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ISRAELI PATROL CAPTURES TWO TERRORISTS WHO FIRED ROCKETS INTO GALILEE FROM SOUTH LEBANON

By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, July 21 (JTA) -- An Israeli patrol captured two terrorists who fired a Katyusha rocket into Galilee from south Lebanon last night. The rocket, which exploded near Kibbutz Shaar Yeshuv without causing casualties or damage, was the first to hit Israeli territory since the invasion of Lebanon began last June 6. The terrorists were rounded up after a search disclosed rocket fragments. They led Israeli soldiers to the launcher which they had abandoned.

Meanwhile, an Israeli soldier was wounded in an exchange of fire with Palestine Liberation Organization forces east of Beirut yesterday, a military spokesman announced.

The PLO remnant in west Beirut is surrounded by Israeli forces while diplomatic negotiations for their departure remain stalled. The latest cease-fire, now in its second week, appears to be holding.

But there has been shooting almost daily which the Israelis refer to as "terrorist breaches of the cease-fire." According to Israeli sources, the exchanges usually begin with small arms fire by the PLO which Israeli troops answer in kind. Frequently this escalates to artillery and tank fire at point-blank range.

Meanwhile, an army spokesman denied reports from Beirut that the Syrians have installed new anti-aircraft missiles in the Beka Valley in eastern Lebanon to replace those destroyed by Israeli air attacks in the early days of the fighting. But other Israeli sources suggested that the Syrians are preparing new missile launcher sites without moving forward the actual missiles.

TEHIYA EXPECTED TO JOIN THE GOVERNMENT COALITION

By David Landau and Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, July 21 (JTA) -- The ultra-nationalist Tehiya Party is expected to join Premier Menachem Begin's coalition government soon. But difficulties have arisen over its demand for a large new budget to increase and expand Jewish settlements on the West Bank.

Finance Minister Yoram Aridor and Deputy Premier and Housing Minister David Levy say the money simply is not there. Other ministers from Likud's Liberal Party wing oppose the inclusion of Tehiya in the government on principle. The faction's leaders opposed the Camp David accords and the Israeli-Egyptian peace treaty, sponsored no confidence motions against the government and encouraged die-hards to try to prevent the return of Sinai to Egypt last April.

Nevertheless, Tehiya is ideologically close to Begin's Herut party. Its three Knesset mandates would give the government a comfortable 64-seat majority in the Knesset in place of a present one-seat margin. When negotiations with Tehiya began last week, Begin made it a point to be present.

Tehiya, which strongly supports the war in Lebanon, is believed anxious to join the government in time to participate in the "fateful decisions" over

the current stalemate in west Beirut and in negotiations involving the future of Lebanon. But it demands an accelerated settlement policy on the West Bank and Gaza Strip and, beyond that, the prompt imposition of Israeli law to those territories, an act that would be tantamount to annexation. It also demands a Cabinet portfolio for party leader Yuval Neeman, a Tel Aviv University physics professor who is an outspoken advocate of a "Greater Israel."

The faction apparently has dropped its demands that Israel unilaterally abrogate the Camp David accords. Neeman, however, has called for the establishment of "security boundaries" for Israel deep inside Lebanon, at least as far north of the Litani River or possibly the Zaharani River, even further north. Those proposals are not supported by the faction as a whole.

Conditions Sought For Tehiya's Admission

It is not known how far Begin is willing to go to embrace Tehiya and thereby improve his precarious position in the Knesset. Opposition to Tehiya within the Cabinet seems to be mainly on financial grounds.

Aridor noted that there is no money in the Treasury for additional settlements in the territories. He said that to meet Tehiya's demands, each ministry would have to allocate two percent of its own budget, something none of the ministers is likely to agree to.

Some Likud-Liberal MKs want to make the admission of Tehiya to the coalition conditional on the appointment of one of their own men, Minister Without Portfolio Yitzhak Modai, to the post of Minister of Information. There is no Information Ministry in the government and Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir, like his predecessors, has fought hard against the creation of one. The Foreign Ministry is presently responsible for the dissemination of information abroad.

But there is a growing feeling in Israel that the country urgently needs more effective overseas information machinery in the wake of the Lebanese war which has tarnished Israel's image abroad.

