

**SECURITY AUTHORITIES PRAISE  
REACTION BY CIVILIANS TO TERRORIST  
ATTACK IN DOWNTOWN JERUSALEM**  
By David Landau

**JERUSALEM, April 3 (JTA)** — Security authorities were lavish in their praise today of the way civilians reacted to the gun-and-grenade attack by terrorists in downtown Jerusalem yesterday morning. Forty-eight persons were wounded, most of them only slightly.

The casualties could have been much more severe but for the swift action of armed civilians who fatally wounded one of the three terrorists and captured another. The third assailant was seized by police at a roadblock on the outskirts of the city.

Security sources revealed today that there had been advance intelligence warnings of possible terrorist assaults on civilians in crowded areas of the city. As a result, police and military patrols were re-enforced and put on alert. But the main hero who emerged yesterday was a civilian, Eli Cohen, an insurance salesman who was formerly a paratroop commander.

**The Main Hero**

Cohen was in his second floor office on King George Avenue when he heard the first shots fired. He raced down a flight of stairs, his Baretta pistol in hand, and gave chase to a terrorist who had already been wounded by an armed shopkeeper. The fleeing man carried a live grenade which he was about to hurl through the window of a stalled bus.

Cohen confronted him at the bus but, at the critical moment, his Baretta jammed. He felled the man with the pistol barrel. The grenade exploded in the street, harmlessly except for one fragment which struck Cohen. He was hospitalized but his wound was not serious.

Interviewed from his hospital bed, Cohen made light of his injury and seemed shy of the hero image. But the bus passengers credit him with saving their lives.

Although the tragedy of people being killed was averted, Jerusalemites remained nervous and there were some ugly scenes in the capital for hours after the shoot-out. In several instances, Jewish hot-heads manhandled innocent Arabs. But border police intervened to restore order.

**ISRAEL CLOSES BORDER CROSSING  
POINTS ALONG ITS BOUNDARY WITH  
LEBANON TO KEEP OUT TERRORISTS**  
By Hugh Orgel

**TEL AVIV, April 3 (JTA)** — Israeli forces closed the Awali River bridges in south Lebanon today and also closed border crossing points along the international boundary with Lebanon as security measures in the aftermath of yesterday's terrorist attack in downtown Jerusalem.

The action was taken when it was learned that two of the terrorists captured in the guns-and-grenades shoot-out on King George Avenue may have been residents of Sidon. They, and a third terrorist who was killed, had reportedly entered Israel by way of the Rosh Hanikra border crossing last week.

Israel Radio reported today that two men who accompanied the terrorists, but were not involved in the attack, have already left the country.

Defense Minister Moshe Arens, touring the eastern sector of the Lebanese front today, warned Syria that Israel would not tolerate a "war of attrition." He said Israel was fully aware that the Syrians were capable of halting terrorist infiltration of Israel from areas of Lebanon they control.

Meanwhile, two hand grenades were thrown at Israeli patrols in Sidon and Nabatiya today but caused no casualties.

**LEVY STILL UNDECIDED WHETHER TO  
CHALLENGE SHAMIR FOR HERUT LEADERSHIP**  
By David Landau

**JERUSALEM, April 3 (JTA)** — Deputy Premier David Levy remained undecided today whether to challenge Premier Yitzhak Shamir for leadership of Herut when the party's Central Committee meets on April 12.

After a meeting with Shamir Sunday, Levy reportedly promised to announce his position on the following day. Instead, he met privately with Shamir again today. He told reporters afterwards that he still was undecided but would make an announcement in a day or two.

He confirmed that Shamir tried to persuade him to avoid a leadership contest, which was only "natural," Levy said. The Deputy Premier challenged Shamir once before — last September following the resignation of Premier Menachem Begin. At that time, the Herut Central Committee rejected his leadership bid by a 60-40 percent margin.

Some of Levy's supporters are said to be warning him that a second loss to Shamir—which political pundits consider most likely — would only weaken his position in the party. But others are urging him to run for the top spot on the Likud election list. They point out that former Defense Minister Ariel Sharon has already announced that he will seek to replace Shamir, so an internal struggle is unavoidable whatever Levy decides to do.

Meanwhile, the Herut leadership has recommended to the party secretariat that the Central Committee decide only who will fill the top spot when it meets in nine days. The second and third slots would be determined in later, separate balloting.

