

BOMB EXPLOSION INJURES FIVE PERSONS

JERUSALEM, Aug. 10 (JTA) -- Five people were injured yesterday when a bomb exploded in Canada Park near the Jerusalem-Tel Aviv highway. Ronen Hadad, 11, of Bat Yam, today remained on the critical list with head, chest and leg injuries. The Palestine Liberation Organization claimed responsibility for the bomb blast which occurred shortly before noon when the park was crowded with thousands of people.

The bomb was planted in a nylon bag inside a tree trunk. Police bomb experts said the explosive was of the kind used by terrorist organizations. Dozens of Arabs who were in the park at the time of the explosion were detained for questioning, but were released shortly afterwards.

The park, one of the most popular resorts in the area, attracts visitors from the entire central region each weekend. It is located near the Latrun monastery at the intersection of the roads leading to Jerusalem, Tel Aviv, Beersheba and Ramallah.

ISRAEL PROTESTS OVER

CARTOON IN EGYPTIAN PAPER

JERUSALEM, Aug. 10 (JTA) -- Israel has protested to Egypt over the publication of a cartoon in the Cairo newspaper Al-Gomhuriya depicting Adolf Hitler presenting a swastika-shaped medal to Premier Menachem Begin. Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir delivered the protest Friday to Egyptian Ambassador Saad Mortada and told the envoy that the cartoon was "shameful, a disgrace."

The cartoon showed Begin holding a whip in one hand and a poster in the other which stated: "Politics of faits accomplis, annexation of land by force, ridiculing international resolutions, ill-treatment of prisoners, and Greater Israel." Hitler was shown leaning down and presenting Begin with the medal. The comment underneath read: "Excellent, Begin."

DEMOCRATIC PARTY PLATFORM, DUE FOR

ADOPTION TUESDAY, PLEDGES TO

CONTINUE EFFORTS FOR A MIDEAST

PEACE BASED ON CAMP DAVID FRAMEWORK

Also Calls For Moving U.S. Embassy To Jerusalem By David Friedman

NEW YORK, Aug. 10 (JTA) -- The platform the Democratic National Convention is scheduled to adopt Tuesday praises the Carter Administration for helping bring about an Egyptian-Israeli peace agreement and pledges to continue efforts to achieve a comprehensive Middle East peace settlement through the Camp David framework.

"We must persevere with the Middle East peace process," the platform declares. "There is no viable alternative. We can welcome initiatives from other countries so long as they contribute to the Camp David process that is leading toward a comprehensive peace in that region. But we will oppose efforts that undermine Camp David while offering no viable alternative. Our goal is to see the achievement of a comprehensive peace for all parties."

The proposed platform also calls for moving the U.S. Embassy in Israel from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem, supports continued military aid to Israel and urges efforts to increase the number of Jewish emigrants from the Soviet Union.

The Middle East planks as well as the entire foreign policy section of the platform is not expected to cause any controversy at the convention since it is a result of compromises between supporters of President Carter and Sen. Edward Kennedy of Massachusetts when the platform was adopted by the platform committee in June.

Open Or Closed Convention Battle

Kennedy, who will be speaking to the convention Tuesday night, a break with the tradition that candidates do not appear before the assembled delegates until after the balloting for the nomination for the Presidency, plans to devote his remarks to the economy. He views the speech as an effort to get changes in what he believes is a conservative platform and as a last ditch effort to convince the delegates to abandon Carter, who now has more than enough votes for renomination, and name him the Democratic candidate to face Republican Ronald Reagan and independent John Anderson in the fall.

However, Kennedy's hopes depend first on tomorrow's opening session at which delegates will vote whether to maintain the rule on whether delegates are bound to vote on the first ballot for the candidate for whom they were elected in the primaries, the "open" or "closed convention battle."

Carter, who is now at Camp David, will not come to New York until Wednesday just prior to the Presidential balloting scheduled for that night. Most political observers believe that Carter, in his nationally-televised press conference last Monday night on the involvement of his brother, Billy Carter, with the Libyan government derailed the move toward an open convention and that his delegates will stick with his position that they are bound by the primary vote.

Problems Raised By Bill Carter

But, the head of Carter's New York State campaign, Lt. Gov. Mario Cuomo, while praising Carter's performance generally in the press conference, said he "regretted" the President did not "specifically repudiate the anti-Semitic comments" made by Bill Carter.

