the impending budget cuts have resulted in cancellation of the traditional Air Force Day fly-over and aerial acrobatics. The planes will be grounded to save fuel. The Air Force cadets will receive their wings but will have to be satisfied with a parade on the ground.

SENATOR SEES 'MISCHIEF' RESULTING FROM EEC'S MIDEAST DECLARATION

By Joseph Polakoff

WASHINGTON, June 16 (JTA) -- Sen. Richard G. Lugar (R-Ind.), a potential Vice Presidential nominee as Ronald Reagan's running mate in the Presidential election, has decried Friday's "Declaration of Venice" by the European

Economic Community as being "not a constructive step" and certain to cause "a lot of mischief" for the United States, Egypt and Israel.

Appearing on the CBS television program "Face the Nation" yesterday, Lugar responded to a question about the European drive to get the PLO into the Middle Eastern negotiations, by saying: "It's not a constructive step and it could only have occurred if the Europeans had come to a conclusion that (President) Carter was a disaster and that's the conclusion they've come to. In other words, that there is nothing going with this Administration that is going to change the Middle East or anything else."

"Now having come to that conclusion," Lugar added, "they (the Europeans) have quietly gotten their own foreign policy together and that's going to cause a lot of mischief not only for the Egyptians, the Israelis and everybody else, but certainly for us."

Lugar, who is a member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, was asked whether "the basic idea of the West Europeans that the PLO should in some way be involved in the negotiations is correct." Lugar replied: "Oh, I don't think so. I would guess that the problems finally come down with Egypt and Israel, hopefully with Jordan." The visit of Jordan's King Hussein to Washington this week "is critically important" to "fashion something in the Camp David mold that leads to a degree of self-government by people who are living in the West Bank area and adjacent circumstances, but that's a long way from getting into the PLO."

Sisco Says Only U.S. Has Influence

(Former Undersecretary of State Joseph Sisco, interviewed on a Dutch television station, said that Europe is less in a position to influence either side in the Mideast than the U.S. Only the U.S. is acceptable to both Israel and the Arabs, he said.

(Sisco stressed that self-determination is a matter of negotiations for both sides. "In the last analysis it is the parties themselves that have to give content to the Camp David agreement," he said. "Neither the United States nor Europe must take steps that are prejudicial to Camp David.")

U.S. JEWS DENOUNCE EEC STATEMENT

NEW YORK, June 16 (JTA) — American Jewish leaders have denounced the declaration by the leaders of the nine European Economic Community (EEC) countries calling for the Palestine Liberation Organization to be "associated with" Middle East peace talks as a step undermining the peace effort and encouraging terrorism.

Rabbi Joseph Sternstein, president of the American Zionist Federation, said that "such a declaration which gives support and emotional sustenance to a band of terrorists can only be dangerously counterproductive, giving the murderers of innocent women and children a signal that their bloody deeds will win them friends." He said the declaration, which was made at the EEC prime ministers' meeting in Venice last week, not only shows "utter insensitivity to the delicacy of the autonomy negotiations which will soon be resumed, but makes one wonder whether West European leaders are more concerned with the welfare of the Palestinian people or the price of oil."

Maxwell Greenberg, chairman of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, said the European statement is "a singular disservice to the hopes for peace. The statement gives comfort to those who reject peace, undermines the Camp David process that has brought the parties so far, and discourages would-be peacemakers from stepping

forward." Henry Siegman, executive director of the American Jewish Congress, declared that: "The West European declaration calling for PLO participation in the Middle East peace process is self-serving and cynical in its eagerness to appease oil-rich Arabs and its mercenary sensibility. He said the statement makes a Mideast peace 'far less likely. What the negotiations require is the presence of West Bank Palestinians and of Jordan. If they have stayed away, it is primarily because of their fear of the PLO's propensity for settling political differences by assassination. The Western European actions can only serve to keep them further away from the negotiations. Realistic solutions that are in keeping with the dignity and aspirations of Palestinian Arabs and security needs of Israel have been further undermined."

"It is sad that this shameful accommodation to PLO terrorism by the Europeans will be paid for in the currency of Jewish life, Israeli security, and compromised prospects for a genuine Middle Eastern peace."

Dr. Israel Kugler, president of the Workmen's Circle, said it was outrageous that countries which value democracy and freedom would welcome the PLO to become a party to the autonomy negotiations. "Nowhere in their statement do they (EEC ministers) insist that the Palestinians accord full recognition to Israel as a state with a right to exist within secure and defensible borders," he said. "The Workmen's Circle considers this craven action by these Western European powers to be an abject surrender to OPEC oil politics."

