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## 2 KILLED, 4 WOUNDED IN TEMPLE MOUNT SHOOTING BY MAN IDENTIFIED AS IMMIGRANT FROM U.S.; SCORES IN JURED AS ARABS RIOT IN EAST JERUSALEM AND WEST BANK

By David Landau and Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, April 11 (JTA) -- A bearded young man wearing an Israeli army uniform opened fire into a crowd of Moslem worshippers and tourists on the Temple Mount in the Old City of Jerusalem this morning, killing two persons and wounding at least four before he was overpowered by soldiers and police. The police identified him later as Elliot Guttman (Goodman), 30, an American who immigrated to Israel six years ago.

The dead were identified as Hassan Yamani, 65, a Moslem guard and Jihad Al-Hamdi, an 18 year-old woman passer-by. Rioting and stone-throwing by enraged Arabs following the shooting injured 10 persons seriously, according to Israel Radio and 30 others sustained slight injuries. Israel Radio reported this evening that an additional 27 persons were hurt in rioting that broke out in other parts of the city and on the West Bank during the day, most of them not seriously.

Eyewitnesses said the man began firing in the open plaza of the Temple Mount, site of two major Islamic shrines, the Mosque of Omar and the El Aksa Mosque. His weapon was reported to be an American M-16 automatic rifle of Israeli army issue. As police closed in he retreated into the Mosque of Omar and continued to fire. The Army Radio said the assailant wore a knapsack with the name "Magen Schwartz" stenciled on it. A label on the knapsack indicated that the wearer came from New York.

### U.S. Condemns 'Outrage'

(In Washington today, the State Department condemned the Temple Mount attack and extended from condolences "to all those who have suffered physically and spiritually from this outrage." A Department spokesman said in a prepared statement: "We deeply deplore and condemn this senseless violence ... According to information available to us, this was obviously the work of a deranged individual who has now been taken into custody." The State Department also called on all governments and people in the Middle East to refrain from any acts of violence which could cause further loss of life and increase tensions in the area.)

This evening, the Moslem Supreme Council called for a seven day general strike to protest the attack for which it blamed the Israel government.

### "Revenge" Was Motive

The captured man reportedly spoke English and non-fluent Hebrew. According to Israel Radio, which apparently had its information from police, the man identified as Guttman is married and spent last night at a Jerusalem hotel. This morning he reportedly told the manager he did not expect to be back "for a long time."

A senior police officer said in a radio interview tonight that after he was arrested, the assailant said "They", apparently meaning Arabs, had killed "a lot of my relatives and friends and I had to take revenge."

In the immediate aftermath of the shooting, Arab youths hurled rocks and iron bars at Israeli police and army personnel. The latter fired into the air to disperse the rioters. Police Superintendent Arye Ivtzan said the authorities were trying to "contain" the incident, keep it in "proper proportions" and restore order in the Old City. Gen. Ori Orr, Commander of the central region personally directed the operations.

### Riots Spread To West Bank

The rioting this afternoon spread from Jerusalem to towns on the West Bank. In Ramallah an Israeli soldier shot and wounded a 17-year-old Arab after a band of youths stoned his vehicle. Tires were burned and road blocks were set up in Beit Jalla, near Bethlehem. The most serious incidents in East Jerusalem occurred near the fashionable Inter-Continental Hotel on the Mount of Olives. Large crowds of Arabs threw rocks at Israeli border policemen who fired into the air.

Rocks were also thrown at ambulances carrying injured persons to nearby Hadassah Hospital. Rocks were thrown at two tourist buses on the Mount of Olives and in Silwan village near the Old City.

According to a senior police source, Guttman was to be arraigned before a Jerusalem magistrate later today. The source said the assailant had operated alone. He refused to divulge further details. Israel Radio described Guttman as an Israeli Army reservist of American origin. Police stressed that there was no damage done to the Islamic shrines. Tourists and other worshippers were promptly cleared away from the Temple Mount and the nearby Westem Wall after the shooting.

Today's incident recalled the turmoil aroused in the Arab world in 1969 when an Australian former mental patient, Michael Denis Rohan, set fire to the El Aksa Mosque causing extensive damage. Rohan was imprisoned in Israel for a time and deported to Australia. (See related story P. 3.)