He said Billy Carter's statements make the President's problems in the Jewish community worse. He said he had hoped the President "would specifically say 'this is anti-Semitic, and it is wrong. I disassociate myself. I deplore that kind of thing wherever it occurs, and especially, out of the mouth of my own brother.'"

Cuomo said he senses an "outrage" and "a fear" in the Jewish community over the Billy Carter affair. "But I don't sense that in the non-Jewish community and that's regrettable," he added. (Related story on U.S.-Libya relations, P.3.)

Challenges to the platform may also come from women who want support of the use of government funds for abortions and a denial of the Democratic Party's financial support and technical assistance to candidates who do not support the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA).

Peace in the Middle East is listed as a major objective in the foreign policy section of the proposed platform. It stresses that this objective is one of both "morality and national security." The platform declares that the U.S. "feels a profound moral obligation to sustain and assure the security of Israel."

That is why our relationship with Israel is, in most respects, a unique one. Israel is the single democracy, the most stable government, the most strategic asset and our closest ally in the region.

"To fulfill this imperative we must move toward peace in the Middle East. Without peace there is a growing prospect, indeed inevitability, that this region will become radicalized, susceptible to foreign intrusion, and possibly involved in another war. Thus, peace in the Middle East also is vital for our national security."

The long Middle East section describes Carter's efforts along with Israeli Premier Menachem Begin and Egyptian President Anwar Sadat in achieving a peace treaty. "In sum, this Democratic Administration has done more to achieve Israel's dream of peace than any other Administration in thirty years," the platform declares.

Noting that the U.S. is a full partner in the autonomy talks between Egypt and Israel, the platform stresses that "It is recognized that the Democratic Administration has to proceed with special care and sensitivity resulting from its deep engagement in the delicate process of promoting a wider peace for Israel." Carter's supporters on the platform committee had originally wanted this sentence to be included in the paragraph on moving the U.S. Embassy, but in a compromise with the Kennedy forces it was placed in an earlier section of the Mideast platform.

Elements Of Platform's Mideast Plank

The platform declared that the U.S. has strengthened its commitment to Israel. "Nearly half of all U.S. aid to Israel since its creation as a sovereign state — more than \$10 billion — has been requested during the last 3 1/2 years," the platform notes. "We provide Israel with modern military equipment and we fully support Israel's efforts to create a just and lasting peace with its Arab neighbors."

The platform outlines the principles that U.S. policy should continue to be guided by as:

- "UN Security Council Resolution 242, unchanged, and the Camp David accords are the basis for peace in the Middle East. We support Israel's security and will continue to provide military and economic aid to that end." A similar pledge is made in the defense section of the platform.

- "We pledge not to provide Israel's potential enemies with sophisticated offensive equipment that could endanger the security of Israel," the Mideast section continues. "Jerusalem should remain forever undivided, with free access to the holy places for people of all faiths."

- "We oppose creation of an independent Palestinian state. We will not negotiate with or recognize the Palestine Liberation Organization, unless and until it accepts Israel's right to exist and UN Security Council Resolutions 242 and 338. It is also long past time for an end to all terrorism and other acts of violence against Israel."

- "We have not and will not use our aid to Israel as a bargaining tool; and we will never permit oil policies to influence our policy toward peace or our support for Israel."

- "As stated in the 1976 platform, the Democratic Party recognizes and supports 'the established status of Jerusalem as the capital of Israel, with free access to all its holy places provided to all faiths. As a symbol of this stand, the U.S. Embassy should be moved from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem.'"

- "Elsewhere in the Middle East, we support

the improvement of relations with moderate Arab states. We support the independence, sovereignty and integrity of Lebanon. We call upon all states in the region to support the historic efforts of Israel and Egypt to build a comprehensive peace."

The Mideast section also pledges that the U.S. will take "needed measures to protect American interests in the Persian Gulf," condemns the government of Iran for the holding of American hostages and stresses the need to "end our dangerous dependence on foreign oil."

Promise On Soviet Jewish Emigration

In other sections of the platform, a promise is made that "the Democratic Administration will also seek to reverse the recent sharp downturn in Soviet Jewish emigration and to obtain the release of dissidents now detained in the Soviet Union, including 41 members of the Helsinki Watch Groups who are in Soviet prisons, labor camps and banishment for their human rights activity."

