

IDF REPORT: 730 ISRAELIS AND VISITORS KILLED, 3,909 WOUNDED BY TERRORISTS SINCE PLO WAS FOUNDED By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, April 5 (JTA) — The Israel Defense Force published a grim list of civilian and military casualties suffered by Israelis at home and abroad and by visitors to Israel over the last 19 years, primarily due to acts of terrorism.

In addition, 585 soldiers were killed and about 3,400 were wounded during the war in Lebanon.

According to the IDF list, made public today, 730 Israelis and visitors have been killed and 3,905 wounded by terrorists since the Palestine Liberation Organization began its operations against Israel in 1965.

Of that number, 719 Israelis — soldiers and civilians — were killed along the border and in terrorist assaults abroad. An additional 3,753 were wounded between 1965 and the start of the war in Lebanon on June 5, 1982.

Since the war began in Lebanon, up to and including this week's terrorist attack in downtown Jerusalem, 11 Israelis were killed and 152 wounded as a result of terrorist attacks in Israel and on the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

U.S. EXPRESSES CONCERN TO ROMANIA ABOUT INCREASED ANTI-SEMITISM THERE By David Friedman

WASHINGTON, April 5 (JTA) — The State Department said today that it has "expressed concern" to the Rumanian government "at high levels" about reports of increased anti-Semitism in that Communist country.

Department spokesman Alan Romberg said that "these reports center on a book of poems published recently in Rumania, especially one poem in the collection which attacked Chief Rabbi Moses Rosen personally and Jews in general. The fact that such a poem was published in Rumania, the country in which the government controls the media, is of particular concern."

Romberg was apparently referring to a book of poems published last December by Corneliu Valerian Tudor, who has a history of anti-Semitism. Rosen revealed what he called a "serious" anti-Semitic campaign in an interview with the Jewish Telegraphic Agency in Zurich last week. He said that when he returned to Rumania, after a three-months visit to Israel, he found most of the 29,000 Jews in Rumania afraid and some panicky about the recent anti-Semitic publications.

Romberg noted today that "we have unconfirmed reports that the unsold copies of the book (of poems) have been recalled and that officials of the publishing house which published the book have been reprimanded."

But he added, "nevertheless, we would regard any recurrence of anti-Semitism in Rumania very seriously and have expressed our concern to the Rumanian government at high levels." Romberg would not say how the concern was expressed but Lawrence Eagleburger, Undersecretary of State for Political Affairs, was recently in Bucharest.

DESPITE STRONG OBJECTIONS, PLO SPOKESMAN INVITED TO APPEAR BEFORE CANADA'S SENATE FOREIGN AFFAIRS UNIT By Michael Solomon

MONTREAL, April 5 (JTA) — Zeid Terzi, a senior spokesman for the Palestine Liberation Organization, was scheduled to appear before the Foreign Affairs Committee of the Canadian Senate in Ottawa today despite strong objections from members of Parliament and Jewish and non-Jewish sources in Canada.

Terzi, the PLO's observer at the United Nations, was invited by the Committee to testify. He is the final witness in its two-year review of Canadian policy in the Middle East which focused primarily on the Arab-Israel conflict.

"Obviously, the invitation extended to Terzi is not for getting any additional information but in order to make a political statement," Ann Gross, president of the Canada-Israel Committee, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency.

She pointed out that the Senate panel has already heard from Abdallah Abdallah, the official representative of the Arab League and of the PLO in Ottawa, in closed session, and that several members of the committee, on a recent visit to the Middle East, met with Khalid Al-Fahum, chairman of the Palestinian National Council.

"Now they invite a third representative of the PLO when they failed to invite representatives of Jordan, Syria, Israel and Saudi Arabia," Gross said. She thought this was morally reprehensible inasmuch as Canadian public opinion is overwhelmingly opposed to the PLO.

Many members of the Senate and House of Commons expressed similar views but the chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee, George Van Ragan, of British Columbia, said the invitation to Terzi would not be withdrawn.

