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TERRORISTS STRIKE IN VIENNA: KILL TWO, WOUND 18 IN AN ATTACK ON A SYNAGOGUE

VIENNA, Aug. 30 (JTA) -- Two people, a 25-year-old woman and a 68-year-old man, were killed and 18 persons were wounded yesterday when two Arab terrorists launched a gun and grenade attack at a synagogue crowded with 200 people attending a Bar Mitzvah.

The woman identified as Ulrike Kohut, was killed when she threw herself on top of a friend's child to shield him from a grenade moments before it blew up. The man, Lotan Fried, died of shrapnel wounds on his way to the hospital. Among the wounded are a 12-year-old girl and a pregnant woman. Several of the wounded are in serious condition and have been taken to the city hospital's intensive care unit.

The terrorists were captured after being wounded by police and the bodyguard of a Jewish businessman who happened to arrive at the synagogue shortly before the terrorists opened fire. Both terrorists told police they were acting on behalf of the Palestine Liberation Organization. One of the men said he was a member of Al Asifa, an extremist terrorist group led by Abu Nidal. This is the same group which claimed last May to have killed Vienna city councillor Heinz Nittel, president of the Austrian-Israeli Friendship Society, and which later threatened the life of Chancellor Bruno Kreisky.

Police Became Suspicious

The two terrorists tried to enter the 155-year-old Israelite Temple in the central Vienna area of Seitenstettengasse, one of the oldest areas of the city, wearing yamulkas and posing as Jews. Two Austrian police guarding the synagogue became suspicious of the duo and asked them for identity papers.

At this point one of the terrorists drew a gun and opened fire on the two policemen wounding both of them, one seriously, while the other terrorist threw a hand grenade against the wall of the synagogue. The attack shattered six windows in the five-story building, sending glass shards and shrapnel into the interior. The building's facade was pockmarked with holes from what police said were grenade fragments or bullets. There were pools of blood at the front door.

As the terrorists continued to exchange fire with the two wounded policemen, the bodyguard of a local Jewish businessman who arrived at the synagogue minutes before drew his gun and shot one of the terrorists and subdued the other. Police cordoned off the entire area and began a house to house search for possible accomplices and hidden bombs.

Two Terrorists Identified

According to early reports, three terrorists had been involved in the attack. Police spokesmen later said this was erroneous and that only two were involved. However, police are holding a third person who was arrested in a Vienna apartment soon

after the attack but no details are available about this person.

Meanwhile, police today identified the two terrorists as Mohamed Rajih, 21, from Baghdad, and Ali Yussuf, 30. The two said they had not met until just before the attack and had received their instructions by letter, police said. They apparently identified themselves to each other a few minutes before the attack by wearing a red rose and green safari cap. Police guards had been assigned to the synagogue since 1979, when a group calling itself the Eagles of the Palestinian Revolution claimed responsibility for blowing up the synagogue courtyard.

PLO Representative Was Expelled

The attack yesterday was the second in less than a month. On Aug. 10 two small bombs exploded in a garden adjacent to the Israel Embassy, slightly injuring a woman. Earlier this month the PLO's representative here, Ghazi Hussein, was expelled after police said he met two Palestinian gunmen who tried to smuggle guns and hand grenades into Austria.

The two gunmen, who Hussein met at the Vienna airport, were reportedly in contact with Al Asifa. A few days after the gunmen were seized at the airport, Egyptian President Anwar Sadat was due to arrive in Salzburg for talks with Kreisky. Sadat, however, cancelled his visit and Interior Minister Erwin Lanc ordered Hussein to pack his bags.

A little less than two weeks ago Al Asifa sent a letter to several Austrian newspapers warning that it intends to commit acts of terrorism in Austria. At the same time, the Saudi Arabian press reported that a high-ranking delegation of Palestinians were planning to come to Austria to normalize relations between Kreisky and the PLO. Kreisky was the first Western leader to have officially received PLO chief Yasir Arafat.

After yesterday's tragedy, Kreisky said he would not take any steps against Palestinians in Austria. Two weeks ago a straw poll published here showed that a majority of Austrians are critical of the close ties between Kreisky and the PLO. They said they felt that these ties would serve to bring terrorism to the country.