In the human rights section, the platform says "We support measures designed to restrict trade with the Soviet Union until such time as Soviet emigration policy is made fair and non-restrictive," an apparent reference to the Jackson/Vanik Amendment to the U.S. Trade Act. The platform also supports "ratification of the Genocide Convention and the International Covenants on Human Rights as soon as possible."

ANONYMOUS CALLER SAYS BOLOGNA BOMBING WAS AN ACCIDENT; BOMB WAS MEANT FOR A 'ZIONIST SCHOOL'

By Lisa Palmieri Billig

ROME, Aug. 10 (JTA) — The Italian Jewish community is seriously concerned over an anonymous phone call that was purportedly made to an Italian news agency by a PFLP (Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine) spokesman. He claimed that the bomb blast which caused a massacre in the Bologna railroad station last week was due to an "accident" since the bomb's real destination was a "Zionist school."

The phone call was made by a man who spoke in "a foreign accent," according to Italian press reports, stating that he was a PFLP spokesman, the terrorist organization headed by George Habash which also claimed ownership of the two ground-to-air missiles confiscated in Italy over a year ago.

"We wish to offer our apologies to the Italian people," the alleged Palestinian terrorist organization spokesman said, "for what happened at the station of Bologna. The explosion was an error on the part of our transport agent. The bomb was meant for a Zionist school."

Palestine Liberation Organization representatives in Rome, questioned by reporters for the Italian press, flatly denied the authenticity of the phone call, denying the possibility that any Palestinian organization was involved in the Bologna attack. "This is a sinister plot by Israeli-Zionist circles and their fascist friends," said the PLO spokesman regarding the phone call. Bologna, he said, has always been one of the staunchest supporters of the Palestinian cause and was named a twin city of a Palestinian refugee camp.

Suspect Held By French Police

The Italian government has steadfastly pursued the movement of known neo-fascist, neo-Nazi circles in an attempt to speedily arrest those responsible for the Bologna massacre. A neo-Nazi

by the name of Marco Affatigato was arrested Friday in Nice by the French police, as a suspect.

But whether or not the PFLP was really involved in the Bologna tragedy, the fact remains that after the terrorist bombing in Antwerp, Belgium on July 27 in which a 15-year-old Jewish boy was killed and 20 other Jews were injured, the anonymous phone call takes on the sinister possibility that the caller was telling the truth. It may have been meant only to frighten Italian Jewry, and if this was its purpose, it unfortunately succeeded.

Italian police have not taken the phone call seriously since it is generally believed that the Bologna massacre was the work of the same neo-Nazi elements already identified as responsible for several mafia blasts in the past as well as the 1969 bomb blast massacre in a Milan bank. Nevertheless, this phone call is certain to have a devastating effect on the Italian Jewish community.

WHITE HOUSE DENOUNCES LIBYA'S ALLEGATION THAT THE BILLY CARTER CASE IS DUE TO A 'ZIONIST' CAMPAIGN

By Joseph Polakoff

WASHINGTON, Aug. 10 (JTA) — The Libyan government's allegation that Zionism was responsible for the Billy Carter case was denounced Friday by the White House as "an obvious attempt to shift the blame to others." The White House statement said the Libyan allegations were "completely unfounded" and noted that President Carter had informed the Senate that "many policies and actions of the Libyan government are widely disapproved by our government and the majority of the American people."

The White House said the President had called attention "specifically to Libya's attitude toward the Palestine Liberation Organization and its support of terrorism." The White House statement was made in response to a request by the Jewish Telegraphic Agency for comment on the Libyan charges.

The response followed reports from Tripoli that the Libyan government had declared last Thursday that its relations with Billy Carter were "normal" ties of the kind engaged in by many other prominent American citizens and institutions. The Libyan government attributed the Billy Carter controversy about those relations to a "Zionist" campaign against Billy Carter and the Libyan government.

The Tripoli statement by the Libyan Secretary General for Foreign Relations, Ahmad el-Shahati, was Libya's first formal reaction to the Billy Carter debate. Shahati was Billy Carter's host for his first visit to Libya in September, 1978. The Shahati statement was issued through the Libyan Foreign Relations Bureau and distributed by that country's official press agency.

Shahati said other Americans who had visited Libya "to promote friendly relations between the American and Libyan peoples based on mutual respect and common interests" included J. William Fulbright, the former Democratic Senator; Najeeb Halaby, former chairman of Pan American Airways; and Vance Hartke, former Democratic Senator from Indiana.

