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PALESTINIAN TERRORISTS CONTINUE FIRING ROCKETS INTO ISRAEL

By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, March 3 (JTA) -- Palestinian terrorists fired two salvoes of Katyusha rockets into Western Galilee from Lebanon today but caused no casualties or damage. The attacks were the second since yesterday when rockets injured three persons in the Israeli border township of Kiryat Shemona and damaged some buildings and power lines.

Gen. Avigdor Ben-Gal, commander of the northern front, visited the area of the shelling today seeking to calm local residents. He said they were exaggerating the situation when they described it as a "war of attrition." According to Ben-Gal, "There is some tension but you should not call it a war of attrition as there has been in the past." He said "the only thing to do is to carry on. There is no magic formula or cure for this sort of situation."

The rocket attack yesterday began two hours after Israel Air Force jets carried out a preemptive raid on Palestinian terrorist targets northeast of Sidon on the Lebanese coast. The raids are part of Israel's policy of preventing the terrorists from organizing incursions into Israeli territory by hitting them at will instead of in retaliation for specific attacks.

Meanwhile, residents of Kiryat Shemona were said to be more concerned over the high rate of unemployment in the town than with the rocket attacks.

MOYNIHAN: USSR IS AT THE HEART OF A WORLDWIDE ANTI-SEMITIC AND ANTI-ISRAEL CAMPAIGN

By Yitzhak Rabi

NEW YORK, March 3 (JTA) -- Sen. Daniel Moynihan (D. NY) charged today that the Soviet Union is at the "heart" of a world-wide, systematic and coordinated anti-Semitic and anti-Israel campaign that grows with each passing day. He said that this campaign is a threat not only to Jews but to democracy and liberty and the very essence of Western civilization.

Addressing a rally against anti-Semitism at the New York Statler Hotel, attended by some 1,500 women volunteers to mobilize support for the 1981 United Jewish Appeal-Federation of Jewish Philanthropies Campaign, Moynihan said that the aim of the Soviet Union's anti-Semitic policy is to make Israel "a delegitimized entity, a pariah state, a non-state."

"This is an assault of totalitarianism on liberty and freedom and pluralism in the world," the former U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations declared. According to Moynihan, the Soviets launched their anti-Semitic campaign following the 1967 Six-Day War, after it became clear that Israel, with American military support, "is invincible."

The USSR then launched a new approach, Moynihan said, in which the Jewish State could be overwhelmed "by denying its legitimacy" and by discrediting the Jewish people.

In 1971, Moynihan pointed out, an article in Pravda claimed that Jews were collaborators of the Nazis, and, in fact, are their successors. "Goebbels himself could not conceive a greater lie," Moynihan said. The 1975 UN resolution equating Zionism with racism was the international version of Soviet anti-Semitism, Moynihan observed, charging that every year since then the Soviets and their allies have intensified their anti-Semitic policies.

New Level Of Intensity

The New York Senator charged that with the success of the Camp David accords, the Soviets had "attained a new level of intensity" in their attack on Israel and the Jewish people.

In a series of resolutions last year in the UN Security Council and the General Assembly, Moynihan pointed out, Israel was found guilty of war crimes and was made an "outlaw" state. He said that last March a resolution by the Security Council accused Israel of violating the Fourth Geneva Convention which was designed originally to make Nazism a crime. "The United States voted for this resolution and you were silent," Moynihan told the gathering, which met under the banner of "Silent No More."

According to Moynihan, the scope of the anti-Semitic and anti-Israeli policies became "a torrent" at the beginning of this year. He cited the recent Islamic summit meeting in Taif, Saudi Arabia, and the non-aligned countries' conference in New Delhi last month.

He said that the non-aligned meeting was a dangerous "anti-democratic, anti-West, anti-Israel and anti-Semitic event." Only the U.S. and Israel were denounced by name, Moynihan said, noting that the meeting called for the expulsion of Israel from the UN, called for the return of "all Jerusalem" to the Arabs and condemned Israel for the annexation of the Negev and Galilee.

"The accusations and the lies about Israel are obscene," Moynihan declared. "It is something we can no longer be silent about."

Major Event To Raise \$112.5 Million

Today's rally was a major event in the drive in New York City, Westchester and Long Island to raise \$112.5 million this year for UJA-Federation agencies aiding nearly four million people in Israel, the U.S. and elsewhere in the world.

Among the speakers at the rally were Mikhail Brailovsky, brother of jailed Jewish dissident Viktor Brailovsky, who called for increased efforts on behalf of his brother and other Jewish dissidents in the Soviet Union, and Samuel Pizar, a Holocaust survivor and author of "Of Blood and Hope" who spoke of his struggle to survive the Nazi concentration camps as a teenager.

