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ISRAELIS KILL 2 TERRORISTS IN EASTERN LEBANON

By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, Dec. 29 (JTA)-- An Israeli army patrol killed two terrorists in a clash in eastern Lebanon Monday, a military spokesman announced today. He said the killings were confirmed only yesterday when a routine search of the area turned up the two bodies and tracks leading toward Syrian army lines.

According to the spokesman, the clash occurred near Hamed E-Luz village close to the Syrian lines, in the vicinity of a dirt road where three Israel army officers were killed by a road mine last week.

ISRAEL, LEBANON EXCHANGE AGENDA PROPOSALS; PRIORITIES DIFFER

By David Landau

JERUSALEM, Dec. 29 (JTA) -- Israel and Lebanon exchanged agenda proposals yesterday supporting sharply different priorities as talks got under way between the two countries with the United States sitting in as an active participant.

As expected, Israel proposed that normalization be the first item of discussion. The Lebanese stressed the withdrawal of Israeli forces from their country. The talks opened yesterday in Khaled, a seaside resort just south of Beirut. They resume tomorrow at Kiryat Shmona, an Israeli town on the Lebanese border and will alternate between the two sites thereafter.

Israeli sources said today that they did not expect the wrangling over the agenda to be ironed out at the next session. The outlook at present is for long and arduous talks. But Israeli officials appear optimistic that in the long run the talks will succeed.

Historic Aspects

They are stressing the historic aspects of Israel sitting down with an Arab neighbor which transcends the immediate and short term differences. They see the talks with Lebanon as an important step toward Israel's eventual integration into the region.

Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir and Defense Minister Ariel Sharon have instructed the Israeli negotiating team to stand firm on the issue of normalization of relations with Lebanon as the key agenda item, though they may not insist that the term "normalization" must be employed. The Israeli team is headed by David Kimche, Director General of the Foreign Ministry. Shamir and Sharon are members of a senior ministerial supervisory committee on the policy-making level.

While there was no meeting of minds on the agenda, there was agreement between the two sides to proceed on parallel courses. Subcommittees are expected to be set up to deal with three issues that have been agreed to in principle as parts of the negotiations. They are a termination of the state of war; establishment of security zones; and the withdrawal of all foreign forces from Lebanon.

Antoine Fatale, head of the Lebanese delegation, argued yesterday that no state of war has existed between Israel and Lebanon since the 1949 armistice. Israel and Lebanon have, in fact never engaged

in military hostilities. But Kimche insisted that the 1949 armistice was voided when Lebanon sided with Israel's Arab foes in the 1967 Six-Day War and later signed the Cairo agreement which allowed the Palestine Liberation Organization to establish its "state within a state" on Lebanese soil.

The dispute however was legalistic. If a state of war does indeed exist, Israel can demand an agreement of non-belligerence with Lebanon. If there is no state of war, as Lebanon contends, there is no need for the Lebanese to sign such an agreement.

The Israelis seemed pleased that Fatale stressed that point however and would be satisfied if it was enshrined in a formal accord binding on both sides.

Israeli sources were clearly embarrassed when asked to explain what happened to Sharon's vaunted agreement with the Lebanese on a "framework paper" that was to have served as the basis for an agenda. Sharon brought the document home from Beirut two weeks ago, hailing it as a "breakthrough." It transpired later that no Lebanese official had signed it. The Lebanese with whom Sharon negotiated were never identified, though it was strongly hinted that they were very close associates of President Amin Gemayel.

But observers believe the Israelis may have underestimated the influence of Lebanon's Moslem Premier, Shafik Wazzan and other Moslem circles who are less than eager to proceed toward normalization with Israel.

ANTI-ASHKENAZIC VANDALISM SPREADS TO JERUSALEM

By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, Dec. 29 (JTA) -- A wave of vandalism and defacements directed at Ashkenazic Jews has spread to Jerusalem. It originated in Tel Aviv last week after police fatally shot a 29-year-old Oriental Jew, Shimon Yehoshua, in a clash with residents of Kfar Salameh, a slum neighborhood in the southern part of the city.

Swastikas and slogans, some of which read "Ashkenazis To Auschwitz and Treblinka", were smeared on the home of Interior Minister Yosef Burg, on the walls of the Jerusalem Theater and on the Bank Leumi branch in the wealthy Rehavia district. Tires of parked cars were slashed in several Jerusalem districts last night.

