

**21 PEOPLE INJURED IN GRENADE BLAST**

By David Landau and Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, Feb. 28 (JTA) -- Two hand grenades exploded outside a shop on Jaffa Road this morning injuring 21 people, one gravely and two others classified as seriously hurt. Most of the victims suffered minor wounds from glass splinters and flying debris. No names were released.

The grenades detonated at 9:40 a.m. local time on Jerusalem's crowded main shopping street and traffic artery. Two unexploded grenades were found nearby and defused by police. A police spokesman said about 20 persons were detained for questioning after the cordoned-off area was searched for the perpetrators. Police manned roadblocks at all points of exit from the city and Arab cars were searched.

The blast was the second attack on civilians in West Jerusalem since last December when a city bus was ripped apart by an explosion that killed six persons and injured 44. The Palestine Liberation Organization claimed responsibility for that outrage.

Today, the Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine, a PLO offshoot which is pro-Soviet and close to Syria, led by Nayef Hawatmeh, claimed responsibility for the grenade attack. Earlier, police said they could not say positively that it was the work of terrorists and were exploring all possibilities.

Eye-witness accounts differed. Some people said the grenades were not noticed until they exploded, indicating that they may have been planted earlier outside the shop, a clothing store owned by Avraham Bakak.

Others said the grenades were concealed in a plastic bag thrown at the shop by a passer-by or passing motorist. According to one report, a car bearing West Bank license plates was parked outside the shop before the explosion. The driver of a car and two passengers were among the persons detained by police.

**TWO ISRAELI SOLDIERS KILLED IN AMBUSH IN SOUTH LEBANON**

By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, Feb. 28 (JTA) -- Two Israeli soldiers were killed in south Lebanon today when their two-jeep patrol was ambushed several miles north of Nabatiya. A bazooka shell fired from a concealed position at the roadside exploded between the two vehicles. The first jeep continued but the second was raked by small arms fire, killing its two occupants.

Heavy army reinforcements arrived. A search of the area yielded a rocket-propelled grenade launcher, bazookas and grenades.

Today's incident was in an area that had been quiet until an Israeli soldier was killed a week ago. It brought the death toll of soldiers and other Israeli security personnel since the start of the war in Lebanon in June, 1982 to 571. About 3,300 have been wounded.

**TWO NATIONAL BLACK LEADERS STRESS NEED TO CONTINUE COALITION WHICH HELPED BRING ABOUT THE CIVIL RIGHTS ACHIEVEMENTS IN THE 1960's**

By David Friedman

Black leaders stressed today that despite differences on some issues, Blacks and Jews must continue the coalition which helped bring about the civil rights achievements of the 1960's.

Both Rep. Julian Dixon (D. Calif.), chairman of the Black Congressional Caucus, and M. Carl Holman, president of the National Urban Coalition, also urged to the plenary session of the National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council (NJCRAC) the importance of educating young Jews and Blacks about the past joint efforts in order to continue the coalition today.

"As leaders, we have a responsibility to insure that future generations of Blacks and Jews understand how our shared experience has been and how strong it has made our ties," Dixon declared. Holman noted that he tried to impress on the young how Jews and Blacks worked together on both the local and national level to end discrimination.

**Issue Of Jackson's Ethnic Slurs**

While today's session discussed in general Black-Jewish relations, the issue was raised of the concern in the Jewish community over the statements by the Rev. Jesse Jackson, particularly those calling Jews "Hymies" and New York City "Hymietown."

Dixon brought the subject up himself saying that the incident should teach a lesson that "all of us in the struggle against discrimination must be diligent from keeping the traces of such sentiments, however unintended, from shaping our thoughts and actions." He called for "cool heads" to prevail and urged leaders in both communities to move ahead on their common program.

When Dixon was challenged that if a Jewish candidate had made a similar statement about Blacks, he would have immediately been condemned by Jewish leaders, the Congressman replied that if Jackson had made the statements, he was "wrong." He said critical statements have been made by at least three Black mayors. He added that he had never heard the term "Hymie" until the recent incident.

At the same time, Dixon urged Jews to understand the importance of the Jackson candidacy for the Presidency to the Black community. He said it was seen as a renewal of the drive for racial justice through the ballot-box, adding that Jackson's campaign is expected to help elect more Blacks to local and state offices, and hopefully to Congress.

