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## FOUR PEOPLE INJURED IN BOMB BLAST

TEL AVIV, March 29 (JTA) -- Four people were slightly injured when a bomb exploded on a bus as it was about to enter the central bus station in Tel Aviv this afternoon. The bus, from Netanya, had been halted just before it reached the terminal by another bus from Jerusalem from which passengers were being evacuated in a hurry after reports of a suspicious suitcase aboard.

When the Netanya bus stopped, most of its passengers got off. Only three women passengers and the driver were still aboard when the explosion occurred in the rear baggage compartment. Police described the charge as of "small to medium size. The suspicious package aboard the bus from Jerusalem was found to be harmless, but police began searching all buses entering the terminal. Ten Arabs were detained for questioning.

## SOLDIERS KILL A TOP ARAB TERRORIST

TEL AVIV, March 29 (JTA) -- An Arab terrorist said to have headed the Israel security service's "top ten" list was killed in a shoot-out with soldiers who tried to arrest him recently, the army said.

Rafik Silmi was said to have been responsible for most of the murders and terrorist activity in the Gaza Strip during the past year. A resident of a camp near Gaza, he infiltrated back into the area at the beginning of 1980 and reportedly carried out a number of murders and grenade attacks, usually on his own but sometimes with the help of local residents.

When soldiers discovered his whereabouts and went to arrest him he opened fire on them and was killed in an exchange of fire.

## PRISON SENTENCES ASKED FOR TWO FORMER MEMBERS OF NAZI GROUP

By Edwin Eytan

PARIS, March 29 (JTA) -- The State Prosecutor's Office asked for prison sentences for two former members of the outlawed French neo-Nazi organization, Federation of European National Action (FANE), when their trial opened last Friday in Nice. The two, 21-year-old Marc Gillet and 33-year-old Daniel Milan, are charged with spreading racist propaganda, disseminating Nazi literature and the illegal possession of firearms.

The prosecution charged that the two were responsible for threats addressed last September to 54 Jewish community leaders in the south of France. Both Gillet and Milan admitted having spread hate literature but told the Nice criminal court that they were not anti-Semites "but only anti-Zionists."

They denied responsibility for the threatening letters received by 54 people last year warning them "to stop Jewish activities" or "blood will run." The letters were signed, "The New Fascist Generation. One God Only; Adolf Hitler."

The prosecution asked eight months imprisonment for Milan, six for Gillet and suspended sentences for some of their relatives who helped them hide the evidence.

## REAGAN ENDORSES HOUSE RESOLUTION THAT WOULD BESTOW HONORARY AMERICAN CITIZENSHIP ON WALLENBERG

By Joseph Polakoff

WASHINGTON, March 29 (JTA) -- President Reagan has endorsed a resolution in the House of Representatives to bestow honorary American citizenship on Swedish diplomat Raoul Wallenberg who is credited with saving 100,000 Hungarian Jews from Nazi death camps. This was made known by Rep. Tom Lantos (D. Cal.) who introduced the resolution in the House last Thursday with 263 cosponsors representing 50 States, four territories and the District of Columbia.

On Thursday night at the State Department, while attending a reception, Secretary of State Alexander Haig approached Lantos and informed him, "I've got good news for you. The President watched (CBS-TV) 60 Minutes (news magazine program) last Sunday evening and got hold of me and said, 'This is a very important matter and I want to back it all the way'."

Referring to this, Lantos said "We have the President's mandate" and added that "Haig is very supportive."

Sen. Claiborne Pell (D. R.I.) is to introduce a companion measure in the Senate this week. Rep. Peter Rodino (D. NJ), chairman of the House Judiciary Committee, has promised early hearings on the Lantos resolution. Lantos said he has not discerned any opposition to the resolution. Wallenberg, who went to Budapest on a request by the United States to help rescue Jews, was arrested when Soviet troops entered that city in 1945. He is believed to be still in a Soviet prison or labor camp.

## ISRAEL'S PARTICIPATION IN WORLD TRADE FAIR IN CAIRO HAILED AS STEP IN DIRECTION OF NORMALIZATION

By Gil Sedan and Hugh Orgel

JERUSALEM, March 29 (JTA) -- Israel's participation in the international trade fair in Cairo which just ended after a two-week run was hailed today by Minister of Trade and Industry Gideon Patt as "another step in the direction of full normalization" of relations between Israel and Egypt. Patt, who attended the fair, also told his fellow ministers at today's Cabinet meeting that the Israeli-Egyptian trade agreement, expected to be ratified this week by the Egyptian Parliament, should lead to a great increase of Egyptian imports from Israel.

