

**3 PEOPLE KILLED, 8 WOUNDED IN  
BUS BOMB EXPLOSION IN ASHDOD**  
By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, March 7 (JTA) — Three people—two women and a man—were killed and eight wounded when an explosion ripped through an Egged bus near the central market and bus station in Ashdod this morning. Security forces detained over 100 people for questioning. Two of the dead were first described as a husband and wife, killed instantly. But police later said that the two were not related. The second woman was critically injured and died later in the hospital.

The terrorist attack was the first carried out in Ashdod, and the Town Council is to meet tonight in special session to decide on steps to be taken to try and prevent recurrences. Council spokesmen said they would consider whether to bar Arabs from attending the weekly open market in the town, which attracts Arabs from the nearby Gaza Strip who come to sell their wares and agricultural products.

According to the bus driver, the bus was carrying 10 to 15 people at the time of the explosion, which went off under a seat in the middle of the bus. It was the worst bombing in Israel since last December when an explosion on a bus in Jerusalem killed six people and wounded 44.

**OPTIONS FOR IDF REDEPLOYMENT IN  
SOUTH LEBANON UNDER DISCUSSION**  
By David Landau

JERUSALEM, March 7 (JTA) — Premier Yitzhak Shamir held consultations today with top ministers, army generals and Foreign Ministry officials on options for a redeployment of the Israel Defense Force in south Lebanon. Israel Radio, reporting this at mid-day, said the decisions would now be taken "quickly" — in the wake of the Lebanese abrogation of the Israel-Lebanon agreement earlier this week.

The radio said the army was being requested to submit concrete options for a new line of deployment to the Cabinet — possibly in time for its next meeting Sunday. The new line, the radio said, would facilitate a thinning out of Israel's armed presence in south Lebanon.

Chief of Staff Gen. Moshe Levy told the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Security Committee today that there were "no miracle solutions in Lebanon," either to the terrorist threat or to the potential Syrian strategic threat. He said a quick withdrawal to the international border — as the Labor Alignment is advocating with increasing firmness and urgency — would not solve Israel's problems.

Levy disclosed that some 2,000 PLO men had by now infiltrated back into Beirut. He spoke with satisfaction of the "understandings" which Israel had with Druze and other forces regarding the area north of the Awali River.

**POPE TO MEET WITH SWISS JEWS**

GENEVA, March 7 (JTA) — Pope John Paul II will meet with leaders of the Federation of Jewish Communities when he visits Switzerland in June, it was announced here today. The meeting will be held in the town of Freiburg on the second day of the Pontiff's week-long visit. Jewish circles expressed satis-

faction that the meeting will be one of the first items on the Pope's agenda. He is expected to discuss with the Jewish leaders such matters as Jewish-Christian relations, holy places, and relations between the Vatican and Israel.

**EGYPT DENOUNCED FOR RENEGING ITS  
TREATY OBLIGATIONS TOWARD ISRAEL**  
By David Landau

JERUSALEM, March 7 (JTA) — Premier Yitzhak Shamir denounced Egypt in the Knesset today for reneging on its treaty obligations toward Israel. He said Egypt's behavior called into question the credibility of its agreements and claimed Israel had tried repeatedly to improve relations with Cairo but was rebuffed.

Shamir spoke in reply to an opposition motion presented by Labor Party Secretary General Haim Barlev who charged that the hardline policies of the Likud government made it incapable of fostering normal relations with Egypt and urged early elections to effect a change.

Shamir's speech was his harshest criticism of Egypt since he took office as Prime Minister last year. He delivered it on the eve of the departure for Cairo of Minister of Commerce and Industry Gideon Patt.

Patt will fly to the Egyptian capital tomorrow for three days of talks with officials in connection with an international trade fair to be held there. Israeli sources said that Patt hoped to hold trade talks as well, aimed at revitalizing the moribund commercial relations between the two countries.

Although sources at the Commerce Ministry were quoted as saying the visit could signal a turn for the better in relations between Israel and Egypt, other sources close to Shamir played down its importance after the Premier's remarks in the Knesset.

They noted that Tourism Minister Avraham Sharir and Energy Minister Yitzhak Mordechai had visited Cairo during the past year and there was a "fiffling dialogue" between the directors general of the two foreign ministries. But such occasional high level contacts failed to thaw the "cold peace," those sources said.

