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2 IDF SOLDIERS WOUNDED, 2 LEBANESE KILLED IN A CAR BOMB ATTACK

By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, July 31 (JTA) -- Two Israel Defense Force soldiers were slightly wounded and two Lebanese were killed by a car bomb in the security zone in south Lebanon today. The dead included the bomber, a 13-year-old boy.

The IDF spokesman said that an IDF unit, on routine patrol watching out for terrorists, noticed a suspicious-looking Mercedes car parked at the side of the road near Arnoun, some five kilometers from the border north of Metullah. A teenage boy was sitting behind the wheel.

As the soldiers hurried to get clear, the car exploded, killing the youth and a passerby. Two IDF soldiers were wounded by shrapnel and were flown by helicopter to a nearby hospital. Today's car bombing attempt in south Lebanon was the fourth such incident in the past month, during which there have also been a number of other attacks against the IDF and the South Lebanon Army troops.

KIRYAT ARBA AGREEMENT DECLARED NULL AND VOID

By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, July 31 (JTA) -- Mayor Shalom Wach of Kiryat Arba today declared as null and void the United Kiryat Arba List and Kach Party coalition agreement calling for the dismissal of Arab workers employed by the municipality, a call that has been denounced in Israel as tantamount to apartheid, since it was adopted two weeks ago.

Wach's declaration came after Attorney General Yitzhak Zamir ruled that the agreement was illegal and that if the parties to the agreement did not accept his ruling the military authorities in Judea and Samaria must intervene. Wach said his decision to accept Zamir's ruling was on behalf of the municipality.

Zamir Denounces The Agreement

Zamir denounced the agreement, saying: "The open racism (of the accord), without shame and cover, threatened the principle of equality before the law, threatened the entire judicial system, the social establishment, the democratic system and the cultural life in Israel. It would be a mistake to believe that the agreement only affected Arabs, as already the present coalition agreement threatened to harm those Jews who would have work relations with Arabs."

In his legal opinion, which he submitted to Premier Shimon Peres, Zamir said the agreement was a clear and present danger and that the government must therefore deal with the issue openly and with deterrence.

According to Zamir's ruling, the Kiryat Arba municipality is banned from dismissing Arab workers; the racist agreement is illegal and therefore null and void; the municipality cannot refuse granting contracts to local plants which employ Arabs; any racist activities by the local government will be countered by legal measures; and, if the municipality persists in implementing the agreement, the military authorities are empowered to step in.

LARGE SECTIONS OF NABLUS REMAIN UNDER CURFEW AS POLICE SEARCH FOR GUNS USED IN KILLING AFULA MAN

By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, July 31 (JTA) -- Large parts of the West Bank town of Nablus, where Albert Buchris of Afula was fatally wounded when he was shot in the back yesterday, remained under curfew today. Israel Defense Force soldiers were conducting house to house searches for the small .22 caliber pistol used in the murder.

Buchris, 32, was buried in Afula today, the second funeral in the Jezreel Valley town this week of victims of terrorist murder. Afula school teacher Yosef Eliahu, a 35-year-old father of five children, was buried last Sunday. His body was found along with that of 19-year-old school teacher Lea Elmakais stuffed into a cave on the Gilboa hillside. Three West Bank Arab youths have reportedly confessed to the murders.

There were angry and emotional scenes at the Buchris funeral, with many of the some thousands of mourners fainting in the hot weather and crowds having to be taken away in ambulances. Over 500 police officers were present to maintain order and a police helicopter hovered overhead. Police, meanwhile, complained that the probability of demonstrations in Afula enlarged forces there while taking police away from other essential duties.

Mourners Attack Reporters

Angry mourners at the funeral attacked reporters and policemen were forced to form a human barricade between the crowds and the journalists. The reporters were warned by police "for their own good and safety" to remain some distance away from the crowds. Reporters were finally escorted away in police vans.

Journalists could watch the hysterical scenes but it was difficult to follow the words of former Defense Minister Ariel Sharon, who represented the government at the funeral. Sharon, currently the Minister of Trade and Industry, told the mourners that ways would be found to prevent continued attacks on Jews, warning "those with a PLO philosophy" that "we have reached the end of our patience."

