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NINE ISRAELI SOLDIERS INJURED BY TERRORIST MINE

By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, Aug. 11 (JTA) -- Nine Israeli soldiers were injured today when the two vehicles in which they were traveling in the Jordan valley hit mines planted by Palestinian terrorists, an army spokesman said. The injured were quickly evacuated by helicopter. The incident occurred just north of the Argaman kibbutz, about a mile west of the Jordan River. According to the army spokesman, the mines had been planted by terrorists whose tracks led back across the Jordanian border.

Today's incident was the first since 1976 in which there were Israeli casualties along the Jordan River as a result of terrorist mine-planting actions. Last April, terrorists fired Katyusha rockets and shells into Israel from Jordan. Last year, three terrorists who infiltrated across the border from Jordan in the Arava valley north of Eilat were killed in a clash with an Israeli army patrol.

ISRAEL DISMAYED, ANGRY OVER U.S. EMBARGO OF WAR PLANES; ACTION TERMED 'UNJUST AND DAMAGING'

By Gil Sedan and Hugh Orgel

JERUSALEM, Aug. 11 (JTA) -- Israel expressed dismay and anger today at the suspension in the delivery of American F-15 and F-16 war planes. A Foreign Ministry spokesman described the suspension as an "unjust and damaging action, bordering on breach of contract." While there have been delays during U.S. policy reconsiderations in the past on new items under discussion, government spokesmen stressed that this is the first time there has been a halt in the delivery of items already contracted for, with signed agreements.

The spokesmen were reacting to reports from Washington that the Reagan Administration has decided to withhold the delivery of two F-15s and 10 F-16s. Political circles pointed out that the American decision is damaging the peace process and the mutual trust between Israel and the U.S. They were careful to stress, however, that their dismay and anger was not an indication that a crisis exists between the two countries.

Political analysts suggested that the continued delay is a form of pressure on Israel to agree to the American supply of AWACS early warning aircraft to Saudi Arabia and to agree to amend its policies towards local autonomy for the West Bank and Gaza Strip Palestinians.

Prof. Yuval Ne'eman, leader of the ultra-nationalist Tehiya movement, appealed to Premier Menachem Begin today to postpone his scheduled visit to Washington early next month until the delivery of the aircraft is renewed. Former Premier Yitzhak Rabin suggested that Israel delay its formal ratification of the multinational force agreement for the Sinai until Washington lifts the embargo. Yosef Rom, a Likud Knesset member, presented a motion in the Knesset today along that line. Defense Minister Ariel Sharon refused to comment on the embargo.

The 10 F-16s include four whose delivery was held up after Israel bombed Iraq's nuclear reactor June 7 and six whose delivery was postponed after Israel's raid on terrorist headquarters in Beirut July 17. Also delayed are two of the 15 F-15s that Israel has ordered from the U.S. Another four F-16s were due to be delivered this week.

REAGAN TO ANNOUNCE 'EARLY NEXT WEEK' HIS DECISION ON THE F-16s

By David Friedman

WASHINGTON, Aug. 11 (JTA) -- President Reagan will announce "early next week" his decision on whether to lift the suspension of delivery of F-16 fighter bombers to Israel, the State Department announced today.

Until he announces his decision, "the President has withheld delivery of all sophisticated aircraft," to Israel, including two F-15 jets that were due to leave the McDonnell-Douglas Corp. plant in St. Louis today, Department deputy spokesman Alan Romberg said.

Romberg said he did not know whether the President's decision would be announced in California where Reagan is vacationing or at the State Department. But until then, all questions on the issue will be dealt with only by the State Department.

Reagan's decision will include the four F-16s the U.S. embargoed after Israel destroyed Iraq's nuclear reactor June 7 and the six delayed after Israel's July 17 raid on terrorist headquarters in Beirut. It would also cover four more F-16s expected to be released by the General-Dynamics Corp. plant at Fort Worth, Texas this Friday.

Romberg denied that suspending delivery of the two F-15s, the first of 15 scheduled to be delivered to Israel, was a broadening of the original suspension order. He said it was based on the same "rationale" that applied when Secretary of State Alexander Haig announced the suspension of the delivery of the 10 F-16s while attending the economic summit in Ottawa.

He noted that in Ottawa, Haig said the planes were being held up because to deliver them would be adding a "highly visible" piece of military equipment to a "volatile" region. Romberg conceded that in Ottawa, Haig inferred the Reagan Administration would make a decision before the F-15s were due for delivery.

