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## ISRAEL HITS TERRORIST INSTALLATIONS

By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, July 22 (JTA) -- Israeli Air Force planes today again attacked terrorist installations in south Lebanon, the military command said here. The targets were crossings along the Litani and Zaharani rivers which the terrorists had improvised after Israeli air force planes destroyed the bridges last week. The bridges had been used to transport military equipment for attacks on Israel.

Air Force Commander Gen. David Ivry said Israeli aircraft had met "massive anti-aircraft fire" during some of its sorties on terrorist targets in Lebanon but none had been hit and all planes returned safely to their base. The fire included anti-aircraft artillery and missiles, mainly from shoulder-mounted Strella missiles, and one occasion a SAM-9 missile was fired, Ivry said. Asked about the delays in the delivery of F-16 aircraft from the United States, he said it was "bearable in the short term but could be serious in the long term."

Premier Menachem Begin disclosed that a 130mm artillery gun of the type used to shell Israeli settlements had been destroyed yesterday, but he did not say whether by air attack or by Israeli artillery fire. "It may be replaced by the enemy," he said. "If so, its replacement will also be destroyed."

### Habib Continues His Mission

Meanwhile, U.S. special envoy Philip Habib conferred for an hour with President Elias Sarkis of Lebanon and Prime Minister Shafiq al-Wazzan and then left for Jeddah to seek Saudi Arabian support for his efforts to halt the fighting.

Habib met yesterday with Begin and the Cabinet issued a statement after meeting for six hours which said, in part, that the government agrees that Habib "embark upon contacts with ... Sarkis and the government of Lebanon with the aim of establishing peaceful relations between Israel and Lebanon." The statement added that Israel "will under no circumstances conduct negotiations directly or indirectly with the Arab terrorist organizations ...". The statement also affirmed that the government "will continue to defend the citizens of Israel. This is its right and its duty."

### FRENCH FIRMS BANNED FROM COMPLYING WITH THE ARAB BOYCOTT OF ISRAEL

By Edwin Eytan

PARIS, July 22 (JTA) -- The French government issued an order yesterday making it illegal for French firms to comply with the Arab economic boycott of Israel. The order, which takes effect today, was issued by Premier Pierre Mauroy at the request of President Francois Mitterrand who had promised Jewish leaders during his election campaign to give priority consideration to this issue. Jewish leaders and pro-Israel economic circles here expressed their satisfaction with the new Administration's legislation.

Anti-boycott legislation was adopted by the National Assembly in 1977. But the former Administration of President Valery Giscard d'Estaing issued an executive order which in effect permitted French firms doing business with Arab countries to ignore

the anti-boycott legislation "when France's economic interests are at stake."

### WEINBERGER ACCUSES ISRAEL OF SCUTTLING MIDEAST PEACE

WASHINGTON, July 22 (JTA) -- Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger charged today that Israel's attack on Iraq's nuclear reactor June 7 and its bombing of Beirut last Friday have set back American peace efforts in Lebanon.

Interviewed on ABC-TV's "Good Morning America" program, Weinberger said that special U.S. envoy Philip Habib "came very close to securing a very reasonable set of peace terms with respect to the removal of the missiles by Syria (from Lebanon) just about the time the Iraqi reactor was bombed" June 7. At that time, Weinberger continued, Habib "was starting to make very good progress, assisted by Saudi Arabia and other countries of the moderate Arab nations with respect to the situation again, and then Beirut was bombed. So, each of these things has set the whole course of security and peace back quite a ways."

Weinberger's statement, one of the strongest by a Reagan Administration official regarding Israel's policy toward Lebanon, also termed Premier Menachem Begin's policy as one that "cannot really be described as moderate at this point," and justified President Reagan's decision to put off indefinitely delivery of 10 F-16 fighter planes to Israel.

"One of the instruments of violence is, of course, the planes," the Secretary of Defense said. "The President's feeling was that we simply did not want to add anything to that already rather explosive situation." Weinberger warned that the escalation of hostilities across the Lebanon-Israel border could cause tremendous damage. He added: "I would very much hope that the logic of the situation would appeal to everybody and we would get a cease-fire quickly."

Begin also came under fire from Deputy Secretary of State William Clark. He told reporters here that the Reagan Administration felt "disappointment and some embarrassment" when Begin ordered the air raid on Beirut shortly after consultations with State Department Counsellor Robert McFarlane. Clark said that Begin was making it difficult for the Administration to aid Israel.

