

**RABIN: ISRAEL WILL CONTINUE
ITS WAR AGAINST TERRORISM
EVEN IF IT MAKES MISTAKES**
By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, Feb. 5 (JTA) — Israel will continue to take the initiative in its war against terrorism, Defense Minister Yitzhak Rabin promised today, even if it sometimes makes mistakes, as happened yesterday when an intercepted private Libyan jet turned out not to be carrying the top terrorist leaders believed to have been aboard.

The war against terrorism must be waged by daring, unconventional means, Rabin told a group of settlers in northern Israel. "We have to show initiative. We have to be daring even if we do not always achieve our objectives in full. Yesterday we did not achieve our full aims, maybe not even partially," he said. But the Defense Minister stressed that terrorism cannot be defeated on the basis only of retaliation for specific acts.

He said the Arab countries continue to finance international terrorism. They provide terrorist organizations with funds and shelter, training bases and aid via diplomatic pouches. He accused some governments in Europe of not joining the fight against international terrorism and in fact distinguishing between "good" and "bad" terrorists.

Israel Was Embarrassed

Israel was clearly embarrassed by yesterday's incident which indicated a serious failure of intelligence and a high degree of cunning on the part of terrorist leaders. Israeli intelligence had what it considered sufficient evidence that such Palestinian terrorists as Geroge Habash and Abu Nidal were passengers in the Gulfstream executive jet forced by the Israel Air Force to land at an air base in northern Israel yesterday afternoon.

The Libyan aircraft was enroute from Benghazi, Libya, to Damascus with nine passengers and three crew. The passengers turned out to be Syrian political figures returning to Damascus from a conference of Arab radicals in Tripoli, the Libyan capital. After a thorough check of the identities of those aboard, Israel released the plane four-and-a-half hours after intercepting it.

The two-day conference, chaired by Libyan leader Col. Muammar Qaddafi, was attended by delegates from 22 hard-line Arab movements, including Palestinian terrorist groups opposed to Palestine Liberation Organization chief Yasir Arafat. Habash, who heads the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, was among them. He boasted yesterday that he had foiled Israel's efforts to catch the "big fish."

Abu Nidal is the leader of the terrorist gang held responsible for the December 27 attacks at the Rome and Vienna airports, which resulted in the deaths of 19 people. His group operates under a variety of names and while it is said to have no more than a few hundred members, its record of assassinations — PLO officials as well as Israelis — makes it one of the most dangerous terrorist organizations. It is supported by Qaddafi and also, according to Israel, by the Syrian government.

Terrorists like Habash and Nidal are wily. They rarely sleep in the same building twice and switch planes at the last minute when they travel. That apparently is what they did when they left Tripoli yesterday.

**ARAB TERRORIST GROUP CLAIMS
RESPONSIBILITY FOR WAVE OF BOMBINGS**
By Edwin Eytan

PARIS, Feb. 5 (JTA) — French police are taking seriously the claim by an Arab terrorist group, believed to be Lebanese, that it is responsible for the wave of bombings in Paris that injured more than 50 people in recent months.

The latest bomb ripped through a crowded bookstore in the Latin Quarter last night, injuring four people. Eight people were injured, three seriously, when a bomb exploded Monday night in a shopping arcade on the fashionable Champs-Élysées. An unexploded bomb found in the rest room of a restaurant on the lower level of the Eiffel Tower Monday night was safely defused by police.

A group calling itself the Solidarity Committee With Arab Political Prisoners and the Middle East, said it set off the bombs, and the police believe the claim is authentic, L. Monde reported today. The terrorists are believed to be Lebanese Shiites attempting to pressure the government to meet terrorist demands on four French hostages being held in Lebanon.

Demands Of The Terrorist Group

The group, hitherto unknown, is demanding the release of two Arabs and an Armenian from French prisons where they were confined in connection with terrorist acts in Paris. One of them, Abdul-Kader Saadi, was implicated in the April 3, 1982 murder of Israeli diplomat Yacov Bar Siman-Tov. He was gunned down, reportedly by a woman, as he left his apartment building.

Saadi is also suspected of the murder, a month earlier, of the Military Attache at the U.S. Embassy here. The other jailed terrorists are Anis Naccache, arrested for the attempted assassination of former Iranian Prime Minister Shahpur Bakhtiar in Paris in 1980; and Varadjian Garbidjian, imprisoned for the 1983 bombing at Orly Airport which killed eight people.