**Seeking A Common Agenda**

Earlier, Dixon noted that "the American Jewish community has understood the pain of racial discrimination just as the Black has and has been at the forefront of the movement to gain equal opportunity and to break the shackle of racism."

He said that in seeking a common agenda, Black and Jewish leaders "must set a strong example by condemning and re-educating those who express anti-Semitic thoughts or ideas in the Black community and re-sensitizing those in the American Jewish community who have forgotten what racism and discrimination is."

Dixon urged Jews not to consider those in the Black community, including Congressmen, who question U.S. policy toward Israel as either anti-Israel or anti-Semitic. Dixon, who has a strong record of support for Israel, said the Mideast is one of three areas which the media and some national Jewish and Black organizations had listed as sources of disagreement between the two communities.

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He said the others were affirmative action, particularly quotas, and President Reagan's appointment of five of the six members of the Civil Rights Commission. On the latter, many of the 400 persons attending the four-day meeting, noted that many Jewish leaders and organizations have criticized the change in the Civil Rights Commission.

On affirmative action, Dixon noted that Blacks will not change the opinion of Jews and Jews will not change the opinion of Blacks. He said this should not prevent a dialogue between Blacks and Jews nor should it prevent their ability to work together on the vast number of issues upon which they do agree.

Holman, who described the agenda that Blacks are seeking for economic and social progress, summed it up by saying: "I want for my child and grandchildren, no more, but not a whit less, than anyone else wants for his children, his grandchildren."

#### SHAMIR DENIES ISRAEL IS CONSENTING TO THE PARTITION OF LEBANON

By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, Feb. 28 (JTA) -- Premier Yitzhak Shamir denied today that Israel was acquiescing to the partition of Lebanon by keeping its army in that country. Israel is opposed to the partition of Lebanon and will not be a party to such partition, Shamir told the Knesset's Foreign Affairs and Security Committee in reply to opposition critics.

He also rejected a charge by Labor MK Yossi Sarid that the Israel Defense Force was being kept in Lebanon for reasons of national prestige. He denied reports of sharp differences within his Cabinet over Lebanon. All of the ministers agree that Israel must seek adequate security measures which would make a permanent IDF presence in Lebanon unnecessary, Shamir said.

He said that Israel is now dealing with the last stages of the war in Lebanon. He rejected a parallel drawn by Labor MK Yaacov Tzur between the government's intentions on the West Bank and the occupation of south Lebanon which Tzur called "the north bank."

"Lebanon is not Israel and therefore south Lebanon cannot be described as the 'north bank'," Shamir said. Former Deputy Foreign Minister Yehuda Ben-Meir of the National Religious Party said everyone agreed that Israel's presence in Lebanon was "undesirable." He suggested a redeployment of the IDF in south Lebanon along lines worked out by the IDF. "We must find the middle of the road, perhaps not 100 percent security but sufficient security," Ben-Meir said.

#### STRAUSS VEToes LEGISLATION WHICH WOULD CLOSE LOOPHOLES IN LAWS AGAINST NEO-NAZI ACTIVITY IN GERMANY

By David Kantor

BONN, Feb. 28 (JTA) -- Legislation drafted by the government which would close loopholes in present laws against neo-Nazi activity has been vetoed by Franz Joseph Strauss, Prime Minister of Bavaria and head of the Christian Social Union (CSU) in that State, a powerful ally of Chancellor Helmut Kohl's ruling Christian Democratic Union (CDU).

Strauss' veto, reported in the Frankfurter Rundschau, was confirmed by Justice Ministry officials today. It constitutes a serious embarrassment for Kohl who has committed himself several times to see that the law is passed. He and Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher decided last month to bring it before Parliament, despite strong reservations by the CSU and other conservative elements.

The exact manner in which Strauss exercised the veto was not immediately known and it is uncertain whether the draft law still has a chance for ratification by both houses of Parliament. A stronger draft of the same law was approved by the Bundestag last year but rejected by the Bundesrat, the upper house. The latter is composed of representatives of the governments of the federal states.

#### Elements In The Legislation

The law, initiated by former Chancellor Helmut Schmidt when his Social Democratic Party (SPD) governed West Germany, would make it an offense to deny that the Holocaust occurred; to allege that the systematic killing of Jews under the Nazis never occurred or that the death camps did not exist.

The law would have authorized state prosecutors to bring charges against persons who claim there were no gas chambers. Under existing legislation, only private individuals can initiate proceedings and must prove that they were personally offended by the claim.