Israel Warned Of New Attacks

Less than three weeks ago it was disclosed in Jerusalem that Israel had notified European governments that terrorist groups were planning a new wave of attacks against Israeli agencies and installations in Europe. The governments were asked to intensify security at their airports and at land border crossings to bar Palestinian terrorists.

The notification by Israel followed the terrorist attack on the Israel Embassy here, and within a period of days on the El Al office at the Rome airport and the Israel diplomatic mission in Athens. No one was injured in either attack. The PLO claimed responsibility for the Rome attack and the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine claimed responsibility for the Athens attack. Israel said at the time that the incidents were coordinated and told the European governments that it believed the terrorists responsible were still in Europe.

(See reactions from Israel, P.3.)

SHAMIR SAYS ISRAEL WILL WAIT UNTIL PALESTINIANS ACCEPT BEGIN'S AUTONOMY PLAN WHICH HE TERMS AS THE ONLY PATH TO PEACE

By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, Aug. 30 (JTA) -- Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir said this weekend that Premier Menachem Begin's autonomy plan is the only path to peace and Israel will wait until the idea is accepted by the Palestinians. But a wide cross-section of West Bank Arab leaders virtually unanimously rejected it in weekend radio interviews.

In an examination of the summit talks last week in Alexandria between Begin and Egyptian President Anwar Sadat, Shamir said: "The summit meeting showed the autonomy plan is not dead. All other options -- the various Palestinian ideas, the Jordanian option, etc. -- are pure dreams and the only real policy to strive for to achieve peace is the Camp David agreement."

He said it would give the local Palestinians a chance to elect their own advisory council and help negotiate the future of the West Bank. "It is a great achievement for them," Shamir said. Adding that if they reject the plan "we will continue as we have done and will wait for them until they are convinced that this is the only way to advance and make progress."

Reactions By West Bank Arabs

But Bethlehem Mayor Elias Freij, generally regarded as one of the most moderate of the West Bank leaders, told an interviewer: "We won't accept it (the autonomy plan and the Camp David accords). There is nothing in it which will induce us to accept it."

Raymonda Tawil, a journalist and writer from Ramallah who is an outstanding Arab nationalist and frequently briefs foreign correspondents on whom she has great influence, said: "For us, it has no meaning because they (the Israelis, Egyptians and Americans) are taking the decisions and we are the people who should take the decisions ..."

The Americans and Israelis have failed to find an alternative to the PLO for 14 years. I think it is high time that they draw the lesson and go and talk to the PLO."

Mustafa Dudin, a large landowner, former Jordanian government minister and now head of the Hebron-area Arab Village League, complained that the autonomy plan is not clear.

"Egypt's ideas are so different from those of the Israelis, and so it is not clear. I believe that Arabs and Jews should live together and search for peace. It is not a problem of encouraging the Palestinians but of having a clear and sharp policy to attract the Palestinians to it." Dudin is believed to be one of the West Bank leaders with whom Defense Minister Ariel Sharon is now seeking a dialogue.

Freij is believed to be another, but Freij said: "The answer is not with the local mayors. They were elected in 1976 but not as political leaders. None of the mayors and leaders can be described as leaders having any authority to negotiate with any of the parties -- Israel, Egypt and America -- on political matters concerning the Palestinian people."

Says Time Is On Side Of Palestinians

Ibrahim Dukak, an eloquent Communist member of the nationalist National Guidance Council, said only an international conference (in which the Soviet Union would presumably take part) can

solve the Palestinian problem. "The problem is not to find Palestinians. It is to find real representatives of the Palestinians to share these talks. I very much doubt that they will be able to find any, unless they want to falsify the will of the Palestinians," he said. "The Arabs have time on their side. That is the difference between the Palestinians and the Zionists. The Palestinians have more patience. Time is on their side."

CHEYSSON MEETS WITH ARAFAT AND CALLS FOR PLO PARTICIPATION IN FUTURE MIDDLE EAST PEACE TALKS

By Edwin Eytan

PARIS, Aug. 30 (JTA) -- Foreign Minister Claude Cheysson met today with Palestine Liberation Organization leader Yasir Arafat in Beirut at the home of Lebanese Prime Minister Shafiq Al-Wazzan. The scheduled meeting had been entangled in a diplomatic dispute regarding its venue. Arafat insisted that the meeting take place at the PLO headquarters, while the French insisted that the meeting take place at its embassy or at its Ambassador's residence in Beirut. Cheysson and Arafat met at the end of the Minister's official visit to Lebanon. After the meeting, he left for Damascus. He had visited Jordan prior to arriving in Beirut.