### EVRON: ISRAEL WANTS GOVERNMENT OF LEBANON TO STOP PLO FROM ATTACKING ISRAELI TERRITORY BEFORE IT ENDS RAIDS ON TERRORIST BASES

By David Friedman

WASHINGTON, July 22 (JTA) -- Israel's Ambassador to the United States, Ephraim Evron, made it clear today that Israel wants the Lebanese government to stop the Palestine Liberation Organization from attacking Israeli territory before Israel ends its raids on terrorist bases in Lebanon.

The Lebanese government has permitted the PLO to operate along the Israeli-Lebanon border and it is that government's "responsibility" to restore calm to the border, Evron told reporters after a meeting with Secretary of State Alexander Haig at the State Department.

Evron noted that Israel "didn't start" the current violence across the border. "What we want is to

to have a situation restored to what it is supposed to be -- no killings of our citizens, no bombings of our settlements, no harassment of our country," he said.

#### Problem In U.S.-Israeli Relations

The Israeli envoy, who returned to Washington last night from consultations in Jerusalem, said he told Haig that President Reagan's decision to suspend delivery of F-16 fighter-bombers to Israel would "destabilize" the area and will cause problems.

Evron acknowledged that "there is a problem" in Israeli-American relations but that the "basic relationship" is such that it will be "overcome." He stressed that Israel supports the efforts of U.S. special envoy Philip Habib to bring about a cease-fire across the Israeli-Lebanese border, although he was careful to use the term "peaceful arrangement."

Evron denied that the Israeli Cabinet yesterday had rejected Habib's proposal for a cease-fire. He said Habib was "satisfied" with Israel's position. Later, State Department spokesman Dean Fischer also denied that Israel had rejected the U.S. proposal for a cease-fire. He said it would be wrong to put too much meaning in the use of different terminology by Israel and the U.S.

A State Department source said there may be differences in interpretation. The source said the U.S. considered a cease-fire to mean an end to shooting while Israel may have attached conditions for an end to shooting. But the source stressed that this is all part of normal diplomatic negotiations. The source noted that both sides have continued shooting, the Israelis and the Palestinians.

Evron stressed that Israel "will not deal with the PLO in any shape or form." He insisted that it was the responsibility of the Lebanese government to control the PLO and said Israel would negotiate with the Lebanese government.

#### Rejects One-Sided Reactions

Asked if Israel had second thoughts about its air attack on Beirut last Friday in view of the unfavorable world-wide reaction, Evron asked where the reaction was when 240 houses in Kiryat Shemona were damaged by Palestinian rockets or when Israeli citizens were constantly harassed by attacks from across the border. He also wanted to know where was the public outcry when Syria recently attacked the Christian town of Zahle in Lebanon.

Evron said Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger was "wrong" when he accused Israel today of having "undercut" Habib's efforts to get Syria to remove its SAM-6 anti-aircraft missiles from Lebanon by attacking Iraq's nuclear reactor last June 7 and by Israel's more recent air raids on Lebanon. But Evron said he did not wish to get into a public argument with the Defense Secretary.

Fischer refused to comment when asked if Habib has been "close" to resolving the Syrian missile crisis when the Israeli attack on Iraq took place.

#### UN SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION CALLS FOR IMMEDIATE CEASE-FIRE

By Yitzhak Rabi

UNITED NATIONS, July 22 (JTA) -- The Security Council unanimously adopted a resolution last night calling for an immediate cease-fire in Lebanon and requesting Secretary General

Kurt Waldheim "to report back to the Council on the implementation of this resolution as soon as possible and not later than 48 hours from its adoption." The resolution also reaffirmed the Council's commitment to the "territorial integrity and independence of Lebanon."

The resolution, which was drafted by the Council's West European members, avoided mentioning any punitive measures against Israel and did not single it out for condemnation. This enabled the 15-member Council to vote unanimously for the resolution, eliminating the threat of a veto by the United States.

According to diplomats here, the Arabs were interested in achieving an immediate cease-fire and therefore did not press their original intent to seek sanctions against Israel, a move that might have drawn a U.S. veto. The diplomats, however, explained that the Arabs, by requesting Waldheim to report within 48 hours on the implementation of the cease-fire, left the door open for seeking punitive measures against Israel should Waldheim report back that a cease-fire has failed to go into effect.

