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SHAMIR: THE ATTACK ON THE VIENNA SYNAGOGUE WAS 'LIKE AN ATTACK ON THE STATE OF ISRAEL'

By David Landau

JERUSALEM, Aug. 31 (JTA) -- Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir said last night that the terrorist bombing of a synagogue in Vienna Saturday in which two people were killed and 18 were wounded was "like an attack on the State of Israel."

In a television interview he said that the Palestine Liberation Organization was responsible for the tragedy. Reiterating other official statements made yesterday which held the PLO responsible, Shamir said Israel "does not distinguish between the various groupings they all seek to murder Am Yisrael (the people of Israel) and Medinat Yisrael (the State of Israel) by killing Jews."

He was apparently referring to reports from Vienna which said that the two terrorists said they had acted on behalf of the PLO and one of them said he was a member of Al Asifa, an extremist splinter terrorist group led by Abu Nidal 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.

Israel Had Warned Austria

Shamir said Israel had repeatedly warned Austria "of the likely disastrous results of its easy-going attitude" toward PLO activities. He said that the "supportive attitude" which the PLO received from Austrian officialdom "doubtlessly encouraged them to conduct terrorist attacks on Austrian soil."

Kreisky was the first Western leader to have officially received PLO chief Yasir Arafat. The Chancellor said yesterday in a radio broadcast that the attack on the synagogue Saturday was the work of unidentified forces seeking to sabotage Palestinian interests. "I am firmly convinced that the attackers had nothing to do with the PLO," he said.

The attack Saturday was the latest in a series of terrorist actions against Jews in Austria. The same synagogue was attacked in April, 1979 when 80 persons escaped a time bomb which destroyed the building. In 1973, terrorists seized Jewish emigrants from the Soviet Union who were waiting in Vienna for transfer to Israel and elsewhere. Earlier this month two bombs exploded in a garden adjacent to the Israel Embassy, slightly injuring a woman. In 1975 terrorists also attacked the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries headquarters in Vienna.

According to a report from Vienna, Austrian Interior Minister Erwin Lanc said after the Saturday terrorist attack that there are indications there might be more such attacks. He did not elaborate. (See separate story from Vienna.)

REPORT PLO, LIBYAN AGENTS RECRUITING YOUNG ARABS AND MOSLEMS IN WEST GERMANY

By David Kantor

BONN, Aug. 31 (JTA) -- The Federal Ser-

vice for Domestic Security of West Germany reported today that it has detected in recent weeks an increase in the activities of the Palestine Liberation Organization and of Libyan agents among members of the Arab community in the country. According to the services, both are engaged in a major campaign to recruit young Arabs and Moslems for military training.

According to the services, the PLO concentrates its activities primarily in West Berlin, where thousands of young Arabs reside. Most of them come through East Berlin which has a very cheap air connection to Lebanon. About half of the young Arabs come to West Berlin after having already received some kind of paramilitary training and political indoctrination in East Berlin.

The PLO, the report continued, offers the young people an opportunity to fly back to Lebanon and to there join units engaged in fighting against Israel. The recruits are told that the cease-fire along the Israeli-Lebanese border is only temporary and the battle against the "Zionist aggressor" will take place soon.

The Western powers in West Berlin do not check the personal documents of people arriving there from East Berlin, so that the access to the western side of the divided city is uncontrolled.

The Libyan government is trying to recruit soldiers for the so-called Moslem Liberation Army. The recruitment takes place through personal contacts and through advertisements in publications circulated among Arabs and Moslems in West Germany. One of the major aims of the Liberation Army is to "liberate Palestine" and to "fight Zionism." Officials of the domestic security service said the recruiting campaign is under close scrutiny but that no further action is taken.

Meanwhile, police in Nuremberg said they now know definitely that the Jewish publisher, Shlomo Levin, and his non-Jewish woman friend, Frida Poeschke, were murdered last December by neo-Nazis. Karl-Heinz Hoffmann, the leader of a so-called sports group, and his woman friend, Franziska Birkmann, are under suspicion. Both are currently under arrest.

Hoffmann was arrested a month ago when he returned to West Germany after spending several weeks in a PLO training camp in Beirut. In the past two years, Hoffmann was active in recruiting German neo-Nazis for military training with the PLO, a fact which was officially confirmed by the Bonn government in a recent annual report by the Federal Service for Domestic Security.