When the original draft was rejected by the Bundesrat last year, Justice Minister Hans Engelhard of the Free Democratic Party (FDP), the CDU's junior coalition partner, introduced substantial modifications which according to legal experts rendered the law "mild" toward neo-Nazis. But the changes did not satisfy the CSU and conservatives within the CDU.

It was disclosed recently that Interior Minister Friedrich Zimmermann of the CDU managed to prevent a debate on the law in the Cabinet, rendering it less authoritative as a government document. Deputy Interior Minister Benno Erhard of the CDU told reporters that "among us no one is keen on that law."

#### 1st WORLD SYMPOSIUM ON JEWISH FAMILY SLATED FOR MAY 28-30 IN TEL AVIV

NEW YORK, Feb. 28 (JTA) -- An international symposium on the Jewish family will be held in Tel Aviv University May 28-30, it was announced here by Ruth Ben-Zur, personal advisor to Israeli Cabinet Minister Sarah Doron. The symposium will be the first of a series of seminars to deal "with the various aspects of Jewish family life and the role of the family in reinforcing Jewish values and attitudes," Ben-Zur said.

According to Ben-Zur, who was visiting the United States to promote the symposium, the Jewish family unit is eroding both in Israel and in the diaspora as a result of intermarriage and the neglect of or indifference to Jewish tradition and values.

"The family as the basic unit serves as the transmission belt for Jewish values from one generation to the next," Ben-Zur quoted Doron as saying. "If this unit breaks down, then the only values transmitted are those alien to Jewish tradition. The erosion of the family in Jewish life is a form of a spiritual Holocaust, every bit as dangerous as the Holocaust 40 years ago."

#### Says Problem Is Acute

Ben-Zur said that Doron, one of the sponsors and spark plugs of the symposium, pointed out that the problem is acute because young Jews are becoming alienated from Jewish values under the influence of non-Jewish Western values.

"They are more attracted to hard rock and counter-cultural pursuits than to Judaism," Ben-Zur observed. "This is true both in Israel and in the diaspora. But the real problem, the real danger, is that if family life in Israel breaks down there is no example for diaspora Jews to follow, no standard and no light unto the nations."

The symposium, which is also sponsored by the Prime Minister's Office, Tel Aviv University and the Institute for Interdisciplinary Research of the Jewish Family Heritage, will include secular and religious experts from the United States, Canada and Israel. A permanent world committee will be established to continue the process of dialogue begun in the symposium and to be responsible for planning the next annual conference.

Doron, a Minister-Without Portfolio who is a member of the Liberal Party, is the only woman in the present Cabinet. She is in charge of dealing with family affairs and the status of women. Ben-Zur pointed out that Doron was responsible for having the Knesset adopt a law making it a criminal offense to discriminate against women on the job in terms of hiring, promotions and equal pay with men. As a result, women are now suing firms that fail to comply with the law, Ben-Zur said.

#### HOUSE UNIT ACTS TO BAR U.S. CONTACTS WITH PLO, ARMS SALES TO JORDAN

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28 (JTA) -- The Administration suffered a setback on its proposal to sell arms to Jordan when the House Foreign Affairs Subcommittee on Europe and the Middle East adopted an amendment by a vote of 7-2 that would forbid such sales unless the President certifies that Jordan is "publicly committed" to recognizing Israel.

The House panel also approved an amendment that would bar the Administration from dealing with the Palestine Liberation Organization. The amendment, sponsored by Rep. Mel Levine (D. Calif.) and passed unanimously, was reportedly prompted by reports that the Administration had conducted a series of contacts with the PLO through a third party for a nine-month period ending in June, 1982.

#### Economic Aid to Israel Increased

These prohibitions were adopted by the House subcommittee as it acted on President Reagan's foreign aid requests for fiscal 1985. It approved most of the Administration's country-by-country requests for economic and military assistance in Europe and the Mideast. But it increased the request for \$850 million on economic aid to Israel by \$250 million. It deferred action on requests for Turkey and Greece, which are involved in continuing disputes over Cyprus.

The amendment on Jordan was adopted despite Administration opposition. The Administration regards Jordan as a vital ally and wants to grant King Hussein's desire to acquire advanced F-16 jet fighters, mobile ground-to-air antiaircraft missiles and other weapons.

But the committee's amendment would prohibit such sales "unless the President has certified to the Congress that Jordan is publicly committed to the recognition of Israel and to prompt entry into direct peace negotiations with Israel." Hussein has so far refused to enter into direct peace talks.