That recommendation runs counter to Sharon's proposal that the three top spots should be filled at the April 12 meeting. The number one man would automatically become Prime Minister in the event of a Likud victory in the July 23 elections; the number two and number three men would become Foreign Minister and Defense Minister respectively.

**REPERCUSSIONS AGAINST GERMAN TOWN  
THAT ALLOWED FORMER SS MEMBERS TO  
HOLD MEETING IN CITY-OWNED HALL**  
By David Kantor

**BONN, April 3 (JTA)** — The town of Oberaula, a picturesque hamlet of 3,500 in the State of Hesse, has apparently had enough of SS veterans. The reunion meeting there over the weekend of some 400 alumni of the notorious "Totenkopf" (Deaths Head) Division and their families brought the glare of unwanted publicity

and some 5,000 anti-Nazi marchers from all parts of West Germany and abroad. Peaceful, though angry, the marchers made it clear that the town fathers had sullied Oberaula's reputation by renting a municipally-owned hall to the ex-Nazis. Today there were further repercussions, affecting the local economy which depends in large measure on tourism.

Several travel agencies and organizations cancelled reservations at Oberaula hotels because the town had played host to members of a unit which provided guards at Nazi concentration camps during World War II and earned a reputation for brutality.

#### Groups Cancel Reservations

Mayor Hans-Joachim Schnuecker, a member of the Social Democratic Party (SPD), told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that further cancellations are expected. He said the most serious so far was from a Dutch travel bureau which sends hundreds of vacationers to Oberaula each year. The postal employees and teachers unions which planned to hold seminars in the town may also cancel.

The teachers union informed the municipal authorities in a letter that the seminar could still be held if local officials pledged never again to allow a reunion of SS men in the town. This would require a decision not to rent publicly owned premises to any member of HIAG, the umbrella organization of Waffen SS and SA veterans.

Schnuecker said the town council will meet on April 17 to consider an SPD motion to ban such rentals in the future. "I believe that no one here wants a recurrence of what we have been experiencing these days," the Mayor said. He admitted, however, that he has "no idea what the outcome" of the meeting will be.

The town council is dominated by Deputy Mayor Hans-Eppo Van Doernberg, local chairman of Chancellor Helmut Kohl's governing Christian Democratic Union (CDU). He was the strongest advocate of the "Totenkopf" reunion and responsible for convincing his colleagues to rent the hall to the SS veterans.

#### Demonstration Had Strong Impact

But Saturday's mass demonstration by anti-Nazis has had a strong impact on Oberaula's citizens and their elected representatives. "There was nothing like that here in the 1,000 year history of this place," a hotel owner told reporters. "We never thought that 5,000 people would come here all at once."

He added: "We now have to ask ourselves whether it is worthwhile to produce front page negative headlines worldwide just because 400 former SS officials choose Oberaula as a meeting place." Another local resident said, "I think we should ask them to go elsewhere."

#### FORMER SS OFFICIAL FREED BY DEFAULT

By David Kantor

BONN, April 3 (JTA) -- Hubert Gomerski, a former SS officer repeatedly found guilty of murder and atrocities committed against Jewish inmates of the Sobibor concentration camp during World War II, was freed by default yesterday after a Frankfurt court ordered proceedings against him dropped for reasons of health during his fourth trial in more than 30 years.

The decision has been appealed by both the prosecution and the defense. The latter wants the accused cleared of all charges so that he can claim reparations money for time served in prison.

Gomerski, now 72, drew a life sentence in 1950 for the brutal murder of Jews in Sobibor where he served as a guard. After 23 years in Butzbach prison, he was granted a new trial which resulted in another conviction in 1972 and a 15 year prison sentence. But a higher court threw out that verdict on technical grounds.

A third trial ended in 1977 with another verdict of guilty. The chairman of the court, Volker Schneider, said the accused had behaved brutally at Sobibor and took satisfaction in torturing inmates. But that verdict too was set aside by a higher court.

Gomerski's fourth trial opened in 1981. But from the outset, his health posed problems. The judges observed that the accused became disoriented in court and limited the proceedings to two hours a day. Meanwhile, medical experts testified that Gomerski could not stand the strain for more than two days a week, and not for longer than six months. On the basis of medical opinion, the court decided to end the trial altogether.