Speaking at an official banquet last night, Cheysson called for PLO participation in future Middle East peace talks and also reiterated France's belief that the Palestinians should be given the opportunity for self-determination. Cheysson declared:

"Every people, wherever it may be, is entitled to its future, has the right to a homeland with state-like structures and the right to full and complete self-determination. How can we uphold these basic principles in Poland or Namibia if we don't respect them in this region (the Middle East)?"

The Minister summed up French policy in the Middle East by quoting from a letter French President Francois Mitterrand had written Jordan's King Hussein last June in which he stressed the theme of "security for all states, justice for all peoples." He explained that justice entails that territories cannot be annexed by force and added: "This obviously applies to the territories occupied (by Israel) and includes the city of East Jerusalem."

Turning to the role of the PLO, Cheysson said "the Palestinian people is that most concerned by the peace talks. Needless to add that it (the PLO) should participate in any peace negotiations." He added, quoting an earlier remark made by Hussein, "neither do I know of any one who wants to or can claim to represent the Palestinian people other than the PLO." He explained that France's refusal to recognize the organization as the sole representative of the Palestinians is based on juridical grounds, the fact that it lacks a territory of its own.

Israelis React With 'Deep Dismay'

(In Jerusalem tonight, Israeli officials reacted with "deep dismay" over the meeting between Cheysson and Arafat. There was no official statement from the Foreign Ministry but officials said that the feeling of "deep dismay" would be conveyed by Israel's Ambassador to France, Meir Rosenne, when he meets with Mitterrand at the Elysee tomorrow or Tuesday. Last week David Kimche, the director general of Israel's Foreign Ministry, informed the French Ambassador to Israel, Marc Bonnefous, of Israel's disapproval of the Cheysson-Arafat meeting.)

There will be no Bulletin dated Sept. 7 due to Labor Day, a postal holiday.

ISRAEL HOLDS PLO RESPONSIBLE FOR ATTACK ON VIENNA SYNAGOGUE

By David Landau

JERUSALEM, Aug. 30 (JTA) -- A high Israeli official said today that Israel held the Palestine Liberation Organization responsible for the terrorist attack on a synagogue in Vienna yesterday. But he carefully stopped short of saying that Israel regarded the assault as a violation of the cease-fire along the Israeli-Lebanese border.

The official, Cabinet Secretary Arye Naor, was briefing reporters following the weekly Cabinet meeting at which Ministers stood in silence in respect to the two persons who died in the attack. Naor indicated that the attack was not discussed by the Cabinet.

Earlier, Deputy Premier Simcha Ehrlich told the Army Radio that he did regard yesterday's attack as a violation of the cease-fire. He said the fact that the terrorist groups operate under different names "does not change anything." He also said that "naturally, any murderous action violates the truce, especially when innocent people are attacked and murdered." Israel has insisted that the cease-fire mandated the terrorists to halt their attacks not only against Israel and Israelis but also on Jewish and Israeli institutions outside Israel. But Naor, although pressed on this issue, refused to echo or otherwise endorse Ehrlich's remark.

Close Austria-PLO Ties Cited

The Foreign Ministry put out a statement directly linking yesterday's attack and earlier incidents in Vienna to Austria's ties with the PLO. "It is no coincidence," the statement said, "that the series of attacks is taking place in a country which has cultivated its ties with the PLO above and beyond any other country in Europe."

The statement mentioned a "series of Palestinian terrorist attacks in Austria over the last few months . . . the president of the Austrian-Israeli Friendship Society was murdered, the Israel Embassy in Vienna was bombed, members of Al-Fatah tried to smuggle arms and explosives through the Vienna airport, and now we witness the murderous attack on the synagogue in a country in which most of the Jews (who) are survivors of the Holocaust were worshipping."

Naor at his briefing said the attack had "exposed the true face of the PLO."

AWACS DEAL WILL BE PRIORITY ITEM ON BEGIN-REAGAN AGENDA

By David Landau

JERUSALEM, Aug. 30 (JTA) -- Premier Menachem Begin told his Cabinet today that he proposed to vigorously oppose the U.S.-AWACS deal with Saudi Arabia even though this would be to directly clash with the wishes of the Reagan Administration. In a Cabinet discussion prior to Begin's talks in Washington with President Reagan next week, the Premier indicated that the AWACS deal would be a priority item on his agenda. He seemed to signal that Israel would throw its full weight into a congressional struggle against the proposed deal.