TERRORISTS TELL VIENNA POLICE THEY HAD STAKED OUT THE SYNAGOGUE TO DETERMINE THE BEST TIME FOR STAGING THEIR ASSAULT

By Monika Brenner and Reinhard Engel

VIENNA, Aug. 31 (JTA) -- Had there not been a Bar Mitzvah celebration last Saturday morning, the two Arab terrorists could have shot and killed many more persons, it was revealed here today. During police interrogation one of the two men, Mohammed Husam Radjih, said that he had carefully observed the habits of Jewish community members on Saturdays and learned that usually they leave the synagogue at 11:00 A.M. and stand in front of the building talking to each other.

Last Saturday the larger part of the 200 attending the Bar Mitzvah was still in the building when the two gunmen were already waiting for them. A passer-by

addressed one of the Palestinians who then started to shoot and throw hand grenades at the two policemen who were guarding the synagogue.

In this shoot-out and during the ensuing chase by police, two persons were killed and 18 injured, some of them gravely. The two policemen, who were themselves wounded by the terrorists, arrested the two men after one of them had been shot by the driver and bodyguard of a Jewish businessman attending the Bar Mitzvah celebration.

Radjih said during interrogation that he wanted to shoot Jews, but that he later consciously aimed at passers-by, in order to achieve the greatest possible effect. State police called the two men "cold-blooded terrorists."

According to police, Radjih is a student of physics and mathematics in Vienna, holding an Iraqi passport. The second terrorist, using the cover name Ali Yussuf, had been living in Vienna for two months. He said that he had had an Egyptian passport but had destroyed it.

The two men said that they had not known each other before the attack. They had had instructions to meet at a certain location and start their operation. In order to recognize each other one wore a safari cap and the other one carried a red rose.

Police Conduct Dragnet

Immediately after the terrorist attack police searched the apartments where the two men had been living. They arrested 35-year-old Moseh Al-Azhour, presumably from Syria, at Radjih's apartment. Police suspect him of being involved in the planning of the attack.

At Yussuf's apartment they arrested six Arab newspaper vendors who were released after interrogation. The search at Radjih's home uncovered a large amount of Palestine Liberation Organization material, including bulletins written by the former PLO representative in Vienna, Ghazi Hussein.

Police found in Yussuf's possession the key for a luggage locker at Vienna's south station. In the locker they found a suitcase containing clothing and toilet articles. Police suspect that the two men, or at least Yussuf, wanted to leave Vienna for Italy or Yugoslavia.

The weapons the two terrorists used were Polish PN-63 submachine guns with the registration numbers removed. The ammunition was 9MM Makarov-type, the same kind that was used in the killing of Vienna Councilman Heinz Nittel last May. Police said that there are many different kinds of guns that this ammunition fits but that they nevertheless conducted ballistics tests to determine whether any of the weapons used Saturday had also been used in the assassination of Nittel.

Meanwhile, the exact political background of the two gunmen remains unknown. During the actual attack the killers shouted "PLO" and flashed victory signs. Yussuf has since his capture refused to say anything. Radjih said he was a member of the extremist splinter Palestinian group Al Asifa which is headed by Abu Nidal. The same group claimed responsibility for killing Nittel and later threatened the life of Chancellor Bruno Kreisky.

Israel's Ambassador to Vienna, Yissachar Ben-Yaacov, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency today that Israel does not distinguish between the various terrorist groups and emphasized that Israel holds the PLO responsible for Arab terror.

He dismissed the PLO's statement denying that they were involved in Saturday's terrorist attack and said this denial must be viewed in the light of the PLO policy of trying to destroy Israel.

Kreisky told reporters in West Germany where he is vacationing that he did not think the PLO was involved in the attack and that other groups were responsible. He said these groups are the same that are trying to block the PLO's participation in Middle East peace talks. Austria's conservative opposition criticized Kreisky's involvement in Mideast politics, saying that he was responsible for Mideast terror being transferred to Austria.

Meanwhile, Mayor Teddy Kollek of Jerusalem wrote to the mayor of Vienna thanking him for the brave action taken by Vienna police in apprehending the terrorists and preventing what could have been a bloodbath.

