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4 INJURED BY ROCKET EXPLOSION IN KIRYAT SHEMONA; IDF BOMBS TWO TERRORIST TARGETS IN SOUTH LEBANON

By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, March 27 (JTA) -- A Katyusha rocket exploded in a school yard in Kiryat Shemona Thursday morning, slightly injuring three students and a teacher. Shortly afterwards, Israel Air Force jets bombed two targets in Sidon, south Lebanon, said to be installations of the Palestine Liberation Organization. Beirut radio said six Israeli planes carried out the raid, which lasted 15 minutes and caused heavy casualties.

The 122 mm. rocket struck the school yard at 9:30 a.m. local time. Two of the injured were hit by flying glass and two others were hurt in a stampede to air raid shelters. Order was quickly restored and within an hour after the attack youngsters were kicking a football over and around the crater left by the rocket in the schoolyard.

Although Thursday's casualties were minor, they were the first casualties in Kiryat Shemona since Israel invaded Lebanon in June 1982 with Premier Menachem Begin's assurance that rockets will never again fall in Galilee. The town has been hit by rockets numerous times since then but no one was hurt until Thursday.

An Israel Defense Force spokesman said the targets for the retaliatory air raid were Sidon headquarters of El Fatah, the PLO's terrorist branch, located in the Miamia refugee camp and a tented PLO training area south of the camp. All Israeli aircraft returned safely to their bases, the spokesman said.

WEST GERMAN TOURIST DIES OF WOUNDS

By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, March 27 (JTA) -- A 20-year-old West German woman, Miriam Stucker, died in a Beersheba hospital Thursday, two weeks after she was found comatose with a bullet wound in her head in a field near Kibbutz Revivim in the Negev. She never regained consciousness.

Stucker, described as a tourist who had worked as a volunteer at a kibbutz in Galilee before coming to the Negev, was the second woman shot in the Revivim area since last summer. The earlier victim, a woman soldier, survived.

Police said Stucker was discovered between 24-48 hours after she was shot, possibly by a man who gave her a lift in his car. A Bedouin detained as a suspect was remanded in custody for 15 days by a Beersheba magistrate's court Wednesday while police investigate the case. There was no indication why the Bedouin is under suspicion.

According to police sources, on the day before the victim was discovered, two women members of Kibbutz Revivim heard gunshots which they presumed to be fired by hunters and shortly afterwards saw a man drive away in a white car.

ISRAEL CONSIDERING FUTURE RELATIONS WITH WALDHEIM AS EVIDENCE MOUNTS THAT FORMER UN OFFICIAL HAS A NAZI PAST

By David Landau (Jerusalem) and Reinhard Engel (Vienna)

March 27 (JTA) -- Justice Minister Moshe Nissim said Thursday that mounting evidence that former United Nations Secretary General Kurt Waldheim has a Nazi past will require Israel "to consider carefully" whether it is possible to have any relations with him in the future.

Waldheim is the conservative Peoples Party candidate for the Presidency of Austria in elections to be held May 5. Austrian and Yugoslavian newspapers and the World Jewish Congress have made public in recent weeks wartime and post-war documents indicating that Waldheim was involved in the murder and torture of partisan fighters while a lieutenant attached to the German General Staff in the Balkans during World War II.

He also may have been implicated in the deportation of Greek Jews from Salonika. Nissim was the first ranking Israeli official to comment on the Waldheim affair. He said Thursday that Israel would have to weigh its position if, for example, the question of Waldheim's visiting Israel arises in the future.

There have been no indications from present or past officers of the Israel foreign service as to whether Israel knew of or suspected Waldheim's alleged Nazi activities during his two terms as UN Secretary General - 1972-81.

Waldheim denied any Nazi past in an interview with Israel Radio from Vienna Wednesday. He said his wartime service in the Balkans was limited to acting as an interpreter for the German High Command.

More Documents Published

Two Yugoslavian newspapers and the Austrian daily Kurier published documents found in a Belgrade archive which reveal that Waldheim was wanted for war crimes in 1947 in connection with atrocities committed against partisans and civilians during the German occupation.