The Cabinet discussions were held within the framework of the "Ministerial Defense Committee" which renders its content secret.

Begin and the Ministers who were with him in Alexandria reported on last week's talks with

President Anwar Sadat and his top aides and particularly on the decision to resume the long-stalled autonomy negotiations next month.

On the forthcoming Washington talks, Israel Radio quoted the Premier as saying he would "not be going with a shopping list" but would certainly want to discuss with Reagan Israel's needs for military and economic aid in the years ahead.

Meanwhile, Finance Ministry officials are completing details of Israel's financial aid requests from the U.S., to be taken to Washington next month by Finance Minister Yoram Aridor and Ministry Director General Dr. Ezra Sadan. Ministry sources said the requests will total \$2.5 billion for fiscal 1983, of which \$1.5 billion is for military aid and \$1 billion for economic aid. U.S. economic aid has been fixed at \$2.2 billion for each of the years of 1981 and 1982.

BOMB KILLS ARAB CHILD, INJURES 16

TEL AVIV, Aug. 30 (JTA) -- An eight-year-old Arab girl was killed and 16 other Arabs were injured when a hand grenade exploded under the cigarette stall owned by the girl's father in the market place in the old city of Nablus today. Police and security forces are investigating.

U.S. PLEASED OVER RESUMPTION OF THE AUTONOMY TALKS

By Helen Silver

WASHINGTON, Aug. 30 (JTA) -- Secretary of State Alexander Haig said here that the Administration was "pleasantly surprised" about the resumption of the autonomy talks, announced at the end of the two-day meeting between Premier Menachem Begin of Israel and President Anwar Sadat of Egypt in Alexandria last week. "We welcome the agreement to sit down at an early date and get on with the autonomy discussions," Haig told a press conference at the State Department last Friday.

There had been reports that some Administration officials expressed unhappiness over the announcement of the resumed autonomy talks because the U.S., which is a partner in the talks, was not notified in advance. But Haig at his press conference gave no indication that this was the case. The Secretary of State said he was also pleased by the announcement at the conclusion of the summit that Egypt and Israel were establishing committees to oversee Israel's final withdrawal from Sinai next April.

Asked about the possible restriction on the use of the AWACS reconnaissance planes by Saudi Arabia, that would prevent them from using the planes against Israel, Haig replied: "I think that's the wrong time and I think there are certain arrangements that will become known when consultations start on the Hill. We feel we have an obligation to discuss these matters with members of the Senate and the House. Until that time, we have urged everyone to hold their judgement on this admittedly controversial sale until they have the benefit of the full hearing that will be provided, which will include transfer agreements, which I must say today in the Executive branch we are very happy with it."

LATE BULLETIN

JERUSALEM (JTA) -- Israel Sunday night formally expressed its "disappointment and concern" at the meeting earlier in the day between PLO chief Yasir Arafat and French Foreign Minister Claude Cheysson in Beirut. A Foreign Ministry statement said the meeting, "just one day after the murderous attack in Vienna," would "encourage extremist violence" and was a blow to the peace process.

CARDS BARRING AUTOPSY IF BEARER DIES ARE NOW AVAILABLE UNDER A UNIQUE N.Y. STATE LAW

By Ben Gallob

NEW YORK, Aug. 30 (JTA) -- A wallet-sized card, stating that the bearer does not want nor does he or she authorize an autopsy on his or her body, under the first state law of its kind, has been prepared and is now being distributed by the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America, Julius Berman, UOJCA president, reported today.

The measure, sponsored by Assemblyman Howard Lasher, Brooklyn Democrat, and State Sen. Martin Solomon, also a Brooklyn Democrat, was signed into law by Gov. Hugh Carey earlier this month. The law requires that the card be notarized.

New York State's basic law mandates autopsies under three circumstances, Berman said. One is unexplained death, another is investigation on suspicion of homicide, and the third is investigation of a possible threat to the public health.

Great Value In Certain Cases

Berman said that the card will be of the greatest value in cases where next of kin do not come forward and request that an autopsy not be performed. He said that in New York State, and in other states, the courts have generally been receptive to claims of religious objections to autopsies -- other than those involving unexplained death, suspicion of homicide or possible threat to the public health -- and have refused to permit dissections simply for the purpose of determining the precise cause of death.