The most recent bombings before Monday occurred last December 7 when 35 people were injured by explosions in two Paris department stores crowded with Christmas shoppers.

The kidnapers of the four Frenchmen held by pro-Iranian terrorists in Lebanon have demanded the release of the three men and payment of \$1 billion in U.S. currency, matching the Iranian assets frozen by the U.S. when the Ayatollah Khomeini took power in Teheran in 1979.

**'WHO IS A JEW' AMENDMENT DEFEATED
IN THE KNESSET BY 61 - 47 VOTE**

JERUSALEM, Feb. 5 (JTA) — The resounding defeat sustained by the "Who Is A Jew" amendment to the Law of Return in the Knesset today — its third defeat in recent years — was a major disappointment to the religious parties which had forced the issue once again to the Knesset floor.

The fiercely controversial measure was overwhelmed by a 61-47 vote, with two abstentions, a far larger margin of defeat than its sponsors had expected. The Orthodox Marasha party was embittered by the failure of many Likud MKs to support the amendment.

The disappointment of Shas, a member of the unity coalition government, was muted. The four MKs of that ultra-Orthodox faction apparently do not consider the defeat a reason to create a crisis with Likud or within the coalition.

The Orthodox parties have been pressing the "Who is a Jew" amendment for years. It would define a Jew as anyone born of a Jewish mother or converted to Judaism "according to halacha."

The addition of the last three words is the source of the conflict, for it would in effect invalidate conversions performed outside Israel by other than Orthodox rabbis. The amendment has been forcefully opposed in Israel and by the Reform and Conservative branches of Judaism in the U.S.

Warns of Divisive Effect

Premier Shimon Peres, who spoke for the government in the debate preceding the vote, warned that passage of the amendment would have a divisive effect in Jewish life in Israel and abroad. "Is it in our interest to weaken the bonds which grow steadily stronger between the Conservative and Reform movements and Israel?" Peres asked, addressing himself to "my friends, the Orthodox members of the Knesset."

The Premier also spoke out against a counter-amendment introduced by the Civil Rights Movement (CRM) which would define a Jew as anyone declaring themselves to be a Jew. That amendment was also defeated.

Yosef Burg, veteran leader of the National Religious Party who is Minister of Religious Affairs, was to have spoken for the amendment. But Burg, who is visiting the U.S., flatly refused pleas from Orthodox colleagues to return home for the debate. He was quoted as saying that he had strongly advised against introducing the amendment at this time since there was no assured majority for its passage. Under the law, the amendment cannot be reintroduced for at least six months.

Orthodox Parties Rinkled

The Orthodox parties were rinkled by the absence of two Likud ministers, Ariel Sharon and Moshe Arens, from the chamber, and abstentions by Rafael Eitan of the rightwing Tehiya Party and Ehud Olmert (Likud-Herut) — especially Olmert, who in the past had supported the amendment.

Olmert told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency today that he has proposed a formula to resolve the conflict to the satisfaction of all three branches of Judaism. He said he would create a Bet Din (religious court) that would consist of three Orthodox rabbis and one each from the Reform and Conservative movements. He noted that the latter would have to be personally observant in their lifestyles and that the Orthodox rabbis would constitute a quorum.

"It is not an ideal solution but there are no ideal solutions," Olmert said. He claimed he already has support for his proposal among non-Orthodox religious Jews in Israel and the U.S. He named Rabbi Richard Hirsch, president of the World Union for Progressive Judaism, as the Reform movement is

known in Israel, and mentioned leading Conservative rabbis from the U.S. whom he did not name.

Olmert said he would continue to seek the support of rabbis and lay religious figures in the U.S. and observed that his campaign could harm his own political career but would demonstrate his determination and sincerity to resolve a vexing problem.

RABBI YAACOV LANDA DEAD AT 89

JERUSALEM, Feb. 5 (JTA) — Rabbi Yaacov Landa, the rabbi of Bnei Brak, and a leading practitioner of strict Orthodoxy in Israel, was buried on the Mount of Olives today. He died at his home in Bnei Brak yesterday at the age of 89. Thousands of Orthodox Jews attended the funeral.