Last Sunday, the World Jewish Congress in New York released a 1948 U.S. Army document showing that after World War II both the Army and the United Nations War Crimes Commission listed Waldheim as a suspected Nazi war criminal. The document, from the Army's "Combined Registry of War Criminals and Security Suspects" (CROWCASS), reports that Waldheim's arrest was sought by Yugoslavia on suspicion of complicity in what the Registry listed as "murder."

According to the documents published in Belgrade and Vienna, it was Waldheim who, despite his junior rank, made proposals for retaliation measures against local populations after partisan attacks and on the treatment of hostages. His proposals were passed on to his superiors.

Waldheim Thursday flatly rejected the allegations as "lies, defamation and devilish intrigue." He main-

tained that the documents lumped all German officers together and because no proof was ever found, the charges were quietly dropped by the Yugoslav authorities.

Yugoslavia Urged To Check Allegations

Simon Wiesenthal, who heads the Nazi war crimes documentation center in Vienna, said Thursday that the Yugoslav authorities should check into why the allegations against Waldheim were not pursued after 1947. "There is a whole range of possibilities, from pure laziness and sloth to a feeling that the suspicions were not justified," he said.

Meanwhile, Alois Mock, chairman of the Peoples Party, accused the WJC Thursday of "infamous meanness and unwarranted interference with Austrian political matters." Mock called on the Socialist-led Austrian government to protect Waldheim as a citizen from unjustified attacks coming from abroad.

Another Peoples Party spokesman, Robert Graf, called Thursday on President Rudolph Kirchschlaeger to call a special session of Parliament to reject foreign intervention in Austrian politics.

But Socialist Chancellor Fred Sinowatz said no such session was necessary. He said it was Waldheim's duty to prove the charges unfounded. He added that the government would not intervene against a private organization in the U.S., meaning the WJC.

HISTORIC EVENT ALMOST GOES UNNOTICED

By David Friedman

WASHINGTON, March 27 (JTA) — It almost went unnoticed Wednesday that it was the seventh anniversary of the Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty.

But Israeli Ambassador Meir Rosenne reminded guests at an Israeli Embassy reception for visiting Tourism Minister Avraham Sharir that it was on March 26, 1979 that the treaty was signed in Washington by then-Israeli Premier Menachem Begin and Egyptian President Anwar Sadat.

While the treaty has not brought about the full normalization of relations the Israelis expected in 1979, Rosenne stressed that for the last seven years no soldier has been killed on either side of the Egyptian-Israeli line.

Sharir, who spent most of Wednesday discussing means of increasing American tourism to Israel with United States government officials, conceded that the recent terrorist incidents in the Middle East have cut tourism to Israel.

But he stressed the need not to give in to terrorism and said Israelis were ready to welcome thousands and even millions of American tourists with "open arms." To help facilitate increased tourism, the Ministry of Tourism is opening an office at the Embassy here.

NEW PARTY SHAPING UP

By David Landau

JERUSALEM, March 27 (JTA) — Yosef Lapid, a senior editor of the daily Maariv, was named Secretary General of the newly formed Liberal Center Party Thursday. He was appointed by the party's unofficial leadership — Mayor Shlomo Lehat of Tel Aviv, Leon Dulzin, chairman of the World Zionist Organization and Jewish Agency Executives, and Yitzhak Berman, a former Speaker of the Knesset.

The Liberal Center Party was founded several months ago by disaffected members of the Liberal Party wing of Likud. It will hold internal elections soon.

Lapid retired last year after a five-year term as Director General of the Israel Broadcasting Authority, which runs the country's radio and television. He has long been a senior staffer at Maariv, where he wrote food and travel columns.

Politically he is considered to the right of center. On the question of the future of the administered territories, he said the Liberal Center platform wants "what most Israelis want: a solution that avoids the twin dangers of a binational state and a security risk."

ORTHODOX OFFER COMPROMISE VERSION OF ANTI-RACIST BILL

JERUSALEM, March 27 (JTA) — The Orthodox lobby in the Knesset, opposed to a pending bill against racism, has come up with a compromise version that would outlaw acts against ethnic or religious minorities without specifically using the term racism.

The religious parties oppose the original bill on grounds that its broad formulations could be used to prosecute religious dogmas and practices. In that connection they note that halacha does, in a non-pejorative sense, discriminate against gentiles by positioning a clear-cut distinction between Jews and gentiles.