**Cites Cairo's Failure to Return Its Envoy To Israel**

Shamir seized upon Egypt's failure to return its Ambassador to Israel after he was called home for "consultations" when Israel invaded Lebanon in June, 1982. Egypt "has no intention at all of returning its Ambassador and achieving really normal relations," Shamir charged. He said that was the "clear conclusion" to be drawn from the many "excuses" offered by the Egyptians to explain their envoy's continued absence.

When Egyptian representatives are asked, they cite the Lebanon war, or sometimes they cite the Taba issue, or sometimes they cite the Palestinian problem, saying that after we solve it they will send back the ambassador," Shamir said. "These are excuses" and Israel will "draw the conclusions," he added.

According to Shamir, "The Egyptian government's behavior impairs the credibility of the agreements and commitments which it undertook upon itself in the past. It impairs too, the credibility of agreements and commitments which Egypt or any other government in this region may take upon itself in the future."

Barlev blamed the "miserable Lebanon war" for fouling Israeli-Egyptian relations. He urged the government to withdraw Israeli forces from Lebanon after ensuring security arrangements and to conduct a "balanced policy" on the West Bank. He said this would mean ending the establishment of Jewish settlements in heavily Arab populated areas, a course long advocated by the Labor Party.

Barlev also called on the government to invite King Hussein of Jordan to peace talks "without preconditions." Such moves, he maintained, would salvage the peace treaty with Egypt. Barlev's motion was referred to the Knesset's Foreign Affairs and Security Committee by mutual consent of the government and the opposition.

#### SHARON NARROWLY ESCAPES INJURY DURING A TOUR OF SOUTH LEBANON

TEL AVIV, March 7 (JTA) -- Minister Without Portfolio Ariel Sharon narrowly escaped injury during a tour of southern Lebanon yesterday when an explosive charge went off as the car in which he was travelling passed along a road on the outskirts of Sidon. Defense Minister Moshe Arens had visited the Sidon port area shortly before the blast.

During his visit, Sharon told reporters he thought the Israel Defense Force should not leave the Awali River line in Lebanon, nor from the Jebel Barukh high observation point overlooking the Syrian-held Bekaa valley. He said operational methods could be changed and the forces thinned out, but the Awali line and the deployment facing the Syrians had to be maintained.

#### SPANISH PREMIER SAYS HIS COUNTRY IS INTERESTED IN ESTABLISHING DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH ISRAEL

BRUSSELS, March 7 (JTA) -- Prime Minister Felipe Gonzalez Marquez of Spain indicated here yesterday that his government is very much interested in establishing diplomatic relations with Israel. He also expressed admiration for "the Jewish lobby in Europe, in the United States and in Latin America" for their tenacious support of Israel.

Gonzalez told reporters here that nine out of ten questions asked him when he meets with Jewish leaders concern Spain's possible recognition of Israel. Spain is the only Western European country that does not have diplomatic ties with Jerusalem.

Nevertheless, the Spanish leader made it clear that Spain will look to its own national interests before taking a decision on that issue. "We also want the establishment of diplomatic relations with Israel to contribute somehow to a peaceful solution in the Middle East, including a positive answer to the Palestinian problem," he said.

Gonzalez, ending a two-day official visit to Belgium, expressed the hope that "the friendship and the excellent relations" between Spain and the Arab states "will not be damaged when Spain decides to recognize Israel and establish diplomatic relations with it." He said Spain wanted to do this. "The Spanish government itself suggested this possibility. I would say there is a necessity to put to an end an anomaly because our foreign policy is aimed at the universalization of our foreign relations."

Gonzalez indicated no date when Spain would recognize Israel. He said that on his recent visit to Riyadh, the Saudi Arabian government applied no pressure not to recognize Israel.

#### 7 JEWS HELD AS SUSPECTS IN TWO SEPARATE TERRORIST ACTS AGAINST ARABS IN EAST JERUSALEM, WEST BANK By David Landau

JERUSALEM, March 7 (JTA) -- Seven Jewish men were remanded in custody by a Jerusalem magistrate this week as suspects in two separate terrorist acts against Arabs on the West Bank and in East Jerusalem.

Three of the suspects taken into custody today are linked to an attempted assault on the Temple Mount, site of two of the holiest shrines of the Islamic faith, which occurred in January and was foiled by Moslem guards who summoned police.