Denies Breach Of Contract Charge

Romberg denied the embargo was a "breach of contract" as Israel has charged. He said the President has the authority to hold up delivery. But Romberg stressed that in announcing the suspension of delivery in Ottawa, the U.S. did not ask Israel to do anything to ensure resumption of delivery nor did it base the suspension on any particular incident beyond the general situation in the Mideast at the time.

Romberg said that he did not know whether Reagan's announcement will include a determination whether Israel violated its arms agreement with the U.S. by using American made weapons to destroy the Iraqi reactor. When delivery of the first four F-16s was suspended, the U.S. announced that the Administration would study whether Israel had acted in self-defense as it claimed. After the six other planes were added to the suspension, Haig said the study has been largely completed. But no conclusions have been made

public up till now. Meanwhile, the Pentagon has grounded all F-16s following the crash of one of the planes in Utah last week in which the pilot was killed. Reportedly, the Pentagon is studying problems with the F-16's flight control computers. A Pentagon spokesman told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency yesterday that if the planes couldn't fly, they couldn't be delivered. The planes being delivered to Israel are flown from the factory to the Pease Air Force Base in New Hampshire from where they are flown in a one-stop flight to Israel.

ISRAELI SECURITY FORCES UNCOVER A CELL OF THE MOSLEM BROTHERHOOD

By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, Aug. 11 (JTA) -- Israel's security forces recently uncovered an ultra-religious Moslem Brotherhood cell which planned to assassinate Bashir Bargouti, leader of Communists on the West Bank, officials reported today. They said the cell also planned to stab a Jew after prayer at the Western Wall. The main suspect resides in a village near Jerusalem.

The security forces also pressed charges against members of a cell of the Marxist terrorist organization, the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine.

The terrorists are charged with tracking leaders in East Jerusalem considered to be supporters of Jordan's King Hussein, including Anwar el Hatib, governor of Jerusalem during the Jordanian occupation; former Jordanian Defense Minister Anwar Nusseibeh; and Mahmoud Abu-Zuluf, editor of the East Jerusalem daily, Al-Kuds.

Defense Minister Ariel Sharon said yesterday in his first appearance in his new post before the Knesset that the Jordanians recently prevented attempts by terrorist groups to renew attacks on Israel from Jordanian territory.

Sharon also reported that terrorist organizations in Lebanon have renewed efforts for hostile actions against Israel by building fortifications and hoarding weapons "in a way which indicated that the terrorists interpreted the agreement for a cease-fire" in a way "contrary to the agreement with the governments of the United States and Lebanon."

Sharon said that while there has been no direct action against Israel, there has been intermittent action against the Christian militia forces in south Lebanon commanded by Maj. Saad Hadad, also in violation of the cease-fire agreement.

New Attacks Planned In Europe

It was disclosed that Israel has notified European governments that the terrorist groups are planning a new wave of attacks against Israeli agencies and installations in European countries. The governments were asked to intensify security at their airports and at land border points to bar Palestinian terrorists.

Initial investigations of attacks on Israeli diplomatic missions in Athens and Vienna and at the El Al office in Rome Sunday indicated the incidents were a coordinated attack. Israel told the European governments that it believed the terrorists responsible for those attacks were still in Europe.

In Athens two bombs exploded outside the Israel mission yesterday, causing minor damage and no injuries. An Israeli spokesman said the Palestine Liberation Organization had claimed

responsibility in telephone calls for the Athens incident. Two bombs exploded yesterday in a garden adjacent to the Israel Embassy in Vienna. One woman was slightly injured by flying glass.

The Popular Front claimed responsibility for a gun and bomb attack July 22 on a Greek shipping and travel agency office in Athens in which two persons were killed and 70 hurt. The Popular Front claimed the Greek agency was a front for Israeli intelligence and had been involved in the killing of a Popular Front member.

PLO OFFICIAL BOOTED OUT OF AUSTRIA

VIENNA, Aug. 11 (JTA) -- Chazi Hussein, the first Palestine Liberation Organization representative officially recognized by a Western government, has left Vienna after being ordered out by Chancellor Bruno Kreisky, official sources said today. They said Hussein left yesterday for Damascus. The PLO official was ordered to leave following the arrest two weeks ago of two Palestinians who tried to smuggle automatic weapons and hand grenades into Austria. It was widely believed that their attempt was part of "a large conspiracy" against Kreisky.