W. GERMANS CRITICIZE BONN'S ROLE IN EEC DECLARATION ON MIDEAST

By David Kantor

BONN, June 16 (JTA) -- Members of the opposition Christian Democratic Union (CDU) and friends of Israel in all factions are sharply critical of Bonn's role in the European Economic Community (EEC) leaders' meeting in Venice last week which issued a declaration calling, among other things, for the Palestine Liberation Organization and other Palestinian groups to be associated with the peace process in the Middle East.

While government sources are trying to convince public opinion that German support for the Venice statement was the result of a compromise in which Bonn played a moderating role, CDU leader Franz-Joseph Strauß condemned the declaration as a setback to peace efforts in the Middle East.

The Central Organization of Jews in West Germany condemned Bonn's Middle East policy in general today and observed that Chancellor Helmut Schmidt's Social Democratic-Liberal coalition government has clearly deviated from its former principle of not dealing with the Palestine Liberation Organization, a group which resorts to murder and terrorism to achieve its political aims.

That declaration came as a surprise since the West German Jewish community has been reserved in its criticism of the government in the past, despite a clear shift in favor of the Arab cause. Two months ago, representatives of the Central Organization of West German Jews failed to attend a meeting of all other Western European Jewish communities to protest the then impending pro-Arab initiative of the EEC.

The Venice declaration was criticized by one of the participants in the EEC meeting there,

Prime Minister Andries Van Agt of Holland. In a radio interview from Venice today, he said the statement adopted last Friday was devoid of practical meaning and that there was little chance that anything constructive would come out of it. Van Agt noted that while the Venice declaration called for guaranteed, secure borders for all countries in the Middle East, including Israel, it ignored the recent policy statement by El Fatah, the terrorist arm of the PLO, which reaffirmed its refusal to recognize Israel and pledged continued military efforts aimed at destroying the Jewish State.

In Paris, the Representative Council of French Jews (CRIF) issued a statement today accusing France of having induced its EEC partners to publish a declaration condemning Israeli policies without demanding that the PLO renounce its covenant which calls for Israel's destruction.

RABBI BERNARD BAMBERGER DEAD AT 76

NEW YORK, June 16 (JTA) -- Funeral services were held here today for Rabbi Bernard J. Bamberger, former president of the Central Conference of American Rabbis and the World Union for Progressive Judaism. He died Saturday at the age of 76.

Rabbi Bamberger, who was also a former president of the Synagogue Council of America, was rabbi of Temple Shaaray Tefila, one of New York City's oldest Reform synagogues, from 1944 until his retirement in 1971. The temple, which is observing its 135th anniversary, is on East 79th Street in Manhattan. It was formerly located on West 82nd Street where it was known as the West End Synagogue.

As a scholar Bamberger achieved renown for several books including "The Story of Judaism," "The Bible - A Modern Jewish Approach," "The Search for Jewish Theology," "Proselytism in the Talmudic Era."

Born in Baltimore and graduated from Johns Hopkins University he was ordained a rabbi in 1926 at Hebrew Union College in Cincinnati. In 1929 the university conferred on him a Doctor of Divinity degree and in 1950 an honorary Doctor of Hebrew Letters degree.

BRONFMAN PROMISES TO REFRAIN FROM CRITICISM OF ISRAEL

By David Landau

JERUSALEM, June 16 (JTA) -- Edgar Bronfman, acting president of the World Jewish Congress, promised here yesterday that he would refrain from public criticism of Israeli government policies as long as he occupies the top post in the WJC. He is serving in place of WJC president Philip Klutznick who took a leave of absence after he was named U.S. Secretary of Commerce by President Carter last year.

Bronfman has been an outspoken critic of Premier Menachem Begin's settlement policies on the West Bank and other matters. He told a meeting of the World Zionist Organization Executive yesterday that the critical remarks attributed to him in the past were made before he assumed the WJC presidency. He denied having said that the West Bank settlements were illegal. He said he had faulted their timing, while Israel was engaged in autonomy negotiations with Egypt and the U.S., but had done so in his private capacity, not as his representative of any organization.

Bronfman said he promised Begin that he would "support the State of Israel."

ORTHODOX LEADER PROTESTS DENIAL OF ABSENTEE-BALLOT-TO-SABBATH OBSERVER AT FAMILY CONFERENCE

By Ben Gallob

NEW YORK, June 16 (JTA) — An Orthodox leader has asserted that a pro-abortion and pro-Equal Rights Amendment resolution was approved on Saturday, June 7, at the first of three meetings of the 1980 White House Conference on the Family, by a single vote because an Orthodox Jew was denied an absentee ballot to enable him to vote on the resolution.

Julius Berman, president of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America, said he had protested in a telegram to President Carter about "the fact" that no provision had been made for Sabbath observers, which, he said, resulted directly in adoption of the resolution at the gathering in Baltimore. The other sessions of the conference are scheduled, in Minneapolis, June 18-21 and in Los Angeles, July 10-12.