Objections To the Invitation

Rev. Rolande De Comeille, a Liberal MP from Toronto, told the Canadian Broadcasting Corp. last night that he was "completely dissatisfied with the invitation to Terzi. I cannot understand why Prime Minister Trudeau did not issue a statement on this matter. After all, the PLO is known as a terrorist organization that pursues its policies with bombs," he said.

Another Toronto Liberal, James Peterson, said the PLO would see the invitation to Terzi as a "major leap forward to legitimacy without them making any concessions."

Brian Mulroney, president of the opposition Conservative Party who seeks to become Prime Minister in this summer's elections, blamed the Liberal Party for the invitation. "I would have hoped the Liberal Party would have shown more sensitivity than it did," Mulroney said.

He pointed out that the PLO has met none of the conditions that are prerequisites to recognition by Canada. He noted that those conditions were the renunciation of terrorism, recognition of the State of Israel and willingness to seek a political solution of the Middle East conflict.

LABOR PARTY UNITED BEHIND PERES TO HEAD ITS LIST IN THE ELECTIONS

By David Landau and Hugh Orgel

JERUSALEM, April 5 (JTA) — The Labor Party will enter the election campaign united behind Shimon Peres. Its Central Committee unanimously nominated him today to head its list in the July 23 elections and had praise for his two rivals, former Premier Yitzhak Rabin and former President Yitzhak Navon for gracefully bowing out of the race in the interests of party unity.

The Central Committee meeting was described by observers as the "calmest and friendliest" in years. "Steel helmets were not needed this time," said one participant.

Sharon Determined To Oppose Shamir

Likud is also striving for internal unity. Deputy Premier David Levy's announcement yesterday that he will not contest Premier Yitzhak Shamir for the top spot on the election list eased the situation. But former Defense Minister Ariel Sharon reiterated this morning that he was determined to run against Shamir despite appeals from many Herut activists to withdraw from the race.

Sharon's stand makes a leadership struggle unavoidable when the Herut Central Committee meets on April 12 to decide who will head the party. Herut is the largest component of the Likud alignment.

Levy Sees Tough Fight To Oust Likud

Levy announced that the defeat of Likud is its top priority. Peres warned the Central Committee that "victory is not guaranteed. We should not sit back satisfied. But victory is not impossible. Our main task is to replace the Likud regime, for the good of the people, the country and the Labor Party."

Navon, in his first political speech since ending his five year term as President last year, agreed that Labor must present a united front. "We now have before us a tough, serious fight to oust the Likud government," he said.

Begin's Role in Levy's Decision

Many political observers believe that former Premier Menachem Begin was a key factor in Levy's "last minute" decision not to run against Shamir. Begin, who has been in virtual seclusion since he resigned last summer, invited Shamir to his home this week for their first face-to-face meeting in months. They reportedly discussed the election campaign and other party matters.

On Tuesday, Begin said in a telephone radio interview that this was no time for a leadership contest in Herut. Levy made his announcement on Wednesday shortly after receiving a telephone call from Benjamin Begin, the former Premier's son. The younger Begin is regarded as a spokesman for his father since the latter's withdrawal from active politics and is considered by some likely to fill his father's seat in the next Knesset.

Levy's Support Of Shamir Is Tepid

Levy would not confirm that Begin's call influenced his decision. But political observers suspect that considerable pressure was brought to bear on him. Although Levy has deferred to Shamir, his support for the Premier may be tepid.

In a radio interview after he announced his withdrawal from the race last night, he evaded a direct reply when asked if he thought Shamir was "Likud's

best candidate." He would say only that he was "better than Peres." Levy also made a point of noting his reservations over some key elements of government economic and social policy under Shamir and its policy in Lebanon. Some pundits believe that if Shamir loses the elections, Levy will demand the position of opposition leader.

Meanwhile, MK David Magen, a leading Sharon supporter, told reporters today that if Sharon wins 30 percent of the vote in the Herut Central Committee next week, he would consider it a substantial success that would significantly strengthen his standing in the party.

REAGAN SAYS HIS PEACE INITIATIVE IS STILL THE BEST WAY TO BRING ABOUT ARAB-ISRAELI NEGOTIATIONS

By David Friedman

WASHINGTON, April 5 (JTA) — President Reagan maintained last night that he still is committed to his September 1, 1982 Middle East peace initiative as the best way to bring about Arab-Israeli negotiations, and that he believes King Hussein of Jordan will eventually join this process.