Landa was born in Kornitz, Russia, and achieved prominence as a scholar at an early age. On the death of his father, Rabbi Moshe Yehuda Leib, he replaced him as president of the religious court in the town. Landa served as rabbi during the first decade of the Communist regime in Russia, immigrating to Palestine in 1935. Shortly afterwards, he was appointed rabbi of Bnei Brak.

He is credited with preserving Bnei Brak as an ultra-Orthodox stronghold despite its proximity to the secular metropolis of Tel Aviv. His influence among religious Jews extended far beyond the boundaries of his town.

He was known for his particularly strict enforcement of the kashrut laws, and his personal "hechsher" (certification) was to be found in almost every Israeli household on the products of the Ossem food company and the Coca Cola bottling plant, both of which are located in Bnei Brak.

JUDAH PILCH DEAD AT 84

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 5 (JTA) — Dr. Judah Pilch, the former executive director of the American Association for Jewish Education (AAJE), the predecessor agency of the Jewish Education Service of North America (JESNA), died January 29. He was 84 years old.

Born in Kiev, Pilch came to the U.S. in 1928 and received his B.S. degree four years later from Lewis Institute in Chicago; his M.A. from Columbia University in New York City in 1946; and his Ph.D. from Dropsie College in Philadelphia in 1951.

A renowned Jewish educator, Pilch was a lecturer at the College of Jewish Studies in Chicago from 1929-39, and was director of the Jewish Education Association of Rochester from 1939-44. Pilch came to work for the Jewish Education Committee of New York City from 1944-49, and then joined the staff of the AAEJ.

In 1952, Pilch was named executive director of the AAEJ. In 1960, he withdrew from the directorship of the agency to become director of the AAEJ's National Curriculum Research Institute, where he stayed until 1968, when he retired.

A prolific writer in English, Hebrew and Yiddish, Pilch was the author of "Jewish Life in Our Times" (1943) and "Teaching Modern Jewish History" (1948). He edited "A History of Jewish Education in the United States" (1968); "Judaism and the Jewish School" (with Meir Ben-Horin, 1966); and "The Jewish Catastrophe in Europe" (1968).

COURT RULES THAT MANAGEMENT OF JERUSALEM CONVENTION CENTER MUST RENT PREMISES TO KACH PARTY By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, Feb. 5 (JTA) — A magistrates court ruled today that the management of Binyanei Haoma, the Jerusalem convention center, must rent the premises to Rabbi Meir Kahane's extremist Kach Party for its convention next week, despite vigorous protests from Zionist leaders.

Leon Dulzin, chairman of the World Zionist Organization and Jewish Agency Executives, was outraged when he learned, several weeks ago, that Kach had rented the convention hall. He ordered the Binyanei Haoma to cancel the agreement on grounds that the Zionist movement, which owns the building, cannot serve as a platform for an "anti-Zionist, anti-democratic body" such as Kach. The WZO Executive adopted a resolution banning rental to Kach.

But Judge Aharon Simha upset that decision on grounds that the political views espoused by Kach were not sufficient reason to deny it privileges that were not in violation of the law. Last month, the Supreme Court upheld the right of Kahane to introduce two racist bills in the Knesset after the Knesset Speaker had struck them from the agenda.

GROUP OF ISRAELI ARABS RENEW CAMPAIGN TO BE ALLOWED TO RETURN TO THEIR HOME VILLAGES OF IKRIT AND BIRAM By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, Feb. 5 (JTA) — A group of Israeli Christian Arabs have renewed their public campaign to be allowed to return to their home villages, Ikrit and Biram in northern Israel, which they were ordered to leave "temporarily" 38 years ago, during Israel's War of Independence.

An Arab Knesset member, Abdul Wahab Darawsh of the Labor Party, will introduce an agenda motion on the matter. The petitioners, Catholics and Maronite Christians, will meet with the head of the Catholic Church in Israel, Archbishop Salim, this Friday, to get their campaign underway.

Neither Ikrit nor Biram exist any longer and the former residents have long since resettled in other Arab towns in Israel. But a core group continues to press for the right to return. Years ago, their claim was upheld by the Supreme Court. But then-Premier Golda Meir refused to abide by the court order on security grounds. Succeeding governments took the same position although both left and rightwing politicians acknowledge the appeal is justified.

The "security reasons" for which the villages were evacuated are no longer relevant. Nevertheless, the Israeli authorities reportedly fear that to allow the Biram and Ikrit villagers to return to the sites of their former homes would create a precedent for other Palestinians ousted from their villages in the 1948 war to press similar claims.