This belief reportedly prompted President Anwar Sadat of Egypt to cancel his scheduled visit to Austria this week on his way home from a visit to the United States. Another factor in Sadat's decision was Hussein's presence in Austria. Since his visit to Israel in 1977, Sadat has been surrounded by tight security against possible assassination attempts. One of the two Palestinians arrested here was identified by police as having connections with radical Palestinian groups.

U.S. SAYS THERE IS NOTHING NEW IN FAHD'S MIDDLE EAST PEACE PLAN

By David Friedman

WASHINGTON, Aug. 11 (JTA) -- The State Department said today that an "initial examination" of Saudi Arabian Crown Prince Fahd's eight-point proposal for a Middle East peace showed there was nothing new.

"On initial examination it appears to be largely a restatement of previously known Saudi government decisions of principles outlined in United Nations Security Council Resolutions 242, 338 and other UN resolutions relating to the Arab-Israeli conflict," the Department said in a statement read by deputy spokesman Alan Romberg.

Fahd said the Arab states would recognize Israel in return for Israeli withdrawal from the occupied territories and the establishment of a Palestinian state in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip.

"As to whether the Saudi government intended to indicate any new direction in its own position is best left to the Saudis for comment," Romberg said. "I would note that we have not received anything official from them as to their thinking in this regard."

The spokesman added that "we of course welcome any expressions from states in the area of a desire to seek a peaceful resolution of the problems confronting the Middle East. This is important. We will continue to exchange views with the government of Saudi Arabia on questions relating to peace in the area."

JACOBSON SAYS U.S. JEWS HAVE A RIGHT TO EXPRESS THEIR VIEW ON THE 'WHO IS A JEW' ISSUE

By Yitzhak Rabi

NEW YORK, Aug. 11 (JTA) -- Charlotte Jacobson, chairman of the American Section of the World Zionist Organization, told some 3,000 delegates and guests attending the 67th annual convention of Had-

assah at the Hilton Hotel here yesterday, that American Jews "have the right to express" their view on the controversial "Who is a Jew" amendment to the Law of Return which Premier Menachem Begin promised his Aguda Israel coalition partner he would act on. She noted that more than 50 percent of American Jews are members of the Conservative and Reform movements and, therefore the amendment as demanded by the Aguda concerns them directly.

But, Mrs. Jacobson said, "we must not let even this issue take away our support for Israel," declaring that American Jewry's support for the Jewish State is beyond "the issue of the moment." She congratulated the new government in Israel, adding: "We (American Jews) respect any democratic government that was elected by the people of Israel."

Leonard Davis, director of research and information of the American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC) in Washington, called on the members of Hadassah to join in a "citizen action" to stop the sale of AWACS aircraft to Saudi Arabia. He said that while Senators and Congressmen are presently on vacation, "We (American Jews) cannot take a vacation now." He urged the gathering to draw the attention of their elected representatives to the danger of recognizing the Palestine Liberation Organization to Israel's security and to U.S. interests.

Another speaker at the meeting, Yehuda Hellman, executive director of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, said that the recent cease-fire that ended hostilities across the Israel-Lebanon border was agreed to by Yasir Arafat, leader of the PLO, because he "needed it."

"It was not an act of generosity on his part," Hellman claimed, contending that the cease-fire saved the terrorist organization from complete destruction.

New Type Of Young Immigrants

The Hadassah convention, which opened here Sunday, expressed an emotional farewell later in the day to Dr. Kalman Mann, who for 30 years led the Hadassah Medical Organization in Israel, and has now retired.

In another session, Sylvia Doppelt, national youth aliya chairman, reported to the convention that her department, which cares for a wide variety of immigrant children from around the world, "is now receiving a new type of child from the Third World, such as it has never encountered before."

Most of these new children, she said, "are either orphans or have come without their parents. Hardly any speak a language other than that of their own country. None reads, writes or calculates."

Mrs. Doppelt reported that this year, Hadassah raised \$2.7 million toward the care, education and training of 19,000 children in 315 residential and day facilities. She said: "In one year we have made it possible to increase the number of pedagogic centers from 25 to 40 so that teachers and counsellors throughout the system have expert guidance available."