"This will open the door for the public sector in Egypt to trade with Israel," Patt said. Until now, trade contacts have been confined to the government-to-government level. Israel's exports to Egypt to date total \$12 million but there have been no Egyptian exports to Israel. Ministry officials who helped staff the Israeli pavilion at the trade fair forecast that trade between the two countries would amount to a \$100 million within three years.

An estimated 300,000 people visited the Israeli pavilion at the Cairo trade fair. During its first week, when the fair was open to business people only, between 2000-3000 potential Egyptian buyers

examined the Israeli goods displayed. During the second week, when the fair was open to the public, about 30,000 Egyptians a day visited the Israeli pavilion.

#### Defer Decision On Teachers' Salary

At the request of Premier Menachem Begin and Education Minister Zevulun Hammer, the Cabinet agreed today to defer a final decision in the dispute with teachers over a pay raise until the Arbitration Institute determines whether the increase would constitute a deviation from the general wage agreements.

Agreement was reached earlier this month between the government and the teachers union on pay increases. But its implementation has been held up by the Treasury on grounds that it would cause the collapse of the present wage structure in the economy by triggering demands from other public employees. The teachers staged a one-day strike last week to protest the Treasury's refusal to honor the agreement.

The Cabinet also agreed today that work on the proposed Mediterranean-Dead Sea canal hydro-electric project would begin in the near future. The canal route already has been approved. Energy Minister Yitzhak Mordechai proposed that the work start at the eastern end of the route, close to the Dead Sea. According to Mordechai, more than \$25 million has been invested in the two months since the Israel Bond Organization began a campaign on behalf of the \$700 million project in the United States and Europe.

#### DULZIN HAILS DELEGATES TO TELEM CONCLAVE AS MUCH-NEEDED BREATH OF FRESH AIR IN ZIONIST MOVEMENT

NEW YORK, March 29 (JTA) -- Leon Dulzin, chairman of the Jewish Agency and the World Zionist Organization Executives, hailed 500 delegates to the first national convention of TELEM, the Movement for Zionist Fulfillment, as a "much-needed breath of fresh air in the Zionist movement" which is "renewing the great tradition of Zionism in the United States."

Noting that each member of TELEM makes "a personal commitment to go on aliya," Dulzin added that "I believe the next 25 years of Israel's existence will be in good measure determined by you. We prepared the ground. Your task is to come and to take over and to continue what we have begun so that the future of Israel and its people will be secure."

Dulzin praised the commitment of the delegates to aliya because "you are coming from a free land, not from compulsion, but from idealism. One day the majority of Jews will live in Israel but Israel will have to be an attractive place. To make it so is your unique historical opportunity."

#### Proposes Plan For Prospective Olim

Charlotte Jacobson, chairman of the WZO-American Section, proposed a program of two years of life in Israel for prospective settlers. She said that length of time would enable the potential candidate for aliya "to weather the myriad of details, inconvenience and frustrations that are an inevitable part of setting up a new home at the same time" that the candidate "is involved with adjustment and absorption into Israeli life and society."

A total of 156 TELEM members have made aliya in the first two years of the movement's ex-

istence, a spokesperson said, adding that 49 TELEM members made aliya in TELEM's first year and 107 in the second year.

Ephraim Evron, Israel's Ambassador to the United States, told the delegates that "the excitement created by TELEM has instilled hope among all Zionists that has not been felt for years." President Yitzhak Navon of Israel told the delegates by telephone today from Israel that "you are our future."

Rick Fishbine, TELEM outgoing chairperson, who plans to make aliya in June, told the delegates that the Zionist movement "must commit itself to active support for aliya." Mike Rosenberg of Berkeley, Calif., the new TELEM chairperson, who plans to settle in Israel in 1982, urged the delegates to "reach out to American Jewish youth on the campuses of North America to go to Israel for a summer, for a year, and, once they come to know the country, they will make aliya."

#### HANNAH GOLDBERG DEAD AT 79

BOSTON, March 29 (JTA) -- A memorial service was held here today for Hannah Goldberg, former national executive director of Hadassah who died here last Thursday at the age of 79. She began her affiliation with Hadassah when she joined Junior Hadassah, where she held several leadership positions. She subsequently joined Senior Hadassah in which she served as vice president of the New England Region and was elected to the national board in 1942.