BLUM, IN A LETTER TO WALDHEIM, DENOUNCES PLO'S 'MURDER CAMPAIGN'

By Yitzhak Rabi

UNITED NATIONS, Aug. 31 (JTA) -- Israel denounced today "the Palestine Liberation Organization's murderous attack" against Jewish worshippers in a Vienna synagogue last Saturday, charging that the attack demonstrated that the PLO is undertaking "a ruthless murder campaign not only against civilians in Israel but also against Jews and the Jewish people everywhere."

These charges were included in a letter from Israel's Ambassador to the United Nations, Yehuda Blum, addressed to Secretary General Kurt Waldheim and Security Council President Jorge Enrique Illeuca, of Panama.

In his letter, Blum stated that "outrages of this kind must surely disabuse of any illusions all those who may still be entertaining them with regard to the true nature of the terrorist PLO, which cannot be considered by any stretch of the imagination 'a national liberation movement'."

Waldheim strongly condemned the attack on the same day it took place. In a statement issued by his spokesman, Waldheim said he deeply "regrets the loss of life and casualties in the attack. Such acts of violence are contrary to the idea of the international community and the whole civilized world."

Meanwhile, the leaders of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, Synagogue Council of America, Jewish National Fund, Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America, Rabbinical Council of America and the Jewish Labor Committee condemned the attack as another shameful episode in the history of the terrorist organization.

FRENCH OFFICIAL ORDERS ACTION AGAINST ANTI-SEMITIC LITERATURE

By Edwin Eytan

PARIS, Aug. 31 (JTA) -- Interior Minister Gaston Deferre has asked all the country's regional governors and police chiefs to apply all available laws to prevent the dissemination of anti-Semitic literature. He called on the government-appointed governors to bear in mind the "dangerous and obnoxious" character of this type of literature and, if necessary, to use their authority to ban its distribution.

Deferre is known for his close contacts with the Jewish community and as Mayor of Marseilles, France's third largest city, has always tried to cooperate with the local community and improve relations with Israel. He is also in the forefront of anti-racist legislation campaigns.

Meanwhile, Jewish organizations in France today voiced their anger and protest against the terrorist at-

tack on a synagogue in Vienna Saturday in which two persons were killed and 18 were wounded. The Representative Council of Major French Jewish Organizations (CRIF), the World Jewish Congress and other Jewish organizations expressed their indignation. The Jewish Renewal group led by lawyer Henri Hajdenberg called for a mass meeting at the Rue Copernic synagogue where a terrorist bomb explosion last October killed four people and wounded 20.

In Rome, the Vatican radio condemned the Vienna attack as "a new wave of anti-Semitism." It declared: "It is necessary, now as never before, for reason and pity to prevail over hate and political calculation." The broadcast added that the attack was an apparent attempt to impede "a peaceful solution to the problems in the Middle East."

U.S. CONDEMNS TERRORIST ATTACK ON SYNAGOGUE BUT REFUSES TO BLAME THE PLO FOR THE ACT

By David Friedman

WASHINGTON, Aug. 31 (JTA) -- The United States today strongly condemned the terrorist attack on a Vienna synagogue Saturday in which two persons were killed and 18 wounded, but refused to blame the Palestine Liberation Organization for the act.

Before addressing himself to the Vienna outrage, State Department spokesman Dean Fischer said the U.S. "deeply deplored" the "wave of violence" over the weekend which also included bombings at a U.S. base in Germany, the U.S. Ambassador's residence in Peru and the bombing in Tehran yesterday which took the life of Iranian President Mohammed Ali Rajai and Prime Minister Mohammed Javad Bahonar.

Fischer said that the U.S. had no details on these attacks as well as the incident in Vienna. "We deplore the climate that seems to lend itself to this kind of violence," he said. He said there appears to be a sign of an upsurge in terrorism, although he stressed there was "no evidence" that the various acts were coordinated.

On the attack in Vienna, that occurred at the close of a Bar Mitzvah ceremony, Fischer read a prepared statement saying: "We strongly condemn this terrible terrorist attack on innocent civilians and we extend our sympathy to the families of the victims."

Declines To Deal With Several Issues

He said that the State Department has seen reports that there were "Arabs responsible" and that the PLO was to blame. But, Fischer added: "We note that (Austrian) Chancellor (Bruno) Kreisky has stated publicly that he is convinced that the attackers had nothing to do with the PLO." Fischer added that the Voice of Palestine, the Beirut-based PLO radio station, has quoted the PLO as calling the attack in Vienna a "cowardly criminal act."

