

**ISRAELI DIPLOMAT KILLED IN CAIRO;
HIS WIFE AND CO-WORKER ARE WOUNDED**

By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, Aug. 20 (JTA) — The administration attache at the Israel Embassy in Cairo was shot to death there this morning, and his wife and the wife of another Embassy diplomat were injured. The slain diplomat was identified as Albert Atrakchi, 30. The injured women were his wife Ilana, 24, and Mazal Menache.

A physician was being flown from Israel to the Egyptian capital this evening to help treat the woman, who may be brought back to Israel together with the body of the slain diplomat by an El Al plane to-night.

Differing Versions Of The Attack

Various reports from Cairo gave differing versions of the attack. The Israelis were driving from their home in the Mahdi suburb of Cairo to the Embassy when they were attacked.

According to one version, a red Fiat car with three men in it had been following the diplomat's car. As the Fiat pulled up alongside the Israeli's car there was a burst of gunfire from the Fiat, which then sped away from the scene. Seventeen bullets were later found inside the car and a number of others on the street. Bloodstains were splattered on the front and back seats of the car and windows were smashed.

According to another version, an Arab approached the car and fired at the Israeli driver from a short distance.

The attache was killed instantly.

Diplomats who have served at the Israel Embassy say the Egyptians take exceptional precautions to ensure the safety of the Israelis there.

Sorrow And Shock Expressed

Muhamed Basyouni, the Egyptian charge d' affaires in Tel Aviv, this afternoon handed to Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir a note from the Egyptian Foreign Minister, Ismet Abdel Maguid, expressing his sorrow and condolences on the death of the Israeli diplomat and the attack on the Israeli women.

Prime Minister Shimon Peres expressed his shock at the incident and said he was sure the Egyptians would do everything to find the attackers. The Foreign Ministry in Jerusalem expressed appreciation at the measures being taken by the Egyptians to track down the assailants.

The Egyptian government denounced the attack and pledged to do all it can "with regard to this heinous assassination." According to reports from Cairo, police had a witness who said he remembered the license plate on the gunmen's car. Security police were deployed in the area near the shooting, all armed with automatic weapons. Police security also was tightened at the Cairo Airport and checks were being made at all exit points from the country.

The identity of the assailant was not immediately known, and Arab and Egyptian affairs experts say it could have been a member of any of a number of Arab or Moslem organizations, including Palestinians and rightwing Moslem fundamentalists, or groups interested in sabotaging the peace process.

**U.S. SEES CAIRO MURDER AS
DERAILING MIDEAST PEACE PROCESS**

By David Friedman

WASHINGTON, Aug. 20 (JTA) — The State Department, in expressing regret today at the assassination of an Israeli diplomat in Cairo, said it sees the terrorist act as derailing the Middle East peace process.

Department deputy spokesman Charles Redman said that while the U.S. has no direct evidence "the circumstances are such however, — the parties, the timing — that it clearly appears to be an effort at slowing down, impeding the peace process."

While Redman had no indication of who was responsible, he said the U.S. is "confident that the Egyptian authorities are doing everything possible to apprehend and punish those responsible for this despicable act."

Redman earlier read the following statement: "The United States deeply regrets the assassination of the Israeli diplomat in Cairo and the wounding of two of his companions. We offer our condolences to the families of the victims and to the government of Israel. We strongly deplore this further demonstration of violence against members of the diplomatic community."

Concerned By Events In Lebanon

Redman also read a statement in which the U.S. said it was "deeply concerned" by the recent escalation of car bombings in Lebanon. "The longer the cycle of violence continues the longer anarchy reigns the more difficult it will become to reconstruct the economic and political life of the country" he said.

But Redman, as he has said on several previous occasions, maintained that the U.S. does not link the violence in Lebanon with the peace process or with the recent visit to the Middle East by Richard Murphy, Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs.

Redman said Murphy was back in Washington today and had begun consultations with President Reagan, Secretary of State George Shultz and others on his six-day trip which included talks with the leaders of Israel, Jordan and Egypt. He said once the consultations are completed an assessment will be made of what should be the next step by the U.S. in the peace process.

**EXPLOSIVE-LADEN CAR IN NETANYA
IS DETONATED BY BOMB SQUAD BECAUSE
IT COULD CAUSE ANY CASUALTIES**

TEL AVIV, Aug. 20 (JTA) — An explosive-laden car was discovered in the Netanya central bus station this morning and blown up by the police bomb squad before it could cause any casualties or damage.