#### GIVENS ENDS 12-YEAR TERM OF OFFICE AS CANADIAN ZIONIST FEDERATION LEADER By Michael Solomon

MONTREAL, April 3 (JTA) -- In an emotional farewell address to the 1,000 delegates attending the sixth Canadian Zionist Federation national convention last night, Judge Philip Givens, the outgoing president, asked the "four questions" usually asked at the Passover seder but he related them to what Canadians Jews have done for Israel and what they are expected to do.

He said that more must be done for Jewish education, aliyah, student exchange, and tourism and information. "There is no vacuum in Jewish life and the new generation has the unique opportunity to forge a stronger link between the diaspora and Israel," Givens declared.

Givens, 62, ended his term in office after a 12-year stint. Under a new arrangement, two people were named to serve as presidents for three-year terms. Neri Bloomfield will serve for the first three years, until 1987, and David Azrieli will assume that post in 1987.

Paying tribute to Givens' leadership, Max Schachter, a prominent Toronto Zionist, described him "as always fresh in ideas and generous with his time," but before anything else he was "the president of all the Zionist presidents of Canada."

A native of Toronto, Givens grew up during the depression years, the son of a pants presser operator. He became a distinguished lawyer, and served as an Alderman, Mayor of Toronto, and became a member of the federal government.

#### Building Blocks Of The Federation

Bloomfield said that aliyah, a pioneering spirit and Jewish education are the building blocks of the Federation. "Aliyah should go beyond the Zionist family and reach the general community," she said. She announced that in addition to the aliyah centers in Montreal and Toronto, new centers will be opened in Ottawa and Halifax. Work will also be intensified on college campuses to reach out to Jewish students on the issues of Israel, Zionism and aliyah.

Azrieli outlined the objectives which the new leadership will pursue this year which is dedicated to the unity and solidarity between Israel and the diaspora. "The new chalutzot-pioneering spirit of scientists involved in advanced technology and medical breakthroughs

will be the instrument of our policy," he said. He called for an intensification of the study of Torah and Hebrew as a basis for developing future candidates in Canada for aliya.

Eliashev Ben-Horin, Israel's Ambassador to Canada, stressed the meaning of Zionism as the centrality of Israel in Jewish life. "Who says yes to Zionism must say yes to aliya," he said. "If not aliya, what is the meaning of the future? Zionism means to be together with the people of Israel for a secure and prosperous State of Israel."

Raphael Ben Netai, vice president of the Federation, underlined the importance of aliya and Jewish education for the Jews of Canada.

# **STATE DEPT. REPORTEDLY REJECTS CHILE'S CHOICE OF ANTI-SEMITIC AS ITS AMBASSADOR TO THE U.S.**

WASHINGTON, April 3 (JTA) -- The State Department today refused to confirm or deny that it has rejected Chile's choice for its Ambassador to the United States, Mario Barros Van Buren of Santiago, who is a former editor of an anti-Semitic magazine. But the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith and the Washington Office on Latin America, which had urged Barros' rejection, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency today that the State Department has rejected Barros.

Barros was deputy editor and on the international desk of the now defunct Chilean publication *Estanquero* when, according to Rabbi Morton Rosenthal, director of the ADL's Latin American Affairs Department, the magazine was repeating "some of the worst Nazi and anti-Semitic canards." The publication claimed that a "gigantic conspiracy" involving capitalism, Communism and Judaism "pushed" Germany into World War II. In a 1970 book, Barros called Hitler and Mussolini "young leaders" expressing "national traditions."

According to the Washington Office on Latin America, which describes itself as a private human rights monitoring organization, the publication *Estanquero* was phased out in the mid-1950's. A spokesperson for the Office said Barros is now an official in Chile's foreign service department. The disclosure on Chile's choice of Barros for its Ambassador was made in this week's *New York Magazine*.

# **SWEDISH DIPLOMAT WARNS OF A RISING WAVE OF ANTI-SEMITISM IN EUROPE**

By Kevin Freeman

NEW YORK, April 3 (JTA) -- Per Ahlmark of Sweden warned today of a rising wave of anti-Semitism sweeping through Western Europe that is shrouded in a veil of anti-Zionism.

Ahlmark, a former Swedish Deputy Prime Minister, said, "Traditional anti-Semitism is part of Europe today." He noted that efforts to discredit Israel's legitimacy in the international community is part of a broader campaign which seeks to isolate Jews in European public opinion.

Speaking at a luncheon sponsored by the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith's European Affairs Committee, Ahlmark called for stronger links with Israel by Western democracies and a united campaign to fight anti-Semitism. He said: "Anti-Semitism starts with Jews but it doesn't stop with Jews."