He said Libya had established contacts or worked out joint programs with universities in Idaho, Washington, Georgia, Louisiana, Florida, Wyoming, Michigan and the District of Columbia and had "established links with Black American

and Black Muslim organizations, the Red Indians National Council, the Organizations of Arab Descendant Americans and other popular organizations."

Shahati strongly defended Libya's relations with Billy Carter as completely proper and asserted that the controversy about the President's brother's ties with Libya were due to "an aggressive Zionist campaign" against Billy Carter, Libya and Libya's allies. His statement asserted that "Zionism would not hesitate to use any deviant means to serve its interests and to check any unapproved relations the American people wish to establish with other peoples."

Meanwhile, the White House also denied a statement by Libyan leader Muammar Qaddafi that he was promised last December that Carter, if re-elected, would make Mideast policy in favor of the Palestinians. He also claimed in an interview with The New York Times in Tripoli that the White House had shown "great concern" in mending relations over the past six months through the Libyan Embassy in Washington.

He claimed that Libya's representative in Washington initiated contacts with Carter, National Security Advisor Zbigniew Brzezinski "and has been in touch with other American officials, calling on them personally or by telephone, which, of course, is perfectly natural," the Times quoted him as saying. But Qaddafi added that Billy Carter had played no role in the dialogue.

White House press secretary Jody Powell said that no message "has been conveyed, directly or indirectly, by anyone at the White House" that Carter would adopt a more friendly attitude toward the Palestinians.

SQUADRON: SADAT 'PLAYING WITH FIRE' BY SUSPENDING THE AUTONOMY TALKS

NEW YORK, Aug. 10 (JTA) — Egyptian President Anwar Sadat is "playing with fire" by his tactic of suspending the autonomy talks to win new concessions from Israel, the chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations said today. Howard Squadron said Egypt's decision to rule out an early resumption of the negotiations, announced after a meeting several days ago between Vice President Hosni Mubarak and U.S. Ambassador Alfred Atherton, Jr., was "most regrettable."

He added: "The Egyptian action reflects the ambivalent approach that President Sadat has taken toward the Camp David accords ever since their signing nearly two years ago. While paying lip service to the principles of Camp David, Mr. Sadat acts in a manner that undermines the very process to which he proclaims his commitment." The most recent example of this policy, Squadron said, was Egypt's "enthusiastic support" of the United Nations General Assembly resolution last month calling for Israeli withdrawal from the administered territories, including Jerusalem, followed by the establishment of a Palestinian state in those territories.

NEW YORK (JTA) — Forty-five leaders of Conservative Judaism in North America are on a 15-day study mission to four Latin American countries; it was announced here by the World Council of Synagogues, the international arm of the Conservative Movement, which is sponsoring this mission. Members of the mission will hold intensive discussions with the Jewish leadership of Brazil, Argentina, Chile and Peru.

NCSJ FEARS THAT A SOVIET JEW IS FACING EXECUTION

NEW YORK, Aug. 10 (JTA) — The National Conference on Soviet Jewry (NCSJ) today expressed deep concern about the fate of Raphael Adzhishvili, 49, from Tbilisi, sentenced to death in the 1978 Donetsk trial, after the organization learned of the execution of his co-defendant, Mohamed Abassov, 55, of Baku. The execution, last Tuesday, was also confirmed by the U.S. State Department. Adzhishvili, who appealed for clemency over two months ago, had his appeal denied by President Leonid Brezhnev who is also the Chairman of the Supreme Soviet of the USSR.

Confirmed reports received by the NCSJ state that Abassov's family was notified two weeks ago of the imminent execution. Executions in the Soviet Union are usually carried out by firing squad.

Adzhishvili, a Jew, the father of three children, and Abassov, a Moslem, went on trial with 52 co-defendants for allegedly stealing factory surplus textile for resale. Although the prosecutor asked for sentences of 10-15 years for all of the defendants, four received death sentences. After appealing to the Supreme Soviet of the USSR, two of the four condemned men — Gabriel Sepiasvili and Ilya Mikhailshvili — had their sentences commuted to 15 years in jail. Sepiasvili's clemency, decreed by the First Deputy Chairman of the Supreme Soviet, Vasily V. Kuznetsov, was announced two months ago.