#### Specifics Of Ban On PLO Contact

The amendment on the PLO is reportedly intended to bar the Administration from circumventing a 1975 agreement with Israel that the U.S. will not recognize or negotiate with the PLO until it recognizes Israel's right to exist. The amendment states that the U.S. "hereby reaffirms this policy." It adds: "In accordance with that policy, no officer or employee of the United States government and no agent or other individual acting on behalf of the United States government shall negotiate with the Palestine Liberation Organization or any representative thereof."

The committee's action on Israel would authorize it to receive non-repayable grants of \$1.4 billion in military aid and \$1.1 billion in economic aid during fiscal 1985. The subcommittee also voted to approve the Administration's request for grants to Egypt of \$1.17 billion in military aid and \$750 million in economic assistance. But it also passed a "sense of Congress" resolution stating that the aid is being granted in the expectation that Egypt will continue to fulfill its peace treaty with Israel.

Before the subcommittee's actions can become law, they have to be approved by the full House, reconciled with the Senate's version of the foreign aid bill and signed by the President.

#### LEAGUE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS URGES CANADIAN GOVERNMENT TO NAME WALLENBERG AN HONORARY CITIZEN

TORONTO, Feb. 28 (JTA) -- The League for Human Rights of B'nai B'rith Canada has urged the federal government to name Raoul Wallenberg, the Swedish diplomat who saved some 100,000 Hungarian Jews during the Nazi occupation of that country, an Honorary Citizen of Canada.

"We believe Wallenberg's devotion to the highest humanitarian ideals -- ideals which Canadians fought and died for -- warrants such recognition," David Matas, the League's national chairman, said in a letter to Secretary of State Serge Joyal.

This "very substantial step" would show that Canada is ready to play a leadership role in helping to "free Wallenberg from the web of Soviet untruth where he has languished for thirty-nine years," Matas said. "To honor Wallenberg is to honor the principles of freedom and dignity of life for which this nation stands; it is to honor Canada."

Despite a Soviet claim in 1957 that Wallenberg died of a heart attack in prison 10 years earlier, reports that he is alive have surfaced as recently as 1978.

In 1983, the United States named Wallenberg an Honorary Citizen, only the second time it had accorded a foreigner that honor. The first was Winston Churchill.

#### NEW GROUP IN ISRAEL SEEKING TO CURB ABUSIVE LANGUAGE AMONG POLITICIANS

JERUSALEM, Feb. 28 (JTA) -- Upset by the escalation of abusive language by Israeli politicians, especially in the Knesset, a group calling itself the "Movement for a Good Israel" is monitoring the invectives in the hope that political rivals will exercise restraint, if only to preserve the dignity of the democratic process.

Most recently, Labor MK Shlomo Hillel complained to the Knesset Speaker that Likud Transport Minister Haim Corfu had accused him of "hypocrisy" from the Knesset rostrum. According to Hillel, a member of the British Parliament was recently ousted from a session for using the same word.

The Movement took the matter up with Corfu. But the Likud minister was unrepentant. He claimed that Hillel had made two diametrically opposed statements on the same issue and "if that is not hypocrisy, please ladies and gentlemen of the Movement, tell me what is?"

According to the Movement's record, "hypocrisy" is indeed a mild pejorative compared to others hurled by politicians at each other. Among them are "clown", "comedian", "degenerate", "racist", "fascist" and "fool"; also "You are the biggest liar of all"; "you are the theater of the absurd"; "traitor" and "disseminator of treacherous lies."

## BACKGROUND REPORT ISRAEL WANTS U.S. JEWS TO SUPPORT ITS POLICIES IN LATIN AMERICA, AFRICA

By David Friedman

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28 (JTA) -- The Israeli government wants the American Jewish community to understand and support its policies in Africa and Latin America.

This was made clear during the recent four-day visit to Jerusalem by the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations. While much of the information was given in private background briefings, some of it was allowed to emerge publicly.

President Chaim Herzog, in welcoming the more than 70 men and women who participated in the visit to the President's mansion, gave a tour de horizon of Israel's problems. But when he talked about his recent visit to Zaire and Liberia he became exuberant.

### Zairans Admire Israel

Herzog described the thousands of people who lined the road from the airport in Zaire, waving Israeli flags and singing Hebrew songs. He talked about the warm meetings he had with the officials of the two countries. He said the leaders of the two countries "went out of their way" to express their admiration not only for Israel "but the entire Jewish people."