The resolution adopted last night was slightly different from the first version of the draft which was circulated here yesterday afternoon. The original draft called on Waldheim to report back to the Council within 72 hours from the time the resolution was adopted. This was later changed to 48 hours, underscoring the urgency of implementing a cease-fire. The Security Council began its deliberations last Friday night, following an urgent request by Lebanon to discuss Israel's air raid on Beirut and Palestinian bases in the area.

#### Waldheim And Blum Confer

Meanwhile, Waldheim and Ambassador Yehuda Blum of Israel met here today for 25 minutes to discuss Israel's position on the Council resolution. During the meeting, which was requested by Waldheim, Blum said that the government of Israel is duty bound to protect the peace and security of its citizens. Blum also drew Waldheim's attention to the statement issued yesterday by Israel's Cabinet on steps to end hostilities in the area.

#### CARRINGTON SEEKS TO REASSURE JEWISH COMMUNITY OF BRITAIN

By Maurice Samuelson

LONDON, July 22 (JTA) -- Lord Carrington, the Foreign Secretary, has said that Britain "has every intention of seeking and maintaining the closest ties of friendship and understanding with Israel, both people and government." The assurance was given in a letter to Greville Janner, MP, president of the Board of Deputies of British Jews, in reply to a resolution handed in at the end of the anti-Palestine Liberation Organization rally in Trafalgar Square on July 5.

Carrington said that differences over how a secure future for Israel can best be achieved "will not impair our friendship for Israel and our fundamental commitment to her future. As far as the PLO is concerned, there is no question of our encouraging the organization in policies hostile to Israel. We condemn references in their Charter which call for the destruction of Israel. We also condemn their failure to renounce violence."

#### Prepared To Meet PLO Officials

Referring to the declaration the European Economic Community ministers adopted last year in Venice, which called for the PLO to be associated with the Mideast peace process, Carrington said that declaration "makes clear that the renunciation of force by all the parties is a basic element in the search for

peace in the Middle East. We do not give official recognition to the PLO. However, we shall continue to talk to them in order to influence them in the direction of a negotiated peace settlement involving acceptance of Israel's rights, just as Israel must accept Palestinian rights."

The letter continued: "The position on ministerial dealings with the PLO has not changed. There are no plans for me or any other minister to meet representatives of the PLO, but I have said that I would be prepared to do so if I thought I would help the cause of Middle East peace. My two predecessors as president of the European Council of Ministers have both met representatives of the PLO."

The government's aim remains a comprehensive peace settlement negotiated between the parties which will enable all parties to the Arab-Israel dispute to live together in peace and security."

### BEGIN URGES RESIDENTS OF NORTHERN TOWNS TO MAINTAIN HIGH MORALE

By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, July 22 (JTA) -- Premier Menachem Begin went on a morale-building tour of northern Israel today, visiting towns and villages that have been the targets of almost incessant rocket and artillery fire from Palestinian terrorists based in Lebanon. Begin, accompanied by Chief of Staff Gen. Rafael Eitan, was warmly received -- even euphorically in some places -- by the settlers, most of them immigrants from North Africa who are Likud's strongest constituents.

In Nahariya, Kiryat Shemona, Metullah and other border towns where the populace has been forced to endure the confinement of bomb shelters for the past week, Begin urged "discipline" and patience. "The enemy has not yet learned its lesson but he will yet learn it," the Premier promised. "Morale is fundamental. As long as the people maintain a high morale, all will be well."

Descending into a cramped, overheated bomb shelter for a few moments, Begin remarked that it was "not pleasant but better than being in danger on the streets." Local residents have been complaining bitterly that the government made inadequate provisions for their safety.

But their ire does not seem to rub off on Begin personally. When he promised "The day will come when Katyushas no longer fall on Kiryat Shemona," no one reminded him that he made the same vow during his re-election campaign two months ago.

The Begin government's policies toward Lebanon have been criticized mainly by intellectuals, especially after last Friday's air raid on Beirut. There is also criticism by industrialists whose factories in the north have been forced to shut down because the workers remain in bomb shelters. Seth Wertheimer, a Nahariya manufacturer who employs several hundred people, said on an Israel Radio interview today that the government failed to understand the need to maintain production even under attack. "You cannot operate a factory with your workers in shelters all the time. The government must find a solution to this serious problem," he said.