### TOP LABORITES URGE GOVERNMENT AGAINST MILITARY ACTION IN LEBANON AS TENSION MOUNTS OVER POSSIBLE IMMINENT STRIKE

By David Landau

JERUSALEM, April 11 (JTA) -- Three top leaders of the Labor Party, all former Chiefs of Staff, warned the government over the weekend not to precipitate military action against Palestinian forces in Lebanon. The appeals for restraint, by former Premier Yitzhak Rabin, Labor Party Secretary General Haim Barlev and Gen. Mordechai Gur, were made against a background of mounting tension in northern Israel and widespread news reports abroad that Israel was massing troops along the Lebanese border for a strike against Palestinian bases in south Lebanon.

The Cabinet met for more than six hours today as a ministerial defense committee, the deliberations of which were classified. No statements were issued and Cabinet Secretary Dan Meridor refused to answer reporters' questions. It is believed the topics discussed were the situation in Lebanon, reported new disputes with Egypt and the fatal shooting on the Temple Mount in East Jerusalem today.

Informed sources said U.S. Ambassador Samuel Lewis would be calling on Premier Menachem Begin later today. Rabin, in an interview published in Davar this morning, urged the government to make "supreme efforts" to preserve the cease-fire along the Lebanese border. He was referring to the cessation of hostilities negotiated by U.S. special envoy Philip Habib last summer between Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organization.

Barlev told an Israel Radio reporter over the weekend that he did not think the situation called for "an Israeli military action that could involve us in a war with Lebanon." Gur said on the same radio appearance that such actions could develop into a war with Syria.

The statements by the Laborites drew a sharp response from the Prime Ministers Office. Officials accused the opposition leaders of a "lack of national responsibility." Last week Begin summoned Labor Party chairman Shimon Peres, Rabin and Barlev to a meeting at his office, where they discussed matters that have not been disclosed. It was widely believed these matters included the situation in Lebanon and the possibility of forming a national unity government. Peres insisted later that a national coalition had not been mentioned.

#### U.S. Urges Restraint

The possibility that an Israeli attack on PLO bases in Lebanon is imminent touched off a flurry of activity in the U.S. and Lebanon over the weekend. In Washington, senior Administration officials said Friday that they had reports of new Israeli military movements near the Lebanese border and expressed grave concern about a possible Israeli assault on Lebanon. State Department deputy spokesman Alan Romberg said, "Once again we renew our appeal to all of those involved or with influence on those involved to show the utmost restraint." He added that "This is a time for maximum caution."

In Beirut yesterday, Lebanese President Elias Sarkis reportedly met separately with the U.S. and Soviet Ambassadors, Robert Dillon and Aleksandr Soldatov, to appeal for their intervention to avert an Israeli attack.

Israel has been charging in recent weeks that PLO forces were using the cease-fire to build up their military strength. In addition, Israel accuses the PLO of numerous cease-fire violations and holds the PLO responsible for the murder of an Israeli diplomat, Yaacov Bar-Simantov, in Paris one week ago. The possibility of an Israeli move against the PLO was increased by the reported capture of two El Fatah terrorists attempting to infiltrate Israel from Jordan Friday. (See separate story.)

Meanwhile, three Labor MKs, Yossi Sarid, Yair Tsaaban and Victor Shemtov, of Mapam warned the government in separate statements that "There is no national consensus regarding possible developments in the North." Sarid maintained that "Israel-initiated actions would not enjoy wide public support." Sarid and Shemtov are members of the Knesset's Foreign Affairs and Security Committee.

Israeli newspapers today gave prominent display to photographs of civilians readying bomb shelters in northern Israel and headlined U.S. calls for restraint. The general uneasiness was not reduced by fact that the Cabinet met today, something it rarely does during the Passover week.

There was speculation in some circles that Habib might be dispatched to the region again

to try to calm the situation. Meanwhile, Israel is awaiting the arrival here of Nicholas Veliotis, the U.S. Assistant Secretary of State for Near East and South Asian Affairs, who is expected tomorrow from Cairo. He is scheduled to meet with Begin and with Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir and Defense Minister Ariel Sharon. Veliotis' talks are expected to deal with Israel's border dispute with Egypt over the Tabah salient in Sinai. Observers believe he will also discuss the Lebanon situation.

#### TERRORISTS CAPTURED AFTER INFILTRATING ISRAEL FROM JORDAN

By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, April 11 (JTA) -- Two heavily armed Arab terrorists were captured by an Israel army patrol in the Jordan Valley Friday after infiltrating from Jordanian territory, a military spokesman announced today. He said the pair was captured without a fight and identified as members of El Fatah, the military arm of the Palestine Liberation Organization.