"I believe that King Hussein still feels and believes that he would have to be an important party, being the next door neighbor to Israel, in bringing about such negotiations," Reagan said in a response to questions at a nationally televised press conference from the East Room of the White House.

The President did not directly refer to Hussein's rejection of negotiations with Israel last month, coupled with his charge that the U.S. cannot be a peacemaker in the Middle East because it is seen as an ally of Israel. But most of his remarks seemed to be directed at this charge.

Policy Is To Continue Camp David Access

Reagan stressed that his Administration's policy in the Middle East was an effort "to continue the Camp David process, to persuade other nations to do what Egypt did in making peace with Israel. The President noted that that Arab nations have "never retreated from their position that Israel does not have the right to exist as a nation."

He said the U.S. is "trying to persuade them that we can be even-handed, and that we are not trying to dictate any peace of any kind; that we simply want to be helpful if we can, an intermediary in bringing about a negotiation that will erase the issues and the problems that have kept them apart so that they can settle back and live in peace together. We are going to continue to try to do that," the President said.

DUTCH CATHOLIC LEADER TAKES DIM VIEW OF FUTURE RELATIONS BETWEEN THE VATICAN AND ISRAEL

By Henriette Boas

AMSTERDAM, April 5 (JTA) — Jan Keet, the Roman Catholic Dean of Amsterdam, takes a dim view of future relations between the Vatican and the Jewish people, despite the decisions of Vatican Council II, and does not believe the Holy See will recognize Israel.

Keet, who is chairman of the Council for the Church and Israel, an episcopal advisory board, expressed his views in an interview just published in the Roman Catholic weekly *De Tijd*. He cited two reasons why he does not believe the Vatican will change its traditional attitudes toward Jews and Israel.

First, he said, Vatican circles still adhere to the so-called substitution theology which holds that with the coming of Jesus, the Jewish people ceased to exist and the Roman Catholic Church took over the role of Judaism as the purveyor of salvation to the world.

Second, he said, the persistent refusal of the Vatican to recognize Israel stems from a desire not to offend the Moslem world. The Christian church has always hoped to hold a dialogue with Islam and regards the churches in Lebanon and the Christian Palestinians on the West Bank to be a bridge to such dialogue which has eluded the church so far, Keet said.

Keet admitted that the Roman Catholic bishops in Holland have been aloof to the Council for Church and Israel. He said it was only with great difficulty and the efforts of former Archbishop, now Cardinal Johannes Willebrands, that a part time secretary was appointed three years ago.

Now, however, Keet fears that with the new conservative Archbishop, Adrian Simonis, and several other conservative bishops recently appointed to The Netherlands by the Vatican, the situation will not improve. Nevertheless, there has been definite progress and understanding of Judaism "at the base," he said.

U.S. DENIES ITS CONSULATE IN JERUSALEM HAS BEEN BEHAVING IMPROPERLY TOWARD ISRAEL

By David Friedman

WASHINGTON, April 5 (JTA) -- The State Department denied today that its Consulate in Jerusalem has been behaving improperly toward Israel.

"Any charges about improper behavior or intentions on behalf of or on the part of the Consul General or any of the personnel in the Consulate General are totally misplaced and, indeed, irresponsible," State Department deputy spokesman Alan Romberg said.

Romberg was replying to a question about an article in The Jerusalem Post last Sunday by David Clayman, director of the Israel office of the American Jewish Congress, and Peretz Levine, a research intern, that the Consulate, which has offices in both East and West Jerusalem "conducts its affairs in a way that are inimical to Israeli and American interests."

Wat Cluverius, the U.S. Consul General in Jerusalem, does not report to the U.S. Embassy in Tel Aviv but directly to the State Department in Washington, a practice that has existed since Israel took over East Jerusalem in 1967. The only other independent U.S. Consulate is in Hong Kong.

While Cluverius lives in West Jerusalem and there is an office there, Consular services, including the processing of visa applications, are carried out in East Jerusalem.