Berman said that if Dr. Joel Rosenshein, a Brooklyn psychologist representing the UOJCA at the Baltimore gathering had been permitted to cast an absentee ballot, he would have voted against the resolution, thereby creating a tie and preventing its adoption.

Berman said that Dr. Rosenshein had been aware that a major vote was scheduled for June 7 and asked several times that he be allowed to cast an absentee ballot because he could not attend any Sabbath sessions. Berman said all of Rosenshein's requests went unanswered.

Issues Lumped Together

Berman said the resolution lumped together several issues, including support of both unlimited right to abortion and the ERA — both of which he said the UOJCA opposes — and that the final vote was 292 to 291. He said Dr. Rosenshein's negative vote would have resulted in a tie, thus preventing adoption. He said Dr. Rosenshein was the only Orthodox Jew attending the Baltimore gathering.

In the telegram to President Carter, Berman said he was "shocked that a fundamental religious liberty was completely ignored in the planning and the running of the conference" in Baltimore. While noting that Rosenshein's vote would have changed the outcome on passage of the resolution, he said he found most disturbing "the lack of provision for the religious observance of Orthodox Jews and the insensitivity demonstrated" when Rosenshein made his request. Berman called this "inexcusable."

Berman said that as the only Orthodox Jew present, Rosenshein reported that while the session had "a decidedly liberal bent," it had not been taken over by extremists of any camp. The Orthodox delegate reported that the participants in Baltimore were moderates who seemed to represent a cross-section of American society. Berman said Rosenshein had been warmly welcomed by many participants and had a fundamental role in the proceedings.

Rosenshein reported that Orthodox Jewish positions expressed at the Baltimore assembly "were always respectfully considered and frequently commanded a majority. Rather than representing a lonely opinion, the Orthodox views and input were warmly received."

CONGRESSWOMEN RAP PLAN TO INCLUDE PALESTINIAN ISSUE AT CONFERENCE

NEW YORK, June 16 (JTA) — Four Congress-

women have written to Secretary of State Edmund Muskie attacking the inclusion of an item concerning "Palestinian women" on the agenda of the United Nations World Conference on Women, which will be held in Copenhagen this July.

Elizabeth Holtzman (D-N.Y.), Beverly Byron (D-Md.), Marjorie Holt (R-Md.) and Gladys Spellman (D-Md.), urged Muskie to counter attempts to raise the issue at the conference.

"It is abundantly clear that the issue of Palestinian women is being used at this UN Women's Conference as a subterfuge to attack Israel and further the cause of the PLO," the letter to Muskie said. "The needs and problems of women around the world are too important to be used for narrow political ends. We cannot allow this conference to be turned into a vehicle for the political lashing of Israel."

They criticized a report prepared by the Economic Commission for Western Asia to document the issue for the UN, noting the group includes PLO members but has refused to allow Israeli membership.

The letter said that the report addresses the problems of Palestinian women not as women but rather as part of the general political question of Palestinian self-determination. The report attacks Israel as "the Zionist entity," the representatives said.

U.S. CONSUL REPORTS NO INCREASE IN ISRAELIS SEEKING ENTRY VISAS

By Yitzhak Shargil

TEL AVIV, June 16 (JTA) — The American Consul, James Carr, reported no significant increase in the number of Israelis asking for entry visas to the U.S. this year compared with the same period in 1979. According to travel agency sources however, there has been a substantial increase in the purchase of one-way tickets to the U.S. by Israelis who do not possess immigration visas.

Carr explained that persons seeking tourist visas are required to produce evidence of a permanent job in Israel, property and bank accounts and relatives in this country. He admitted that there are many ways to circumvent that procedure. The El Al offices report that many Israelis who bought a return ticket on a charter flight or an "Apex" round-trip, which costs only slightly more than a full fare one-way ticket, have failed to use the return portion on the designated date and thus forfeited their right to fly home at the reduced rate.

Many apparently are remaining in the U.S. According to Carr, there was a 27 percent increase in visa applications by Israelis last January, compared with January in the preceding year. But a slump in applications began in February and continued through May, bringing the total number of applications almost on a level with last year. In 1979, the U.S. Consul issued 1782 visas. This year's quota is 2000.

TEL AVIV (JTA) — Four Israelis, a Canadian and a Russian Jew were recipients of the 12th Itzik Manger Awards for Yiddish literature which were presented at ceremonies here recently, attended by President Yitzhak Navon. The recipients for 1980 are Shimon Dursky of Canada; Moshe Altman of Czernowitz, USSR; and Jonas Turkow; Itzhak Janisewitz; Naham Rapp and Tzvi Eisenman, all Israelis.