

## 2 ISRAELI SOLDIERS WOUNDED, 4 GUERRILLAS KILLED, AS EFFORTS RENEWED TO INFILTRATE BORDER ZONE

By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, June 12 (JTA) -- Two Israeli soldiers were wounded and four guerrillas killed in a clash last night near Majdal Salim village in the south Lebanon security zone 10 kilometers west of Kiryat Shemona.

The clash indicated that the Israel Defense Force continues patrol activity in the security belt notwithstanding the withdrawal of the IDF from Lebanese soil completed two days ago. It was also clear that hostile guerrillas and terrorists are trying to infiltrate the border zone.

There have been several skirmishes with guerrillas in the Majdal Salim area in recent days. An IDF spokesman said last night's incident occurred when a "routine security patrol" came under fire near the village. The patrol returned the fire killing three guerrillas. As they approached the bodies, a fourth infiltrator, apparently wounded, fired his weapon at the patrol, wounding two Israeli soldiers. He was promptly killed.

The guerrillas were in possession of Kalachnikov assault rifles and a 60 mm. mortar which showed signs of recent use.

### IDF Presence Depends On Threat

The IDF spokesman explained the presence of Israeli forces in Lebanon was on an ad hoc basis and depended on the level of guerrilla or terrorist activity. A policy background paper issued to reporters said "The level of the IDF's backing and support for the SLA (South Lebanon Army) will depend on the willingness and ability of the population of southern Lebanon to maintain security and tranquility as well as the scope of attempted hostile infiltration aimed at disrupting life along Israel's northern border."

The policy paper stressed that "The security zone will remain an inseparable part of Lebanon, open to the movement of people and goods in every direction, provided it is not misused for the passage of terrorists and transfer of their equipment."

The Israel-backed SLA meanwhile continued to hold 20 Finnish soldiers of the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL) who were seized over the weekend for allegedly disarming 11 SLA soldiers and handing them over to Amal, the Shiite Moslem militia hostile to the SLA.

### Finns Say They Are Well-Treated

Israel's close support relationship with the SLA has involved it in the embargo but the IDF seems to be playing a key role in efforts to obtain the release of the Finnish soldiers and the SLA captives. Observers here believe the incident may have a satisfactory outcome.

One result, they say, could be mutual concessions by Israel and UNIFIL. The former may reverse its refusal to allow UNIFIL to deploy as far south as the international border while the UN force will agree to maintain relations with the SLA which, up to now, it has refused to recognize. UNIFIL already has relations with Amal and other local militias.

Yesterday, the Finnish soldiers were visited by Brig. Gen. Jean Pons, deputy commander of UNIFIL, at SLA headquarters in the Christian village of Marjayoun. Earlier, Pons met with SLA commander Gen. Antoine Lahad.

The Finnish captives told reporters "We are being treated more like guests than prisoners of war." Their only complaint was lack of facilities for exercise.

### GERMANS TO CONTINUE MENGELE PROBE

By David Kantor

BONN, June 12 (JTA) -- The Frankfurt authorities that handle the search for the notorious death camp doctor Josef Mengele said today that the hunt for the war criminal will continue despite assertions by his son yesterday and other family members that Mengele died in Brazil in 1979.

Rolf Mengele, the son of the Nazi doctor, issued a statement yesterday that said his father had died in Brazil in 1979 and that he had "no doubts whatsoever that the body exhumed at a cemetery near Sao Paulo last week was the remains of Josef Mengele."

The Frankfurt authorities issued a statement saying that the declaration by Rolf Mengele did not offer conclusive evidence that the Nazi doctor was dead. The authorities added that three West German experts were still in Brazil in an effort to determine whether the body exhumed was that of the Nazi doctor.

The Mengele family in West Germany said that it will provide pertinent information that Mengele lived in Brazil and finally died near Sao Paulo in 1979. But the family apparently failed to convince authorities here that there was enough evidence to accept this version and give up the efforts to find Mengele alive.

### WIESENTHAL CENTER PROVIDES BRAZIL WITH DOCUMENTS FOR MENGELE CASE

By Kevin Freeman

NEW YORK, June 12 (JTA) -- The Los Angeles-based Simon Wiesenthal Center today presented Brazilian authorities with documents relevant to the investigation of the body exhumed at a cemetery in Embu, near Sao Paulo, which may be that of the notorious death camp doctor, Josef Mengele.