Christian religious institutions were also smeared with swastikas and the warning "Get Out."

President Yitzhak Navon condemned the vandalism and the shooting incident which apparently triggered it, in a statement yesterday. "The deep sorrow occasioned by the Kfar Salameh tragedy is shared by all of us," he said. "The full facts of this incident must certainly be investigated, but nothing can justify the criminal exploitation of this tragedy by irresponsible individuals."

Tel Aviv police said they were summoned to Kfar Salameh because members of a large family hurled rocks at municipal workers sent to demolish a building declared unsafe, in which the family was living. They said they were fired on by Yehoshua and returned the fire, hitting him. He died at a hospital.

PUBLIC EMPLOYEES STRIKE SPREADS

By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, Dec. 29 (JTA) -- The general strike by civil workers spread today as some 60,000 more public employees joined the 80,000 who walked off the job yesterday. Additional groups of workers are expected to go on strike tomorrow.

The strike was called by Histadrut which has put the Finance Ministry on notice that it will continue until government workers receive pay increases to compensate for the erosion of their real incomes by triple digit inflation. Histadrut also demands higher cost-of-living allowances.

The labor federation called out all municipal workers over the weekend. They were joined yesterday by employees of the Jewish Agency and the World Zionist Organization. The strike extended today to engineers employed by the post office department, resulting in a cessation of radio and television broadcasts, except for brief hourly news bulletins.

School teachers are expected to strike tomorrow. Those not affected by the strike, and their pupils, have threatened to boycott classes because of the pile-up of dirt and debris after school janitors walked off the job.

Filthy conditions exist in the streets. Sanitation workers have been striking since the beginning of the week and garbage packed in plastic bags has been spilling over the sidewalks.

ISRAELIS, PALESTINIANS REPORTED TO BE NEGOTIATING PRISONER-EXCHANGE

By Edwin Eytan

PARIS, Dec. 29 (JTA) -- Representatives of the Palestine Liberation Organization in Western Europe said today that unofficial talks on a prisoner of war exchange between Israel and the Palestinians have been going on for the past few weeks in several European capitals, Paris and Vienna among them. Abdullah Frangi, the PLO representative in Bonn, formally confirmed the talks but refused to name the negotiators.

Chancellor Bruno Kreisky of Austria, who met with PLO chief Yasir Arafat at Palma De Majorca earlier this week, said in an Austrian television interview that he had been contacted by families of Israeli prisoners held by the Palestinians and agreed to serve as a go-between "for humanitarian reasons." He refused to give any details of his talk with Arafat or to confirm that the subject of a prisoner exchange was discussed.

The PLO reportedly holds eight Israeli soldiers captured in Lebanon who Israel wants freed. It insists that Israel agrees to release the thousands of Palestinians now imprisoned in south Lebanon and in Israel.

ARABS PROTESTING PERCEIVED SHIFT OF W. GERMAN POLICY TOWARD ISRAEL

By David Kantor

BONN, Dec. 29 (JTA) -- The Bonn government has been the target of mounting pressure from the Arab world because of a perceived pro-Israel shift in its Middle East policy, West German diplomatic sources said here today.

The pressure is being exerted now, they said, because Bonn will assume the rotating chairmanship of the European Economic Community (EEC) Council of Ministers, beginning January 1, 1983. Since taking office in October, Chancellor Helmut Kohl has indicated that he wants to improve relations with Israel. Unlike his predecessor, Chancellor Helmut Schmidt, Kohl has avoided pub-

lic criticism of Israeli policies and announced his intention to visit Israel some time next year.

The diplomatic sources said "alarming reports" are coming in from German embassies in various Arab countries and Arab ambassadors accredited to Bonn are protesting what they termed West Germany's "unconditional surrender to Israel."

The sources noted that Palestine Liberation Organization chief Yasir Arafat singled out West Germany as a country which "disappointed" the Arabs, in his talks this week with Chancellor Bruno Kreisky of Austria. The sources revealed that Deputy Foreign Minister Juergen Moelleman, who strongly favors the Arab cause in the Middle East conflict, failed to receive the invitation he sought to visit Saudi Arabia. Moelleman is planning a good-will tour of Arab capitals.

