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ISRAEL ARMY OFFICER KILLED, SIX SOLDIERS WOUNDED IN COMMANDO RAID ON TERRORIST POSITIONS

Terrorist Rockets Kill Mother Of Three Children
And Injure Other Settlers In Kibbutz Misgav Am
By Hugh Orgel and Gil Sedan

TEL AVIV, July 20 (JTA) -- An Israeli army officer was killed and six soldiers were slightly wounded in a helicopter-borne commando raid on terrorist positions near the Zaharani River estuary in south Lebanon last night.

A number of Palestinians were killed in the attack which was supported by fire from Israeli naval craft off the Lebanese coast. Israel Air Force planes later bombed the site and also hit terrorist positions in the Beaufort Castle area.

Meanwhile, Palestinian rocket fire claimed a fifth victim this morning. A 40-year old mother of three children, Zipora Yesod, was killed in Kibbutz Misgav Am and several other settlers were injured slightly when shells burst in the center of the kibbutz. According to the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL) the Palestinians fired about 350 artillery shells and about 50 Katyusha rockets into northern Israel during the night. Three Israelis were killed in Nahariya last Wednesday and a fourth was killed Friday in Kiryat Shemona by terrorist rocket fire after a massive Israeli air raid on Beirut Friday. About 30 Israeli settlers have been wounded since the latest escalation of warfare began across the Israeli Lebanese border.

Premier Menachem Begin was reported, meanwhile, to have flatly rejected U.S. special envoy Philip Habib's appeal for an immediate cease-fire in Lebanon. The two met twice yesterday. Begin reportedly said he would call for a cease-fire only if there is a total freeze on terrorist activities a-

gainst Israel. Habib is going to Lebanon today and is expected to return here tomorrow.

Begin will convene his Cabinet in special session tomorrow to discuss the situation and the American demand for a cease-fire. He is also expected to send a personal letter to President Reagan explaining the reasons for Israel's offensive against Lebanon.

Sources here said Begin believes there is no more room for compromise and that the current crisis should be used to reach a final solution with the Palestinians in Lebanon. Israel is said to be unlikely to agree to a cease-fire that would allow the terrorists time to prepare for future hostile actions against Israel.

Sources in the Prime Minister's Office indicated that Israeli air strikes on terrorist bases would continue even if they are located in civilian-populated areas. The sources said Begin rejected American criticism of Israel's air attack on Beirut last Friday in which there were heavy civilian casualties on grounds that the terrorists have been shelling Israeli civilians over a long period.

According to the Israeli argument, the government is exercising its duty "to protect the citizens of Israel." But the local media reported today that there has been criticism within the government of the hard line advocated by Chief of Staff Gen. Rafael Eitan which Begin fully supports.

Terrorists Shell Upper Galilee

Salvoes of Katyusha rockets were fired into the Upper Galilee panhandle last night and at Nahariya without causing casualties. There was also rocket fire yesterday at Jordan Valley settlements from Syrian territory. Gen. Yehoshua Saguy, chief of military intelligence, and other military sources said the attacks must have been carried out with the full knowledge of the Syrian authorities and that they were studying

the implications of these latest developments. Until now the Syrians have rarely permitted Palestinians to fire at Israel from their territory.

Explaining Israel's raid on Beirut last Friday, Saguy told foreign correspondents at a press conference yesterday that the action followed delivery of large numbers of 130 mm. cannons and 40-barrel Katyusha rocket launchers to the Palestinians as well as T-34, T-55 and T-54 tanks, and SAM-9 anti-aircraft missiles from Syria and Libya. He said these mainly Soviet-made weapons were difficult to spot in search-and-destroy missions. Therefore, it was decided to attack terrorist headquarters in Beirut "to give them something to think about," Saguy said.

He said all of the targets in Friday's raid were located within a triangle in the Lebanese capital that has been taken over completely by the terrorists to which Lebanese authorities and civilians have only limited access. He said the principal targets were two buildings which housed the main headquarters of El Fatah and the Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine on the third to fifth floors with the families of Palestinian officers housed on the upper and lower floors.