According to Ahlmark, since the Israeli invasion of Lebanon in June, 1982, there has been a marked increase in attacks against Israel and Jews. He noted an increase in overt attacks against Jewish institutions, cemeteries and synagogues in West-

ern Europe, adding that three of the largest Jewish cemeteries in Sweden have recently been desecrated by anti-Semitic vandals.

Ahlmark, who since 1970 has been Deputy President of the Sweden-Israel Friendship League, noted also that in the "mainstream" European media, there has been a rise in "tolerance" of anti-Semitic innuendo. He said that articles written from Lebanon spoke of Israel's "final solution" to the Palestinian problem, comparisons of Beirut to the Warsaw Ghetto uprising, and the frequency of the use of the term "genocide" in the media.

Ahlmark called this a "perversion of language" and deplored the use of these "code words" which have in the past been solely associated with the suffering of the Jewish people during the Holocaust. He also cited a recent statement by Sweden's Premier comparing the plight of Palestinian children to that of the children of the Holocaust.

Ahlmark, who said he opposed certain Israeli government policy decisions, including construction of further settlements on the West Bank, asserted that he was not an opponent of those who speak out against Israeli policy but said, "there is a borderline."

Anti-Zionists, he said, oppose Israel's right to exist and interpret the public debate on certain policy issues made by Israel as proof that Israel should be eliminated.

In trying to explain the cause for an increase of anti-Semitism, Ahlmark said that in part, it is a result from a younger generation which emerged after the 1967 Six-Day-War who view the Palestinian people as the "underdog" in the Middle East conflict. Furthermore, many in Europe don't remember the Holocaust, he added.

# **MARONITE CHRISTIAN NAMED NEW LEADER OF SOUTH LEBANON ARMY**

By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, April 3 (JTA) -- Gen. Antoine Lahad, a Maronite Christian, will take command tomorrow of the South Lebanon Army (SLA), succeeding the late Maj. Saad Haddad who was Israel's closest ally in Lebanon until his death last January 14.

Haddad, who was posthumously promoted to the rank of colonel, commanded what was then known as the Christian militia in south Lebanon although many of its soldiers were Shiite Moslems. He was consulted on the appointment of Lahad to succeed him as commander of the newly formed SLA, to which he agreed shortly before his death.

The succession was not immediately announced in order to allow Lahad time to move his parents, wife and son safely from northern Lebanon to their new home at Marjayoun in the south.

Lahad is believed to be a follower of former President Camille Chamoun who backs the government of President Amin Gemayel. He is said to consider Lebanon a multi-ethnic society, an outlook which satisfies the Israelis who are the SLA's main supporters. Israel would like to see a Lebanese army composed of Shiites, Sunni Moslems and Druze as well as Christians.

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JERUSALEM (JTA) -- One-third of Israel's fresh vegetable exports go to Lebanon, according to Haaretz. The figure last year was \$16 million out of a total of \$49 million worth of fresh vegetables exported by Israel. All of this produce is marketed by Agrexco, the company controlled by the Agriculture Ministry with management input from the kibbutz and moshav movements.

# **SPECIAL TO THE JTA** **AT LEAST 25 ISRAELI ATHLETES WILL** **PARTICIPATE IN THE OLYMPIC GAMES** By Haskell Cohen

TEL AVIV, April 3 (JTA) — There will be at least 25 athletes representing Israel when more than 10,000 athletes from throughout the world arrive in Los Angeles in July for the 1984 Olympic Games, according to Yitzhak Ofek, president of the Israel Olympic Committee.

While the list is not final, as Israel continues to hold throughout May a series of pre-games trials, Ofek was optimistic during an interview with the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that Israel's team will do well in the summer Games.

In addition to the 25 athletes already slated to be in Los Angeles, Israel's basketball team is holding out an outside chance that it will do well in the European Challenge tournament in Paris scheduled for early May and thus gain a bid to the Olympic Games.

## Israel To Compete In Nine Events

Israel is certain to compete in at least nine different events. Shimon Brookman and Eitan Friedlander are believed to have the best chances for securing an Olympic medal when they compete in the sailing event. They are currently ranked third in the world and first in Europe in this event.

At the 1976 Olympic Games in Montreal, a total of 11 competitors in wrestling, weightlifting, shooting and track and field, plus 22 soccer players comprised the Israeli team. There weren't any athletes in the 1980 Moscow Games, Israel having elected to boycott the Games following the United States lead.