Four were arrested yesterday in connection with the ambush of an Arab bus near Ramallah last Sunday in which six of the 18 passengers were wounded by gunfire, one of them seriously.

#### No Evidence Linking The Two Incidents

So far there is no known evidence linking the two incidents. An organization calling itself "Terror Against Terror" (TNT) claimed responsibility for the bus ambush. The three men arrested in the Temple Mount incident were said by the media to be members of a small messianic sect occupying the abandoned Arab village of Lifta on the western outskirts of Jerusalem.

Chief Magistrate Aharon Stmcha banned disclosure of their identities according to the law which forbids the identification of suspects until they are formally arraigned.

The police reportedly are searching for a fourth man alleged by the media to have been the ringleader of the Temple Mount plot. According to Israel Radio, the three suspects were taken to the Temple Mount by police today and re-enacted, for police television cameras, their attempts to scale the wall and plant explosives intended to harm Moslem worshippers as they left the Al Aksa and Dome of the Rock mosques. Police said the men were "totally cooperative."

#### Four Suspects Are American Olim

The four remanded in the bus ambush case were identified today by their lawyer, Mair Schechter, as Levi Hazan, Yehuda Richter, Craig Leitner and Meir Leibowitz. The lawyer confirmed an earlier statement by Rabbi Meir Kahane, leader of the anti-Arab Kach movement, that all were American olim living on the West Bank.

The media reported that the police are searching for a connection between them and the masked gunmen who attacked a Moslem college in Hebron last year, killing several students and wounding others. The four were said to be uncooperative.

The bus ambush was also conducted by masked gunmen who attacked the vehicle which was transporting Arab day laborers from the West Bank to their jobs in Israel early Sunday morning.

Two of the three men from Lifta were remanded for 15 days and the third for six days. Press photographs inside the house they occupied in the abandoned village showed rightwing political tracts and Jewish messianic slogans. The few neighbors living in the area described the men as quiet but odd.

#### REMAINS OF WOMAN RE-BURIED IN ORIGINAL GRAVE AFTER IT WAS EXHUMED AND DISCARDED BY GRAVE ROBBERS By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, March 7 (JTA) -- The remains of Teresa

Engelovitz was re-buried in her original grave in the Jewish cemetery at Rishon LeZion by order of the Supreme Court yesterday after having been exhumed and discarded by unknown grave robbers who are the object of a police manhunt.

The high court's order stirred a bitter controversy between the civil and religious authorities. Engelovitz, the wife of an elderly observant Jew, was buried in the Rishon LeZion cemetery a year ago.

Several months later, the local rabbinate demanded that her body be removed and buried elsewhere because, according to unidentified religious informers, her conversion to Judaism in her native Rumania was not in accordance with strict Orthodox practices.

The rabbinate's order was blocked by a Supreme Court injunction obtained by Mrs. Engelovitz's family. The matter seemed to have been resolved until the skeleton of a woman, wrapped in a plastic bag, was found recently dumped in a Moslem cemetery at Ramle.

Last Sunday, police forensic experts identified it positively as Engelovitz's remains. Although the Engelovitz grave appeared to be undisturbed, the police, armed with a court order, opened it yesterday to find it empty.

#### Religious Groups Are Angry

The police found tools, plastic bags and rubber gloves which may have been used by the body snatchers. The Supreme Court ordered the Health Ministry to return the skeleton immediately to its original burial place. This aroused the anger of religious groups. Israel's two Chief Rabbis, the Rishon LeZion rabbinate and the Hевра Kadisha Burial Society said they would obey the civil law but with serious misgivings because their conscience demanded that they abide only by halacha -- religious law.

The issue came before the Knesset's Interior Committee which decided yesterday that in cases of conflict between civil and religious law, civil law took precedence. They noted that it is the civil government which appoints the rabbinical courts and gives them their authority.

The rabbis contended that if such is the case, Israel can no longer be regarded as a "Jewish State." Interior Minister Yosef Burg of the National Religious Party, who is in charge of the police, declined to comment on the controversy. He said, however, that he could not give orders to the Rishon LeZion rabbinate or to the burial society which are autonomous bodies.

#### SYNAGOGUE FILES CLASS ACTION SUIT AGAINST 8 MEN ALLEGED TO HAVE DAUBED BUILDING WITH ANTI-SEMITIC SLOGANS By David Friedman

WASHINGTON, March 7 (JTA) -- A Silver Spring Conservative synagogue that was defaced by anti-Semitic slogans in November, 1982, filed a class action suit yesterday in U.S. District Court in Baltimore against eight men alleged to be responsible for the desecration.