A worker at the bus station noticed a white Fiat car with West Bank license plates parked in a no-parking area of the bus station. He saw that it had a cooking gas cylinder on the back seat, and watched for a few minutes to see who would come to drive it away.

"Cars parked like that are usually left for a moment or two while the driver carries out an errand," he said.

When no driver appeared he looked again and saw wires leading from the cylinder. He notified the police. They arrived at the scene along with the bomb squad, which blew up the car after evacuating the area and closing the surrounding streets. Three fire engines dealt with the consequent blaze. The area was reopened to traffic an hour-and-a-half later.

SQUATTERS VACATE HEBRON FLAT

JERUSALEM, Aug. 20 (JTA) -- The Knesset members who had occupied an apartment in the Hebron Arab marketplace since last week vacated the flat today under orders by the Israeli military authorities. The lawmakers agreed to leave only after Gen. Arnon Shahak, the chief of the central command in the area, showed up in person at the apartment and ordered the MKs to leave.

The MKs said they complied because they wanted to avoid a clash with Israel Defense Force soldiers but stressed that their leaving did not indicate they regarded their stay there as illegal. The MKs -- three of Tehiya, three of Likud and one of Marasha -- said they would appeal to the Supreme Court the army's order for them to vacate the apartment. After the MKs left, the army sealed off the entrance to the flat and prevented anyone from approaching the site.

The MKs, who moved into the apartment after a group of nearby Kiryat Arba settlers had taken it over and were ousted twice by the army, said today that they intend raising the issue of Jewish settlement in Hebron with Defense Minister Yitzhak Rabin. They and the Kiryat Arba squatters claimed that the apartment had been legally purchased from an Arab, and were therefore entitled to be occupants.

Israel TV reported last night that at least 40 flats have been purchased from Arabs in recent years in central Hebron, and are now owned by Jews. However, the report added, none of the apartments were legally registered with Israeli government authorities. Furthermore, the previous Likud government stipulated that the Defense Ministry had to approve all real estate purchases in the occupied territories.

Tehiya MK Geula Cohen, who headed the apartment takeover, said today that despite the evacuation, their action and that of the Kiryat Arba settlers would have a positive effect on settlement efforts in the West Bank. She recalled that after previous evacuation of Jews by the Israeli authorities, there had been an intensification of the settlement drive. Aharon Demb, a Kiryat Arba resident and one of the leaders of the Jewish community in Hebron, said settlement activities would continue until there are thousands of Jews in Hebron. (By Gil Sedani)

POPE CALLS FOR REVIEW OF THE STATUS OF JERUSALEM

ROME, Aug. 20 (JTA) -- Pope John Paul II called yesterday for a review of the status of Jerusalem during a state visit in Casablanca, Morocco.

The Pope made his remarks in response to questions from reporters who traveled with him from Nairobi, Kenya, to Casablanca. "The problem of Jerusalem should be reviewed," the Pope said. "The Moslems are convinced that Jerusalem should have a special status as a central point, the capital, of three monotheistic religions. That is also the view of the Holy See."

The Pope, however, stressed Israel's right to exist when asked how the question of Jerusalem can be resolved. "It's a difficult question," he replied. "Of course, we cannot deny to Israel the right to be a state. But the problem of Jerusalem should be reviewed."

The Vatican has repeatedly called for making Jerusalem an "international city," with the holy sites of Jerusalem under joint Jewish, Islamic and Christian control. The Vatican does not

recognize Israel and does not have diplomatic ties with the Jewish State. "We are still working for the solution of the very complex problem of the Middle East," the Pope said yesterday, pointing out that "The problem of Jerusalem is one element. There are other problems, very important, difficult Palestinian problems, the Lebanon problem."

The Pope's comment regarding Jerusalem, observers here said, were very significant in view of the fact that they were made in Morocco, a Moslem country, and before the meeting between the Pope and King Hassan of Morocco, who heads the Islamic Conference's committee on the status of Jerusalem.

A spokesman for the Vatican said yesterday that the Pope's visit to Morocco was the first visit by a Pope to a Moslem country at the direct invitation of the local Roman Catholic Church.