GERMAN AUTHORITIES PROPOSE BAN ON IMPORT OF NAZI-RELATED INSIGNIA

LONDON, July 21 (JTA) -- Proposed legislation in West Germany would ban the importation of material containing swastikas or other Nazi-related insignias it was reported here by the Institute of Jewish Affairs (IJA), the research arm of the World Jewish Congress.

The legislation, proposed by the Federal Ministry of Justice, is to take the form of an amendment to the present wording of the criminal code dealing with material containing insignia of Nazi organizations. Current legislation merely prohibits the use of publicity "at meetings or in publications" of such Nazi paraphernalia.

According to the IJA, the highly restrictive wording of existing legislation gave rise to a loophole which made the sending of Nazi insignias to Germany from abroad possible. To close the loophole, the proposed amendment would pro-

scribe the "production, keeping in stock or importing" of such insignia.

Elements Of The New Law

The new wording would bring the legislation into line with the present law outlawing Nazi "propaganda material." Insignia, as defined by law, "are, in particular, flags, badges, uniforms, items of uniforms, slogans, and forms of salute."

The IJA also reported a related legislative proposal designed to overcome a serious limitation dealing with current law on the confiscation of banned Nazi propaganda material. In this case, German authorities have had difficulties in applying the law because of the restrictive nature of existing statutes of limitation. The proposed amendment would change the articles of the criminal code to allow confiscation of material even where offending publications have escaped prosecution because of expired statutes of limitation.

JEWS IN WEST GERMANY SAID TO BE FACING MORE OPEN ANTI-SEMITISM By David Kantor

BONN, July 21 (JTA) -- Heinz Galinski, chairman of the Jewish community in West Berlin, believes that Jews living in the Federal Republic are "more and more often confronted with open anti-Semitism."

Writing in the Jewish Press Service, an information news letter for the West German Jewish community, Galinski blamed the social and economic crisis for increased manifestations of anti-Semitism and what he called its "new variation of anti-Zionism." He said extreme rightwing groups have become bolder and more dangerous, posing the security problems for the Jewish community.

Galinski recalled that a Jewish students organization in Munich observed only a few weeks ago that 40 years after the fall of the Third Reich it was impossible to hold Jewish religious services in Germany without a heavy police guard.

Jurists Of Nazis Courts Are Still Alive

Meanwhile, an anti-Nazi organization of Social Democrats has produced a documentary film in Munich on judges of the notorious Nazi peoples courts who still occupy the bench or hold other prestigious jobs in the justice system of the Federal Republic.

According to the documentary, which will be screened in German theaters in October, 1,400 judges and prosecutors of the Nazi courts are known to be alive in West Germany. But under present laws they cannot be prosecuted despite the allegations that they are responsible for imposing 16,000 death sentences during the Nazi era.

YOUNG SAYS ISRAEL'S ACTIONS IN LEBANON ARE UNJUSTIFIED

WASHINGTON, July 21 (JTA) -- Mayor Andrew Young of Atlanta, Georgia termed Israel's invasion of Lebanon "uncalled for and unjustified" and warned that military action in that country would not destroy the Palestine Liberation Organization.

The former Ambassador to the United Nations, who resigned in 1979 following criticism of his unauthorized contacts with the PLO observer at the UN, told reporters, after addressing the annual meeting of the Home-based Society for International Development, that the PLO "is not just an organ-

ization, it is an idea like Zionism and can't be destroyed by killing off a few people."

Young accused the Reagan Administration of having a muddled Middle East policy. "Both Israel and this Administration have created such a mess in the Middle East that it is almost difficult to comment on it," he said.

NEW LAW IN ITALY CHANGES WAY RELIGION IS TAUGHT IN SCHOOLS By Lisa Palmieri-Billig

ROME, July 21 (JTA) -- The Italian Parliament has passed a law that will make "religion" an optional subject in the high school curriculum. It has been hailed as a victory for the democratic and pluralistic philosophy and a fundamental change in the way religion is taught in this Catholic nation.

Hitherto, religion, meaning Catholicism, was a required subject, though students could request exemption at the beginning of the school year. Under the new law, students may elect to include or exclude religion from their studies.

In addition, relationships between the Catholic and the various non-Catholic religious communities in Italy will be defined when separate agreements come up for revision. These agreements include the Church-state Concordat and agreements between the Church and the Protestant Waldensian and Jewish communities which date back to the period 1929-30.