The suit seeks \$3,000 to cover the cost of removing the red anti-Semitic graffiti which was spray-painted on the outside walls of Shaare Tefila synagogue. It also seeks monetary damages for emotional distress and punitive damages. Marshall Levin, the congregation's executive director, said any money awarded will be given to the Montgomery County Human Relations Commission.

The incident created widespread community reaction in Montgomery County, a suburb of Washington, after the congregation decided to leave the graffiti on the walls for a week. It included anti-Semitic slogans such as "death to the Jude", "In--- take a shower Jew" as well as swastikas, skulls and crossbones, a burning cross and a Nazi eagle.

Rep. Michael Barnes (D. Md.), in whose district the synagogue is located, said at a press conference yesterday: "This suit will educate the public that these acts involve more than just property damage; people and communities suffer. The lawsuit will send a clear message that attacks on religious groups and institutions will not be tolerated."

#### Legal Action Will Serve As A Warning

Irvin Shappel, head of the Jewish Advocacy Center which is representing the congregation in the suit, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency today that the "historic" legal action will also serve as a warning that individuals who commit such acts and those who help them or encourage them, will be held legally responsible. It will also demonstrate to other victims of similar incidents that rather than ignore them, it is necessary to involve the community and the legal system, he said.

Shappel's organization, which was founded to counterattack anti-Semitic incidents, last year filed a \$6 million suit against three individuals in Kings Point, Long Island, New York who were "terrorizing" a Jewish family for three years.

Two of the eight defendants in the congregation's suit, Michael Remmer and William Harris, were found guilty last year of destruction of property. Remmer received the maximum three-year sentence and Harris, who pleaded guilty and testified against Remmer, received a four-month sentence.

A third defendant, John Cobb, received a six-month prison sentence for painting a swastika on a car near the synagogue on the evening of the desecration.

Two others named in the suit, Joseph Hunt Jr., and Dominic Queen, were convicted of stealing a van from a hardware store on the same evening and were placed on probation. Charges against another defendant, Thomas Heine, were dropped for lack of evidence. No charges were brought against the last two men named in the congregation suit, William Hess and Raymond Jordan. But the civil suit alleges that they participated in the activity.

#### BLUM: ISRAEL IS STILL COMMITTED TO THE MAY 17 ACCORD WITH LEBANON By Yitzhak Rabi

UNITED NATIONS, March 7 (JTA) -- Israel's Ambassador to the United Nations, Yehuda Blum, said today that the Lebanese government's abrogation of the May 17 agreement was "unilateral" and that Israel is still committed to the agreement.

Speaking at a press conference here, the envoy said that Israel will do "everything to ensure the security of northern Israel" and ensure that south Lebanon will not become once again a "staging ground" for terrorist attacks against Israeli towns and citizens.

Asked if that means that the Israel Defense Force will stay permanently in south Lebanon, Blum replied that Israel supports the territorial integrity of Lebanon. "We have no territorial ambitions" regarding Lebanon, Blum said, adding that Israel seeks "the full withdrawal" of all foreign forces from Lebanon.

# New Legal Challenge To Nazis In The U.S.: FIVE HOLOCAUST SURVIVORS FILE CLASS ACTION LEGAL SUIT AGAINST FORMER YUGOSLAV NAZI ARTUKOVIC

LOS ANGELES, March 7 (JTA) -- Five Holocaust survivors from Yugoslavia, who are now American citizens, have filed a class action legal suit against Andrija Artukovic, the former Minister of the Interior of the Nazi puppet state of Croatia, the Simon Wiesenthal Center at Yeshiva University reported today. The action was taken Monday when the complaint was filed in the U.S. District Court Central District of California.

The survivors have asked the court for a jury trial with the hope that the final judgement will enable them to recover compensatory and punitive damages for personal loss and injury sustained by them, as a result of Artukovic's crimes against humanity and other violations of international and Yugoslavian law. The suit also seeks a declaration of rights on behalf of the class members, so they can establish, in the litigation, the fact that Artukovic is legally responsible for those war crimes.