The incident was the second in four months in which PLO terrorists entered Israel from Jordan. Israeli sources said these attempts are a serious breach of the cease-fire in effect along the Lebanese border since last July.

According to the military spokesman, an army patrol spotted the tracks of the infiltrators on the bank of the Jordan River north of Argaman. The two men were found shortly afterwards. One surrendered and the other attempted to escape back across the river but was captured after a brief chase. They were carrying large quantities of arms, ammunition and sabotage material, including explosives, they army said.

#### SMALL TURN-OUT AT YAMIT PROTEST SEDER

By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, April 11 (JTA) -- Only about 200 members of the movement to stop the withdrawal from Sinai attended the seder at Yamit, a far cry from the turn-out of "more than 2000" predicted by leaders of the movement.

The Passover feast, held at a war memorial taken over two weeks ago by militant yeshiva students was intended as a demonstration by squatters in the northern Sinai town that they have no intention of leaving. Sinai is to be returned to Egypt on April 25. Among those at the seder were Knesset members Geula Cohen, Yuval Neeman and Hanan Porat of the ultra-nationalist Tehiya faction.

Spokesmen for the anti-withdrawal movement claimed that an additional 400 supporters had come to Yamit over the holiday. They said "more than 100,000 protesters" would join a "march to Yamit" tomorrow.

The squatters, mainly Orthodox Jews, complained to the government today that contractors employed by the Jewish Agency to dismantle buildings and equipment in the Yamit region had worked during the Sabbath yesterday.

Although Sinai was declared closed to civilians as of midnight March 31, the army relaxed the ban over the holiday for Israelis out to picnic on the beaches. Several score thousand crowded some 24 miles of beach along the Gulf of Eilat to take advantage of the sunny weather over the weekend. But campers who moved into the hinterland for a "last look" before the region reverts to Egyptian control had their holiday interrupted by flash floods which turned the dry wadis (riverbeds) into streaming torrents. Most roads were reopened by noon today.

## GOLAN DRUZE SAY THEY RETURN ISRAELI ID CARDS

By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, April 11 (JTA) -- More than half the Druze on the Golan Heights who received Israeli identity cards have handed them back to the authorities or to village leaders who will return them collectively, Druze sources there said today. They said the cards were "forced on them." Israeli officials and army officers denied any force was used.

Meanwhile, support for the Golan Heights Druze, now in the eighth week of a general strike protesting Israel's annexation of the territory, appeared to be mounting among Israeli Druze in Galilee and the Mt. Carmel areas. Until now, Israeli Druze were considered completely loyal to the State. Many serve in the army and the border police.

## KOLLEK FEARS TEMPLE MOUNT SHOOTING WILL BE BLAMED ON ISRAEL

By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, April 11 (JTA) -- Mayor Teddy Kollek of Jerusalem said tonight that the shooting on the Temple Mount this morning was the act of a madman but predicted that some would use the tragic incident against Israel. Two persons were killed and four were wounded.

"I am very sorry that we have small, very extreme groups, who, by the atmosphere they create, will enable the world to identify the Jewish people which is entirely opposed to this kind of thing -- as bearing some responsibility," Kollek said. He stressed that "We had all these years guarded the (Moslem) holy places with the utmost care. Never has anything happened in 15 years, but mad things do happen," he said.

Israel's Ashkenazic and Sephardic Chief Rabbis, Shlomo Goren and Ovadia Yosef, both condemned the Temple Mount attack tonight as a "heinous crime." The shooting of innocent people desecrated the spot that is "holiest for the Jewish people" they said, and by so doing, the perpetrator removed himself from the Jewish people.

## Identity In Doubt

Meanwhile, conflicting versions emerged tonight over the identity and background of the assailant. Police sources originally said he was Elliot Cuttman, 30, who is married and who immigrated from the U.S. six years ago. According to Interior Ministry sources, quoted by Kol Israel Radio tonight, his name is Allan Harry Goodman. He is a 38-year-old bachelor from New Jersey and immigrated to Israel only 13 months ago.

According to those sources, Goodman first arrived in Israel on August 8, 1977 on a tourist visa and changed to immigrant status shortly afterwards. He studied Hebrew at the Etzion ulpan in Jerusalem in January 1978 but quit two months later after being involved in fights. The ulpan manager reportedly described him as a "loner" and a "very problematic person." He returned to the U.S. but was back in Israel as an immigrant last year.