The media has come under frequent attacks by right-wing and nationalistic elements who have accused them of favoring leftwing policies -- what they term the "pro-PLO sentiments and propaganda" of the local press, radio and television.

The 32-year-old Buchris was not, as first reported, a civilian employed by the IDF, but operated a food stand at the entrance to the military government headquarters building in Nablus. He had taken his nine-year-old son with him to work yesterday, and instructed him to "mind the shop" while he went to buy pitta from the Nablus bakery where he usually made purchases.

Buchris was apparently shot at close range by an unidentified male assailant. He staggered to his car, drove to the nearby military government building where he collapsed into the arms of soldiers, his back covered with blood in full view of his son.

Burly police forces were on patrol in Afula today, to prevent disturbances. After the funeral police units firmly dispersed a crowd of several hundred persons,

mainly youths, who massed before the local police station. Afula, which usually has many Arabs working there, not only as construction workers but also as restaurant and cafe owners and lawyers, was empty of Arabs today. Arabs from both Israel and the West Bank have been keeping away from the town since a number of Arabs were attacked by enraged Jewish residents.

In a mirror image of this phenomenon, no Jewish civilians were to be seen today in Nablus, where many Jews go to make purchases at prices cheaper than in Israel, partly because of the curfew but also from fear of further Arab attacks.

KNESSET VOTES 66-0 TO BAN RACIST AND ANTI-DEMOCRATIC PARTIES

JERUSALEM, July 31 (JTA) — The Knesset voted 60-0 today to outlaw anti-democratic and racist parties from running for the Knesset, in a move aimed to stop Rabbi Meir Kahane's extremist Kach Party. The law will prevent a party from presenting a list of candidates if the party incites racism, negates Israel's democratic character or opposes its existence as the State of the Jewish people.

Kahane was absent from the vote. He was removed from the Knesset chamber after ignoring repeated warnings by Acting Speaker Aharon Nahmias to refrain from using Bible quotations in a speech about the proposed law. Nahmias said the quotations were irrelevant. When Kahane persisted, Nahmias ordered him removed.

Most MKs were for the vote and six MKs abstained. Immediately after the vote, the Knesset passed another bill, this one requiring that any Israeli MKs give up citizenship they might have in any other country. Kahane has both American and Israeli citizenships.

Legal experts said today that the law banning racist and anti-democratic political parties from running for the Knesset could also be applied against parties on the far left. This presumably includes the Hadash (Communist) Party, which follows the Soviet line, and the Progressive List for Peace, which advocates dialogue with the PLO. The Progressive List won two Knesset seats in its first bid in the last elections and Hadash has four seats.

WEST EUROPEAN COUNTRIES RAPPED FOR LACK OF SUPPORT FOR THE U.S. AND ISRAEL AT THE UN WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

WASHINGTON, July 31 (JTA) — West European delegates at the recently concluded United Nations End of the Decade Women's Conference held in Nairobi, Kenya, failed to provide strong public support against including an attack on Israel and Zionism in the final forward looking strategies document adopted by the conference, the head of the U.S. delegation charged today.

Maureen Reagan, President Reagan's daughter, however, added that it was the support of the Western and Latin American delegations that finally led to the exclusion of any condemnation of Israel in the final document, having decided that "enough is enough." She also told reporters here that the U.S. "was totally prepared" to walk out of the United Nations conference if Israel was condemned in the unanimously adopted final document.

"The Western Europeans by and large let us carry the ball a great many times when it would have been very nice if they would have joined us," she said. While these delegates indicated support against an anti-Israel document in private meetings, they were

less forthcoming in public, she said. She described the exclusion of criticism of Israel in the final document as "a first class win" for the U.S., for women and the United Nations.

PICKERING ASSURES PERES THERE IS NO CHANGE IN U.S. POLICY TOWARD THE PLO

By David Landau

JERUSALEM, July 31 (JTA) — The new American Ambassador to Israel, Thomas Pickering, assured Premier Shimon Peres today that there has been no change in Washington's policy towards the PLO, and that the meeting between a U.S. official and a Jordanian-Palestinian delegation will go ahead only if the U.S. is convinced that it will lead to direct talks with Israel.

The envoy gave these assurances at his first meeting with the Premier, held in the Knesset building. Pickering is to formally present his credentials to President Chaim Herzog next week. He will then return to Washington, coming back to take up his post permanently only at the end of August.