Rabbi Marvin Hier, dean of the Wiesenthal Center, said that "this new initiative in the ongoing legal battle against the Nazis among us, if successful, will send a message to former Nazis residing here that they will no longer live freely in America confident that the worst that can happen to them would be to face deportation charges."

Artukovic, currently a resident of Surfside (Seal Beach), California, is believed to be the highest ranking former Nazi official known to be living in the U.S. He has successfully dodged all attempts by the government to have him deported since 1951.

The five Holocaust survivors were citizens of Yugoslavia in April 1941 when the Nazis installed the terrorist, fascist Ustashi organization as the government for the new "Independent State of Croatia," the Wiesenthal Center reported.

The Ustashi, whose ideology closely paralleled Nazis' virulent hatred for Jews and other minorities, were among the first regimes in Europe to institute a "final solution" against its Jewish population. By 1945, more than 28,000 of the total Jewish population in the area had either been murdered by the Croats or shipped off to Auschwitz. More than 700,000 Serbs and 40,000 Gypsies were butchered in the Jasenovac concentration camp alone.

## The Case Against Artukovic

The suit outlined Artukovic's leadership in the Croatian Cabinet from its 1941 inception until its demise in 1945. It charged that from "April 15, 1941... Croatia and Artukovic pursued a genocidal policy with regard to civilian Serbians and Jews," and that he announced during that time their decision to solve the "Jewish Question" the way it was being solved by the Third Reich.

Artukovic was charged in the suit with "promulgating and signing into law" measures which created concentration camps, and personally advocating the slaughter of Serbian women and children. The resulting policy led to the deaths of over 1.2 million innocent civilians and the illegal confiscation of millions of dollars of property belonging to the victims.

The legal brief also reviewed the route used by Artukovic to illegally gain entry into the United States following World War II and the so far futile attempts by U.S. officials to have him deported.

Hier, in commenting on the survivors' action, said that their suit "could open the door to other litigations which would enable those who suffered directly from their heinous crimes to have their day in court. We also commend the tireless efforts and commitment of the numerous attorneys who have volunteered to help the few who survived Artukovic's reign of terror."

The suit was filed by Los Angeles attorneys Jack Corinblitt and Marc Seltzer, and involved, among others, Washington attorney Michael Hausfeld and Wiesenthal Center legal counsel Martin Mendelsohn.

## EGYPT TO HOST CONFERENCE IN SUPPORT OF PALESTINIANS

LONDON, March 7 (JTA) -- Egypt is to be the site of a conference "in support of the Palestinian people" to be held at the end of this month, the World Jewish Congress reported today.

Palestine Liberation Organization chief Yasir Arafat is to attend the meeting to be convened in Cairo on March 30, according to a broadcast carried by Radio Cairo earlier this week, which was monitored here by WJC sources. Preparations were reportedly already underway for the event.

The conference is being organized by the Egyptian Committee of the Afro-Asian People's Solidarity Organization (AAPSO), an international body headquartered in Cairo. AAPSO, an Arab-dominated body, has long held a violently anti-Israel orientation and its stated aim is to "coordinate the struggle of the Afro-Asian peoples against imperialism and colonialism."

## SIR HUGH FRAESER DEAD AT 66

LONDON, March 7 (JTA) -- Sir Hugh Fraeser, one of Israel's strongest and most influential friends in Britain's ruling Conservative Party, died here yesterday. He was 66 years old.

A member of Parliament for the past 30 years, during which he held several ministerial positions, he helped to found the Conservative Friends of Israel in 1974. He was the first chairman of its Parliamentary group and since 1982 had been the organization's national president.

Michael Fidler, the organization's director, described Sir Hugh as "one of Israel's sincerest and most devoted friends."

One of Britain's leading Roman Catholics, Sir Hugh had an outstanding war record, including service in the Dare Devil unit called the Special Air Service.

In World War II he went to the Middle East and joined a special forces unit, nicknamed the Phantoms, which made daring forays behind enemy lines in North Africa and Italy. In 1975, he narrowly escaped death when an Irish terrorist bomb intended for him blew up near his London home.

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TEL AVIV (JTA) -- A new unrefined olive oil trademarked "Raful" has gone on sale in the privately-owned Supersol supermarket chain. The chain has bought the entire produce of an olive press owned by former Chief of Staff Rafael Eitan, who was popularly known as "Raful." Eitan makes his home in the village of Tel Adashim near Afula, where he spends much of his time as a carpenter in his woodworking shop.