### SOVIET EMBASSY REFUSES PETITION CONCERNING THE WALLENBERG CASE

By Maurice Samuelson

LONDON, July 22 (JTA) -- The Soviet Embassy refused to receive a petition of 8,000

names collected in Manchester and Leeds concerning the case of missing Swedish diplomat Raoul Wallenberg. The petition asked the Soviet Union to renew inquiries into the fate of Wallenberg, who saved thousands of Hungarian Jews in wartime Hungary. There are reports that Wallenberg, who would be 69 years old next month, is still alive despite Soviet claims that he perished in a Moscow prison two years after the war.

The petition was brought to the Soviet Embassy last Sunday by Councillor Ronald Millett and his wife Kate, both prominent members of the Leeds Jewish community; and Joyce Marcus, secretary of Manchester's Zionist Central Council. They were accompanied by Greville Janner, MP, President of the Board of Deputies of British Jews.

Last January, 15,000 people signed a separate petition about Wallenberg. The Soviet Embassy refused that petition, too, although it did accept a letter addressed to President Leonid Brezhnev.

### NO PROGRESS IN COALITION TALKS

By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, July 22 (JTA) -- Premier Menachem Begin has made no progress toward including Aharon Abu Hatzeira's Tami faction in a new Likud-led coalition government. He reportedly offered Hatzeira the Ministry of Labor and Welfare portfolio and a sub-Cabinet post for Tami's No. 2 man, former Laborite Aharon Uzan.

But Hatzeira is said to have insisted on retaining the Religious Affairs Ministry which he held in the outgoing government as a member of the National Religious Party and is demanding a full Cabinet job for Uzan. Begin, who promised the Religious Affairs Ministry to the NRP, has made it clear that the three-man Tami faction could expect no more than one portfolio in the next government. But he needs Tami's three mandates to achieve the bare majority of 61 Knesset votes necessary to govern.

Begin is continuing his talks with the Aguda Israel. The Aguda is once again demanding an ironclad guarantee from Begin that the "Who is a Jew?" amendment to the Law of Return will be adopted by the next Knesset. Begin said last week that he could not offer such a commitment although he personally favored the amendment.

### BEGIN: ISRAEL HAS NO COMPLEXES

JERUSALEM, July 22 (JTA) -- Premier Menachem Begin said at the closing ceremony of the 11th Maccabiah Games last Thursday that Israel does not suffer from a "Massada complex." In fact, he noted, "Israel does not have any complexes at all. We are free men and women."

But if Israel has no Massada complex, it does have "Modi'in consciousness," the Premier declared. Modi'in is where the Maccabim launched their uprising against the Syrian empire. "We learn from Massada how never to reach it and from Modi'in how to do it. There will never again be a downfall with heroism. Whenever necessary, there will always be heroism with victory," Begin said.

The Premier was reacting to a recent article in The New York Times comparing Israel to Massada. He urged the Maccabiah athletes to write to the Times to tell its editor that Israel has no Massada complex.

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JERUSALEM (JTA) -- Suicide is banned by Jewish law -- even in cases of terminal illness. This was explained here this week by Sephardi Chief Rabbi Ovadia Yosef following a "suicide pact" episode reported recently involving an Israeli doctor and his wife who both found they were suffering from incurable cancer.

### SOVIET JEWISH ACTIVIST SENTENCED TO FOUR YEARS IN A LABOR CAMP

NEW YORK, July 22 (JTA) -- Stanislav Zubko, a Soviet Jewish emigration activist, was sentenced to four years in a labor camp, it was reported here today by the National Conference on Soviet Jewry. The 43-year-old chemist was convicted on charges of alleged "illegal possession of drugs and firearms" in a court trial in Kiev yesterday. He declared his innocence, saying that the pistol and hashish found in his apartment had been planted there by the security police.

Reports received by the NCSJ indicate that a few days before Zubko's arrest on May 16, policemen twice came to his home and took his mother to the police station. Subsequently, they returned to conduct a search on the pretext that "a neighboring apartment had been broken into." They then "found" a quantity of hashish and a gun.

### EGYPT, ISRAEL AND THE U.S. HOLD THEIR FIRST SCIENTIFIC CONFERENCE

NEW YORK, July 22 (JTA) -- Agricultural experts from Egypt, Israel and the United States successfully concluded a week-long conference in San Diego held June 22-27 it was reported here today by the Ben-Gurion University of the Negev. The conference was the first such scientific tri-lateral meeting among the three nations, and took place for the purpose of planning arid land agricultural programs of mutual interest. Details of the meeting were not made public until now in order to give the participants freedom to establish programs free of external pressure.