49 CONTESTANTS FROM 17 COUNTRIES SELECTED FOR RUBINSTEIN PIANO COMPETITION IN ISRAEL NEXT SPRING

By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, Dec. 29 (JTA) -- Forty-nine aspiring young pianists from 17 countries, including the Soviet Union and the Peoples Republic of China, will participate in the 4th Arthur Rubinstein International Piano Master Competition to be held in Jerusalem and Tel Aviv in March and April, 1983, it was announced today.

It will be the first competition without the maestro's presence. Rubinstein died in Geneva last week at the age of 95.

The 49 finalists were chosen from 81 who applied to participate in the competition. They were selected on the basis of recommendations, their general education and prizes they have won in past competitions. Prizes in the Rubinstein competition range from \$10,000-\$1,000.

The countries to be represented, in addition to Israel, the USSR and China are the U.S., Taiwan, Korea, Rumania, Bulgaria, Austria, Australia, Brazil, Canada, France, Britain, Italy, Japan and West Germany.

CONTROVERSY OVER ALLEGED TRIBUTE TO DEAD NAZI WAR HERO

By David Kantor

BONN, Dec. 29 (JTA) -- A controversy is boiling in West Germany over an alleged Air Force salute to the late Hans-Ulrich Rudel, a World War II Luftwaffe ace and Nazi activist whose funeral, held at Dornhausen, Bavaria December 22, was attended by neo-Nazi leaders and disciples. Many of the thousands at Rudel's burial displayed swastikas and gave the Nazi salute, acts barred by law in this country.

But the "scandal" was the flight of two U.S.-made Phantom jets over the cortege. The Defense Ministry insists they were on a routine training mission with the NATO allies. Eye-witnesses maintain that the German pilots clearly wanted to honor the man who was the Luftwaffe's most decorated fighter pilot in World War II.

Media commentary has been largely critical of the authorities and of the right-wing activists who gave Rudel's funeral the air of a state event. West German newspapers are now flooded with letters denouncing the critics and demanding why Germans should not have the right to honor a war hero.

A local newspaper in Nuremberg reported that hours before the funeral, two German Air Force jets flew over Dornhausen on courses which formed a cross in the sky with their exhaust streams. Meanwhile, the state prosecutor in the nearby town of Ansbach has opened an investigation of the persons who gave the Nazi salute at the funeral.

ISRAEL MUST RETAIN MILITARY PRESENCE ON WEST BANK UNTIL PEACE WITH ARABS PROVES TRUSTWORTHY, ISRAEL STRATEGIST SAYS

By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, Dec. 29 (JTA) -- An Israeli military presence on the West Bank will be required for some considerable time after any peaceful arrangement is concluded on Israel's eastern border, whatever entity comes into being there. This is the opinion of Brig. Gen. (res.) Aryeh Shalev, deputy director of Tel Aviv University's Center for Strategic Studies in a book just published here.

Shalev, a former deputy director of military intelligence, told a press conference today that demilitarization of the area would not be sufficient during a lengthy transition period, until whatever peace is reached has been tested by time.

He said that because of the topography of the region and the narrow width left between Israel and the hilly areas of Judea and Samaria, early-warning stations would be required, as well as small army units controlling the east-west road axes.

In his book "The West Bank: Line of Defense" Shalev, a frequent critic of the Likud government's West Bank policies, says it is inconceivable that any Israeli government, whatever its political complexion, could or would dismantle the existing Jewish settlements there.

But, he says, their value is of greater political significance than defense value, even though the limited number of military-age males they represent form a useful addition to Israel's small standing army, in the first crucial hours of war until the reserves can be mobilized.

Shalev stressed that his book is "entirely theoretical." He says it lays down no time scale, but merely examines various defense options open under various scenarios: An independent Palestinian state on the West Bank; an entity affiliated with Jordan; continued Israeli presence with local autonomy; or any other agreed arrangement with the Arabs.

But after a lengthy transitional period, Israel might be able to trust a peace agreement. How long this is likely to be, Shalev would not hazard to guess.

WJC BLOCKS ANTI-ISRAEL MOVE AT NGO BODY

NEW YORK, Dec. 29 (JTA) -- The World Jewish Congress successfully blocked a last minute attempt to associate the coordinating body of Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) with a UN-sponsored conference on Palestine next year, the WJC reported here today.

The attempt was made at the executive session of the Conference of NGOs at UN headquarters in Geneva to involve them formally in preparations for the International Conference on the Question of Palestine to be convened next year by the UN in Paris.

