

SYNAGOGUE AND AIRLINE OFFICE IN COPENHAGEN HIT BY TERRORIST BOMBS

PARIS, July 22 (JTA) — Two separate bomb blasts, within minutes of each other, rocked a synagogue and an American airline office in Copenhagen. At least 17 people were reported to have been injured, four seriously, at the Northwest Orient Airline office. No one was reported injured at the synagogue, but five people were injured at an adjacent Jewish old age home from flying glass.

An anonymous caller claiming to be speaking for the Islamic Jihad (Islamic Holy War) organization, a group associated with Shiite Moslem fundamentalists in Lebanon, told a news agency in Beirut that the attacks were carried out by the organization in reprisal for an Israeli raid yesterday near the Shiite village of Kabrikha near Israel's Upper Galilee border. Three people were reported killed and 10 wounded. (See separate story.)

The caller warned, "From now on, retaliation for American-Zionist aggression against our people will be immediate" and will "be aimed at every Zionist, American or reactionary establishment in various parts of the world."

According to reports from Copenhagen, a bomb was flung into the airline office near the downtown railroad station. The explosion caused a violent flash and blast which could be heard throughout the area.

At the synagogue, the blast blew out windows and a door and damaged a nearby Jewish senior citizen's home, which was later evacuated. Five residents of the home suffered severe cuts from glass splinters. Police began taking extra security measures to protect Jewish installations in Denmark, which has a Jewish population of 10,000.

Copenhagen's Chief Rabbi Bent Melchior denounced the bomb attack on the synagogue as "an act of total madness." Prime Minister Poul Schluter said it was sad "that Denmark has become a target for international terrorism after many years of being spared the death and destruction inflicted on other European countries by terrorists."

Later today another bomb was discovered in Copenhagen's port area but it was defused by explosives experts.

CHINESE SCIENTIST TO VISIT ISRAEL

By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, July 22 (JTA) — A ranking faculty member of the Nanjing (Nanking) Medical College will be the first member of the People's Republic of China's scientific establishment to visit Israel. Prof. Chu Si-Ming, head of the department of physiology, has accepted an invitation to serve as a member of the scientific advisory board of the eighth World Symposium on Cardiac Pacing which will be held in Israel next year.

Chu was invited by Prof. Henry Neufeld of the Heart Institute at Sheba Medical Center in Tel Hashomer. The advisory board will also include cardiologists from the Soviet Union and Poland. The symposium, expected to be attended by 4,000 scientists, will be one of the largest gatherings ever held in Israel.

In his letter to Neufeld, Chu wrote: "I cannot tell you how much your letter delighted me. It is very kind of you to invite me to join you as a member of the scientific advisory board of the Eighth World Symposium on Cardiac Pacing. I am delighted to accept your kind invitation." The letter was written on the official stationery of the Hangsi Biomedical Engineering Society of the Nanjing Medical College.

ANTI-ISRAEL, ANTI-ZIONIST PROTEST DEMONSTRATION AT WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

NAIROBI, July 22 (JTA) — Arab delegates, except for those from Egypt and Jordan, as well as some delegates from Soviet bloc and Third World nations, today staged what was described as "a noisy walk out" when the head of the Israeli delegation, Sandra Doron, was preparing to address the United Nations end of the decade women's conference here.

The protestors chanted anti-Israel and anti-Zionist slogans along with pro-Palestinian chants as they paraded out of the Nairobi Conference Center where the meeting is being held. The delegates returned after Doron's speech was finished. Doron sent a letter of protest to conference president Margaret Kenyatta, saying she was not provided with enough time to deliver her address and that the chanting protestors made her speech inaudible.

THREE JEWISH UNDERGROUND MEMBERS SENTENCED TO LIFE IMPRISONMENT; TWELVE OTHER MEMBERS SENTENCED FROM FOUR MONTHS TO SEVEN YEARS IN JAIL

By David Landau

JERUSALEM, July 22 (JTA) — Three convicted members of a Jewish terrorist underground received mandatory life sentences for murder today. Twelve others drew sentences ranging from four months to seven years imprisonment on a variety of lesser counts, all involving acts of violence against Arab residents of the West Bank and conspiracy to blow up Islamic shrines in East Jerusalem.