HUSSEIN TO ADDRESS UN ASSEMBLY; HE MIGHT MEET WITH PERES AT THAT TIME
By Yitzhak Rabi

UNITED NATIONS, Aug. 20 (JTA) -- King Hussein of Jordan will come to New York to address the United Nations General Assembly on Friday, September 27, only a few days before Israeli Premier Shimon Peres is scheduled to address the Assembly on October 2.

Observers here said today that they do not rule out a meeting between Peres and Hussein, although they stressed, that if indeed a meeting takes place between the two leaders it will be secret and promptly denied by both.

Jordan's UN Mission announced yesterday the King's visit to the UN for the 40th session of the General Assembly which opens September 17. No other details regarding Hussein's visit were provided and it was not clear if he will go to Washington from New York to meet with President Reagan.

Peres is scheduled to continue on to Washington after his New York visit to meet with Reagan and other Administration officials.

A spokesman for the Soviet Union said yesterday that Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze will attend the General Assembly. Earlier reports said that Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev may attend the Assembly and the Israeli press speculated that a meeting between Peres and Gorbachev might take place.

Diplomats here said, however, that Soviet-Israeli contacts might take place in a form of a meeting between Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir and the Soviet Foreign Minister. Last year, during the General Assembly, Shamir met with then Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko.

ISRAEL PHILHARMONIC ON WORLD TOUR

TEL AVIV, Aug. 20 (JTA) -- The Israel Philharmonic Orchestra (IPO) is about to leave for a month-long series of concerts in Japan, West Germany and the U.S., under the baton of Leonard Bernstein.

The American Jewish composer-conductor told a press conference here yesterday he had been conducting and playing with the orchestra since 1948, when it was still the Palestine Symphony Orchestra -- PSO -- which he called in a slip of the tongue, amid laughter, the "PLO."

The main work to be played during the tour will be Mahler's Ninth Symphony, which Bernstein described as "the most Jewish piece ever written."

FORMER NAZI REMAINS IN CRITICAL CONDITION AFTER A PIPE BOMB EXPLODES AT HIS HOME SEVERING HIS RIGHT LEG

By Kevin Freeman

PATERSON, N.J., Aug. 20 (JTA) — Tschirim Soobzokov, the Soviet-born 61-year-old former member of the Waffen SS, remained listed in critical condition today at St. Joseph's Hospital and Medical Center six days after being injured when a pipe bomb exploded at his home there. The blast severed his right leg.

Paterson police said their investigation is continuing with the cooperation of local and county police authorities and agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Treasury Department's Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms.

The Jewish Defense League and the Jewish Defense Organization, two groups that have denounced Soobzokov's presence in the United States, denied responsibility for the bomb attack, although both groups, in separate statements, applauded the action.

Background Of The Charges

Soobzokov was charged in 1979 by the Justice Department's Office of Special Investigations of having concealed his past war time activities when he applied for entry into the United States in 1955. The OSI said he belonged to a Waffen SS unit of the German Nazis and served as a member of the German Army's North Caucasian Legion of a Nazi-run police unit during the Holocaust.

But in July, 1980, the OSI withdrew the charge after Soobzokov provided a document proving he had disclosed his wartime record when he applied for a visa at the U.S. Embassy in Jordan in 1952. The Central Intelligence Agency said it had found a copy of the document in its files.

The suit was dropped by the OSI, although the documents that were provided during the course of litigation provided evidence that Soobzokov was a member of the Nazi Waffen SS. He became a U.S. citizen in 1961.

According to police accounts, a passerby spotted a car on fire that was parked outside Soobzokov's house in Paterson at approximately 4 a.m. last Thursday morning. The passerby notified a neighbor who recognized the car as that of Soobzokov's. The neighbor banged on Soobzokov's door, and when he passed through it the pipe bomb exploded, police said.

Soobzokov's wife, Hoshnasho, 59; his daughter, Susan Said, 29, and her son, Caspar, 4, were slightly injured walking on broken glass, according to police. Soobzokov lost the lower portion of his right leg and suffered other injuries to his legs and back. The explosion shattered windows in a row of homes on the street.

One week prior to the Soobzokov attack, JDO leader Mordechai Levy assailed Soobzokov during a speech to some 50 persons at the Young Israel Synagogue in nearby Passaic. He urged, during the speech, for those present to march on Soobzokov's home this Thursday. Levy asserted yesterday that he had been denied permission to stage the march.