REAGAN EXPECTED TO DECIDE WITHIN NEXT 24 HOURS ON F-16s DELIVERY

OTTAWA, July 20 (JTA) -- President Reagan, attending the Western nations' economic summit conference here, is expected to decide within the next 24 hours whether or not to resume delivery of F-16 fighter aircraft to Israel. He told reporters he would take time out to discuss the matter with his advisors later today, presumably including Secretary of State Alexander Haig who is in Ottawa with the President.

Although the conference agenda deals primarily with economic issues, the rapidly escalating warfare across the Israeli-Lebanese border has put the Middle East crisis in the forefront of other matters. Reagan told reporters today that his immediate goal is to help effect a cease-fire between Israeli and Palestinian forces in Lebanon. The Foreign Ministers of the other nations attending the conference agreed that this was the most urgent need of the moment.

Reagan indicated that he pinned his hopes on the efforts of U.S. special envoy Philip Habib who is presently in Israel. Habib conferred with Premier Menachem Begin twice yesterday and reportedly called for an immediate cease-fire. The Israeli Cabinet is expected to convene in special session tomorrow to decide.

Briefing reporters on his arrival here last night, Haig conceded that the deteriorating situation in the Middle East has increased tensions there and is a cause for worry. But, in an appearance earlier yesterday on the ABC-TV "Issues and Answers" program, Haig seemed optimistic that the situation in Lebanon would be resolved peacefully. He, too, referred to Habib's presence in the region and noted that the American diplomat had succeeded in moderating the earlier crisis over Syria's deployment of SAM-6 anti-aircraft missiles in Lebanon.

STATE DEPARTMENT HOLDS OUT HOPE FOR ACHIEVING PEACE IN THE MIDEAST

By David Friedman

WASHINGTON, July 20 (JTA) -- The State Department rejected any feelings of pessimism about the chances of achieving a cease-fire across the Israeli-Lebanese border.

State Department deputy spokesman Alan Romburg said it was "premature" to make any judgement about special U.S. envoy Philip Habib's efforts until after the Israeli Cabinet meets in special session tomorrow. He refused to make any comment on reports that Israeli Premier Menachem Begin had rejected a cease-fire.

Romburg also refused to comment on any aspect of Habib's mission. Habib was ordered to Jerusalem last Friday by President Reagan to seek a cease-fire after Israel's raid on terrorist headquarters in Lebanon. Romburg would not say how Habib would get the Palestinian Liberation Organization to stop firing into northern Israel since, as he reiterated, U.S. policy is not to deal directly with the PLO. But he noted, "For a cease-fire to work, both sides have to stop shooting."

F-16s Delivery Not Linked To Mideast Violence

Romburg reiterated that the U.S. does not link the violence in Lebanon with Reagan's forthcoming decision whether to resume the shipment of F-16s to Israel. The President was expected to decide last Friday whether to lift the suspension on four F-16s that was imposed after Israel destroyed the Iraqi nuclear plant June 7 as well as give the go ahead on six more F-16s now scheduled to leave New Hampshire for the 18-hour flight to Israel tomorrow.

Romburg said he did not want to go beyond what Secretary of State Alexander Haig said yesterday on ABC-TV's "Issues and Answers." On that program, Haig said that the F-16's and the situation in Lebanon were not linked although they were "broadly inter-related" in the overall U.S. efforts to achieve peace in the area.

Romburg noted that the President, who is in Ottawa for the Western nation's economic summit, is scheduled to meet with his advisors on the F-16 decision this afternoon. He said if there is an announcement it will come from Ottawa.

LEBANON ASKS UN SECURITY COUNCIL TO FIND WAY TO END HOSTILITIES

By Yitzhak Rabi

UNITED NATIONS, July 20 (JTA) -- Ambassador Ghassan Tueni of Lebanon said today that his country wants the Security Council to devise "a mechanism for the cessation of hostilities" between Israel and Lebanon. He said that "in the event of non-compliance, we want to invoke Chapter 7" which means the imposition of sanctions under the UN Charter.