The sentences, pronounced by a three-judge panel in Jerusalem District Court, marked the end of the most controversial and politically explosive trial in Israel's history. They triggered new demands for pardon from rightwing politicians and nationalist and religious elements. All of the defendants are Orthodox Jews.

The three sentenced to life are Menachem Livni, leader of the underground, Uziyahu Sharbat and Shaul Nir. They were found guilty of murder for their part in a machinegun and grenade attack on the Islamic College in Hebron in which three Palestinian students were killed.

There were originally 27 defendants when the trial began over a year ago. Ten were sentenced in the course of the legal process as a result of plea-bargaining with the State Prosecutor. Two, who are Israel Defense Force officers, will be tried separately and are free on bail.

Four of the men sentenced earlier have already appealed for clemency and the 15 sentenced today are expected to do the same. They will not apparently try to overturn their convictions or reduce their jail terms through appeals to the Supreme Court. Their

lawyers indicated that they could hardly expect more lenient treatment from the high court than from the district bench.

Clemency is the exclusive prerogative of the President of Israel. The incumbent, President Chaim Herzog, has made it clear that he will consider clemency appeals on an individual basis only. There will be no blanket pardon for the convicted men.

Some observers said today that the relatively light sentences imposed on most of the defendants would take some steam out of the clemency drive. Haim Kaufman, chairman of the Likud Knesset faction, wants to avoid the clemency process.

He has begun lobbying vigorously for a special bill that would ensure the early release of all underground members. According to Kaufman, if he can win a Knesset majority for such a measure it would reflect the will of the majority of Israelis.

But Kaufman's Likud colleague, Ehud Olmert, a lawyer, called Kaufman's initiative a dangerous precedent. "This is not the business of the Knesset," he said and warned that it would be tantamount to circumvention of the Presidential pardon system.

Knesset Speaker Shlomo Hillel, a Labor MK, also warned against interference by the Knesset. But, he said, individual MKs could apply to the President on a humanitarian basis.

Strong public sentiment for pardons or light sentences emerged a month ago after Israel freed 1,150 Palestinian and other terrorists, many of them serving life sentences for mass murder, in exchange for three Israeli soldiers who were being held by Palestinian terrorists in Damascus.

Defendants Show No Remorse

The men sentenced today showed no remorse. They defended their actions on grounds that the government had failed to protect Jewish settlers in the West Bank from Arab terrorists and they were forced to take the law into their own hands in self-defense. The court flatly rejected that contention in the course of the trial.

Livni, who got life for murder, was also involved in several other crimes of the terrorist underground. These included a plot to blow up the Dome of the Rock (Mosque of Omar) on the Temple Mount; planting time bombs in the chassis of four Arab-owned buses in East Jerusalem; and booby-trapping the cars of three West Bank Arab mayors, two of whom were permanently crippled.

Livni's co-defendant, Nir, was convicted, in addition to murder, of placing a grenade on a soccer field in Hebron and another near a mosque. He was also involved in the Temple Mount plot for which he was sentenced to six years in prison, to run concurrently with his life sentence.

Sentences On 12 Of The Defendants

The sentences passed on the remaining 12 defendants are: Yehuda Etzion, seven years for instigating and leading the Temple Mount plot; Yehoshua Shoshan, two years for involvement in the Temple Mount plot and indirect complicity in the attack on the Islamic College; Barak Nir (brother of Shaul Nir), six years for manslaughter in the college attack and involvement in the Temple Mount conspiracy and the bus plot.

Yitzhak Ganiram, seven years for manslaughter in the college attack, and the Temple Mount conspiracy; Hagai Segal, Yitzhak Novik and Natan Natanson, three years each for the attack on the Arab mayors; Haim Ben-David, three-and-a-half years

for involvement in the Temple Mount plot, the attack on the mayors and the attempted bombing of the Arab buses; Boaz Heineman, two years for the Temple Mount and bus plots; Benzion Heineman, three years for the same two offenses plus the attack on the mayors; Yaacov Heineman, three years and four months for his part in the Temple Mount plot.

Moshe Zar was sentenced to four months for lesser offenses. He will be released immediately in lieu of time already served. All of the sentences were concurred in by a majority of the three judges — Yitzhak Cohen and Shmuel Finkelman. The court President, Judge Yaacov Bazak, was generally inclined to leniency.