The Center's legal counsel in Washington, Martin Mendelsohn, presented the documents, requested by the Brazilian authorities, to the Brazilian Embassy in Washington. The documents include information on medical, dental and other records about Mengele. Among the documents is an account of a motorcycle accident which Mengele suffered in 1943.

The accident may provide one of the primary clues as to whether the remains uncovered last weekend in the cemetery in Brazil are that of the death camp doctor, held responsible with the deaths of some 400,000 persons at the Auschwitz death camp during the Holocaust.

Mengele is reported to have suffered a broken hip in Germany. A forensic expert has reported seeing an abnormality of the pelvic, or hip, bone that could be a remnant of this injury. Nonetheless, the forensic examination of the remains purported to be Mengele's are continuing and final results are not expected for at least a week.

Meanwhile, Abraham Foxman, associate national director of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, said yesterday that he remained skeptical of Mengele's alleged death by drowning in 1979 despite the statement to that effect released yesterday by Rolf Mengele, the Auschwitz doctor's son.

"The Brazilian corpse is still a mystery despite Rolf Mengele's claim that it is his father," said Foxman, director of international affairs of the ADL. "We remain skeptical because it all seems orchestrated, an ambitious cover up."

The Wiesenthal Center also announced that a delegation of experts assembled by the Center and approved by authorities in Brazil will go to Sao Paulo to assist in the investigation of the body exhumed last week. The delegation is headed by Dr. Clyde Snow, a forensic anthropologist and consultant to the office of the chief medical examiner in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. The two other members of the delegation are Dr. Leslie Lukash, chief medical examiner of Orange County, New York; and Dr. John Fitzpatrick, chief medical examiner of Cook County, Illinois.

#### ISRAEL MOURNS 18 CHILDREN, 4 ADULTS KILLED WHEN TRAIN HIT SCHOOL BUS

By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, June 12 (JTA) — All of Israel was in mourning today for the 18 children and four adults killed yesterday when a speeding passenger train slammed into a busload of seventh graders stalled on an unguarded railroad crossing about 12 miles south of Haifa. Seventeen children were injured and remain hospitalized.

Attention was focused on Petach Tikvah where the youngsters were students at the Brenner Junior High School. Shops and businesses were closed as the city turned out for a mass state funeral attended by President Chaim Herzog, Premier Shimon Peres, Cabinet ministers and Knesset members. The burial of one boy was postponed pending the return of his parents from a visit to San Francisco.

The young victims, aged 12-13, were members of Class 7-12, one of the 13 seventh grade classes at the Brenner school. Also killed was their teacher, Esther Gatz, 29, and a parent, Sheli Mendelovi, 34, who accompanied her daughter Meirav as a volunteer adult escort on what was to have been a festive outing to the seashore nature preserve at Moshav Habonim.

Gatz leaves a husband and two small children. Mendelovi, whose daughter died in the accident, leaves a husband and young son. The bus driver, Ruth Davidov, 39, of Givatayim, a divorced mother of two children, was also killed. She was buried today in a separate funeral in Kfar Warburg.

#### Buses Leave Headlights On As Mourning Sign

The bus was one of a convoy of four carrying seventh graders from the Brenner school on the outing. Today, buses all over Israel drove with their headlights on as a sign of mourning. The accident, which transport authorities said was one of the worst in Israel's history, occurred at one of 300 railroad crossings which have no gates or warning lights because they are on little used secondary roads.

A commission of inquiry appointed by the Transport Ministry began an investigation today to determine why the bus stalled on the tracks. The driver died minutes after paramedics arrived at the scene.

The train, a Tel Aviv-to Haifa express, was travelling at its authorized speed of 60 mph. Most of the 400 passengers aboard were soldiers who travel free. One of them who was looking out of a window, was injured when the locomotive engineer slammed on his brakes before striking the rear end of the bus. Transport Ministry officials said a train at that speed requires 1,825 feet to come to a full stop but the bus was only 600 feet away when it was spotted by the engineer blocking the track.