HAIG TO VISIT EGYPT, ISRAEL, JORDAN, SAUDI ARABIA NEXT MONTH

By Joseph Polakoff

WASHINGTON, March 3 (JTA) -- Secretary of State Alexander Haig will visit Egypt, Israel, Jordan and Saudi Arabia in that order between April 3 and April 8, the State Department announced today.

Haig will leave Washington on the evening of April 3 and spend about a day in each country, Department spokesman William Dyess said. He said the trip will give Haig "a first-hand opportunity to discuss with our friends the shared concerns for security in this strategic area and hear their views on how to proceed to settle the Israeli-Arab conflict."

Dyess said that bilateral discussions also will be held and that all four governments have welcomed Haig's visit to the area.

When he was asked whether Haig will approach the Saudis and Jordan from the position of the Camp David formula, Dyess indicated that he would not necessarily discuss every subject in every country. He said, when asked whether Haig would use other approaches besides Camp David, that he had "no information to indicate that" and "that this Administration is firmly in support of the Camp David process."

Announcement On Saudi Deal Due

Dyess denied a report that the Reagan Administration will decline to provide Saudi Arabia with both in-air refueling equipment and bomb racks and deliver missiles and fuel tanks to the Saudis for the 60 F-15 warplanes it has purchased. He said that no decision has been made but that it was probable an announcement would be made by the end of this week.

Meanwhile, consultations are continuing between the Administration and Saudi Arabia and Congress where considerable opposition to the sale of the accessories has arisen.

Responding to a question for comment on Israeli attacks on Palestinian bases in southern Lebanon, Dyess said that the Administration is "deeply concerned" about the violence both in southern Lebanon and northern Israel which has been the target of Palestinian shelling with Soviet-made rockets. He said he deplored the suffering "on both sides."

Dyess' volunteered comment on the attacks in Israel was unusual in that prior to Haig becoming Secretary of State the Department rarely, if ever, volunteered comments about such attacks unless it was specifically asked.

KEMP: WILL OPPOSE U.S.-SAUDI DEAL UNLESS SAUDIS JOIN PEACE PROCESS AND REJECT 'JIHAD'

NEW YORK, March 3 (JTA) -- Rep. Jack Kemp (R, NY) has warned that he will oppose the Reagan Administration's proposed sale of extra equipment to improve the combat capability of Saudi Arabia's 60 F-15 jet fighters unless there is more evidence of a *quid pro quo* between Saudi Arabia and the U.S. Kemp spoke at a dinner given in his honor by Bnai Zion, the American Zionist fraternal order, which presented him with its 73rd annual Friendship Award.

"They (the Saudis) must begin to join the peace process and make a step toward the relaxation of tension and the rejection of 'jihad' (holy war), Kemp said. He urged the sale to Israel of American electronic surveillance and satellite technology for security purposes. He also called for a renewed commitment of the U.S. to Israel and urged President Reagan to "very quickly" arrange another round in the autonomy talks between Egypt and Israel.

Kemp warned against the European Economic Community's (EEC) Middle East initiative which, he said, would have the United Nations coordinate the peace process. He said the best chance

for peace in the Middle East centered on making Israel strong militarily and economically and demonstrating to the world that "We in the United States would never back away from our alliance with Israel."

Kemp's remarks followed a speech by Rabbi William Berkowitz, president of the Jewish National Fund, who also denounced the proposed sale of advanced equipment to the Saudis as an "inappropriate response" to their call for a holy war against Israel and "hazardous to America's strategic interests." He challenged the Washington view that Saudi Arabia is a "moderate" state and warned that the improved F-15s would be used against Israel.

EEC OFFICIAL SAYS EUROPEANS WON'T OPPOSE CAMP DAVID PEACE PROCESS

By Henriette Boas

AMSTERDAM, March 3 (JTA) -- Netherlands Foreign Minister Christopher van der Klaauw assured representatives of European Jewry that the European Economic Community (EEC) has no intention of opposing the Camp David peace process and has no secret proposals for solving the Arab-Israeli conflict. Van der Klaauw spoke in his capacity as chairman of the Council of Ministers of the EEC, a post he assumed earlier this year succeeding Luxembourg's Foreign Minister Gaston Thorn.

He met for 90 minutes last Sunday with members of the World Jewish Congress European Branch and other major Jewish organizations representing the Jewish communities of the 10 EEC countries. They voiced their concern over the evolution of EEC policy in the Arab-Israeli dispute in light of developments since the EEC heads of state issued their Middle East declaration in Venice last June.