Pickering told Peres today that the U.S. is ready, if requested, to offer all possible help to Israel and Egypt to resolve the Taba border dispute between them.

Peres has indicated that he intends to raise this issue once again within a week or two, in a renewed effort to bring the Likud to agree to international arbitration over the disputed beach site south of Eilat. Peres believes that in the full Cabinet — as distinct from the 10-man Inner Cabinet — there is a majority favoring arbitration.

American diplomats and legal experts have been involved in previous negotiations between Israel and Egypt over interim arrangements at Taba, where Israeli entrepreneurs operate a major hotel.

The new American envoy also told Peres of the U.S. Administration's gratification over Israel's recent economic austerity program. Pickering said the moves in Washington now under way to expedite the passage through Congress of the supplementary aid package to Israel reflected America's support for Israel's belt-tightening moves.

In remarks to reporters here on his arrival Sunday, Pickering said the aid package would probably be processed before Congress recesses for the summer.

MASS DISMISSALS FACE CIVIL SERVICE WORKERS

JERUSALEM, July 31 (JTA) — Premier Shimon Peres said yesterday that the government was determined to dismiss another 7,000 civil service workers. This, he said, would be in addition to the first round of dismissals, yet to be implemented, of 7,000 employees. The total number in the dismissal moves amounts to six percent of the civil service work force.

The government wants to go ahead with the dismissals because it claims that the Histadrut has continued to reject further cuts in the wages. Peres said, during a visit to the development town of Shlomi in the Galilee, that the government and Histadrut remained far apart on the issue. The Treasury, at the same time, expressed concern at the slow pace of dismissals in the public sector, which it warned, could jeopardize the entire economic program.

The civil service union, meanwhile, stepped up its demands to introduce a five-day work week into the public sector as an alternative to mass dismissals. Deputy Secretary of the Clerical Workers Union, Moshe Beit-Dagan, said a five-day work week could immediately save the government 10 percent in wages, as well as certain operating costs. The worker, for his part, would lose between five and seven percent of his net pay.

BEHIND THE HEADLINES OUT OF THE DARK TUNNEL

By Milton Jacoby

(Part Two Of A Two-Part Series)

BUENOS AIRES, July 31 (JTA) — The community, in its relations with one another, and with the external world, does not speak with one voice. Often at odds with the over-all body, DAIA is the "conservative" movement including Temple Beth-El and the S.R.L. (the Seminario Rabinico Latinoamericano) founded in 1962 by Dr. Marshall Meyer, and the largest in Latin America.

The seminary, which occupies a large seven-story, modern and well-equipped building in the Belgrano section, has graduated 24 rabbis and hundreds of Jewish educators who serve in many countries. It also offers many courses open to the public in the evenings, and its library contains more than 25,000 volumes.

Its dedicated vice rector, Dr. Richard Freund, is from Long Island and appears intensely committed to every type of Jewish cause and to the upgrading of the community as a political and religious force. He is a very active member of the Jewish Committee on Human Rights, founded by Meyer and others in 1981 to investigate the disappearance and death of 2,000 Jews during the dark days from 1976 to 1983, and to keep an eye on any continuing violations of human rights.

The Committee feels that DAIA could have acted more forcefully than it did in protests to the military regime regarding the abduction of so many members of the Jewish community. But other influential Jews feel this group is somewhat too harsh in its assessment of DAIA's role.

They feel there is no need for a special Jewish Committee, but rather for a commission representing all religious faiths designed to establish a dynamic momentum in protecting the rights of all people.

Pioneering In Jewish Survival

Freund maintains that his seminary has pioneered in a Jewish revival in Argentina and has effectively diminished the trend toward secularization and assimilation, which until 1971 was as high as 50 to 60 percent.

The rate is decreasing, he said, and is now about 40 percent, largely because the new rabbis and seminarians have been so industrious, not only in outlying towns and regions, but in every country in Latin America.

Freund and his colleagues regularly perform mass conversions in many parts of Argentina to "normalize the situation" after several generations of intermarriage.