TRANSPORT MINISTER DISCUSSES WITH EL AL OFFICIALS MEANING OF BAN ON SABBATH AND HOLIDAY FLIGHTS By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, Aug. 11 (JTA) -- Transport Minister Haim Corfu today paid his first official visit

to El Al headquarters at Ben Gurion Airport since taking over the ministry last week. He discussed with airline officials the implications of closing down the airline on Sabbath and holidays, as demanded by Aguda Israel in the coalition agreement.

Airline officials told him the Sabbath ban would lead to the dismissal of about 250 employees, including pilots and cabin crews, and cost the airline over \$50 million a year in lost revenue.

El Al has anticipated some 90,000 passengers next year aboard special Sabbath charter and pilgrim flights. These will be lost to the company itself, though some may be transferred to its recently-established subsidiary Sun D'Or Charter Company which flies planes with a different livery and attendant uniforms and without any mention of El Al or any writing in Hebrew on its fuselage.

Tel Aviv Mayor Rejects Orthodox Demand

Meanwhile, Tel Aviv Mayor Shlomo Lahat today rejected a demand by Orthodox members of the municipal council to close down the newly-opened Dolphinarium on the sea front on Sabbath and holidays. He said he would agree to close shops and cinemas in the Dolphinarium complex, but would not ban the dolphin and sea lion shows or restaurants there.

The dolphinarium, a million-dollar investment by South African investors, opened last month and the dolphin display has been showing to "sold out" audiences, especially on Shabbat. The owners say they will have to wind up the business if forced to close on Saturdays. The demand to close the dolphinarium was made by deputy Mayor Haim Basok, who heads the religious faction on the council.

Basok admitted to Israel Radio today there was a "natural linkage" between his demand and the success of Aguda Israel in obtaining its religious observance demands from Premier Menachem Begin. Lahat said the city was suffering from competition between the National Religious Party and the Aguda as to who could wring the most concessions on matters of religious observance.

WZO TO ESTABLISH INTERNATIONAL TASK FORCE TO COMBAT ANTI-ZIONISM By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, Aug. 11 (JTA) -- The World Zionist Organization's information department will soon establish an international task force to combat anti-Zionism, Eli Eyal, head of the department, told the WZO Executive yesterday. The task force, he said, will include all organizations that fight anti-Semitism and are active on behalf of Israel.

Eyal, in briefing the WZO Executive on the activities of the department, said that the Zionist movement must undertake the task of leading the fight against anti-Zionism which today is an expression of anti-Semitism. He noted that the 1975 United Nations resolution which equated Zionism with racism encouraged rampant anti-Zionism around the world and intensified classical anti-Semitism. The reality, Eyal added, is that anti-Zionism has become the current substitute for what was at one time crude anti-Semitism.

The department, in cooperation with organizations dealing with Zionist and Israeli information overseas, has prepared an informational document on the subject of Zionism which includes the ideological background to the anti-Zionist campaign. Also planned are symposia and audio-visual material on Zionist topics. Israel Radio's overseas service will soon begin broadcasting a series of lectures on Jewish, Zionist and Israeli subjects. This will be a joint venture of the WZO information department and Tel Aviv University, Eyal said.

BEHIND THE HEADLINES THE REVIVING OF KIRYAT SHEMONA

By Barbie Zelizer

KIRYAT SHEMONA, Aug. 11 (JTA) -- Two weeks after the shelling by Palestinian terrorists, shattered windows, damaged buildings, twisted girders and burnt-out tree stumps still mar the landscape of the northern town of Kiryat Shemona. But Leon Dulzin, the chairman of the Jewish Agency and World Zionist Organization Executives, is confident that the Jewish Agency can renew the vigor of this failing township with a \$5 million grant to the Galilee region.

"Kiryat Shemona no longer only represents the border of the State of Israel. Kiryat Shemona has become the heart of Eretz Yisrael and of the entire Jewish world," Dulzin told the acting town council last week during a visit there with members of the WZO Executive.

Although a plan to renew the Galilee with Jewish Agency funds has been in the making for six months, it was the recent Katyusha attacks from Lebanon which prompted the WZO Executive to hold its monthly meeting in Kiryat Shemona and there make public its plan.

"We need to make the Galilee into one large and productive enterprise," Jewish Agency treasurer Akiva Levinsky told the town council. "We have all lately begun to understand just how important is the development of this region." In that light, the Jewish Agency has pledged to funnel at least \$5 million from Agency funds and United Jewish Appeal contributions by the end of the budget year 1983, with \$3 million available by March 1982.