It is expected that Italian Jewish communities in the future will be able to organize separate classes on Judaism on request. The details remain to be defined but the approach is expected to be extended to the grade school as well as the high school level.

MOBIL OIL PLEDGES \$15,000 TO JDC TO HELP THE PEOPLE OF LEBANON

WASHINGTON, July 21 (JTA) -- In response to a letter by Robert Zweiman, national commander of the Jewish War Veterans, the Mobil Oil Corporation is donating \$15,000 to the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee to help the people of Lebanon, it was announced by the JWV. According to the announcement, Jack Hayes, manager of Middle East public affairs for Mobil Oil, telephoned the JWV here to say the money was on its way to the JDC.

Hayes said this donation was a consequence of Zweiman's letter to W. P. Tavoulareas, president of Mobil Oil. In the letter, Zweiman questioned the omission of the JDC in Mobil's recent widely circulated ad, "Who's Listening to the People of Lebanon?" The text of the ad expressed concern for the Lebanese and urged Americans to join Mobil Oil in contributing humanitarian aid for "medical supplies, food and clothing."

It asked people to contribute "to one of the many groups now seeking such funds," and listed seven charitable organizations: American Friends Service Committee, American Red Cross, CARE, Church World Services of the National Council of Churches, Save the Children Federation, U.S. Committee for UNICEF, and Catholic Relief Services.

Zweiman observed in his letter that "the failure to mention JDC reflects negatively on the integrity of the ad." In response, Hayes explained that the ad, which ran July 2, used only the agencies that Mobil was aware of at the time; the omission of JDC was unintentional. Although Mobil would not be running the ad again, Hayes stated Mobil would contribute \$15,000 to the JDC in line with contributions already given to charities listed in the ad.

ADMINISTRATION READY TO ACCEPT ARAB PLAN TO MOVE PLO FORCES

By David Friedman

WASHINGTON, July 21 (JTA) -- The Reagan

Administration indicated today that it could accept an Arab plan to move the some 6,000 Palestine Liberation Organization terrorists in west Beirut to a temporary location in northern Lebanon before they are taken to other Arab countries.

State Department spokesman Dean Fischer refused to comment today on the proposal discussed at the White House meeting yesterday between President Reagan and Foreign Minister Prince Saud of Saudi Arabia and Syrian Foreign Minister Abdel Halim Khaddam.

But Fischer noted that "what we have tried to do is make a distinction between the immediate problem in west Beirut and the longer term problem of the future of Lebanon." He said that the U.S. has made clear it wants "all foreign elements" to leave Lebanon and, when pressed, said this included Israel, Syria and the PLO.

However, he said it would serve no purpose "to be more precise" in view of the "sensitive negotiations" now going on in Beirut under the direction of Reagan's special envoy Philip Habib. Saud also said yesterday that he did not want to give any details which might "prejudice" the issue before he and Khaddam could report to the Arab League. The two ministers came to Washington as representatives of the Arab League.

New Element Of 'Possible Movement' Cited

A senior Administration official also refused to give any details yesterday in briefing reporters on the meeting the two Arab officials had with Reagan yesterday and with Secretary of State George Shultz on Monday. But he said that "new ideas" have been made by the Arab officials which provide "a new element of possible movement in the near future in the right direction."

The Arab proposal, which reportedly provides that while the armed PLO is moved to northern Lebanon to Tripoli, their leaders will leave the country, is believed by observers here to be unacceptable to Israel.

Fischer repeated today that the U.S. hopes the Arab world will continue to help solve the problem. Saud said yesterday that the PLO has agreed in principle to leave Lebanon and that Arab countries would welcome them. But most Arab countries do not look with relish at the prospects of having 6,000 armed terrorists arrive in their country. There are indications that the PLO group would be split up among such countries as Syria, Saudi Arabia, Iraq, Algeria and North Yemen.

Saud made it clear that while he believes the U.S. is sincere in trying to avoid an Israeli attack on west Beirut and in demanding that Israel leave Lebanon, there has yet not been any clarification in "practical terms" how the effort to achieve this will be implemented.

At the same time, Saud denied that he made any threat at the White House of Arab economic retaliation against the U.S. if the Israeli army attacks west Beirut. Sen. Charles Percy (R., Ill.), chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, after meeting with Saud on Monday said that such a move was possible.