The Absorption Ministry said Goodman immigrated in 1977 and later displayed a certificate of marriage to an American woman. According to Ministry officials he tried unsuccessfully to join several kibbutzim and in 1977 registered as a student at a yeshiva in Raanana. Police meanwhile refused to release further details and would not confirm the man's name.

## LABOR COURT ISSUES INJUNCTION AGAINST GOVT. ORDER THAT EL AL END SABBATH FLIGHTS

By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, April 11 (JTA) -- The Tel Aviv district labor court issued a temporary injunction today barring El Al from obeying government orders to suspend service on the Sabbath and religious holidays. The injunction was requested by Histadrut, acting on behalf of El Al employees who contended that the air line would sustain severe losses if it were to comply with the government's order, resulting in hardship for its work force.

The government ordered the suspension at the demand of the Agudat Israel party, a partner in Premier Menachem Begin's coalition. Begin himself supports the ban which he promised the Aguda he would enforce as part of their agreement to join his government last year.

Two MKs of Likud's Liberal Party wing, Dror Zeigerman and Dan Tikhon, said last night that they would oppose the Sabbath suspension of El Al flights. Their defection could spell defeat for the ban when the Knesset votes on the issue. Zeigerman and Tikhon, who visited El Al's installations at the Ben Gurion Airport, also said an airline computer print-out showed that less than one percent of El Al passengers asked for the "glatt kosher" box lunches requested by Agudat Israel members. The Aguda has threatened to order its members to boycott Israel's national air carrier if the Sabbath flights are not suspended.

## RICH PHOSPHATES BED DISCOVERED IN NEGEV COULD DOUBLE ISRAEL'S EXPORTS

By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, April 11 (JTA) -- A large deposit of high-quality phosphate discovered near Beersheba could give Israel a significant competitive edge in world phosphate markets, according to the Energy Ministry whose geologists discovered the deposit recently. It contains between 40-200 million tons of phosphates.

The concentration is 31-34 percent phosphoric oxide, which is considered rich. Like other phosphate deposits, this one also contains uranium, but it is not yet known whether its recovery would be economically feasible.

The phosphates are in three main layers. The top-most and richest not far beneath the surface of the Negev and therefore easy to mine. Within 3-4 years some 2.5 million tons of phosphates could be extracted per annum, more than doubling Israel's phosphate exports.

## LATE NEWS BULLETIN

JERUSALEM, April 11 (JTA) -- U.S. Ambassador Samuel Lewis said tonight that Premier Menachem Begin has assured him that Israel has not decided to invade Lebanon. Emerging from a three hour meeting with Begin at the Prime Ministers Office, the American envoy said: "We had a discussion of the recent tensions and I asked the Prime Minister his views and he assured me that the Israeli Cabinet had taken no decision to go into Lebanon in any way, shape or form." Lewis added that he was "very reassured" by the statement. The meeting was also attended by Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir and Defense Minister Ariel Sharon.

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NEW YORK (JTA) -- Austrian television has undertaken an unprecedented project devoted to the broadcast of daily one-hour programs on the pre-World War II history of the country's Jews, the World Jewish Congress reported.

## WORLD PARLIAMENTS WILL BE ASKED TO DECLARE DENIAL OF HOLOCAUST A CRIME

By Maurice Samuelson

LONDON, April 11 (JTA) -- Britain and other West European countries will be urged to strengthen their legislation to combat the resurgence of neo-Nazism.

The Institute of Jewish Affairs, research arm of the World Jewish Congress, said this week that it would press parliaments to introduce special legal provisions against the denial and whitewashing of Nazi crimes, especially the murder of six million Jews.

Ivan Lawrence, a Jewish Conservative member of Parliament and a member of the Institute's policy planning group, said denial of the Holocaust had recently become one of the main weapons of neo-Nazi propaganda.

### Cites West German Initiative

"The radical right wing elements, who threaten not just the ethnic minorities but the democratic order as a whole, realize that the strongest motive of resistance to them is the memory of the Nazi horrors and therefore these must be wiped off the slate of history by distortion or falsification," he said. Books and pamphlets attempting to "revise" recent history had appeared in growing numbers, according to Lawrence.