JDL national director Fern Rosenblatt said her group "is certainly not responsible for the bombing, but we applaud the action." JDL members have in the last several years demonstrated in front of Soobzokov's home.

KAHANE QUILTS AS JDL CHIEF

NEW YORK, Aug. 20 (JTA) — Rabbi Meir Kahane, founder of the Jewish Defense League, and presently a member of Israel's Knesset, has announced his resignation as head of the JDL. He is currently on a visit to the United States.

He said he had named as his successor Irv Rubin, who lives in Los Angeles where he has been JDL West Coast coordinator. A splinter group, the Jewish Defense Organization, was formed here and has been hostile to Rubin and his followers.

Kahane, in announcing his resignation here, said he did so partly because he could not give enough time to the JDL and partly because he felt his resignation would make it easier for him to visit the United States, should he be required to give up his United States citizenship. He said legislation is under consideration in Israel declaring that no member of the Knesset can have dual citizenship.

The 54-year-old Brooklyn-born Orthodox rabbi moved to Israel in 1971 and later formed the Kach Party. He was elected to the Knesset last year on a platform of driving all Arabs out of Israel.

STATE DEPARTMENT STUDYING KAHANE'S AMERICAN CITIZENSHIP STATUS

By David Friedman

WASHINGTON, Aug. 20 (JTA) — The State Department said today that it was still studying whether Rabbi Meir Kahane lost his United States citizenship when he became a member of the Knesset in August, 1984.

"Although accepting public office in another country may signify intent to relinquish U.S. citizenship, all relevant factors in each case must be considered," Department deputy spokesman Charles Redman said.

Redman had no comment on Kahane's announcement in New York yesterday that he has resigned as head of the Jewish Defense League which he founded in 1968. Kahane said he was doing so to make it easier for him to get a visa to enter the United States if the Knesset adopts a proposed law forbidding dual citizenship by its members.

When the new Knesset was sworn in, on August 13, 1984, Kahane balked at taking the required pledge of allegiance to the Israeli Parliament and the State of Israel. But he did so after Yosef Burg, who was acting Speaker, demanded that Kahane take the pledge or he would not be seated.

The next day, the State Department said it was studying that whether, because of this act, Kahane should be stripped of his citizenship. Redman said today that the decision is taking so long because the problem is "complex" and "fraught with extremely weighty consequences for the individual and therefore the Department is obliged to take care in evaluating all available evidence."

Kahane, who frequently returns to the United States to raise funds for his activities in Israel, has made no secret that he fears that, if he loses his citizenship, the United States would deny him entry.

DISAGREEMENTS BETWEEN ISRAELIS AND U.S. JEWS ARE SCRUTINIZED

DE KALB, Ill., Aug. 20 (JTA) — Major causes of disagreement between Israeli Jews and American Jews were scrutinized at the 10th annual Conference on Alternatives in Jewish Education.

A panel of two Israeli political leaders and a representative of the American Jewish community probed a number of issues, including the right to dissent, amnesty for Jewish terrorists, religious pluralism in Israel, Israel's business dealings with South Africa, Nicaragua and Iran, and whether it is realistic to describe Israeli and American Jews as one people.

Speaking from two different Israeli points of view were Avraham Burg, a member of the Labor Party who is Premier Shimon Peres' advisor on diaspora affairs, and Dan Meridor, a Likud member of Knesset who is on the Knesset's Security and Foreign Affairs Committee and was Cabinet Secretary in the Administration of Premier Menachem Begin. The North American viewpoint was presented by Shoshana Cardin, president of the Council of Jewish Federations.

Some 2,000 Jewish educators from all parts of the U.S. and 10 other countries attended the convention on the campus of Northern Illinois University.

Major Concerns Shared

Burg pointed out that although major differences existed between Israelis and Americans — in "language, priorities, values, loyalties, and culture" — they shared major concerns — "the security of Israel, the plight of Soviet Jewry, memories of the Holocaust, and the Jewish spiritual framework of halacha." "Our aim," he asserted, "should be to find a common denominator despite the differences."

Cardin, noting that of the 12 million Jews in the world, only one-quarter live in Israel, maintained that the Zionist tenet which denied any meaningful existence to Jewish life outside of Israel was an unfair claim.