Attention is now focussed on Justice Minister Moshe Nissim who will present the various clemency appeals to President Herzog with his recommendation in each case. The President is not bound by law to accept the recommendations.

IDF RAIDS SHIITE VILLAGE

TEL AVIV, July 22 (JTA) — An Israel Defense Force patrol seized several Katyusha rocket-launchers in the south Lebanon security zone yesterday and killed one terrorist, military sources reported.

It was the first operation of its kind by Israeli forces since the IDF withdrew from Lebanese territory last month. Beirut radio reported that three Shiite Moslems were killed in the clash by helicopter-borne Israeli troops and 10 others were wounded.

According to the Beirut reports, the helicopters landed near the Shiite village of Kabrikha, about eight kilometers west of the Israel border in Upper Galilee early Sunday morning. The Israelis carried out house-to-house searches. Two of the Shiites killed were involved in recent attacks on the IDF and its allied South Lebanon Army (SLA), the reports said.

The IDF quit Lebanon early in June, leaving behind liaison and training officers attached to the SLA. It has also carried out routine patrols in the security zone, a belt eight to 12 miles in depth which serves as a buffer to keep terrorist infiltrators away from the Israel border.

SHAMIR: ISRAEL, USSR CONTACTS TO CONTINUE DESPITE ISRAELI MEDIA LEAK

By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, July 22 (JTA) — Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir said today that contacts between Israel and the Soviet Union would continue despite a leak to the Israeli media over the weekend of a meeting in Paris between the Israeli and Soviet Ambassadors to France, Ovadia Sofer and Youli Vorontsov, respectively.

According to the leaked story, the two envoys discussed the possible restoration of diplomatic relations between Israel and the USSR and what actions on both sides might help bring that about. While deploring the leak, Shamir strongly defended Sofer as a good, active and useful Ambassador.

Shamir appeared before the Knesset's Foreign Affairs and Security Committee to respond to expressions of incredulity over the contents of Sofer's cabled report of his conversation with Vorontsov — which Israel Radio somehow picked up and broadcast last Friday.

Labor MK Abba Eban, the committee chairman, said it was highly unlikely that the Soviet Ambassador would have discussed his own impending promotion to Washington with an Israeli diplomat.

According to the leaked report, Vorontsov told Sofer he was slated to replace veteran Anatoly Dobrynin as Soviet Ambassador to the U.S. Eban also expressed

disbelief that the Russian envoy told the Israeli that his government had made a serious mistake when it broke its ties with Israel during the Six-Day War 18 years ago.

Mapam MK Victor Shem-Tov asked where the distinction was in Sofer's dispatch between reality and fantasy. Moscow flatly denied the contents of the Israel Radio report. Jerusalem was clearly embarrassed by the leak.

KEEGSTRA FOUND GUILTY; FINED \$5,000

TORONTO, July 22 (JTA) — James Keegstra, a high school teacher and former Mayor of Eckville, Alberta, who taught his classes that the Holocaust was a hoax, was found guilty last Saturday by unanimous jury decision of violating Canada's anti-hate laws. He was fined \$5,000.

Justice John MacKenzie of Alberta Court of Queens' Bench rejected prosecutor's requests that Keegstra, 51, be given the maximum two-year jail sentence for violating the laws adopted in 1970. This is the first conviction under Canadian anti-hate legislation.

According to MacKenzie, Keegstra has suffered enough during the three-month trial and there remained little chance that a jail term would result in his rehabilitation. Keegstra recently had his teaching license revoked.

Both Keegstra's attorney and the prosecution have said they will file an appeal. The prosecution claims the sentence was too light. Keegstra will have 30 days to pay the fine or face six months in prison.

Defense Fund Being Raised

Keegstra supporters in Alberta have raised funds for his defense fees. The foreman of the jury in the Red Deer, Alberta court, 26-year-old Dwight Arthur, told reporters after the trial he would contribute to a fund to help Keegstra raise the money for the fine. A fundamentalist Christian like Keegstra, Arthur told reporters after the trial, he would consider such a donation "a gift for furthering God's work."

Keegstra's trial was the result of an investigation by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, the national police force, following complaints from parents that Keegstra was indoctrinating their children with racism. He contended that Jews were the root of all evil and that they were conspiring to control nations and the world economy.