Miss Goldberg was executive director of Hadassah from 1953 to 1971 when she retired and then held the special position of assistant to the president until 1975. She then returned to her native Boston.

Prior to her joining Hadassah she had been executive secretary of the Jewish Reconstructionist Foundation.

Miss Goldberg, who attended Boston University and practiced law here for several years after passing the Massachusetts Bar, was a well-known writer for American-Jewish and general periodicals as well as a book reviewer. She had been a member of the Hadassah and Reconstructionist magazines' editorial boards. Over the years she was a delegate to World Zionist Congresses.

#### BEINESH EPSTEIN DEAD AT 85

NEW YORK, March 29 (JTA) -- Beinesh Epstein, a writer, journalist and lifelong Zionist leader active in the United States and Israel, died here last Thursday at the age of 85. At the time of his death he was a lifetime member of the Actions Committee of the World Zionist Organization, a public affairs consultant to the Zionist Organization of America and a member of the World Executive of the Zionist-Revisionist organization.

His long career as a writer and speaker for the cause of Zionism and Israel was twice honored last year when he received the ZOA Louis Brandeis Award in October and the Jabotinsky Centennial Medal last November.

Epstein, who was a close friend and disciple of Zeev Vladimir Jabotinsky, founder of the Zionist-Revisionist movement, was born in Lithuania to a long line of distinguished rabbis. As a youth, he organized yeshiva students for Zionist activities and after moving to Berlin he entered the publishing business. He came to the United States in 1926 where his father became a leading rabbi in St. Louis.

Epstein became a teacher, wrote for Yiddish newspapers and for a time broadcast a program of commentary on radio station WEVD. He was a member of the former American Zionist Council and headed the Jewish Desk of the Republican Party during Presidential campaigns in the 1940s and 1950s.

## BERKOWITZ WARNS THAT ISRAEL IS ENTERING A 'FATEFUL PERIOD'

GROSSINGERS, N.Y., March 29 — Rabbi William Berkowitz, president of the Jewish National Fund, warned today that Israel was entering a "fateful period" in which her basic security was threatened by "the willingness of Western Europe to be intimidated by Arab wealth, the apparent inability of the Reagan Administration to say 'no' to Saudi Arabia and, a new arms race that imperils Israel's economic recovery."

In an address to Jewish leaders marking the 80th anniversary of the founding of the JNF by Theodor Herzl at the Fifth Zionist Congress, Berkowitz declared: "Two years after the signing of the peace treaty with Egypt, Israel's political isolation has grown worse and the principles established at Camp David are under increasing attack."

"Great Britain and France, leaders of the European Economic Community, are preparing a plan to bring the PLO into the negotiating process, to force Israel to return to the 1967 borders, to create a Palestinian state, to compel Israeli withdrawal from East Jerusalem and to 'guarantee' Israel's security by means of foreign troops on Israeli soil. This plan menaces Israel's very existence."

### Says U.S. Succumbs To Impotence On Saudi Issue

At the same time, Berkowitz said, "The new Administration — which in so many areas has effectively reasserted America's national interest and defended Israel without apology at the United Nations and elsewhere — has succumbed to the same impotence in dealing with Saudi Arabia that characterized the Carter Administration."

"This weakness is based upon a profound miscalculation — the wrong-headed idea that we need the Saudis but the Saudis don't need us. It is true that Saudi Arabia supplies 17 percent of the world's oil. But the Saudis need the vast sums they derive from the sale of their oil for the massive development and industrialization programs they have undertaken. They cannot afford the collapse of the Western economy or the devaluation of their investments in the West."

"Saudi Arabia depends on the U.S. for its markets, for its protection, for its technology and for its move into the 20th Century. We must rid our country and its leaders of the notion that the United States of America is a helpless giant before the Arab oil producers."

Berkowitz declared that it is the "responsibility" of President Reagan and his advisors "to demand that if the Saudis are to be sold the F-15s and other advanced equipment they want, there must be a quid pro quo: they must cease their calls for qijad (holy war) against Israel, cease their denunciation of President (Anwar) Sadat of Egypt for signing a peace treaty with Israel, cease their refusal to enter the Middle East peace process and cease their financial support of the terrorist PLO to the tune of some one million dollars per day."