Van der Klaauw stressed that his pursuit of the Middle East mission undertaken by Thorn was intended simply to explore the nature of the totality of the Middle East situation and was in no way contradictory of the framework agreed to at Camp David. He stated that recent press reports alleging the existence of a secret memorandum on the subject of EEC proposals for a solution of the Middle East conflict were without foundation.

Disquiet Over Developments

During the discussion, which was described as "full and frank," the Jewish leaders expressed their profound disquiet over a number of developments. Among these were the upsurge of international terrorism as it affected European Jewish communities; the setback to the peace process by the call for "holy war" against Israel at the recent Islamic summit conference in Saudi Arabia, and the resumption of the Euro-Arab dialogue with the rejectionist Arab states that constituted in effect a discussion of the Middle East problem with only one side. The Jewish delegates also warned of the danger of proliferating arms deliveries to Arab rejectionist states by members of the EEC.

TWO EXPERT WITNESSES SUPPORT U.S. GOVERNMENT'S CONTENTION ABOUT AN ALLEGED CONCENTRATION CAMP GUARD

CLEVELAND, March 3 (JTA) -- The testimony of two expert witnesses in federal district court here supported the government's contention that Ukrainian-born John Demjanjuk would not have been admitted to the United States in 1950 or granted U.S. citizenship eight years later had he not lied about his activities as a guard in the Nazi concentration camps at Sobibor and Treblinka in Poland during World War II.

The testimony was heard last week, the third week of the trial which has aroused fierce emotions on the part of death camp survivors and Jewish activists on the one hand, and the intensely nation-

alistic Ukrainian community which supports Demjanjuk and claims that his alleged participation in atrocities against camp inmates is based on "distorted" evidence obtained from the Soviet Union.

Demjanjuk denies that he served as a concentration camp guard and claims he was a POW of the Germans at the time in question. But nine survivors flown here from Israel, West Germany and Uruguay to give eye-witness testimony have identified the 60-year-old, heavy-set Demjanjuk as one of the cruelest of the guards, known to inmates as "Ivan Grozny--Ivan the Terrible."

The case, being heard by Federal District Judge Frank Battisti, is a civil trial to determine whether Demjanjuk, an employee of the Ford Motor Co., obtained entry into the U.S. and citizenship under false pretenses. If found guilty, he could be stripped of citizenship and face deportation proceedings.

Testimony By Two Witnesses

A videotape deposition taken in January from Vienna-born Daniel Segat was introduced last week. Segat was a chief liaison officer of the International Refugee Organization (IRO) from 1948-52, the organization to which Demjanjuk applied for help in establishing displaced persons status and later when filing for U.S. citizenship. Segat stated flatly that anyone known to have been trained by the Germans as a concentration camp guard or to have served as such would have been barred from DP status under IRO guidelines.

The other witness, Leo Curry Jr., who served with the U.S. Displaced Persons Organization in Germany and Austria beginning in 1948 as a "selector" and case analyst, affirmed that Demjanjuk would have been barred from entering the U.S. had his past been known. Curry's signature appears on the document stating Demjanjuk's eligibility for DP status.

While the testimony of eye-witnesses and experts was being taken, pickets said to be "Ukrainian nationalists" marched outside the courthouse carrying signs that read, "Holocaust is a Hoax" and "Six Million Lies." A counter-demonstration was mounted by Jewish groups which unfurled an Israeli flag and waved a sign reading, "Demjanjuk Must Be Judged, We Cannot Be Silent."

AVITAL SHCHARANSKY MOUNTS ANOTHER CAMPAIGN TO FREE HER HUSBAND

By David Landau and Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, March 3 (JTA) -- Avital Shcharansky launched yet another effort today to mobilize world opinion to free her husband, Anatoly Shcharansky, who is serving the fourth year of a 13-year sentence for "subversive activities" and slandering the Soviet Union.

At a press conference here she declared, "I ask all the heads of states, particularly the Administration of President Reagan, to do everything possible to stop the suffering of my husband. She was flanked by other former Soviet Jewish Prisoners of Conscience, including Yosef Mendelovich who was freed last month after serving 11 years of a 15-year sentence, later commuted to 12 years, imposed at the 1970 Leningrad hijack trial and Hillel Butman and Alexander Lunz who were released earlier from Soviet prisons.