The anti-racism law is a direct response to the philosophy and activities of Rabbi Meir Kahane's extremist Kach Party, which advocates the expulsion of all Arabs from Israel and the administered territories, and would make intermarriage or intercourse between Jews and Arabs a criminal offense.

OPPOSITION TO NEW AUSTERITY BUDGET

JERUSALEM, March 27 (JTA) — Premier Shimon Peres, lobbying hard for the new austerity budget that will go before the Knesset Monday, has run into opposition from some members of his own Labor Party faction. A meeting of the faction executive Thursday afternoon ended with no binding commitment of support despite Peres' warning that coalition defections could spell the end of the unity government.

Some Labor MKs said they would vote for the budget on the understanding that Peres will persuade the Treasury to cancel measures they find objectionable. The latter include an education tax and a tax on old age pensions whose recipients have additional sources of income. The Labor dissenters propose that the government levy a new tax on large homes and increase the taxes on senior business executives who drive company cars.

2 JEWS ELECTED MAYORS IN SOUTH AFRICA

JOHANNESBURG, March 27 (JTA) — Two leading Jewish political figures have been elected mayors of Johannesburg and Sandton.

Prof. Harold Rudolph, 38, served for 14 years on the Johannesburg City Council before being inducted as the city's mayor earlier this month. Rudolph, who is associate professor at the Wits University School of Law, is an active Rotarian, past chairperson of the Emmarentia Hebrew Congregation, and vice chairperson of the Transvaal Council of the Jewish Board of Deputies.

Hazel Egdes-Shochet, 52, has been a Sandton town councillor for almost nine years before taking on the duties of mayor this month. She was the town's Mayoress as the wife of the late Morris Egdes, Sandton's mayor in 1973. She was also the first woman to be elected to the town's management committee.

RABBIS ARRESTED AT PEACEFUL DEMONSTRATION FOR SOVIET JEWRY

By Judith Kohn

WASHINGTON, March 27 (JTA) — Representatives of the Reform, Conservative and Orthodox rabbins

ical bodies were among 21 rabbis and lay leaders from across the country arrested Thursday in a peaceful demonstration for Soviet Jewry. The protest, which is the most recent in a nearly year-old series of arrest rallies outside the Soviet Embassy here, appeared to mark a new phase in the nationwide Soviet Jewry movement following the release last month of the celebrated Jewish Prisoner of Conscience Anatoly Shcharansky.

For the first time since the civil disobedience strategy was adopted here last May, the National Conference on Soviet Jewry, the main "establishment" Soviet Jewry organization with membership agencies throughout the country, effectively endorsed the arrests by supporting the rabbinical groups. All three rabbinical associations, as well as three other lay groups represented among those arrested Thursday are member agencies of the National Conference.

The previous protests here have been sponsored by the Washington Board of Rabbis, in coordination with the Union of Councils for Soviet Jews, the other main umbrella Soviet Jewry organization. Over 130 have been arrested in Washington since last May by violating a District of Columbia code that prohibits demonstrations directly in front of the Embassy building. Together with demonstrators in San Francisco and New York, over 1,000 people have been arrested to date, some 500 of them rabbis.

Basis For Change In Attitude

The National Conference had long withheld endorsement of the arrests, maintaining that breaking the law was neither necessary nor justified, especially when the U.S. Administration is already sympathetic to the Soviet Jewish plight.

But disappointment over Moscow's failure to follow through on signals that it would ease its emigration restrictions, and its continued harassment of Jewish activists, led many of the member agencies to call for an "acceleration" of the campaign. William Kaiserling, Washington director of the National Conference, told the Jewish-Telegraphic Agency.

At a press conference held by the demonstrators before Thursday's protest, Keyserling also announced the initiation by his organization of an "aggressive public education effort" to ensure that Jewish emigration and human rights are on the agenda of any future talks between President Reagan and Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev.

He said the "pre-Summit II" campaign will be chaired by Elie Wiesel and will have recent Soviet emigres to Israel — Ilya Essas here next week, to be followed by Shcharansky in May if his health permits. On a very tentative agenda being worked out for Shcharansky by a group of representatives from various Soviet Jewry organizations is the annual "Solidarity Sunday" rally for Soviet Jewry, to take place this year on May 11.