A Sore Point With Israelis

This has long been a sore point with Israelis who consider the East Jerusalem Consulate to be pro-Palestinian. Clayman and Levine, in their article, said the East Jerusalem Consulate is an "overwhelmingly Arab environment" where "the feeling is reinforced that the Consulate serves Arabs and not Jews." They accused the Consulate personnel of having "overstepped the bounds of diplomatic decency" by such activities as frequently meeting with pro-Palestine Liberation Organizations Arabs.

The flare-up over the Consulate comes at a time when the Reagan Administration is trying to prevent Congress from adopting a bill to move the U.S. Embassy in Israel from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem. One compromise that has been suggested is that the Jerusalem Consulate be placed under the jurisdiction of the U.S. Embassy. The AJCongress, which is presently meeting in Jerusalem, called for such a move this week.

SOVIET BORN ISRAELI SCIENTIST DEVELOPS UNIQUE ELECTRICAL POWER PLANT THAT HAS NO MOVING PARTS

NEW YORK, April 5 (JTA) -- Magnetohydrodynamics - MHD - a long word for an elegantly simple method of producing electricity, is the science behind a unique power plant that has no moving parts, can run on any heat source from solar energy to industrial waste heat, can save one-third on conventional fuel usage, and is now a working reality at Ben-Gurion University in Beersheva.

The man behind the invention, Prof. Herman Branover, announced in New York at the national office of American Associates, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, "We've finally demonstrated a working model out of the lab. It's a real, small facility. It's not a toy. In June, we will be demonstrating a 10-kilowatt semi-industrial plant in Beersheva."

Branover's 18-foot high working model can generate up to one kilowatt of electricity. The system is unique among MHD generators in using liquid metal flowing between two poles of a magnet to generate electricity at relatively low temperatures.

Other MHD generators, still in the experimental stage in the U.S. and U.S.S.R., use ionized gas heated to 3,000 degrees centigrade. Branover's liquid metal MHD-generator works at dramatically lower temperatures of 80 to 300 degrees centigrade.

Commercial Model To Follow Demonstration

The mini-power plant, using steam to heat and propel mercury, made its international debut last month at Ben-Gurion University's Fourth Beersheva Seminar on MHD - Flows and Turbulence.

Branover says the upcoming June demonstrations of a 10-kilowatt plant will be followed by a commercial model able to generate 1000 or more kilowatts.

Argonne National Laboratory near Chicago is participating in development of Branover's liquid metal MHD generator. The Branover system is funded by Solmeis, a British-Israeli corporation, and Israel's Ministry of Industry and Trade.

Branover, 52, emigrated from the Soviet Union to Israel in 1972. While still in the USSR, he was considered for candidacy for the Nobel Prize, which he discouraged, fearing that the authorities would never allow a Nobel scientist to leave the Soviet Union. After 15 years of unsuccessful attempts to leave, he was finally allowed to emigrate but had to pay an exit fee of \$40,000, the highest every paid.

A deeply religious man, Branover is the author of "Return," the story of his odyssey from the Soviet Union to Israel. He is currently chairman of "Shamir," the association of Orthodox scientists and professionals from the Soviet Union who have emigrated to Israel.

ISRAELI OFFICES IN N.Y. BOMBED

By Yitzhak Rabi

NEW YORK, April 5 (JTA) -- The offices of the Israel Aircraft Industry (IAI) in Manhattan were bombed early this morning, but there were no casualties. The offices were closed at the time. A group calling itself the "Red Guerrilla Resistance" claimed responsibility. Police began an immediate investigation.

According to a police department spokesman, an unidentified male called the building at about 1 a.m. and told the security guard that the group "has planted a bomb in the building." The bomb went off 40 minutes later. The spokesman said the bombing caused "considerable damage" to the building.

A source at the Israel Defense Mission to the United States headquartered in New York told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that the bombing caused only "minor damage" to the building, adding that the IAI was open and operating today. The sources declined further comments, noting that the matter is under investigation.

ANTI-SEMITIC VANDALISM

By Ben Gallob

NEW YORK, April 5 (JTA) -- Anti-Semitic graffiti and swastikas were smeared on at least 50 doors of apartments in one of the buildings of Co-Op City, the massive cooperative in The Bronx. All the apartments daubed had mezuzahs on their doors.