The conference continued a relationship that was started in August and September 1980, when an initial meeting of oceanographers and marine biologists from the three countries met to discuss programs of common concern.

The conference last month focused on problems of common interest to the three nations, with particular emphasis on the use of saline water for crop production, investigation of arid land plants as a source of industrial raw materials and fodder production for use by small animals.

The Egyptian delegation of four participants was headed by Dr. Yousef Wally, chairman of the Agricultural Development Committee for the Ministry of Agriculture for the Arab Republic of Egypt. The Israeli delegation of four representatives was headed by Dr. Joel Schechter, director of the Applied Research Institute of Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, and included Dr. Dov Pasternak, also of Ben-Gurion University's Applied Research Institute, Prof. Amos Richmond, director of The Jacob Blaustein Institute for Desert Research at Ben-Gurion University and Prof. Amos Dovrat of Hebrew University.

Among the U.S. representatives and guests were Dr. Jack Johnson from the Office of Arid Lands Studies at the University of Arizona; Dr. Emmanuel Epstein from the Office of Land and Water Resources at the University of California, in Davis, and Dr. Jan van Schilfgaarde, director of the U.S. Department of Agriculture Salinity Laboratory in Riverside, Calif.

#### Background Of The Conference

The concept of the historic project came from the Fred Hansen Foundation. The objective of the Foundation is to promote world peace by sponsoring programs which will lead to constructive peaceful activities among nations. Hansen was a long

time resident of San Diego who believed that one of the best ways to increase international understanding is to make it possible for people of other nations to interact with the people of the United States.

In an effort to take advantage of the progress made through the Camp David agreements, Leo Henrikson, a San Diego attorney who is the trustee of the Foundation, contacted the San Diego State University Foundation to formulate a program that would carry out the wishes of the late Hansen.

The San Diego State University Foundation is an auxiliary organization of San Diego State University. It is a non-profit corporation, self-financed, and is chartered specifically to provide or augment essential services that are an integral part of the educational program of the university. The purpose of the Foundation is to promote the development, implementation, and coordination of those activities which aid and supplement the fundamental mission of San Diego State University.

Proceedings of the conference are being finalized and put into a proposal for long-term funding of agricultural projects.

### NEW LAW IN CALIF. INCREASES PENALTIES FOR VANDALISM AGAINST PLACES OF WORSHIP

LOS ANGELES, July 22 (JTA) -- At the Simon Wiesenthal Center -- which was the target of neo-Nazi vandalism earlier this year -- Governor Jerry Brown signed a bill increasing the penalties for vandalism against places of worship. Under this new law, damaging or defacing a religious facility such as a church, synagogue, cemetery or mortuary, is a felony. In the past, the offense was classified as a misdemeanor.

Speaking to a group of communal leaders gathered in the Center's Memorial Plaza, Brown noted that, "this new bill is an important step forward in our society's determination that freedom of religion will be protected."

The legislation, authored by Assemblyman Mel Levine, was sparked by the recent wave of anti-Semitic vandalism in Los Angeles and throughout the country. "Whether it's a Black church in Watts, or a Catholic church or a Jewish synagogue anywhere in this state," explained Levine, "such acts of racism and bigotry will not be tolerated."

While praising the new law, Rabbi Marvin Hier, dean of the Simon Wiesenthal Center, noted that, "this law does not alleviate the root causes of anti-Semitism and racial bigotry, however, it does prevent our children from one day saying to us, 'They didn't care ...'." The first state to pass similar legislation was Rhode Island where a bill was signed by Governor J. Joseph Garrahy earlier this month.

### FLATTO-SHARON RETURNS

TEL AVIV, July 22 (JTA) -- Former Knesset member Samuel Flatto-Sharon returned to Israel from Ecuador, complaining bitterly at press reports that he had fled the country to avoid serving a prison sentence.

He said he had cut short his business visit to Latin America in view of the reports, which had been broadcast in Ecuador while he was in the midst of a meeting with potential investors with whom he was discussing financing cheap housing for rental in partnership with the Israel government.

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JERUSALEM (JTA) -- The Hebrew University Institute of Contemporary Jewry will initiate in the next academic year a special workshop on the teaching of the Holocaust.