RCMP ARREST SUSPECT IN VANDALISM SPREE By Ben Kayfetz

TORONTO, Feb. 5 (JTA) — The Royal Canadian Mounted Police arrested a suspect last week in Red Deer, Alberta — the town where the trial of anti-Semitic teacher Jim Keegstra was held last summer — following a spate of vandalism during which nine area churches and public buildings were daubed with Stars of David with the word "Jew" painted on them.

The suspect arrested in connection with the vandalism was 37-year-old Delvin Dwain Carpenter, who pleaded guilty to 17 counts of mischief. He was released two days after his arrest on \$1,000 bail posted by his father. The trial is set for Feb. 21.

Carpenter, who has a history of mental problems, was a frequent spectator at the Keegstra trial. In a letter to the Red Deer Advocate, the town's only newspaper, he wrote, "I hate the Jews. I hate Satan and I will destroy the planet and every living soul before I see one Jew or one son of Satan saved. Every human being has Satan's mark and the mark of the Jew upon them." The letter denounced Pope John Paul II, charging he is a Jew.

The buildings daubed included two Catholic churches, the court house where the Keegstra trial took place, the library, local provincial government offices, and the newspaper. There are no synagogues in the area.

At the bail hearing, the court was told that Carpenter had checked himself into a mental institution 65 miles away, and had checked himself out two weeks later. The suspect's father, Ron Carpenter, said he did not agree with his son's release, adding that he should have been placed under treatment immediately. He put up the bail, he said, since it was his son's money and young Carpenter had requested it.

A TAXING SITUATION By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, Feb. 5 (JTA) — Mayor Eli Landau of Herzliya has not actually put up signs reading "detour — tax collectors ahead." But he may as well have, considering that motorists driving through that town north of Tel Aviv are being diverted around roadblocks set up by tax collectors.

The income tax authorities established checkpoints on the main highway through Herzliya in an effort to apprehend tax evaders. Vehicles are flagged down and the information on the driver's license and registration is compared by computer to a list of tax delinquents. Motorists found to be in default are issued a summons on the spot with the threat that their cars will be impounded if they do not settle up promptly with the government.

But the process created huge traffic jams and Landau ordered his road maintenance crews to direct drivers away from the roadblocks. The tax authorities insist they are legally allowed to take all necessary measures to collect back taxes. Landau maintains that he has an equal right under the law to direct traffic around obstructions, which he identified, in this case, to be the tax collectors' roadblocks.

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Prof. Haim Beinart, Bernard Cherrick Professor of Jewish History at the Hebrew University, has been named the first winner of the international "Three-Culture Prize (el Premio de "Las Tres Culturas") awarded by the City of Cordoba, Spain. The prize was created by Cordoba to call attention to its past role as a center for Judaism, Christianity and Islam. Beinart is a world-renowned figure in the history of the Jews of Spain and the Marranos. He also founded and heads a research project at the Hebrew University on the Jews of Spain entitled "Hispania Judaica."

3,000 PEOPLE PARTICIPATE IN A MEMORIAL TRIBUTE TO JUDITH RESNICK

By Sharon Mandel
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AKRON, Feb. 5 (JTA) -- Sen. John Glenn (D. Ohio) told close to 3,000 participants in a memorial tribute Monday to Dr. Judith Resnick, the astronaut who perished with six of her colleagues in the Challenger shuttle tragedy last week, that a way to celebrate her life was to "celebrate the cause for which she gave it." Glenn said:

"As we reflect on Judy's life, and the Challenger's last voyage, I hope we never forget the last words that came from that crew. Those words were: 'Go with throttle up.' Those words are far more than a courageous epitaph. They are America's history and they are America's destiny. And they will turn tragedy into triumph once again."

Crowding into the gymnasium of the school Resnick graduated with honors in 1966 were 50 alumni from her class; 20 astronauts, including Sally Ride, the first woman to go up into space; several scientists from the NASA Lewis Research Center; students from the school and others in the city; and city officials.

A Personal Door To Grief

Wayne Thompkins, president of the Class of 1966, and teachers Donald Nutter and Burton Willeford, who had known Resnick well, also paid tribute to her, as did Principal Robert Hatherill. School superintendent Conrad Ott and Mayor Thomas Sawyer, who organized the meeting, also spoke in honor of Resnick. Dagmar Celeste, who represented her husband, Ohio Governor Richard Celeste, was another speaker.