But Levinsky is confident that the \$5 million target is, at best, a cautious estimate. "We already have within our treasury nearly \$4 million for the project, so we could collect twice the sum we expect by March of 1983 just within this framework," he told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency. "Furthermore, together with other ongoing Jewish Agency projects directed at the region as well as government efforts in the Galilee, we may see as much as \$30 million being funnelled into the region by 1983. This is only the beginning," he said.

A Timely Decision

The decision to assist the Galilee townships is a timely one. Beset by two weeks of intermittent shelling from the Lebanese border, thousands of Israelis spent days in sweltering, badly maintained bomb shelters. Even Premier Menachem Begin, on a visit to the region, conceded that the summer heat made it difficult to breathe in the underground structures.

But the problem goes beyond the physical confines of the bomb shelters. Galilee residents have long maintained that lack of funds has prevented them from developing a sufficient socio-cultural life for the region to compensate for the distance which separated it from the country's cultural centers. The border skirmishes -- and consequent tension for the northern residents -- serve to emphasize the region's failings in other areas, and the residents themselves are quick to point this out.

The behavior of the residents of Kiryat Shemona, the hardest hit during the recent shelling, is a case in point. Eighty percent of the town's 15,000 residents abandoned the region at the height of the attacks, among them the town treasurer and security coordinator. Some 3,000 persons, many of them unqualified, were left to operate the town during the emergency. The statistic has left many resi-

dents both stunned and resentful. "I don't know where we're going anymore," conceded one 40-year-old woman employee in the municipality. "Sure, after 25 years in the town, today I can't walk 100 meters without saying God be with me. But how can I look in the eyes of all those who left?" Am I so different from them that I want to keep on trying?"

Shlomo Brom, 31, is more outspoken. Brom moved to Kiryat Shemona seven years ago with his wife and children. Today, he still plans to remain but is confused about the objectives of his presence in the town. "I am here, because being here constitutes a gesture of contemporary Zionism," he told JTA. "But I need others to be here with me and I need the country to be behind me."

Brom suspects that the defense establishment created a situation which would force people to leave the town, because it knew how much it would suffer from the Palestinian terrorist attacks. "Maybe I'm exaggerating," he admits, "but I don't feel we have backing anywhere. We need support -- not only in wartime for our immediate needs but in maintaining a superior way of life in peace as well."

The Focus Of The Project

It is to these needs that the Jewish Agency project addresses itself. Focusing on over 25 different townships, the Agency funds will particularly stress the development of educational and cultural enterprises for the residents of the Galilee, which will strengthen the regional infrastructure. They include a new teacher's college, library, technological centers, day care centers and homes for the aged.

In Kiryat Shemona, the town council will turn an old Arab house into a regional fine arts center, with a school for painting and sculpture. In Metulla, a new sports center will be constructed; in Maalot, a new center for Jewish studies.

While Kiryat Shemona is only a part of the new plan to revive the Galilee, Agency officials are paying special attention to the particular strife against its residents in recent weeks. In that light, they have decided to grant the town council an additional \$250,000 for further development of the town. In addition, the entire town has been declared part of Project Renewal. By making the town part of this scheme, its members will be able to apply for development funds for building renewal.

But if the plans are to take hold, both the Jewish Agency and the residents are convinced they must be long-term and take into consideration all potential developments on the border with Lebanon. For the population still remains frightened that if the cease-fire deteriorates into a war of attrition, they are no longer sure who will remain and for how long.

"The recent shelling was short but it was long enough to show us that there are problems which, if not taken care of, will cost us in the long-run," the Mayor of Nahariya told the WZO Executive members during a recent meeting of the Galilee regional council. "We must be first priority. There must be a turning point or we will miss the mark."

The Agency is convinced that the way to combat such a phenomenon is through aliya, and it plans to conduct extensive efforts to bring Galilee to the Jewish public abroad. Informative pamphlets on Galilee settlements will be distributed and a locally-made film on the Galilee will be translated and shown on American Cable TV.

Dulzin, for one, is confident that the Jewish Agency will find the funds to make such ambitious programming operative. "The Jews of the U.S. received the plan to revive the Galilee beyond all expectations, and they are looking forward to putting the region at the top of their priorities."