According to Mrs. Shcharansky, her husband an inmate of Labor Camp 35 in the Urals, was transferred about a month ago from the camp

proper to its prison compound for a period of six months. Mendelovich said that "judging by past experience, this is the first phase before returning Shcharansky to regular prison." His friends, who underwent similar ordeals, said prison conditions were far worse than the labor camps. They said prisoners were refused blankets at night despite bitter cold and were punished if they fell asleep during the day.

Mrs. Shcharansky dismissed recent press reports that Shcharansky would be released shortly in exchange for a Soviet spy imprisoned in South Africa. She claimed the reports were planted by the KGB to mislead world opinion. Lunz agreed with that theory. He told reporters conditions in the USSR are getting worse and urged them to disregard "misleading optimism."

Meanwhile, Mendelovich addressed the weekly meeting of the World Zionist Organization Executive here yesterday. He urged no let up in efforts in the West on behalf of Jews imprisoned in the Soviet Union and their right to emigrate.

LEADING MOSCOW JEWISH ACTIVISTS QUESTIONED IN BRAILOVSKY CASE

NEW YORK, March 3 (JTA) -- Soviet officials have questioned several leading Moscow Jewish activists in the case of Viktor Brailovsky, who was arrested and jailed last November, the Greater New York Conference on Soviet Jewry reported today.

Among those interrogated last week were Eliyahu Essas, Yuli Kosharovskiy, Vladimir Prestin, Pavel Abramovich, and Leonid Shabashov. They reportedly were asked if they knew Brailovsky, a computer scientist, and whether they had read the underground journal, "Jews in the USSR," which he had edited.

Brailovsky has been accused of "defaming the Soviet state," presumably for his activities as editor of the journal, the GNYCSJ said. "Though prisoners are usually officially charged with a crime within two months of their arrest, the newly-appointed prosecutor, J.A. Vorobjev, has obtained a two-month extension to continue the investigation," Zessy Schnur, the GNYCSJ's executive director, said. "Brailovsky's detention is reminiscent of that of Anatoly Shcharansky who was held incommunicado for 16 months before his trial."

The GNYCSJ said Brailovsky has only recently been given the medicine and dietary supplements he needs after being deprived of them since his imprisonment. His wife, Irina, credits public and private intervention from the West for this.

HEINRICH HEINE IS HONORED

BONN, March 3 (JTA) -- Heinrich Heine, the poet and political essayist, was honored in his native city of Duesseldorf last month to commemorate the 125th anniversary of his death. City officials unveiled a monument which was created by a local sculptor, Bert Gerresheim, who worked from Heine's death mask to produce his eight-by-five meter "Free-Landscape" of the poet. At the unveiling ceremony, part of a week-long Heine festival, Foreign Minister Jean Francois Poincaré of France praised Heine for his early recognition of the possibility for "fruitful and beneficial relations between the peoples of the Rhine."

For years, Heine remained unhonored in his own land. A Jew and a liberal who fled autocratic Prussian rule to spend the last 25 years of his life in France, Heine remained critical of his homeland. His works were banned in the German states in 1835. In his writings, Heine tried to reconcile Judaism, Romanticism, his admiration for French culture and liberalism with love for his own country.

INCREASING NUMBERS OF U.S. JEWS CONTINUE TO MOVE TO THE SUN BELT

NEW YORK, March 3 (JTA) — Continuing a pattern of recent years, the Jewish population of the United States is moving in increasing numbers from the Northeast of the United States to the Sun Belt — the Southern and Western part of the country, with many Southwestern cities reporting gains of more than 2,000 Jews over last year's figures.

The largest increase was reported by Los Angeles, with a gain of 48,000 Jews over the 1979 figure for a total of 503,000. Other substantial gains were reported in Atlanta, Fort Lauderdale, Las Vegas, San Diego, and Tucson. This trend is demonstrated in demographic reports that appear in the 1981 edition of the American Jewish Year Book. The new edition, Volume 81 in the annual series, has just appeared.

The American Jewish Year Book, the authoritative record of trends and events in Jewish life, is published jointly by the American Jewish Committee and the Jewish Publication Society of America. Its editors are Milton Himmelfarb and David Singer.

World Jewish Population Is 14,527,150

Figures on world Jewish population in the Year Book show an increase of 131,150 over the previous year, or a total current world Jewish population of 14,527,150. However, Prof. Leon Shapiro, who compiled the world statistics cautions that "there are no precise data on Jewish population in the various countries. The figures presented represent the best possible estimates ... The figures are of varying degrees of accuracy and are subject to substantial margins of error."

Similarly, the authors of the demographic report on Jewish population in the United States, Alvin Chenkin and Maynard Miran, research consultant and associate, respectively, of the Council of Jewish Federations, warn that "some communities conduct formal population studies, others estimate roughly on the basis of lists of known Jewish households."