The Canadian Jewish Congress and the B'nai B'rith Canada said in a joint statement that the jury's decision was a strong affirmation of the efficiency of the Canadian judicial system dealing with those spreading racial hatred.

"We are confident this judgement together with the recent conviction of Ernst Zundel will serve effectively to deter hatemongers pursuing the aim of dividing Canadian society, pitting group against group," the joint statement said. "We must all work together to eradicate this evil."

ISRAEL IS NEGOTIATING TO BUY OIL FROM AN OPEC MEMBER-STATE

JERUSALEM, July 22 (JTA) — Israel may be on the way to breaching the long-standing boycott imposed by the Arab-dominated Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC). Energy Minister Moshe Shahal disclosed in the Knesset today that negotiations are in an advanced stage for the purchase of oil from an OPEC member-state which he would not name.

The power of OPEC has weakened as a result of the current world oil glut and this affords Israel an opportunity for the first time to break the boycott, Shahal said. He noted that Israel's economy could save more than \$250 million as a result of declining oil prices and could save additional tens of millions by looking for alternative markets.

He also spoke of oil prospecting in Israel and studies of alternative energy sources. But it will take a few more years before the results of this research are clear, he said.

HENRY SEGAL DEAD AT 84

CINCINNATI, July 22 (JTA) — Funeral services were held here last Friday for Henry Segal, for 55 years editor and publisher of The American Israelite, the oldest American Jewish weekly in the United States. He died last Thursday at the Glen Manor Home for the Aged in Cincinnati. He was 84 years old.

Born in Chillicothe, Ohio, Segal graduated from Ohio State University in 1922 and again in 1923 with degrees in Liberal Arts and Journalism. He worked for a brief period as a reporter for the Akron Press and came to Cincinnati in 1923 to join the staff of the Cincinnati Post where he served as copyeditor, assistant city editor and assistant managing editor until 1928 when he became managing editor of the Israelite.

In 1930, Segal became the Israelite's editor and publisher. He retired from the paper in December, 1982. He was also a part-time correspondent for The New York Times for some 30 years and taught journalism at the University of Cincinnati.

Segal was also active in community activities throughout his career. In the early 1930's, he was a founder of the Jewish Community Center here and later a founder of the Jewish Community Relations Council of Cincinnati. He served on the Boards of both organizations for many years and on the advisory board of the Big Brothers association here and on the Boards of Rockdale Temple and former United Jewish Social Agencies here. His brother is Robert Segal, former head of the Jewish Community Council of Greater Boston and long-time columnist for the World News Service/Seven Arts Feature Syndicate.

HOUSE PASSES BILL ON HATE CRIMES

By David Friedman

WASHINGTON, July 22 (JTA) — The House passed by voice vote today a bill requiring the Department of Justice to collect data annually on crimes motivated by hate.

The Hate Crime Statistics Act requires the Attorney General, starting in 1986, to accumulate and publish data "about crimes which manifest racial, ethnic or religious prejudice, including where appropriate, the crimes of homicide, assault, robbery, burglary, theft, arson, vandalism, trespass and threat."

The Justice Department had objected to the original bill introduced by Rep. Barbara Kennelly (D. Conn.) which required the data to be collected under the FBI's annual uniform crime report. But it accepted a suggestion by the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith that the hate information be collected separately. The bill now goes to the Senate.

TEL AVIV (JTA) — Another 100 Shiite Moslems will be released from the Atlit detention camp south of Haifa this week, according to a Defense Ministry official.

BEHIND THE HEADLINES

ISRAEL AND THE 3RD WORLD: A NEW STAGE

By Leni Reiss and Gary Rosenblatt

(Part One Of A Two-Part Series)

(Editor's note: Leni Reiss is the managing editor of the Phoenix Jewish News. Gary Rosenblatt is the editor of the Baltimore Jewish Times and the Detroit Jewish News. Both recently visited three West African countries.)

July 22 (JTA) — Israel's relationship with the Third World has moved to a crucial third stage — from close ties in the 1960's to a post-Yom Kippur War boycott by the Black African states to a gradual warming again over the last five years. Now there is hope of a major diplomatic breakthrough in the coming months.

This conclusion is based on a recent two-week visit to three West African countries — Liberia, Ivory Coast and Cameroon — as part of a seven-member American Jewish goodwill delegation under the auspices of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith.