#### Concerned By Psychological Effects

The psychological effects of the tragedy on the victims' schoolmates was a cause of serious concern in its aftermath. On the advice of psychologists, the Principal of the Brenner School ordered classes to begin as usual today at 8 a.m. A cadre of psychologists and nurses was on hand to care for any children who showed signs they were disturbed. Several youngsters in fact collapsed during the morning and a number were sent to a hospital.

Teachers too were traumatized. After two hours of classes during which they discussed the tragedy with their students — as advised to by psychologists — they had to be relieved. Classroom 7-12 was empty except for four children who, by sheer chance, did not go on yesterday's outing. They were promptly distributed among other classes.

In a statement released after the crash, President Herzog said: "This is a sad and tragic day, a day of national mourning. We are shocked to the core by this terrible disaster ... How long must this fearful slaughter on our roads continue? Will this terrible shock bring us to our senses or will we continue tomorrow as if nothing occurred?" he asked. Herzog was referring to Israel's dismal record of traffic accidents, one of the highest per capita in the world.

Today, Premier Shimon Peres received a message of sympathy from Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher of Britain who asked him to convey her condolences to the bereaved families.

#### FRENCH POLITICAL, CULTURAL LEADERS DENOUNCE UN ANTI-ZIONIST RESOLUTION

By Edwin Eytan

PARIS, June 12 (JTA) — Leading French political and cultural figures have joined the country's Jewish leadership in denouncing the 1975 United Nations General Assembly resolution which equates Zionism with racism.

Messages by the dozens branding the resolution "an immoral aberration" were received at a conference convened here yesterday by the Representative Council of Major French Jewish Organizations (CRIF), the World Jewish Congress, B'nai B'rith and the Federation of French Zionist Organizations.

The major personalities who addressed the conference or sent individual messages included former President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing, former Premiers Jacques Chirac, Raymond Barre and Jacques Chaban-Delmas, Louis Mermaz, President of the National Assembly and Socialist leader Michel Rocard.

They denounced attacks on Zionism as an obvious form of racism. Speakers condemned the UN resolution and warned against a possible attempt to pass a similar resolution at the forthcoming UN-sponsored conference on women's rights scheduled to be held in Nairobi, Kenya next fall.

**FRANCE SUPPORTS JORDANIAN-PALESTINIAN DELEGATION URGED BY HUSSEIN, WILL URGE OTHER EEC MEMBERS TO MEET WITH IT**  
By Edwin Eytan

PARIS, June 12 (JTA) — France has decided to fully cooperate with the Jordanian-Palestinian delegation suggested by King Hussein of Jordan as the first step toward negotiations with Israel.

Foreign Minister Roland Dumas told the French National Assembly today that not only will France host the delegation, if and when it is formed, but will try to convince its European Economic Community partners to meet with it as well.

Dumas, who was addressing a foreign policy debate in the National Assembly, said he hoped the delegation will be formed "soon" and will visit France as early as possible. The Minister said France has been "approached," presumably by both Jordan and the Palestinians, because of its position as a permanent member of the United Nations Security Council.

According to Dumas, part of the decision to host the delegation is due to the fact that "as everybody knows, the Palestinian question is at the heart of the Lebanese tragedy."

Hussein suggested formation of a Jordanian-Palestinian delegation after he reached a tentative agreement on this subject with Palestine Liberation Organization chief Yasir Arafat. Israel has repeatedly said it will not negotiate or meet with a delegation which includes PLO members. The United States is still hesitant on this question.

**THATCHER TO VISIT EGYPT, JORDAN**  
By Maurice Samuelson

LONDON, June 12 (JTA) — British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher plans to visit Egypt and Jordan in September in support of current efforts to promote Arab-Israeli peace talks.

Breaking the news in Parliament yesterday, she indicated she would visit both these countries during the long parliamentary recess in response to numerous invitations.

There was no indication from Thatcher as to whether or not her trip would also take in Israel.

#### Israel's Visit Discussed

However, diplomatic sources here suggest that discussion is taking place about an exchange of visits between Thatcher and Israeli Premier Shimon Peres. In that case, Peres would first have to take up the invitation to London extended to him last autumn when Sir Geoffrey Howe, the British Foreign Secretary, was in Israel. Only then would an Israeli trip by Thatcher be in prospect.