Denies U.S. Moving Toward Talks With PLO

Meanwhile, Fischer rejected reports from Beirut that the U.S. is moving closer to negotiating with the PLO because of the statements by some PLO officials that it is willing to recognize Israel's right to exist: "Our position on the PLO... remains unchanged," he said.

Fischer said that before the U.S. negotiates or recognizes the PLO it must meet the American conditions "clearly and unequivocally." And he added, "In our view they have not been."

The conditions are recognition of Israel's right to exist and acceptance of UN Security Council Resolutions 242 and 338. Fischer would not say how the PLO should indicate to the U.S. if it was willing to meet these conditions. "They understand our position very well," he said. At the same time, Fischer said the U.S. rejects any changes in 242. The PLO has said it cannot accept the resolution or 338 because it does not mention the Palestinians.

U.S. Official Meets 'Inadvertently' With PLO Official

In another development, the State Department admitted that a U.S. official had met "inadvertently" with a PLO official, Hatam Hussein, director of the Palestine information office in Washington. Fischer stressed that the meeting at the State Department did not imply any change in U.S. policy toward the PLO. Hussein revealed that he had met with an Administration official during an appearance last night on ABC-TV's "Nightline" program.

Fischer explained that Hussein accompanied Fahd Kawasma, former mayor of Hebron, and Mohammed Milhem, former mayor of Halhul, when they met with Elliott Abrams, Assistant Secretary of State for Human Rights. He said that the Department official who admitted Hussein did not know him and thought he was part of the travelling party accompanying the two former mayors. But they learned of his identity before the two former Arab officials were to meet with Nicholas Veliotis, Assistant Secretary of State of Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs, and he was barred from that meeting.

Fischer said that the Palestine Information Office, which opened in 1978, is registered with the Justice Department as a foreign agent for the PLO. He said as long as it complies with all U.S. laws and is directed by a U.S. citizen, or a legally resident alien, it can operate. Hussein is believed to be a naturalized U.S. citizen.

On another matter, Fischer said he did not know under what conditions Khaled Hassan, a close associate of PLO chief Yasir Arafat, entered the country. Hassan accompanied the Syrian Foreign Minister, here, although he was not allowed to attend any of the meetings at the White House or the State Department and is reportedly staying on a few days in Washington although the two Foreign Ministers have returned to the Middle East. There have been reports that he entered either as a PLO delegate to the UN or carrying a diplomatic passport from an Arab country.

DAVID FRANKFURTER DEAD AT 71

TEL AVIV, July 21 (JTA) — David Frankfurter, who was sentenced to 18 years in prison by a Swiss court for the murder of a Nazi leader in 1936, died here Monday after a long illness. He was 71 years old.

Frankfurter, born in Croatia, started his medical studies in Germany but was forced to abandon them when the Nazis came to power. He completed his studies in Switzerland, but vowed to kill a leading Nazi to draw attention to Nazi anti-Semitism. He carried out his attack on Wilhelm Gustloff in the Swiss resort village of Davos in February, 1936.

He was released from prison at the end of the war and emigrated to Israel, where he joined the Haganah and worked for various institutions.

SPECIAL TO THE JTA NOT EVEN WAR CAN STAY THE ENTHUSIASM FOR SOCCER GAMES

By Haskell Cohen

TEL AVIV, July 21 (JTA) -- This country is so soccer crazy that even a war cannot stop Israelis at home or soldiers at the war front in Lebanon from watching games which may come through on television.

Last week, during the worldwide craze surrounding the World Cup final in Madrid between Germany and Italy, it was impossible to move about this city by cab since all the cab drivers were either in bars or at home trying to view the finals which were telecast by Israel Television in very fine fashion.

I was invited to see the game on TV at the home of Chaim Glovinsky, honorary president of the Israel Olympic Committee (IOC). I waited a half hour for a cab and finally managed to flag one down. The driver was on his way home to watch the game, but fortunately he was heading in the direction of Glovinsky's residence. I arrived just in time to watch the opening kick-off.

Soldiers On Front Lines Watch Games

Glovinsky told me that the Israeli soldiers in Lebanon were watching the game. I asked him how this was possible. He explained that the IOC Bank Hapoalim and Tadiran, the giant electronic conglomerate, had pitched in a million Shekels, each, so that arrangements could be made to televise the game to the soldiers in the Beirut area.