They are also combatting, with considerable success, what he termed "the trauma of circumcision" preached by ignorant doctors and psychiatrists in the recent past, and which resulted in widespread neglect of this fundamental and age-old Jewish practice. An influx of U.S.-trained doctors, the influence of the seminaries, and more enlightened rabbis, have helped redress this deplorable situation.

'It's Chic To Be Jewish'

"It's chic to be Jewish" is part of Freund's philosophy, and also the motto of the synagogue he attends, Temple Beth-El. It attracts every Friday evening over 1,000 young and youngish, well-dressed congregants who pack the sanctuary from wall to wall.

The atmosphere is charged and exuberant, as the cantor, the organist, and the entire audience as chorus, blend their talents in a lusty, uninhibited 75-minute musical service.

At times, the rhythms verge on rock and roll, and the melodic setting of the religious text is lifted unabashedly from Puccini and Massenet. Indeed it appeared to be one of the best shows in town, and always with an S.R.O. audience, according to a temple member.

A Well-Informed Community

The community is kept well-informed on what is happening in Jewish life by the weekly "Mundo Israelita" now in its 62nd year. Its editor for the past 18 years, Gregorio Fainguersch, came to Buenos Aires from the Soviet Union in 1928.

He likened the current trial of the Argentine army generals to the Nuremberg trials, and considered the fact that it was being held at all as a supreme humanitarian act on the part of President Raul Alfonsín.

During the seven-year reign of terror, he had been forbidden to mention it in his weekly.

Fainguersch singled out for praise the two rabbis who had the courage to visit the prisons where Jews were held: Meyer, who had the protection of a U.S. passport, and Roberto Graetz, who later was forced to flee this country after receiving threats against his life. Graetz is now the esteemed rabbi of Temple ARI in Rio de Janeiro.

The present trial, exposing much of this infamous episode in the history of a people, is expected to conclude in September. A verdict is expected by the end of the year. The nine defendants on trial are six Generals and three Admirals and of the nine, three are former Presidents of Argentina.

A Nerve Center Of Activity

Hebraica, the Jewish community center in downtown Buenos Aires, is a vast, high-rise cultural complex, which opens its doors at 7 a.m. and finally calls it a day at 1:30 in the morning, after receiving 3,000 Jews of all ages and inclinations. It provides for its 22,000 members a dazzling array of every type of facility and instruction, ranging from cinema, theater, sports, lectures, formal and informal educational courses for young and old alike, a vast library.

It has specialized programs for singles, for the divorced, for married adults, for senior citizens. For the youngsters, it has a Jewish elementary and a high school.

Hebraica has an enormous country club, 30 miles from Buenos Aires, on 330 acres which includes five restaurants, a youth hostel, a hostel for guests, 150 bungalows and 350 condominiums, in addition to a huge sports complex with its 18 hole golf course. Its members can live the good life in a congenial environment.

It all began in 1926 when Jewish writers and intellectuals resolved to fulfill a long-standing need to create a social and cultural club of their own, since they were not admitted into traditional Argentinian society. Today, Hebraica is an exhaustive and exhausting marvel.

Mendel Tennenbaum, the able and respected director of the Latin American Jewish Congress, and a university professor, sees the rather extreme differences between the very liberal "conservatives" and the "establishment" represented by DAIA as a stimulating and healthy portent of what lies ahead.

Whether there will be further polarization or an eventual entente, depends to a large extent on the success or failure of the democratic government of Alfonsín that succeeded the military dictatorship 18 months ago.

In Tennenbaum's view, Jews in this magnificent country know that, if the sweeping economic reforms announced on June 13 achieve their goals, and if charismatic President Alfonsín becomes the catalyst for closer ties with the Jewish citizenry and Israel, their future will be brighter and more assured. They deserve no less after emerging, with dignity and fortitude, from the long, dark tunnel of the late '70's and early '80's.

At The Maccabiah Games:
U.S. TEAM WON MEDAL BY FORFEIT
By Haskell Cohen

TEL AVIV, July 31 (JTA) -- The United States athletes at the 12th Maccabiah Games, which concluded here last week, copped a total of 246 medals, the highest medal total of the 38 countries that sent competitors to the Jewish Olympic games. But one of the gold medals won by the United States team came not in athletic competition, but by forfeit.