The U.S. spokesman refused to address himself to a reporter's suggestion that Kreisky may have created the climate for an attack such as on the synagogue by his allowing the PLO to operate in Vienna.

Fischer also refused to comment on the meeting in Beirut yesterday between French Foreign Minister Claude Cheysson and PLO chief Yasir Arafat. He said his only comment would be that the U.S. position against any dealings with the PLO "remains unchanged."

The spokesman also had no comment on a report in the current Newsweek magazine that the U.S. and Saudi Arabia are to sign an agreement in which the Saudis promise not to use the AWACS that the Reagan Administration proposes to sell to them to spy on Israel.

2000 TAKE PART IN RALLY TO MOURN VICTIMS OF TERRORISTS

By Monika Brenner and Reinhard Engel

VIENNA, Aug. 31 (JTA) -- About 2000 people took part in a rally today to mourn the death of Ulrike Kohut, 25, and Lotan Fried, 68, who were killed Saturday during a terrorist assault on the synagogue here. The rally was held in front of the Jewish community center in the inner city of Vienna where the synagogue is located.

Deputy Prime Minister Fred Sinowatz and several Ministers represented the Austrian government. The Mayor of Vienna, Leopold Gratz, opposition leaders, Israeli Ambassador Yissachar Ben-Yaacov, and Baron Alain de Rothschild took part in the mourning march through the city.

The Supreme Rabbi of Vienna, Akiba Eisenberg, criticized the Austrian government for not having properly expressed its sympathy for the victims, but he later withdrew his criticism. The letter of condolence sent by the government had been lost during the preparation of the rally.

Other letters of condolence came from Austrian President Rudolf Kirchschlaeger, from all Austrian party headquarters, from Arab Embassies in Vienna, and from religious leaders. Cardinal Franz Koenig of Vienna received a letter of condolence from Pope John Paul II and was told to pass it on to the Jewish community here.

Ben-Yaacov delivered an official note of protest at the Foreign Ministry today in which he referred to recent remarks of Chancellor Bruno Kreisky. Kreisky had said in a newspaper interview that the intransigent Israeli policy towards the Palestinians favored terrorism. Austrian Foreign Minister Willibald Pahr rejected the protest as an intrusion into internal affairs.

Kreisky was asked by Austrian television whether he thought Israel was responsible for the attack. Kreisky answered: "No, I would not say it like that. I do not want to make the same generalizations as the Israeli press does. I, for my part, say only that the bad, unqualified treatment of Palestinians in Israel is one of the causes for these extreme actions."

Asked why he had not immediately expressed his sympathy with the victims of the terrorist assault, Kreisky said that he had done so but that he also had to defend himself against attacks in Israeli newspapers which said he was responsible for the terrorist attack. Kreisky also said that he saw no reason to change his policy towards the PLO.

KHARKOV REFUSENIKS TARGET OF KGB

NEW YORK, Aug. 31 (JTA) -- Soviet authorities in the city of Kharkov broke into the homes of several refuseniks last Friday evening, the National Conference on Soviet Jewry (NCSJ) has just learned. Among the homes entered by the KGB were those of activists Evgeny Chudnofsky and Aleksandr Paritsky. Paritsky was taken from his apartment and remains under arrest. Having first applied to emigrate to Israel in 1976, Paritsky has often been singled out for harassment by Soviet authorities and has been arrested on several occasions for his emigration-related activities.

FOCUS ON ISSUESDETROIT JEWS HARD HIT IN MANY WAYS BY AUTO INDUSTRY SLUMP

By Ben Gallob

NEW YORK, Aug. 31 (JTA) -- There are not many Jews among the thousands of assembly line workers suffering lengthy layoffs as the auto industry struggles with unprecedented problems of adapting its products to a new age of record high charges for gasoline and credit, according to a report by the Jewish Welfare Federation of Detroit.

Similarly, there are few Jews among production workers in the tire and steel industries, equally impacted by the ripple effect of the sharp cuts in auto output. But that does not mean that Jews in Detroit and other auto production centers have not been affected, in many cases seriously so.

The report in the Jewish News of Detroit, by Esther Tschirhart of the Federation, quoted Margaret Weiner, director of professional services at the Jewish Family Service (JFS), as declaring that while Jews "are not generally on the line," within six to ten months "after the initial horrendous impact of massive layoffs," the Jewish community "feels it."