It was not clear when the Security Council will resume its debate, begun last Friday, on Israel's attacks on Lebanon. Tueni said, replying to reporters' questions, that the Arab group would start this afternoon to work on a draft resolution. The Lebanese Ambassador met today with UN Secretary General Kurt Waldheim and with the President of the Security Council, Ide Oumarou of Niger.

KANSAS CITY JEWISH COMMUNITY BADLY HURT BY HOTEL TRAGEDY

By Milton Firestone, Editor, Jewish Chronicle

KANSAS CITY, July 20 (JTA) -- The Jewish community of Greater Kansas City was severely hurt in the tragedy which encompassed the entire community last Friday evening when two skywalks in the year-old Hyatt Regency Hotel collapsed and resulted in the death of 113 persons and injury to almost 200 others.

There are three known dead in the Jewish community and many injured, including the executive director of the Jewish Federation of Greater Kansas City, Sol Koenigsberg. Koenigsberg, 56, and his wife, Rosette Koenigsberg, 52, were hospitalized with back and other injuries. They are listed in

"satisfactory condition." Funeral services are being held or planned for Robert Jonas, 56, a religious school teacher at Temple B'nai Jehudah and father of two; Stephen Hershman, 59, a father of two children; and Paul Winett, 38, a father of three.

Mayor Richard Berkley, an active member of the Jewish community, has been a public leader, directing early rescue efforts, comforting the injured and the bereaved, and calling for a thorough investigation of the cause of the sudden tragedy.

Another member of the Jewish community receiving widespread if undesired publicity has been Steve Miller, who was conducting the orchestra which made the Friday afternoon and evening tea dances a big success at the new hotel. Miller himself was not injured, but narrowly missed being struck by the falling skywalks, which injured one member of his orchestra.

Memorial services are being held here for the victims and others, and the entire Kansas City is in a state of shock and mourning.

NAVON URGES MAXIMUM NATIONAL UNITY TO DEAL WITH ESCALATING VIOLENCE ACROSS THE ISRAEL-LEBANON BORDER

By David Landau

JERUSALEM, July 20 (JTA) -- The tenth Knesset was sworn into office today against the background of escalating warfare across the Israel-Lebanon border which brought urgent appeals for national unity from President Yitzhak Navon and others who addressed the inaugural session.

But with only a single mandate separating Likud from the opposition Labor Alignment -- the result of the June 30 elections which were the closest in Israel's history -- most observers believe the new Knesset will be an arena of bitter debate and high tension.

Navon told the packed chamber: "There is an emergency and calls for a serious effort by the government and the opposition to arrive -- if possible -- at agreement on the principles of our policy on a matter so vital for our security and with implications for our political standing in the region and in the world at large."

He was referring to the immediate situation in Lebanon marked by heavy Israeli air, land and sea bombardment of Palestinian positions during the past 10 days and continuing terrorist rocket and artillery attacks on towns in northern Israel which have killed five persons so far and wounded more than a score of others.

Peres Mum On Consensus

Earlier today, Labor Party leader Shimon Peres refused to say there was a "national consensus" over policy toward Lebanon. He said there could be no such consensus because the government has declined to consult with the opposition at any stage in the developing crisis. The Begin government's new policy of striking at Palestinian targets even in the midst of civilian populated areas has brought Israel into direct conflict with the U.S. since American-supplied weapons are being used.

Yosef Burg of the National Religious Party and Interior Minister in the outgoing government presided over the chamber today as its senior member. He, too, called for a "national consensus on the great issues that confront us." The NRP has been pressing Likud and Labor to form a national "unity government" in view of the close outcome of the June 30 elections. The newly elected Speaker of the Knesset, Manachem Savidor of Likud's Liberal

Party, also called for "maximal national unity between the two main blocs in the house." He urged "restraint and dignity" in the conduct of political debate in the chamber and in the various Knesset committees.