The U.S. women's basketball team was given the gold medal after the Israeli women's basketball team refused to play the U.S. team in the final championship game because of a sudden change in venue. According to the Israeli women's basketball team captain, Anat Dreiger, the team decided not to play the U.S. quintet because the Maccabiah organizing committee moved the final contest from Yad Eliahu to the basketball court at the Kfar Maccabiah.

In addition, the U.S. team also refused to play in the smaller stadium at the Maccabiah village, stopping the bus carrying the women's team before getting to the arena designated by the organizing committee. The U.S. also refused to formally accept the gold medal after being declared the winner of the women's basketball competition, on a forfeit, a result of the earlier Israeli team action.

Dreiger said her team refused to play at the Kfar Maccabiah stadium after all of their supporters had purchased tickets for the final game which was to be held at Yad Eliahu, the site of the men's basketball finals. In that game, the U.S. team defeated the Israeli squad 95-94.

The action by the Israeli women's basketball team came shortly after the Canadian men's basketball club refused to play the Brazilian club at Kfar Maccabiah. They, too, insisted on moving their contest to Yad Eliahu. The Israeli Basketball Federation says it will meet to decide what punitive measures, if any, should be taken against the women's basketball team.

The U.S. men's basketball team, meanwhile, was led in the final game by Ed Zucker of Rutgers University in New Jersey. He scored 30 points against a weak Israeli team. The Israelis did not field their national team, with only three of their younger players from that squad on the Maccabiah team.

This was the second successive Maccabiah basketball finals played between the U.S. and Israeli teams. Four years ago, at the 11th Maccabiah Games, the U.S. also defeated the Israeli squad, a team which did not include Israel's best competitors. At that time, many of Israel's top players were en route from international competition in Brazil when the games were being held in Israel.

STUDY PUNCTURES MYTH ABOUT MEMBERS OF THE NAZI SS

LONDON, July 31 (JTA) -- A research study by the World Jewish Congress has punctured the myth that members of the Nazi SS faced execution themselves if they failed to carry out orders to kill Jews and others during World War II.

This has been a favorite explanation offered by apologists for the conduct of the SS and their collaborators. But an article in the latest edition of "Patterns of Prejudice," the quarterly journal on racism and anti-Semitism published by the WJC's Institute of Jewish Affairs here, noted that defense attorneys at the postwar war crimes trials were "unable to produce even one example of a man executed or sent to a concentration camp for not obeying an order to kill Jews."

The author of the article, Daniel Goldhagen of Harvard University, found only 14 cases out of hundreds where war crimes trial defendants claimed that refusal to carry out an execution order meant either death (nine cases), imprisonment in a concentration camp (four cases), or transfer to a military penal unit (one case).

Defendants' Claims Not Upheld In Court

In none of these cases were the defendants' claims upheld in court, Goldhagen reported. He also cited a German study of SS members which concluded that "in no case could it be proven that refusal to kill resulted in an injury to life and limb."

Captured records of the SS and Nazi police courts contain not a single case where anyone was sent to a concentration camp for refusing orders to kill Jews nor was there any evidence that SS field commanders ordered the summary execution of subordinates who disobeyed such orders.

On the contrary, the evidence points to the fact that SS members had the option of not participating in the mass murders of Jews and other concentration camp inmates. Goldhagen documented cases of individuals who requested transfers from execution details. "It was well known amongst the executioners that they were permitted to transfer from their killing units, that they could stop killing," he wrote.

That knowledge, that the killers could transfer from their units, "should lay to rest any arguments that the executioners were coerced into killing ... By not applying for a transfer, the overwhelming majority of the executioners, in effect, chose to continue killing Jews," the article concluded.

TERRORIST BOMBING AVERTED

JERUSALEM, July 31 (JTA) -- A terrorist bombing was avoided here this morning thanks to the wariness of a former policeman who spotted the device and alerted the bomb squad. The incident took place in the southern suburb of Talpiot Mizrach. The bomb was lying on the sidewalk, outside a grocery store. Police called once again on residents of the capital to keep their eyes open for all suspicious objects.

JERUSALEM (JTA) -- More than 1,000 members of the Salvation Army, representing 27 countries around the world, attended the dedication of the world organization's first Jewish National Fund grove, near the Jerusalem suburb of Kiryat Menachem.