Glovinsky explained multi-millionaire Shaul Eisenberg, who lives in Israel but who is most of the year in Tokyo where he is a financial tycoon, had arranged through his various industrial set-ups to provide for big trucks to haul generators right up to the front lines surrounding Beirut. The trucks were equipped with mammoth screens so that the soldiers could watch the World Cup final in comparative comfort.

While the fighting is going on and/or the cease-fire is holding up, the reserves who shuttle back and forth between Lebanon and home are concerned about how the Israeli basketball teams are going to fare in the National League competition which gets started, hopefully, the first of September.

Practice sessions begin August 14 and somehow the bulk of the teams will be able to arrange their practice sessions so that most of their players can participate despite the fact that they are required to relieve fellow soldiers at the front. There is great concern over how the various teams will make out and several of the clubs have arranged, apparently, leave for their coaches to visit the United States and other countries in order to sign up players for their respective teams.

ADMINISTRATION TO RAISE SOVIET JEWRY EMIGRATION ISSUE AT ALL TOP LEVEL U.S.-USSR MEETINGS

By David Friedman

WASHINGTON, July 21 (JTA) -- Michael Gale, President Reagan's liaison with the Jewish community, reiterated the Administration's position that it will raise the issue of Soviet Jewry emigration at all "top level" meetings between the United States and the Soviet Union.

"The President shares your hope that the leaders in the Soviet Union will reconsider their policies on emigration and human rights and renew

their commitment to the Helsinki Final Act, not just with empty words, but with deeds," Gale told some 100 persons attending the daily noon vigil across from the Soviet Embassy here yesterday. It was the first time in the 11-year history of the vigil that a White House official had participated.

The vigil was dedicated to Ida Nudel, who had been exiled to Siberia and released last March. Before the vigil, a five-member delegation from the National Conference on Soviet Jewry (NCSJ) and the Jewish Community Council (JCC) of Greater Washington met with Elizabeth Dale, director of the White House office of public liaison, to urge the President's help on behalf of Nudel.

They said Nudel was denied permission to return to Moscow after she was freed and was sent to the Riga only to be told that she would not receive a residency permit there. She is believed to be travelling to Strunino. Dale, who said she was "chilled" by the Soviet mistreatment of Nudel, said she would urge Reagan and Secretary of State George Shultz to intervene on Nudel's behalf.

'A Person Without A State'

At the vigil, Joan Sacarob of Hadassah attempted unsuccessfully to deliver petitions on behalf of Nudel to the Soviet Embassy. The Jewish group had stressed to Dale that Nudel seemed to be a "person without a state in a country that will not permit her to emigrate." They said she has suffered enough and should be allowed to emigrate to Israel and to be united with her sister, Elena Fridman.

At the vigil, Gale declared that Nudel "reminds us that there are thousands of Soviet Jews and others who desire to emigrate. The President has been deeply disturbed by recent reports that the flow of emigrants from the Soviet Union has been sharply reduced."

The Jewish delegation included Nathan Lewin, president of the JCC of Greater Washington; David Harris, Washington representative of the NCSJ; Sol Goldstein, an NCSJ board member; Marcia Weinberg, the JCC's Soviet Jewry chairperson; and Samuel Sisin, the JCC's director of international affairs.

GERMAN MEDIA RAPPED FOR BIASED REPORTING ON EVENTS IN LEBANON

BONN, July 21 (JTA) -- The president of the German-Israeli Friendship Association, Erik Blumenfeld, has accused the West German media of "one-sided reporting" and "biased commentary" in its coverage of events in Lebanon.

In a protest addressed to Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher, Blumenfeld complained specifically about the comparisons in some of the media between the acts of Israeli troops in Lebanon and Nazi acts of genocide during World War II. He found "false and detestable" the media's use of the term "final solution" to define Israel's alleged intentions toward the Palestinians.

According to Blumenfeld, the Bonn government should use its diplomatic and political influence to help achieve the evacuation of west Beirut by the Palestine Liberation Organization, to persuade the Arab states to admit the PLO and to reestablish full Lebanese sovereignty in a Lebanon free of all foreign elements.

PARIS (JTA) -- Some 2,000 Moroccan and Palestinian students held a Palestinian solidarity march in downtown Casablanca Tuesday, according to Le Monde. The paper said police dispersed the demonstrators who chanted against the Arab "defeatists" who, they said, are prepared to give in to Israeli demands.