The Executive Committee of the Conference of NGOs, the umbrella body of non-governmental groups having consultative status with the UN, was concluding its first session since last month's elections at which the WJC succeeded in attaining a seat.

As the session drew to a close, a surprise motion was introduced urging the NGO grouping "to cooperate in the preparations for the

International Conference on the Question of Palestine convened under General Assembly resolution 36/120, to take place at UNESCO in Paris, in August 1983." The motion specified that NGO cooperation be through "a commission or working group."

Lone Voice In Opposition

Gerhart Riegner, WJC Secretary-General, was the lone voice to speak in opposition. He argued that the Executive should deal with matters that unite NGOs, not divide them. The Executive, he added, had the right to review all UN conferences but was under no obligation to deal with each of them.

Following difficult negotiations behind closed doors, agreement was reached that the NGO Executive would not consider questions relating to NGO participation in the Palestine Conference.

JANUS KORCZAK FOUNDATION FORMED IN HOLLAND

By Henriette Boas

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 29 (JTA) -- A "Janus Korczak Foundation" has been established in Holland to keep alive the memory of the Polish Jewish educator and his ideals.

Korczak, whose real name was Henryk Goldszmit, was born in 1878 and died in 1942 in the Nazi concentration camp to which he was deported from Warsaw along with 700 children of the Jewish Orphanage in Warsaw which he headed.

The Foundation intends to publish translations of his books into Dutch and promote an interest in his books on child welfare and education. Some of his books have already appeared in Dutch translation and the publication of another number of them is in preparation.

Meanwhile, another committee has been formed to erect a memorial at the site of the former concentration camp of Mauthausen in Austria for the Dutch victims of the Nazis who perished there during the years 1940-1945. They were mainly two groups of young Jews from Amsterdam, numbering about 400 each who were rounded up in February and June 1941. That was more than a year before the mass deportation of Jews started. All perished after only a few months. The committee refers to them as Dutchmen, not as Jews.

ISRAEL ALIYA CENTER REPORTS JOB OPPORTUNITIES FOR ELECTRONICS, COMPUTER SPECIALISTS

NEW YORK, Dec. 29 (JTA) -- The growth of modern industry in Israel has dramatically increased the need for highly-trained professionals in electronics, computer and allied industries, the Israel Aliya Center has announced.

To familiarize qualified professionals with the many career opportunities which have been created to meet this industrial expansion, a special Electronics Industry and Computer Fact Finding Mission is being offered, geared to meet the needs of engineers, computer experts and technologists who are interested in exploring the prospects of living and working in Israel.

The pilot tour, scheduled to begin April 19, 1983, will be of 2-3 weeks' duration. It includes individual appointments with prospective employers in major industries; contacts with professional counterparts in Israel; seminars on housing and education in Israel; tours of the country, and hotel accommodations, the Aliya Center said.

NEW YORK (JTA) -- Congregations throughout the country participating in the United Jewish Appeal National Shabbat on January 21-22, 1983, will focus attention on the human support programs and services encompassed by the 1983 UJA/Community Regular Campaign and Israel Special Fund, Rabbi Ralph Kingsley of Miami, Florida, announced Wednesday.

IRVING HOWE HITS U.S. JEWISH ESTABLISHMENT FOR 'UNHEALTHY' RELATIONSHIP WITH ISRAEL

By Kevin Freeman

NEW YORK, Dec. 29 (JTA) -- The relationship between the American Jewish Community and Israel "is very unhealthy and gives every sign of becoming worse," according to Irving Howe, author and frequent critic of the policies of the government of Premier-Menachem Begin, who expressed this view in an address Sunday to the 11th annual national editors conference of the Jewish Student Press Service here at the Martin Steinberg Center for the Arts. The three day conference concluded last night.

The author of "World of Our Fathers," and the recently published, "A Margin of Hope: An Intellectual Autobiography," addressed some 60 editors and reporters from Jewish student newspapers throughout the country. It consisted of a reading from a yet unpublished essay on his feelings of the current state of the American Jewish community, which Howe said is developing toward a position of uneasy malaise.

Uncritical Diaspora Leaders Blamed

Howe viewed the policies of the Begin government and his Defense Minister, Ariel Sharon to be detrimental to the Jewish State and its people. And he placed considerable blame for what he said appears to be uncritical support for the actions of Begin and Sharon at the door of the lay leadership within the diaspora who "tacitly, half heartedly" go along with many actions of the Israeli government, particularly policy toward the West Bank.