### Arms Race Dangerous To Israel

Berkowitz said, "For Israel to enter an arms race with the Saudis is potentially disastrous for the Jewish state. First, Israel cannot match the huge dollar surplus that the Saudis boast. Second, Israel cannot jeopardize the economic recovery on which it has started and which appears so promising."

"The year 1980 was one of the most successful years in Israel's recent economic history. Exports jumped 23 percent and imports rose only 9 percent — despite a rise of 70 percent in the cost of imported oil. High-technology goods produced by Israeli brainpower are winning an increasing share of world markets. For the first time in its 33 years, Israel exported more than one billion dollars worth of goods to the United States."

Berkowitz declared: "American Jews must say 'no' to a new Middle East arms race, 'no' to stuffing still more American weapons into the eager hands of the Saudis, 'no' to any kind of European 'initiative' that will undermine the Camp David process and 'no' to any recognition of the PLO."

## HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF HOOPSTER ENTHUSIASTS WELCOME HOME VICTORIOUS ISRAELI TEAM By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, March 29 (JTA) — A wildly cheering crowd, estimated by police at 100,000-150,000 massed outside City Hall here last night for the official welcome to the victorious Tel Aviv Maccabi basketball team returning home after winning their second European Cup Championship by defeating the Sinudyne Bologna team of Italy in the last three seconds of play in Strasbourg last Thursday night.

The Tel Aviv Maccabis last brought home the European Cup in 1977. Their second victory by the hair-breadth score of 80-79 forced Israeli fans to endure almost excruciating suspense as their hoopsters came up from behind. The Italian champions were leading 34-25 at the end of the first quarter and 39-37 at half time. Streets throughout Israel were deserted, theaters were closed and public meetings were postponed while Israelis watched the match, glued to their television sets.

When victory was assured seconds before the final gun, the tension burst and thousands of youths poured into the streets, singing, shouting and blaring automobile horns in defiance of local ordinances. The visceral reaction of Israelis to the outcome of a sports event prompted discussions by psychologists on radio and television interviews over the weekend. Some said, "We don't know how to rejoice." Others said Israelis let off steam in this manner because of the tensions of their daily lives.

Whatever the explanation, there are three undisputed heroes in Israel today: Mickey Berkowitz, who led the Maccabi scorers with a total of 20 points and shot the winning basket; Earl Williams, who followed him scoring 19 points; and Aulcie Perry, who scored 18 points.

### SOVIET YEW FACES IMPRISONMENT

NEW YORK, March 29 (JTA) — Vladimir Kislik, a long-time refusenik from Kiev, has been charged with "malicious hooliganism" under Soviet law, it was reported here by several organizations involved with Soviet Jewry. If convicted, he could face a maximum term of five years' imprisonment.

Kislik, arrested March 19 as he was leaving a Purim party and accused of allegedly "attacking a woman," is being held in Kiev's Lukyanovka Prison. It is expected that the trial will be held in about two weeks.

A distinguished physicist, Kislik, 46, first applied to emigrate in 1973. Since then he has been repeatedly denied permission to join his son in Israel, and has been subjected to searches, beatings and other forms of intimidation by Soviet authorities, including detention in 1980 in a psychiatric hospital ward reserved for extremely dangerous psychotics.

### JEWISH LEADER WARNS THAT REAGAN BUDGET CUTS COULD IGNITE MANIFESTATIONS OF ANTI-SEMITISM

NEW YORK, March 29 (JTA) — Budget cuts being proffered by the Reagan Administration may ignite anti-Semitic manifestations, especially by youth looking for scapegoats, the president of the world's largest Jewish labor fraternal order declared here.

Dr. Israel Kugler, president of the Workmen's Circle, told a public affairs leadership conference yesterday that "just as red-necks in the South looked for scapegoats and found them in the black community, so, economically depressed young people will, as they have done historically, look for a target of violence. Tragically the Jew becomes a prime target."

"The brush fires of anti-Semitic violence that have been witnessed throughout the United States and abroad," he said, "may have a common match. They are fueled by hate propaganda manufactured in the Soviet Union and fed to and through the Middle East, especially through the Palestine Liberation Organization. The Polish government cannot hide its role in instigating the infamous March 8th anti-Semitic demonstration. Thanks to the leadership of Solidarity, the Polish people rejected their government's sordid attempt to revive the dark days of anti-Semitism."