Dr. Stephen Roth, the Institute's director and author of a report "Making the Denial of the Holocaust a Crime in History," said parliaments should follow the initiative taken by West Germany. The Bonn government had proposed making it a criminal offense to deny the facts of the crime of genocide. "Those who care for justice and the dignity of the victims and are concerned about the growing amount of neo-Nazi propaganda should certainly advocate such a measure," Roth said.

### L.I. COUNTY POLICE SAY JEWS FAIL TO PRESS CHARGES IN ANTI-SEMITIC INCIDENTS

COMMACK, N.Y., April 11 (JTA) -- Police in Suffolk County, which is believed to have the nation's highest arrest rate of anti-Semitic vandals, say they are being hampered by Jews who refuse to press charges, it was reported this week by the Jewish World of Long Island.

"We keep running into Jews who refuse to sign complaints because they 'don't want to get involved,'" said Suffolk County Police Detective Howard Mandell. "They don't want to have to spend a few hours in court to see justice done."

Mandell, who heads the county police task force on anti-Semitism, said that in one recent incident, four girls walking to the Dix Hills Jewish Center were harassed by a gang of boys, one of whom yelled "Heil Hitler" and pointed a rifle at them. "But we could not press charges because the parents refused to let the girls file a complaint," Mandell said, adding:

"Jews must stand up and demand respect and a response from their government. If they sit back and say that anti-Semitism has always been there and will continue to be here, nothing will change." As a result of prompt police response to complaints lodged with them, Mandell said, Suffolk was the only county in the New York metropolitan area to report a 30 percent decline in anti-Semitic incidents between 1980 and 1981. During the same period in adjoining Nassau County -- where he said local judges were "benevolent" -- anti-Semitic incidents increased by 50 percent. "You can't be nice to bigots," Mandell

said. "If you try to reason with a bigot, he perceives it as a sign of weakness."

### YUGOSLAVIA MAY CONSIDER RENEWING TIES WITH ISRAEL

By Tamar Levy

GENEVA, April 11 (JTA) -- A top Yugoslav diplomat told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency here that following the visit of French President Francois Mitterrand to Israel, "Yugoslavia will most probably decide to resume diplomatic relations with Israel." The diplomat said this task would be taken up by the new government which will take office in May. The new Foreign Minister will be Laza Misojevich who served for several years as a delegate to the Yugoslav Mission to the United Nations in New York City.

The government of Yugoslavia, when it was headed by the late President Josip Broz Tito, staunchly supported the demand of Palestinians for self-determination and an independent state and was highly critical of Israel.

### HISTORY OF YUGOSLAVIAN JEWRY PUBLISHED IN BELGRADE

NEW YORK, April 11 (JTA) -- The World Jewish Congress reported this week that a major work documenting the history of Yugoslav Jews during the Second World War has been issued in Belgrade by the local Jewish community.

The Federation of Jewish Communities in Yugoslavia, under the auspices of the Jewish Historical Museum in Belgrade, published the 590-page volume by Jasa Romano entitled "Jews of Yugoslavia 1941-1945: Victims of Genocide and Freedom Fighters." Written in Serbo-Croatian, the book also contains a 17 page summary in English. The Federation, the central representative body of Yugoslav Jewry, is a member community of the WJC.

The historical account begins with the first Jewish settlers in that area dating back 2,000 years ago and traces the history of the Jewish community before World War II. The main part of the book is devoted to a detailed description of the Jewish community's fate under Nazi domination. It describes the deportation to concentration camps, and ends with the fact that of about 82,000 members of the Jewish community in Yugoslavia only 15,000 survived World War II, "which means 79.2% perished."

### Jews As Freedom Fighters

The second section is devoted to what Romano calls the "shining pages which will tell to all future generations that the Yugoslav Jews did not propose to remain passive." There follows a description of the participation of Jews in the ranks of the Yugoslav Freedom Fighters.

According to the available data 4,556 Jews participated in the War of National Liberation, 2,897 in the Yugoslav Army of National Liberation (720 fell) and 1,569 in the underground Movement of National Liberation (599 perished). Of those who joined the Army of National Liberation and survived 150 are holders of the "Partisan Star 1941," and 10 are on the list of Peoples' Heroes. Fourteen Jews reached the rank of general, -- of them, two lieutenant generals, two major generals, and 10 brigadier generals.

VIENNA, April 11 (JTA) -- About 170,000 persons visited the former concentration camp of Mauthausen last year, the Austrian Camp Community said in its annual report. The organization said it was concentrating on the anti-Fascist education of high school and university students, and on discussions with soldiers and police officers.