But the prediction by pundits that this Knesset will be an especially fractious one seemed to be confirmed in its first official action, the election of a Speaker. Labor, whose candidate for the job was former Police Minister Shlomo Hillel, demanded a secret ballot instead of a handcount. Likud's Dov Shilansky rejected this on grounds of precedent. Burg ruled that the tradition of an open vote, while not binding, favored the Likud view. The vote was 61-56 in favor of Savidor, a veteran Liberal Party politician who, for the past few years, has been the Knesset observer at the Parliament of Europe in Strasbourg. He has also been active in the World Maccabi Union.

PERCY URGES REAGAN TO WITHHOLD F-16s TO ISRAEL UNTIL U.S. GETS ASSURANCE THERE WON'T BE MORE RAIDS

By David Friedman

WASHINGTON, July 20 (JTA) -- Senate Foreign Relations Committee chairman Charles Percy (R. Ill.) called on President Reagan not to release any F-16s for Israel until the United States has "assurances" that there will be no more Israeli raids on civilian targets such as the one on Beirut last Friday.

Percy said that the escalation of violence in Lebanon is "counterproductive" for both Israel and the Palestinians. He noted that Israel requires "peaceful borders for its security" and the Palestinians must realize by now that continued shelling of Israel by them brings massive retaliation upon them.

He said that the increase in violence across the Israeli-Lebanese border was a "major setback" to the peaceful solution for the Middle East. He called on all sides not to do anything to "undercut" special envoy Philip Habib's efforts to bring a cease-fire to Lebanon.

Percy made his remarks as the committee began hearings on the Reagan Administration's request for congressional authorization for American participation in the multi-national force and observers (MFO) that will police the Sinai following Israel's final withdrawal in April 1982.

Also critical of Israel was Sen. Jesse Helms (R. N.C.). Two other committee members, Sens. Richard Lugar (R. Ind.) and Nancy Kassebaum (R. Kan.) backed Percy in calling for a suspension of arms shipments to Israel. The four Republicans were the only committee members present at the time.

On the MFO, Nicholas Veliotis, Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs, said that according to an agreement signed by Israel, Egypt and the U.S. in London last Friday, the U.S. would supply 1,000 of the expected 2500 members of the MFO.

Veliotis said that Congress was being asked to appropriate \$125 million for the 1982 fiscal year which begins Oct. 1 to cover construction as well as the U.S. members of the MFO. He said beginning in the 1983 fiscal year, Egypt, Israel and the U.S. will each appropriate \$35 million to pay for the MFO.

Veliotis noted that Leamon Hunt, a retired Foreign Service officer, has been named interim Director-General of the MFO and will begin work to see that the force is in place by late March 1982. Veliotis noted that the MFO agreement was the "first step toward a comprehensive peace in the Middle East" to meet the just requirements of the Palestinian people and security needs of Israel.

SPECIAL INTERVIEWTHE DOYEN OF THE KNESSET LEAVES
THE HOUSE AFTER 33 YEARS OF SERVICE

By Uzi Benziman

JERUSALEM, July 20 (JTA) -- Dr. Zerach Warhaftig, the doyen of the Knesset, has left the parliament after 33 years of continuous service. At the age of 75, Warhaftig, a member of the National Religious Party, left the political arena with ill feelings toward none and with a sense of calm acceptance.

From the vantage point of elder statesmen and experienced politicians -- and as a noted Talmudic scholar -- he stands back and observes the hectic arena of today's politics. He sounds quite young in his readiness to accept the changes in public norms and ethics. He is not the kind of elderly gentleman who is forever making comparison between the contemporary scene and how it used to be in his own day.

"The standard of the ninth Knesset (1977-81) was really not bad at all," Warhaftig told this reporter. "Younger people became members and this itself is a positive phenomenon." For all that, Warhaftig recalls with a certain wistfulness his memories of the founding fathers who brought to the first Knesset their experience in the parliamentary life of several democratic countries in pre-World War II Europe.

A Leading Activist In The Religious Movement

Warhaftig himself was born in Poland in 1906 and studied law at Warsaw University. During World War II he led a rescue mission that saved the lives of some 5000 Jews from various cities of Poland. All escaped to Shanghai. He still believes that the rescue operation was the most important task he has accomplished in his rich and long public career.