At present only Liberia, of the three states visited, has full diplomatic relations with Israel, renewed two years ago. But Israel maintains unofficial diplomatic contact through Israeli "special interest officers" working out of the Belgian Embassies in both Cameroon and the Ivory Coast. Similar economic and diplomatic ties exist between Israel and Kenya, Ghana and Togo.

Several of these states have expressed a strong interest in renewing full diplomatic ties with Israel, but admit to fearing Libyan Col. Muammar Qaddafi's threat to eliminate any African leader who does so. One of Israel's goals is to assuage these fears by bolstering local security within the African capitals. Another is to coordinate the timing of renewed diplomatic relations so that as many as six African states might announce a joint decision to establish Embassies with Israel.

"It is a priority for us to work with these countries because of the humanitarian and economic aspects, and because it is vitally important for Israel to have as many friends in the political world as possible," explained a high Israeli official involved with the African effort.

Israel Has Diplomatic Ties With Six OAU Nations

Israel now has full diplomatic relations with six members of the Organization of African Unity (OAU): Liberia, Lesotho, Malawi, Swaziland, Zaire and Egypt, and has "contacts" with another 15 of the 51 OAU states.

Israel is popular among the peoples of these African countries. And understandably so. From the late 1950's until 1973, Israel's program of scientific, agricultural and technical assistance to developing nations was a major humanitarian and diplomatic success.

But during the Yom Kippur War, the African states responded to Arab pressure by severing all diplomatic relations with Jerusalem for allegedly attacking a fellow African state, Egypt. The Arabs did little to aid the African states, though, and when Egypt herself made peace with Israel in 1979, the logic of the continued boycott was removed.

"After Egypt made peace with Israel, we found it unnecessary to be more holy than the Pope," explained Liberian Foreign Minister Earnest Eastman during a meeting with the ADL delegation in Monrovia, the capital city.

He said his country's "bold step" in renewing diplomatic relations with Israel in 1983 was met with "many negative reactions from the Arab world," including the deregistration of Liberian ships as well as negative votes at OAU meetings and in the United Nations. "But that has not hindered us because our decision is fundamentally correct," he said.

Situation In Liberia

Political instability is the norm in West Africa, where tribal rivalries, economic decline, widespread official corruption and tenuous government control are constant problems. Nowhere in the region are these problems more evident than Liberia, a depressed and depressing country of two million, which is nevertheless of critical importance to the U.S.

There are moral and historical reasons why Liberia receives the highest per capita U.S. aid of any African country (totaling about \$80 million this year): the state was founded in 1847 by former American slaves who based their Constitution on America's and named their capital, Monrovia, after President James Monroe.

The official language is English and the currency is the U.S. Dollar. But Liberia is also of strategic importance to the U.S., providing Air Force and Navy base facilities, the Voice of America base for Africa and the site of one of the five Omega tracking stations in the world, monitoring the movement of all ships and planes.

Foreign Minister Eastman and other Liberian Cabinet members expressed a love-hate relationship for the U.S., referring to their country as "America's stepchild." They had warmer words for Israel, which they said has been a good and loyal friend.

Defends Diplomatic Ties With Israel

Samuel Doe, a master sergeant, led a military coup in April, 1980, eliminating President William Tolbert, suspending the Constitution and imposing martial law. Doe has managed to maintain power for five years despite a series of attempted coups. In a meeting with the ADL delegation at the executive mansion in Monrovia, Africa's youngest leader defended his decision to renew diplomatic ties with Israel and said he hoped other African leaders would follow suit.

He pledged that his nation will soon return to civilian rule and he invited the visitors to attend the 1986 inauguration of the next President following democratic elections in November.

This is significant because Doe has been under strong American pressure to hold free and fair elections, which he has postponed several times since 1981.

One reason for the delay is that Doe, who has changed his official biography to make himself two years older, just turned 35 — according to the revised version — the minimum age requirement for President according to Liberia's new Constitution.)

Doe has taken steps to make it difficult for other candidates to be eligible to run for President. The U.S. is currently debating foreign aid to Liberia and attempting to link continued heavy financial support to Doe holding free elections.

Doe told the visitors he hoped they would "tell the truth" about Liberia and encourage an American Jewish economic mission to visit Liberia and discuss investment possibilities.

(Tomorrow: Part Two)