Dr. Marvin Resnick, the fallen astronaut's father, thanked the participants for caring so much. He quoted from a letter written by one of his neighbors: "As parents, there is a personal door to grief no one else can enter.... But the sheer number of people who mourn with you must be a great comfort now."

Two members of the clergy also participated in the tribute. Rabbi Abraham Feffer, spiritual leader of Temple Beth El, where Resnick was Bat Mitzvahed and confirmed, gave the invocation. Reverend Eugene Morgan, Jr., a Black minister, made the closing benediction.

At the end of the tribute, students from Firestone High School, Resnick's alma mater, gave several musical selections. "Our students are very attentive," Principal Hatherill told the Cleveland Jewish News after the tribute, "They were impressed with what Judy had accomplished in her life."

ZIONIST COUNCIL GRAPPLING WITH CONTROVERSIAL PROPOSAL FROM DULZIN

By David Landau

JERUSALEM, Feb. 5 (JTA) -- The Zionist General Council, the supreme body of the World Zionist Organization between Congresses, opened a week-long session here with a call from President Chaim Herzog to the delegates to take time out from the five-star hotel circuit and visit development towns "where Zionism is actually happening." He urged the delegates to "see for yourselves what Zionism is all about."

The delegates, however, will have little time for touring during their week-long session. They will have to grapple with a controversial new proposal from WZO chairman Leon Dulzin intended, he says, "to revolutionize" the Zionist movement.

As a result of high-level internal studies in which Zionist leaders from Israel and abroad participated, Dulzin is proposing that representation to future Zionist Congresses be exclusively based on democratic elections. There are to be no more inter-party deals allocating the numbers and affiliations of delegations from various countries. That has been the practice in most Zionist Federations, including the United States.

An Issue Of Democracy

The recommendation and proposal follow years of criticism, in Israel and abroad, which focussed on the lack of true democracy within the Zionist movement. But the new proposal is opposed mainly by Hadassah, which claims that the change should apply in Israel as well as overseas. But the proponents counter that the Israeli representation to the WZO -- 38 percent -- is totally democratic, since it is based on the results of the last previous Knesset elections.

The proposal needs a two-thirds majority of the Zionist General Council to become part of the WZO constitution. Dulzin is "confident" of attaining it, despite the opposition of the General Zionists.

Redefinition Of Qualifications Proposed

Dulzin has also proposed a redefinition of the qualifications required of Zionist leaders. They would include a personal commitment to aliya, and personal implementation of Jewish and Hebrew education for the leader and his or her children.

Dulzin conceded in an interview that it would be hard to enforce such requirements. But he insisted that the definition of a Zionist must be tightened in this exhortative way because it would carry a moral force that would in time percolate through the movement.

Hitherto, Zionist activism has been conditional merely upon commitment to the Jerusalem Program, which Jewish organizations and individuals worldwide have had little difficulty in undertaking. One of the provisions of the Jerusalem Program is the recognition of the centrality of Israel in Jewish life.

DRAPER REPLACES CLUVERIUS AS U.S. CONSUL GENERAL IN JERUSALEM

JERUSALEM, Feb. 5 (JTA) -- Morris Draper, a veteran United States diplomat in Middle East politics, Monday began serving as the U.S. Consul General in Jerusalem. Draper replaced another veteran Mideast diplomat, Wat Cluverius, who was appointed special advisor on the Mideast peace process to Assistant Secretary of State Richard Murphy.

The U.S. has traditionally kept a Consul General in Jerusalem in addition to the one in Tel Aviv since the early days of the State, when it endorsed the internationalization of the city. The Consul General resides and has offices in West Jerusalem, as well as a consular section in East Jerusalem.

Unofficially, the Consul General is described as the American "Ambassador" to the Administered Territories. As such, he has few formal contacts with the Foreign Ministry, which, of course, refused to recognize legitimacy of a separate diplomatic function in the territories.

However, Draper has had excellent contacts with many Israeli policy-makers ever since the Lebanon war, when he worked as deputy to special Presidential Middle East envoy Philip Habib. Draper came here with his wife, Roberta, who has worked as a journalist for the now defunct Washington Star and other American media.