Chenkin and Miran forecast that the trend to the Sun Belt is expected to continue as many of the older cities in the Northcentral and Northeast United States "have not yet fully reported their population losses."

U.S. Jewish Population Is 5,920,900

The estimated U.S. Jewish population is 5,920,900 or 2.7 percent of the total population, a modest increase over last year's figure of 4,860,900. The South and West comprise 31 percent of the total and the Northeast and Northcentral states represent 69 percent of the total Jewish population.

Estimating the Greater New York City metropolitan Jewish population at 1,998,000, a figure that includes the city and three suburban counties, the authors pointed out that "the city proper has probably experienced significant Jewish population loss." The magnitude of the population shift to New York City suburbs and to areas outside Greater New York is unknown.

Among the Jewish population figures for U.S. cities listed in the Year Book's tables are: Los Angeles metropolitan area, 503,000; Philadelphia metropolitan area, 295,000; Chicago metropolitan area, 253,000; Miami, 225,000; Boston, 170,000; Greater Washington, 160,000; Bergen County (N.J.), 100,000; Essex County (N.J.),

95,000; Baltimore, 92,000; Cleveland, 75,000; Detroit, 75,000; San Francisco, 75,000.

Jewish Population In Other Countries

After the United States, countries with significantly large numbers of Jews are: Israel, 3,254,000; Soviet Union, 2,630,000; France, 650,000; Great Britain, 410,000; Canada, 305,000; Argentina, 300,000; Brazil, 150,000 and South Africa, 118,000.

In Europe, including Asiatic U.S.S.R and Turkey, there are 4,102,350 Jews. In Asia, there are 3,339,810 Jews, in Africa, 173,430, and in Australia-New Zealand, 72,000.

Among the major world cities outside the United States where Jews are located are: Amsterdam, 15,000; Antwerp, 13,000; Brussels, 24,500; Bucharest, 40,000; Budapest, 65,000; Cape Town, 25,650; Glasgow, 13,000; Istanbul, 20,000; Johannesburg, 57,500; Kiev, 170,000; Leeds, 18,000; Leningrad, 165,000; Greater London, 260,000; Lyons, 20,000; Greater Manchester, 35,000; Also, Marseille, 65,000; Melbourne, 32,000; Mexico City, 32,500; Montevideo, 48,000; Montreal, 100,000; Moscow, 285,000; Paris, 300,000; Rio de Janeiro, 55,000; Rome, 10,000; Sao Paulo, 75,000; Strasbourg, 12,000; Sydney, 26,500; Teheran, 50,000; Toronto, 120,000; Vancouver, 14,000; Vienna, 9,000; and Winnipeg, 18,000.

NAZIS AND FOLLOWERS NABBED IN PLOT TO BOMB NORTH CAROLINA TOWN

NEW YORK, March 3 (JTA) — Federal authorities arrested six American Nazis and supporters yesterday on charges of conspiring to blow up buildings in Greensboro, N.C. if a group of Ku Klux Klansman and Nazis were found guilty of murdering five leftist demonstrators.

The indictment, which resulted from an investigation by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, charged the six with conspiring to blow up a petroleum storage facility, a chemical fertilizer plant, a shopping mall and part of downtown Greensboro.

Among the targets were the Guilford County Courthouse where the trial was held which resulted in the acquittal of six Klansman and Nazis for first degree murder in the deaths of five Communist Workers Party members who were shot to death while staging an anti-Klan rally in Greensboro, Nov. 3, 1979.

The indictment, returned yesterday by a federal grand jury in Asheville, N.C. accused the six of planning to put explosives in 55-gallon barrels in crowded areas of the city and detonate them "in retaliation for an anticipated guilty verdict in the Greensboro murder trial."

BEGIN SENDS CONDOLENCES TO SADAT OVER DEATH OF BADAWI

JERUSALEM, March 3 (JTA) — Premier Menachem Begin sent his "deepest condolences" to President Anwar Sadat over the death of Egypt's Defense Minister Ahmed Badawi in a helicopter accident yesterday. Thirteen other high ranking officers perished in the mishap. Begin cabled the Egyptian President yesterday that he prayed to God to console the bereaved families and the Egyptian people in their grief. The Egyptian Embassy in Tel Aviv has received numerous condolence calls from Israeli officials both within and outside of the defense establishment. According to reports from Cairo, Badawi, 53, and the 13 others were killed while on the way to watch army exercises in Egypt's western desert. Badawi, who was named Defense Minister last May, commanded the Egyptian Third Army during the Yom Kippur War.