In the Commons, Thatcher tried to discourage the impression that she planned to intervene actively in the Middle East conflict or that her trip might lead to a British initiative.

Britain did not intervene directly but kept closely in touch with matters, with the parties concerned and also with the United States, she told a pro-Arab Conservative MP who expressed his wholehearted support if she intervened in the search for a solution.

Nevertheless, she is clearly interested to see how she can follow up the discussions she has had recently with Israel, Jordan, Egypt and the United States, and thereby play a supporting role to the U.S.

**COHEN RESIGNS AS JTS PRESIDENT**

NEW YORK, June 12 (JTA) — Dr. Gerson Cohen, Chancellor of the Jewish Theological Seminary (JTS) and president of its faculty since 1972, told the JTS board of directors today he planned to resign and asked the board to name his successor.

The Chancellor, who participated strongly in a ten-year fight to permit women to be enrolled as candidates in the JTS abbinical School, said he was resigning for health reasons. The first class of women at the rabbinical school will begin its second year in September.

Dr. Cohen said he believed his health no longer permitted him "to give the job the 125 percent effort" it deserves. He said he plans to remain at the JTS as a faculty member.

**S. AFRICAN JEWS OPPOSE APARTHEID**

JOHANNESBURG, June 12 (JTA) — The South African Jewish Board of Deputies has rejected apartheid and condemned racial discrimination.

In a resolution adopted after a three-day debate at its biennial National Assembly here, the Board, which represents South Africa's 120,000 Jews, endorsed the "removal of all provision in the laws of South Africa which discriminate on grounds of color and race." The resolution also "rejects apartheid" and "calls upon all concerned to do everything possible to insure the establishment of a climate of peace and calm in which dialogue, negotiation and processes of reform can be continued."

The Board of Deputies, an affiliate of the World Jewish Congress, adopted the resolution in response to a request from the WJC which earlier this year asked its affiliates in 70 countries to join in the worldwide campaign against racism and apartheid.

As part of this campaign, the WJC reported the United Nations Human Rights Commission in Geneva had been informed of world Jewry's opposition to apartheid. Last February, the representative of the WJC and B'nai B'rith in Geneva submitted a formal statement to the Commission which said that "the Jewish people identifies itself with the struggle against all forms of racism, including anti-Semitism and apartheid."

According to Aleck Goldberg, executive director of the Board of Deputies, the wording of the resolution his group had adopted, in its explicit rejection of apartheid, "is more far reaching than that of previous resolutions passed." The Jewish community is believed to be the only ethnic segment of South Africa's white minority to publicly call for an end to apartheid within the country.

In New York, Israel Singer, the WJC's secretary-general, praised the courage of South Africa's Jewish community. "It was no accident that a concurrent resolution expressing solidarity with the State of Israel was adopted," he said. The action of South Africa's Jews "was not only an expression of Jewish ethical and moral values but a refutation of the lie that Zionism is racism as asserted by a political majority in the United Nations ten years ago."

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NEW YORK (JTA) — The Association of Reform Zionists of America (ARZA), a Zionist affiliate of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, has voted to open a Law of Return Action Center in Jerusalem. This center will serve as an educational base advocating the Law of Return as it is.

## BEHIND THE HEADLINES PERES' PEACE PROPOSALS IN KNESSET SEEN AS POSITIVE SIGNAL TO JORDAN

By David Landau

JERUSALEM, June 12 (JTA) — Premier Shimon Peres sent some positive signals to Jordan and the Palestinians in his political statement to the Knesset Monday, outlining Israel's ideas for peace negotiations, informed sources said.

At the same time, his remarks reflected the political constraints under which he operates as head of a Labor-Likud national unity government, the sources said.

One of the positive elements cited was the Premier's assertion that the full autonomy prescribed by the Camp David agreements for the administered territories would indeed be far-reaching autonomy. He also referred pointedly to his government's adoption of its own policy toward Jewish settlements in the territories. He encouraged authentic Palestinian representatives from the territories to participate in the peace process.