Small Businessmen Feel The Pinch

Samuel Lerner, JFS executive director, said small businessmen, including small Jewish businessmen, "are just not doing as much business because their clients are not working." He said such Jewish professionals as doctors and dentists also have been affected by the layoffs. When company-financed health insurance is lost by laid-off assembly workers, they sometimes cannot afford to pay for medical and dental care and this hurts "the Jewish doctor and dentist," Lerner said.

Albert Ascher, executive director of the Jewish Vocational Service (JVS), said the agency became aware of a jump in Jewish joblessness in Detroit in January, 1980, producing a backlog of cases for the agency, which seeks to help persons find and keep suitable jobs.

Ascher asserted that there was "structural unemployment" in the auto industry, meaning that the non-Jews displaced by that process "will be competing with Jews for jobs in related or other fields." He reported that, in recent months, the JVS had been helping formerly non-working wives now seeking jobs to supplement the principal breadwinner's income.

One effect, it was reported, has been "an alarming increase" in the breakup of Jewish families in Detroit, as an increasing number of divorced women can no longer stay home with their children because they must look for work.

Russian Jewish Newcomers Hit

The Federation reported that Russian Jewish newcomers also are suffering more joblessness, many having lost jobs the JVS found for them when they first settled in the Detroit area. Ascher said the jobs held by non-English speaking immigrants -- factory work, light assembly -- are directly affected by the depressed Detroit economy.

Mrs. Weiner said underemployment, in which an employee takes a salary cut or a demotion rather than lose the job, also is a problem for many Detroit Jews. Ascher said Jewish workers are working fewer hours than they would prefer, or they are in jobs which do not fully utilize

their educational background and work experience. Mrs. Weiner also reported that existing problems in the family -- such as handling teenagers or marital difficulties -- may worsen when a breadwinner loses his or her job or when inflation forces a reluctant housewife to enter the job market. She also reported that a growing number of jobless Jews have been seeking counseling at the JFS because they have lost the insurance, formerly a job fringe benefit, which allowed them to get private psychiatric counseling.

Increase In Borrowing

The slump has meant increased demands on the Hebrew Free Loan Association, said executive secretary Florence Schwartz. She said some borrowers are finding it hard to repay the interest-free loans. She added that while the agency "may have to call people more and keep after them," the loan association was not "experiencing any real traumatic problems. The majority are paying" back their loans.

Lerner said the JFS has hired a social worker, Esther Krystal, to implement an effort to actively seek out the jobless, the underemployed and the working poor in the Jewish community. He said there may be such Jews having emotional crises related to their unemployment and that "we would like to talk to them."

Lerner said help will be tailored to special need. Persons whose jobless benefits have expired will be informed about which public agencies can provide financial aid and whether the JFS can provide emergency help. He said that, in some cases, JFS staff members will discuss with the client the possibility of relocation to another state where jobs in his or her specialty may be more plentiful.

BEGIN RESTING AT HOME UNDER DOCTORS ORDERS

JERUSALEM, Aug. 31 (JTA) -- Premier Menachem Begin is resting at home under doctors orders for the next several days to recover from a knee complaint before his summit visit to Washington next week.

The Premier was examined and X-rayed at Jerusalem's Hadassah Hospital today and doctors said later he needed several days of rest without putting his body's weight on his painful knee. They said it would be a matter of "only a few days" before Begin would be able to walk about normally and without pain again.

The Hadassah Hospital statement did not specify the Premier's complaint but other sources said unofficially he has water on the knee.

ELIAS PICHENY DEAD AT 76

BERKELEY, Cal., Aug. 31 (JTA) -- Elias Picheny, who served as a staff executive of the National Jewish Welfare Board for 25 years, during which he also was a field secretary of the JWB section in Chicago, died here at the age of 76.

His major post was that of JWB director of research and community services in New York City. A graduate of the Teachers Institute of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, he moved into social work as executive director of the Jacob Schiff Center in the Bronx.

As a JWB field consultant Picheny guided developments in Jewish Center practices in Pittsburgh, St. Louis, Baltimore and Indianapolis. He was an early member of the Hebrew Teachers Union. He was a co-founder of Social Workers for a Sane Nuclear Policy and spoke for peace and disarmament in many midwest communities.