#### Providing Grist For The Mills Of Discontent

But the Reagan Administration, "by cut-back on social programs, by introducing sub-standard minimum wages for youth, by reducing funds for jobs and cultural programs is just providing grist for the mills of discontent that inevitably stir up those who are looking for scapegoats," Kugler said.

He declared, "We must take issue with those, even in the Jewish community, who tend to minimize this manifestation of anti-Semitism as isolated acts of a few 'kooks'. It is difficult to tell the Jews of Argentina that it doesn't exist, or the Polish Jews that what they heard wasn't official and that the growing number of incidents of arson and vandalism both here and abroad of Jewish institutions are just 'accidental'."

Kugler told the delegates attending the all-day conference, held in conjunction with the Jewish Labor Committee, that "some international consortium of hate may be paying for the distribution of neo-Nazi propaganda in this country, in West Germany, and throughout the world."

"It is high time that some Congressional body started to investigate and lift the financial veil from those who are responsible for acts of terrorism and vandalism at home. Para-military bands of neo-Nazis and KKK groups openly parading and training in uniformed violence cannot be protected by the perverse reference to Constitutional guarantees. We need responsible, effective governmental action now on federal, state, and local levels."

### JEWISH, CHRISTIAN CLERICS WARN OF RISE OF RELIGIOUS CONSERVATISM

NEW YORK, March 29 (JTA) — A group of 23 leading clerics and lay leaders have issued an interreligious statement, "We Are A Moral Alternative," in response to the rise of political and religious conservatism in this country as exemplified by such groups as the Moral Majority. The 500-word statement, which was initiated and drafted by Rabbi Balfour Brickner of the Stephen

Wise Free Synagogue, declared: "Today, the liberties of too many in this country are threatened by a highly organized few who are too sure they are right. They represent an intellectual and spiritual smugness that threatens even further to polarize a society already too highly fragmented. No single religious or political orientation can claim exclusive possession of the truth. No group can claim that it, alone, is patriotic and that those who disagree are un-American."

"Because we view any such pretentious self-righteousness as a serious danger to our domestic tranquility, and exactly contrary to the morality of the Bible that names pride as the primary sin, we have joined together in this statement to reaffirm our commitment to, and continually to teach the basic American values undergirding our society: democracy through diversity, patriotism through plurality, equality of rights for all regardless of race, sex or belief. In this commitment, we believe we represent a moral majority of the American people."

Among the 23 signatories, all of whom have been active, individually, in many movements for social justice such as civil rights, are Rev. Paul Moore, Bishop of St. John the Divine; Rev. Wyatt Tee Walker, Senior Pastor of Canaan Baptist Church of Christ; Rev. Howard Moody at Judson Memorial Church; Dr. George Webber, president of the New York Theological Society; Rabbi Wolfe Kelman, executive vice president of the Rabbinical Assembly; and Dr. Beverly Harrison, Professor of Christian Ethics at the Union Theological Seminary.

#### Rejects Version Of Theocratic State

Continuing, the statement said: "We believe that helping people to their feet is as religious an act as keeping them on their knees. The way to do that, however, is not by trying either to Christianize America, destroying its pluralism or replacing democracy with an American version of some theocratic state. The notion of a 'Christian republic' violates the deepest convictions of the founders of this nation. We have, and will, continue to oppose vigorously any efforts in that direction. They would destroy the foundation of our nation's unique freedom: the separation of church from state."

To counter this dangerous trend, the signatories vowed to pool their energies and mobilize their constituencies to action on many fronts including political, educational and spiritual.

#### ANDA AMIR-PINKERFELD DEAD AT 79

TEL AVIV, March 29 (JTA) — Anda Amir-Pinkerfeld, poet and writer of children's poems and stories on which two generations of children have grown up, died last Friday at the age of 79. She was born in Poland in 1902 and came to Israel in 1920, returning to Europe and then coming back to Israel in 1930. At the end of World War II she returned to Europe to work with children who had survived the Holocaust. She was awarded the Israel Prize for literature in 1978 for her 50-year contribution to Israeli culture.

#### SADIE FRIEDMAN DEAD AT 84

NEW YORK, March 29 (JTA) — Philanthropist Sadie Friedman died last Tuesday in Boca Raton, Fla. at the age of 84. She and her late husband, Max Friedman, provided funds for the Albert Einstein College of Medicine at Yeshiva University in New York City and for the university's Research Institute. She and her husband also provided substantial support for the college's medical library.