Geishis Sentenced To Two Years In Labor Camp

Meanwhile, the NCSJ reported that Grigory Geishis, 20, of Leningrad, who has been jailed since July 14 on charges of "draft evasion," was sentenced Friday to two years in a labor camp. His parents plan to appeal the sentence. Geishis' attorney made no attempt to defend her client and, in fact, stated that Geishis was guilty, the NCSJ reported. In his summation, the prosecutor noted that the trial was not political in nature. He said that Geishis, like everyone else of military age, was not immune from serving in the Soviet Army.

In his presentation, Geishis said: "I want to live as a Jew in Israel. I am proud of my actions and I stand behind them. If it were not for the fact that I want to emigrate to Israel, I would surely serve in the Soviet Army."

Geishis was expelled from the Communications Institute on the day he applied for an exit visa to Israel in October, 1978. He was refused permission to emigrate because of his mother's alleged access to classified information. Authorities in Leningrad claim that he was notified of his draft commitment last year and chose to ignore orders to appear before a local recruitment office. Geishis stated that he never received the orders, the NCSJ said.

MK WITHDRAWS REQUEST FOR PROBE INTO RESIGNATION OF SHIN BET CHIEF

By Yitzhak Shargil

TEL AVIV, Aug. 10 (JTA) — Shai MK Shmuel Toledano said last night he was withdrawing his demand for an investigation into the resignation of the chief of Shin Bet, Israel's intelligence service, after both the intelligence chief and Premier Menachem Begin denied it was due to obstructions by Begin into the bombings against three West Bank mayors last June.

In a rare interview on radio, the Shin Bet chief called the allegations, "a total lie, totally

untrue." The allegations were made in a story published in the Washington Star last week. The Shin Bet chief is never identified in Israel but the Star said he is Avraham Sochtiv, 54.

The intelligence chief said he was disturbed that the Shin Bet had to be dragged into the political arena. He said the allegations were solely motivated by political reasons.

The intelligence chief said that the investigation into the June bombings, which left two West Bank mayors maimed, and into the massacre of yeshiva students in Hebron last May were the most intensive ever held. "Painfully they have yielded no fruits as yet," he said.

Decided To Resign Months Ago

In a statement issued before his radio interview, the Shin Bet chief said he decided to resign after 30 years in the intelligence service, the last six as its chief. "My request came long before the attack on the Arab mayors," he said. "So, there is no basis for a claim that my request to terminate my service has anything to do with the attacks. The cooperation between the Premier and myself was and is excellent."

In his letter to Begin requesting retirement several months ago, the chief wrote that "these six years were like 18 years in another post" because of the heavy responsibility and constant tension the position required.

NISSIM GETS JUSTICE MINISTER POST

JERUSALEM, Aug. 10 (JTA) — The Cabinet today approved the appointment of Minister Without Portfolio Moshe Nissim of the Liberal Party wing of Likud as Justice Minister in place of Shmuel Tamir of the Democratic Movement who resigned two weeks ago. Tamir, who remains in the Knesset, quit his post after a number of DM members of Knesset resigned, leaving only three DM Knesset members, namely, Deputy Premier Yigael Yadin, the leader of the DM, Binyamin Halevy, and Tamir. Nissim's appointment will be brought before the Knesset for approval later this week.

Meanwhile, Premier Menachem Begin approved in principle a request by Finance Minister Yigal Hurwitz to appoint Likud Knesset member Yigal Cohen-Orgad as Deputy Finance Minister, it was learned today. However, Begin said he wanted to consult with other government coalition partners before bringing the matter to the Cabinet for approval.

WARNS ABOUT IRAQ AS NUCLEAR POWER

JERUSALEM, Aug. 10 (JTA) — The delivery of a nuclear reactor to Iraq will speed up the introduction of nuclear weapons into the Middle East, Chief of Staff Gen. Rafael Eitan warned this weekend. Interviewed on Radio Israel, Eitan said the super-powers should seriously consider the situation, since Iraq is not a country which behaves rationally. Nuclear weapons and materiel with which to build them in the hands of Iraq "presents a threat to our existence and Israel must take that into consideration at every stage," Eitan said.

Last week Francis Perrin, one of France's leading nuclear scientists, warned that Iraq could have the nuclear bomb in a few years from now. He said that the quantity of uranium supplied by France along with the assistance in technicians, equipment and training facilities should enable Iraq to have a nuclear striking force of its own by the mid-1980s. France late last month officially announced its plans for uranium deliveries to Iraq despite claims that Baghdad is in the process of manufacturing atomic weapons.