He immigrated to Israel in 1947 and, as a leading activist of the national religious movement, he was included in the "Peoples Assembly," the first semi-parliamentary organ established in 1948 in order to prepare the first elections in the fledgling Jewish State.

Had Impact On Electoral System

His research on legal systems had a major impact on the formulation of the "Election Law," by which the elections are still run. "One of the questions that arose in those days," says the veteran parliamentarian, "was whether the law should lay down restrictions on the eligibility of candidates who have a criminal past."

"I objected to such limitation, arguing that it was entirely unlikely that in Israel there would ever be 10,000 people (in 1948 this was the figure needed to elect one member of the Knesset) who would back a criminal as their representative in the Knesset. I added that should there be support for such a man, then the Israeli people will deserve to have him included in its legislature."

Since those first election, Warhaftig has served in each of the nine Knessets. During his 33 years of parliamentary service he has been a member in almost all the Knesset committees but his favorite job, he says, was the chairmanship of the Constitution Law and Justice Committee.

Mistakes Of The First Generation

Asked about the relatively rapid turnover of legislators in the Knesset (as a result of the elections in 1974 and 1977 about 60 percent of Knesseters were replaced by newcomers), Warhaftig

says that the present generation is paying the price for the first generation's mistake. The founding fathers of the State failed to train a second generation to replace them gradually in the national leadership. Consequently, the third generation -- the present generation of Israeli politicians -- shows such intense eagerness to take its part in power.

"We have the grandfathers' generations and the grandsons' generation, while the generation of the sons did not fulfill its due role in politics because their fathers refused to evacuate their seats in the national leaderships," Warhaftig says.

But though the younger parliamentarians are less politically educated than their predecessors they have their advantages. They are active, ambitious and sensitive to the public needs and wishes, Warhaftig says.

Politics Should Not Be Sole Vocation

He warns against the type of Knesset member whose exclusive interest is politics. He recommends to the younger parliamentarians that they keep up an alternative profession and not see politics as their sole vocation. "Politics is a mission not a professional occupation," he says.

At the age of 75 Warhaftig leaves the Knesset to dedicate the rest of his life exclusively to his researches in law and Talmud. True to his own advice, he has never neglected this academic-spiritual pursuit throughout his long political career, and has found the time to write and publish several scholarly works.

MOCZAR OUSTED FROM LEADERSHIP
IN POLAND'S COMMUNIST PARTY

NEW YORK, July 20 (JTA) -- One of the casualties in last week's election of the new leadership of Poland's Communist Party was Mieczyslaw Moczar, the former Minister of Internal Affairs. Moczar was the Interior Minister during the 1968 official anti-Semitic period in Poland and was responsible for issuing anti-Jewish pamphlets at the time.

Last March, following the anti-Semitic incidents in Poland where ultra-nationalist elements called on Poles to rise up against "Jewish chauvenists," Moczar met with Stefan Grayek of Israel, chairman of the World Federation of Jewish Fighters and Partisans, in Warsaw and told him that he regretted his anti-Semitic policy in the past and had since then made statements and published articles praising the part played by Jews in Poland's wartime underground and Jewish contributions to Poland's economy.

Despite his disavowal of his past, many Jewish leaders in the United States expressed concern last March that his rise to present prominence might encourage anti-Semitic elements. At the time of the anti-Semitic manifestations in Poland, Moczar was a member of the Politburo and was expected to be the next President.

ORTHODOX HALT CITY OF DAVID DIG

JERUSALEM, July 20 (JTA) -- Pressure by the ultra-Orthodox community of Jerusalem halted the archaeological work at the City of David which is considered the most important archaeological site in the country. The work at the site was to have begun last week.

The ultra-Orthodox Jews staged protests at the site, protesting that the excavations were to be carried out in an ancient Jewish cemetery. Work was suspended pending a resolution of the conflict. The site includes a pyramid-like structure apparently dating from King Solomon's time. There is speculation whether the structure was connected with the citadel of the ancient city, or served as royal tombs of the House of David.