A spokesperson for the co-op's administrative office told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency today that this is the first time the heavily-Jewish populated cooperative has been the target of anti-Semitic vandals.

The spokesperson said she could not confirm a co-op security report that the total number of apartments which were daubed was 51, but said the figure was about right. The daubings were removed by the administrative office in-house staff.

There is a nearby building which houses a small synagogue, but the vandals did not smear it, the spokesperson said. The vandalism took place between 2 a.m. and 7 a.m. yesterday, police reported.

ISRAELI DRUZE SOLDIER, MISSING A YEAR, IS A CAPTIVE OF THE DFLP

By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, April 5 (JTA) -- Security sources confirmed today a report from Damascus that an Israeli Druze soldier, reported missing a year ago, is a captive of the Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine, (DFLP), a Damascus-based terrorist group headed by Nayef Hawatmeh.

The soldier was identified as Samir Assad who lived in a Druze village in Galilee. The DFLP disclosed that it was holding Assad only last week. Until then his whereabouts had been unknown. The announcement gave his rank as sergeant and his army serial number. It also contained a statement from the soldiers saying he was well.

Druze leaders in Israel have appealed for his release. He has not yet been visited by a representative of the International Red Cross.

The DFLP, a Marxist-oriented pro-Soviet break-away group of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP), was founded in 1969. It has claimed responsibility for Monday's terrorist attack in downtown Jerusalem which wounded 48 people, for the Maalot massacre in May, 1974 and the terrorist attack on Beit Shean in November, 1974.

2 TERRORISTS IN THE JERUSALEM ASSAULT HAD BEEN HELD, QUESTIONED AND RELEASED BY POLICE A DAY BEFORE

TEL AVIV, April 5 (JTA) -- Two of the surviving terrorists captured after Monday's guns-and-grenades shoot-out in downtown Jerusalem had been detained and questioned -- and released -- by Jerusalem police only a day before the terrorist assault that wounded 48 persons, the police confirmed today.

The police gave no further details. But two unfirmed versions of the incident are making the rounds. According to one, the men were questioned after a clerk at a car rental agency became suspicious when the pair, posing as Lebanese businessmen, made detailed inquiries about the city streets. He called the police.

The second story has it that police detained the men on the basis of information from an informer who recently came from Lebanon. In any event, the police questioned them, checked their papers and let them go.

EFFORTS TO DEAL WITH PROBLEMS OF CHILDREN FROM ETHIOPIA WHO REACHED ISRAEL WITHOUT THEIR PARENTS

By David Landau

JERUSALEM, April 5 (JTA) -- A team of experts from the aliya and youth departments in the Jewish Agency have joined forces to deal with the problems of children from Ethiopia who have recently reached Israel without their parents.

Jewish Agency chairman Leon Dulzin said the number of these children is steadily rising and their problems require special attention beyond the regular confines of the youth aliya department.

There have been media reports here of orientation difficulties these children experience in youth aliya boarding schools. In some cases the Israeli children who are pupils in these schools -- many of them from disadvantaged families -- have reacted with indifference or even hostility to the young Ethiopian newcomers.

Uri Gordon, chairman of youth aliya, said the problem must be tackled primarily with the active help and involvement of Ethiopian adult immigrants who have successfully become acclimatized to life in Israel over a long period of time.

JNF PREPARING PARKS, RECREATION SITES FOR THE PASSOVER HOLIDAY

JERUSALEM, April 5 (JTA) -- The Jewish National Fund has been working overtime during the pre-Passover period to prepare its parks and recreation sites for mass visits during the holiday period.

In an announcement to the Israeli public, the JNF said this year's mild winter and early spring meant the forests and glades were looking their best at this time of year, with an abundance of flowers in full bloom.

JNF said it expects "tens of thousands of Israelis" to make use of its facilities during Passover, and exhorted the public to look after the parks and keep them clean.

TEL AVIV (JTA) -- A border policeman was slightly wounded in Lebanon Thursday when a grenade was thrown at his patrol in the center of Sidon, the army spokesman said.