Howe pointed out that this policy of the American Jewish lay leadership which he was quick to say does not speak for him; is not new and actually began during the days when Israel was led by the Labor Party. He warned that this unflinching, uncritical support could result in a deterioration of the status of the American Jewish community and reduce it to a "puppet" to the State of Israel.

Attitudes Toward Reagan Plan

As an example of this support, Howe recalled the stir in the Jewish community following the announcement on September 1 by President Reagan of his Middle East peace initiative which was quickly rejected by the Israeli government. According to Howe, the American Jewish leadership, while maintaining its public contempt for the Reagan initiative, nevertheless privately found it an appealing proposal worthy of more thoughtful consideration.

Howe, who is also co-editor of the quarterly, "Dissent," contended that there is contempt among Israelis toward American Jews, far among other things, that these Jews would give everything to Israel but themselves, making aliyah. As for the growing "malaise," Howe assessed this as a symptom of a "growing smugness" and "self satisfaction" and also the turning away of many American Jews from social causes along with a decline in religious faith.

But according to Howe, there remains much vitality in the American Jewish community outside the institutionalized structure, especially "outside the fundraising establishment." The source of this strength, he continued, seems to be "marginal," focusing on secular Jews, individual rabbis and others who maintain their seriousness toward these pressing issues.

"In this context, as it seems to me, both because of what I regard as an inner hollowness of the American Jewish community and because of what I regard as the mistaken policies, the fatefully mistaken policies of the Begin government, dissent within and from that community becomes not just a necessity, but becomes an avenue of health," Howe declared. "So to me the question of whether dissent is acceptable in Jewish life is not even a question. The real problem is how to express it creatively"

LIZ TAYLOR MAKES REGAL PROGRESS THROUGH JERUSALEM

By David Landau

JERUSALEM, Dec. 29 (JTA) -- Elizabeth Taylor, superstar of the silver screen and volunteer peace-maker, made regal progress through Jerusalem yesterday, escorted by the latest man-in-her-life, Mexican lawyer Victor Luna and followed by a small army of media cameramen and reporters.

She is here, she declared, because she cares about peace, she told Ophira Navon, wife of President Yitzhak Navon of Israel. Mrs. Navon was the first person called on by Ms. Taylor in her 10-day tour of Israel and Lebanon which includes visits with Premier Menachem Begin and President Amin Gemayel.

The actress, resplendent in a flower-print dress, curly hair style and very high heeled shoes, swept through the opulent lobby of the King David Hotel as tourists and locals gawked. Later, she created near pandemonium at the Western Wall as the host of male photographers followed her into the section reserved for women. At her request, they laid down their cameras, while Ms. Taylor, who converted to Judaism many years ago, bowed her head in a moment of meditation beside the ancient stones.

Later in the day, Mayor Teddy Kollek of Jerusalem shepherd his distinguished guest and her caravan of "paparazzi" to the An Akim home for marginally retarded children. Nugget-sized diamonds flashed on her fingers as she petted and played with the awed youngsters.

Ms. Taylor is immensely popular in Israel, not simply because she adopted the Jewish faith. That, in fact, has been only nominal. But she has always retained a warm regard for the Jewish people and the Jewish State.

Science In The News TECHNION SCIENTISTS TEST BEDOUIN TREATMENT FOR DIABETES

HAIFA, Dec. 29 (JTA) -- A centuries-old Bedouin treatment for diabetes has been proved by scientists of the Haifa Technion Medical School to lower glucose levels in tests on animals. The results of the research have been discussed at the annual scientific meeting of the Israel Diabetes Association at the Technion.

The ancient Bedouin cure used the roots of the "sira kotzani", *poterium spinosum* plant found on the hills of northern Israel and in Syria and Armenia. "The Bedouin mix the roots with tea and administer the potion to diabetics," it was explained by Dr. Yoram Kanter, a medical school lecturer and head of the diabetes unit at the Rambam Hospital.

He said researchers at the Technion's faculty of chemistry have isolated the active ingredient of the thorny plant, which is mentioned in the Talmud, and subsequent tests on animals have proved it lowers blood-glucose levels. Experiments will be carried out with human volunteers. Further research will aim to identify the chemical structure of the active agent to see if it can be synthesized, said Kanter.