Thus far, 122 Israeli athletes, including 17 females, have participated in seven previous Olympiads, Ofek said. The first set of games which saw the Israeli flag raised among those from all over the world took place in Helsinki, Finland, during the 1952 competition.

Shmuel Lalkin, director general of the Israel Sports Federation, will serve as chief of mission of the Israeli squad in Los Angeles. Lalkin delivered the eulogy for the 11 Israeli athletes killed by Palestinian terrorists during the ill-fated 1972 Munich Olympic Games.

Lalkin pointed out that Israel has been barred from the Asian Games since the 1974 contests in Teheran, Iran. But during its competition in four series of Asian Games, Israel won dozens of gold medals in a variety of sports, ranging from track and field to basketball.

## Members of the Team in Los Angeles

The Israeli team scheduled to compete in Los Angeles consists of the following individuals: Track and Field: Marck Handelsman in the 800-meter event and Zehava Shmueli in the marathon. In swimming, Hadar Rubinstein, 200-meter butterfly; Eyal Sdiegman, 100-to-200 meter freestyle; and Yoram Kochabi, 400-meter medley.

Sailing: Brookman and Friedlander, Yoel Selah and Wald Amir. Shooting: David Davidovitz and Yitzhak Yonsi. Fencing: Shlomi Eyal, Lydia Chatuel and Yitzhak Chatuel. Boxing: Kasem Barake and Shlomo Niazov. Weightlifting: Meir Daluya. Judo: Adi Kuaz and Moshe Punta. Gymnastics: Yonathan Moyel and Nancy Goldsmith. Tennis: Amos Mansdorf. Six of the male competitors are members of the Israeli armed forces.

# **JTA CORRESPONDENT WINS CANADA'S** **MOST PRESTIGIOUS ACADEMIC AWARD**

TORONTO, April 3 (JTA) — Arnold Ages, professor of French language and literature at the University of Waterloo in Ontario and a Jewish Telegraphic Agency correspondent, is the winner of Canada's most prestigious academic award, the Killam Fellowship. He is the first winner of the award in the history of the university.

The Fellowship, sponsored by the Canada Council, will permit Ages to take a two-year leave of absence from the university to devote himself full-time to research and writing.

Ages, the author of five books and more than 50 published papers on various aspects of French enlightenment literature, and numerous articles and columns for the JTA, will be using his Killam Fellowship to continue his research into 18th century French literature and plans to write a definitive study of the correspondence genre in France during that period.

## RECHA FREIER DEAD AT 92

TEL AVIV, April 3 (JTA) — Recha Freier, founder of youth aliya, died in Jerusalem yesterday at the age of 92.

Although the late Henrietta Szold is popularly regarded as the founder of the youth aliya organization which helped save thousands of youngsters from the Nazis and set them on a new road in Palestine, it was actually Freier who started the movement and later persuaded Szold, then president of Hadassah and director of the social services bureau of the Vaad Leumi, the ruling body of Jewish Palestine, to provide funds for it.

But realizing the urgency of the situation in the early and mid-1930's, Freier started raising funds among friends before official funding was available. Freier combined her early interests in folklore and music by founding the Israel Composers Fund in 1957 and later sponsored the Israel Testimony to support new Israeli composers.

## STRIKE IDLES ISRAELI MERCHANT SHIPS

TEL AVIV, April 3 (JTA) — A work stoppage by officers idled Israeli merchant ships at their home ports and overseas harbors today. The strike, called by the Marine Officers Union, did not affect ships at sea.

It was not called for higher wages but, according to the union, to focus public attention on the plight of the merchant marine which is an important foreign currency earner and a security net should foreign shipping ever be withdrawn from the Israeli trade.

The union is critical of the government's wage policy for the country's sea-farers but also charges lack of interest in seamen's training programs and the absence of any long term national shipping policy. Israeli merchant ships are engaged in world-wide trade. Many are staffed wholly or in part by non-Israeli crews and some are registered abroad and fly foreign flags.

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TEL AVIV (JTA) — Film star Barbra Streisand arrived in Israel Sunday for a week's visit during which she will attend the Israeli premiere of the film "Yentl," which she directed and produced and in which she stars. She will also attend the dedication at the Hebrew University of the Emanuel Streisand and Building for Jewish Studies, named in memory of her father.