More specifically, Berman said, the courts have refused to permit an autopsy when a religious objection has been raised and the medical examiner offers no reason for the dissection other than to determine what damage to which particular organ caused the death.

Berman pointed out that Jewish religious law severely limits the occasions on which dissection of a body is proper, with improper dissection deemed a defilement of the body and a desecration of the honor of the deceased person.

Basis For The Problem

The problem for Jews persists because there is no definitive ruling by the highest court of a state, including New York State, all such rulings to date being by lower courts. Medical examiners therefore feel free to ignore the lower court decisions and have done so.

Moreover, it was pointed out, involvement of courts comes about only through a lawsuit by next of kin to obtain a court order barring the autopsy. Since the instances in which this problem arises are by nature usually not predictable, recourse to the courts remains an inadequate solution.

Berman pointed out that in cases where a death occurs and the body is not claimed within 48 hours, medical examiners feel free to proceed with autopsies, even if there is no evidence of any of the three mandated requirements for autopsies.

Text Of Card

The text of the card reads: "I do not consent to the dissection or autopsy of my body except as required by law. This declaration is intended only as notice pursuant to section 4209-a of the (New York State) Public Health Law. It is not intended as a waiver of any objections to an autopsy on my body based on religious or other

grounds which may be asserted." There is room for notarization on the card.

Berman cautioned that the law, while serving a positive function, "does not speak to the heart of our concern on autopsies, i.e., to clearly define circumstances, such as religious objections, where autopsies would be prohibited by law."

He said the initial printing is 10,000 cards which will be available Sept. 1. Limited quantities of 25 cards will be sent as a package to Orthodox synagogues and Hebrew day schools, accompanied by a form for ordering additional cards. Berman said that the Orthodox Union had undertaken to print and distribute the card because the law did not authorize funds for that purpose.

PROTESTANT CLERIC DENOUNCES DESTRUCTION OF SYNAGOGUE MARKER

By David Kantor

BONN, Aug. 30 (JTA) -- A Protestant cleric denounced the vandals who destroyed a stone marker which identified the site of the former synagogue of Roedelheim near Frankfurt which was destroyed by the Nazis. Parson Heinrich Dippel, who addressed a meeting at the scene of the vandalism which had been called to protest the act, termed the destruction of the marker barbaric.

He declared that such acts of violence are reminders of neo-Nazi activity in West Germany which deserves to be sharply condemned and which should alarm every citizen. He also warned that the neo-Nazis will not rest content with destroying inanimate objects, such as the marker, but will eventually unleash violence against people.

Dippel also criticized the community of Roedelheim for failing to act against recently published textbooks and pamphlets dealing with local history which failed to contain a single word of appreciation for the important Jewish community which once existed there. He called on the leaders of the community to identify those who were responsible for expelling the some 120 Jews from Roedelheim during the war and for transporting them to the death camps in Theresienstadt and Auschwitz.

Dippel also attacked a recent plan of the local community to reconstruct a former Nazi-built memorial site for the victims of World War I. The site was inaugurated by the Nazis in 1938 but was later destroyed. The local Christian Democratic Union (CDU) wants it to be rebuilt to commemorate the victims of both wars.

The parson also used the occasion of the meeting to analyze the theological sources of anti-Semitism and criticized what he termed the fatal thesis of Jewish responsibility for the death of Jesus. He also said that some of Martin Luther's writings were saturated with anti-Jewish hatred.

RECORD \$15.8 MILLION PLEDGED TO MEET 1982 UJA CAMPAIGN NEEDS

NEW YORK, Aug. 30 (JTA) -- Prominent Jewish leaders from communities across the nation pledged a record total of \$15,821,500 to the regular 1982 United Jews Appeal/community campaign as UJA's annual Prime Minister's Mission came to a close last Thursday in Jerusalem. The 1982 total represents a 25.1 percent increase over 1981 pledges by the same donors of \$12,652,000, UJA national chairman Herschel Blumberg announced. The 1982 pledges include \$730,000 raised in a special women's fund raising caucus, Blumberg said. Spouses were invited to participate in the mission for the first time this year. The American Jewish leaders also pledged an additional \$980,000 for Project Renewal, bringing the total pledged by these donors to \$9,808,700.