Herzog said he was especially moved in Zaire by his meeting with the 80 members of the Jewish community in Lumumbashi, formerly Elizabethtown, in Katanga. A special ceremony was held for him in the town's synagogue.

Herzog told the visiting American Jews that the American Jewish community should "find ways of expressing its appreciation of the way the President of Israel was received" in the two countries. He did not explain what form this appreciation should take.

But it is an open secret in Washington that Israel has urged U.S. aid for Zaire and Liberia. Opposition has been particularly strong in the House Foreign Affairs Subcommittee on Africa, headed by Rep. Howard Wolpe (D. Mich.), a Jew. A Jewish representative here noted that Congress has been reluctant to provide aid to the two regimes which many consider corrupt and authoritarian.

### Positive Effect on Other Black African Countries

Moshe Gilboa, director of the Foreign Ministry's World Jewish Affairs Division, who discussed the briefings with visiting Jewish reporters, said the Herzog trip to Africa had a good effect on other Black African countries. Israel hopes that other African countries will restore diplomatic relations with Israel as did Zaire and Liberia.

Gilboa noted that reports on Herzog's visit were carried throughout Africa. He said Herzog made it clear that Israel opposes South Africa's practice of apartheid. He said that while Israel exports goods to South Africa its trade is less than that of the United States, West European countries and even many African countries.

### View Of Latin America

Latin America is another place where Jewish Congressmen, and many non-Jewish Congressmen and Senators who are staunch supporters of Israel, have been among the chief critics of the Reagan Administration's policies.

Gilboa noted that many Latin American countries have been traditional supporters of Israel.

While not expressing any opinion about the Reagan Administration's policies, he pointed out that the countries that are "hostile" to the U.S. -- Cuba, Nicaragua and Guyana -- are also anti-Israel and support the Palestine Liberation Organization.

As for arms, Gilboa stressed that Israel arms exports are far less than are sent to Latin America by the U.S. and West European countries. "Israel does not send arms to a Latin American country where there is a civil war," Gilboa maintained. "But Israel does send arms where all Western countries do."

### MORTON SILBERMAN DEAD AT 60

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28 (JTA) -- Morton Silberman, president of the American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC), died here last night of a heart attack. He was 60.

Silberman served as vice president of AIPAC from 1979-81 and was elected president in May, 1982. He was long involved in Jewish communal affairs, serving from 1970-76 as vice president of the Greater Miami Jewish Federation, general chairman of the Combined Jewish Appeal-Israel Emergency Fund Campaign in 1974 and from 1976-78 as president of the Greater Miami Jewish Federation.

He was founding chairman of the Federation's Community Relations Committee and also served as chairman of its planning and budget committee. He was founding president of the Jewish Federation of Palm Beach, a member of the Board of Directors of the Council of Jewish Federations (CJF) and regional chairman of the United Jewish Appeal. He was a recipient of the American Jewish Committee's Human Relations Award.

Silberman was born in Brooklyn, attended the University of Pennsylvania and served for three years in the U.S. Army. A businessman, he was president of the East Coast Supply Corp.

### BEGUN'S SON EXPELLED FROM UNIVERSITY

NEW YORK, Feb. 28 (JTA) -- Boris Begun, son of Prisoner of Conscience Iosif Begun, has been expelled from the Moscow Institute in which he was a graduate student, it was reported today by the Greater New York Conference on Soviet Jewry. The announced reason for his expulsion was his absence from too many classes last semester.

But according to the Conference, the action was clearly intended to punish Boris for his efforts to secure his father a lawyer and to help with his defense last fall. Iosif Begun was convicted in October, 1983, and is now serving a 12-year sentence for "anti-Soviet agitation and propaganda."

The loss of his status as a graduate student means that Boris may now be subject to the military draft. If he is drafted, he will have to choose between serving in the military and being exposed to state secrets which will jeopardize his emigration application, or refusing to serve and opening himself to criminal prosecution, the Conference said.

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JERUSALEM (JTA) -- An agreement for scientific cooperation between the Weizmann Institute of Science in Rehovot and the Colombian Scientific Research Institute (Colciencias) in Bogota was signed in Bogota last week, the Weizmann Institute announced here. President Belisario Betancur Cuartas of Colombia added his signature after the signing ceremony in his office to indicate the importance he attaches to the agreement.