"There has not been in our history a period which has not seen Jewish creativity outside of Eretz Yisrael," she said. "Much of our liturgy, much of our tradition, many of our greatest sages created far from Jerusalem. It is important, if we are to be one people, that we recognize the diversity, the freedom to choose where we live, and not be denied the opportunity to live a vibrant, creative, Jewish life in the diaspora."

Prudent Criticism Is Okay

Meridor, asserting his belief that "Jews are a nation, and not just an ethical or religious group," affirmed his conviction that the Jewish people have "an interest, a share, and a right to say what they think should be done, and we should listen." But, he added, criticism "should be done prudently."

"I'd rather read it in The Jerusalem Post than in The New York Times, because people who read you read as Jews, not only as Americans," he explained.

Cardin, taking issue with Meridor, replied: "Even though I think we have the right to dissent, I think we have to dissent on issues where we are not interfering with a sovereign state. But when it affects us as Jews such as the Law of Return, then I think we are obliged to speak."

The panel was unanimous in its condemnation of amnesty for Israeli terrorists. Both Israelis endorsed Cardin's statement that "we are a people of justice and Israel is a state of law, and it is critical that we recognize what has been wrong, and that we not grant amnesty and give a terrible message to our people as well as to the rest of the world."

On the subject of sales of nuclear technology, arms and military parts to such countries as South Africa, Nicaragua and Iran, Meridor asked for understanding of the realities of world trade and world politics. He pointed out that the major powers and many nations in the Western world trade with countries whose politics they don't agree with, and the world accepts it.

"I don't mean to justify this," he said, "but I want you to understand that a very difficult process of decision making was involved here. And please remember that to survive is not simple, and the people you have to deal with in this world are not at all like the thirty-six Lamed Vuvniks."

JEWSH EDUCATORS IN NORTH AMERICA EXPRESS SOLIDARITY WITH SOVIET JEWISH TEACHERS

DE KALB, Ill., Aug. 20 (JTA) — Approximately 2,000 Jewish educators meeting at the 10th annual Conference on Alternatives in Jewish Education sent a message of solidarity to their colleagues in the Soviet Union, telling them that they are not forgotten in their struggle to keep alive Jewish life and learning.

The conference was dedicated to the Hebrew teachers of the Soviet Union, and the opening program featuring a concert by Theodore Bikel was beamed into Eastern Europe by the Voice of America.

Bikel, who sang songs in Hebrew, English, Yiddish, and Russian, addressed the Russian Jewish educators in Hebrew: "You are the hope of our nation. We are at your sides in our thoughts and hopes. Hazak ve'amatz. Be strong and of good courage."

Stuart Kelman, chairperson of CAJE, which sponsored the conference, told the assembled participants: "When I look out and see 2,000 of us from 44 states and four Canadian provinces and nine non-North American countries, I'm overwhelmed and grateful and awed — and a bit sad. I am sad because there is at least one group of Jewish teachers who cannot come and learn and teach and celebrate. To them, the Jewish teachers of the Soviet Union, we dedicate this conference."

Participants included teachers, administrators, rabbis, cantors, youth workers, bureau personnel, and curriculum designers from across the Jewish ideological spectrum. There were 55 non-North American attendees including educators from England, France, Sweden, Italy, the Netherlands, South Africa and Australia, and 22 representatives from Israel.

During the five-day program 360 presenters offered approximately 450 substantive sessions organized into 12 major subject areas: history and social studies, sacred texts, prayer and the synagogue, educational leadership, creative arts, Hebrew language, family and adult education, early childhood education, special education, informal education, Jewish living and Israel.

In addition to the formal sessions, participants could view exhibits of curricular materials, books, games and Judaica by 45 exhibitors; try out the latest Jewish (and general educational) software at the computer center; copy lesson plans contributed by other teachers at the copy bank; and view films and video cassettes in the media center. At the teacher center, one could examine teacher-made displays, games and curricular materials and attend sessions to learn how to make these.

A team from CBS-TV's program, "For Our Times," a non-denominational public affairs series presented by CBS's Religious Programs Department in consultation with the New York Board of Rabbis, the National Council of Churches and the U.S. Catholic Forum, filmed the conference. The program will be offered to 220 CBS-TV affiliates in the fall and will be aired in the New York metropolitan area on Sunday, November 10, at 8:30 a.m.