His reference to "its own policy" with respect to settlements was seen as a reminder that since taking office last September, the Peres government has established no new settlements in the West Bank. "The government has adopted its own policy vis-a-vis the quality of life in the territories and regarding the settlements," Peres said. "This policy takes into account not only Israel's prerogatives but also the feelings of the inhabitants of the territories."

### Seeks To Encourage Moderate Palestinians

Informed sources explained that the reference to "authentic" Palestinian representatives from the territories was intended to encourage West Bank moderates such as Mayor Elias Freij of Bethlehem and Hikmat El-Masri of Nablus that even if other Palestinians are brought into the negotiating process by the U.S., Israel will insist that they too join.

The tenor of Peres' remarks addressed to King Hussein of Jordan were also notably positive. The Premier took pains not to dismiss the possibility that Hussein's rather vague pronouncements in Washington last month may have indeed opened new paths toward peace — as the Reagan Administration has contended.

While Peres reiterated Israel's opposition to the U.S. sale of advanced weapons to Jordan, he linked those objections to Jordan's positions toward the peace process and the fact that it maintains a state of belligerency with Israel. Peres appeared to be urging the Jordanian king to be more forthright and unequivocal in his diplomatic moves while not opposing Jordan's arms requests from the U.S. per se.

### Debate With U.S. Not Hidden

Peres did not gloss over the "debate" Israel is having with Washington on "the composition" of the projected joint Jordanian-Palestinian delegation. But, as in his letter to Secretary of State George Shultz last week, he stopped short of outright rejection of all members of the Palestine National Council as possible negotiating partners. The U.S. is willing to negotiate with PNC men who are not known members of the Palestine Liberation Organization. The position most vociferously expressed by Likud politicians, is that the PNC and PLO are one and the same.

Much of Peres' statement was devoted to underscoring his determination to move ahead on the bilateral front with Egypt before venturing into the broader peace process involving Jordan and the Palestinians.

In remarks addressed to President Hosni Mubarak of Egypt, Peres declared: "The resolution of the problems between us does not constitute only a contribution to the past, but is also in the nature of a contribution to the future. This is not only a contribution to Egyptian-Israeli relations but also a contribution to the peace momentum."

### Egypt Priority For Peres

Informed sources said Egypt is now the most urgent item on Peres' policy agenda. He intended, they said, to bring a "package deal", including the Taba border dispute, to the inner cabinet for approval in the next few weeks. The inner cabinet is composed of five Labor and five Likud ministers.

Peres is expected to press hard for a decision in favor of international arbitration to resolve the Taba dispute. This has long been demanded by Egypt while Israel favored conciliation. In return for Israel's acquiescence on that issue, Egypt would be expected to return its Ambassador to Tel Aviv and thaw out the "cold peace" generally.

Peres is said to believe that a settlement of bilateral issues with Egypt, leading to a summit meeting between himself and Mubarak, would create a positive atmosphere in broad sections of Israeli public opinion which would make it easier to attempt talks with a Jordanian-Palestinian delegation in quest of a comprehensive peace settlement.

### MEESE OUTLINES REAGAN MIDEAST POLICY

NEW YORK, June 12 (JTA) — Attorney General Edwin Meese assured American Jewish leaders at a private briefing last week that the "security and military supremacy of Israel" were the keystone of the Reagan Administration's Middle East policy. At the same time, he defended U.S. arms sales to moderate Arab states.

Meese, former White House Chief of Staff, addressed a meeting chaired by Kenneth Bialkin, chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations. It was arranged by Jacob Stein, a past chairman of the Conference and a former advisor to President Reagan.

"We will never endanger Israel's ability to defend itself. That is a firm commitment," Meese told the Jewish leaders. He said the Administration's aims are to protect the Middle East from Soviet incursion or from being dominated by Soviet-oriented states in the region and to promote peace negotiations "without sacrificing our relations with Israel."

He justified arms sales to some Arab states as "a balancing act" between the need to maintain Israel's military superiority and the value of providing weapons to moderate Arab states "with strings attached" or forcing them to seek arms from the Soviet Union "where we have no control or influence whatsoever."

Meese also expressed the "absolute commitment" of the Administration to the right of Soviet Jews to emigrate and to express their religion and culture. "We raise the issue at every opportunity and we will continue to in every forum" with the Soviets, he said.