Those arrested Thursday included Rabbi Alexander Shapiro, president of the Rabbinical Assembly of the Conservative movement; Rabbi Jack Stern, president of the Central Conference of American Rabbis, the rabbinical association of the Reform movement; and Rabbi Joshua Shapiro, vice president of the Rabbinical Council of America, representing Orthodox Judaism.

Representatives of the lay groups associated with all three movements also participated. Some

20 others, including Reconstructionist Rabbi Ira Schiffer, took part from across the street but were not arrested. The demonstrators were led away by police one by one as those not yet arrested remained blowing shofars and then dancing as they chanted Hebrew songs. Like those arrested before, the group of 21 was expected to be released pending trial.

SIX MEMBERS OF AN ARAB FAMILY ARRESTED IN CONNECTION WITH THE KIDNAP-SLAYING OF AN ISRAELI SOLDIER

JERUSALEM, March 27 (JTA) — Six members of an Arab family, including a mother of five children, were arrested two weeks ago in connection with the kidnap-slaying of an Israeli soldier, Sgt. David Manos, whose remains were found in a cave in the West Bank on March 14, police sources disclosed Tuesday.

They identified the suspects as Lamia Abdallah and her husband, Tawfik, from Dir Baloot village in the Samaria district of the West Bank; Tahseen and Najah Abdallah, a related couple; Mustapha Abdallah, a construction worker; and Mohammad Abdallah, a teacher. Lamia Abdallah, who grew up in Brazil and holds Brazilian citizenship, was arrested a day after she gave birth to her fifth child.

According to the police, the suspects are not affiliated with any known terrorist organization but apparently decided to kidnap an Israeli soldier at random. Manos became their victim. He was last seen alive on November 6, 1984, hitch hiking from Haifa to his home in Petach Tikva. He became the object of a countrywide search which lasted for months.

The case was broken, the police said, when a resident of Deir Baloot detained on suspicion of a criminal act informed on the gang. They were arrested and led police to the cave where they hid Manos' body 18 months ago after strangling him to death.

Meanwhile, hundreds of security personnel are searching the area between Shefaram and Nazareth for two Arabs who attempted to murder a hitchhiking Israeli soldier Sunday night. The victim, Yosef Levy, a 46-year-old reservist who is secretary of Kibbutz Usha near Haifa, was picked up by two men near the Arab village of Kufer Manda. Once in their car, he was stabbed in the chest. He struggled with his assailants, the car was forced off the road and the two Arabs escaped.

Levy said he waited 20 minutes, bleeding, on the empty road until an Arab driver picked him up and took him to a hospital.

N.Y.C. SCHOOL CHIEF SAYS ALL SCHOOLS WILL REMAIN OPEN DURING PASSOVER

NEW YORK, March 27 (JTA) — New York City school Chancellor Nathan Quinones said Wednesday that all public schools will remain open on Passover and warned the six community school boards which voted to close their schools April 24-25, the first two days of the holiday, that they would be superseded or face suspension if they defy this order.

Five of the local school boards are in Queens and one is in Manhattan. They decided to close their district elementary and intermediate schools because many teachers will be absent and the children will be improperly supervised.

JNF EMBARKS ON NEW PROGRAM TO ENHANCE URBAN INDUSTRIAL AREAS

By Yitzhak Rabi

NEW YORK, March 27 (JTA) — The Jewish National Fund has embarked on a new program to enhance Israel's industrial capacity, create new facilities to promote tourism, and to move from rural to urban development.

Moshe Rivlin, world chairman of the JNF, said in a press conference here this week that the JNF's new major task involves the planting of tens of thousands of trees around the sites of factories being built in outlying areas in the Negev and the Galilee. "These trees will serve not only to beautify the area and anchor the soil. They will also serve as wind-breakers to protect the new industrial enterprises that Israel needs to achieve economic independence," Rivlin said.

Another priority project for the JNF, Rivlin said, is to develop camping and recreational facilities that would attract large numbers of tourists to Galilee, the Arava and the Timna Valley in the Negev near Eilat. So far, the JNF leader reported, 600 picnic areas, 32 fully developed recreation areas and five camp-sites had been built by the JNF — with 22 additional camps now under construction.

The JNF is also planting trees and creating forests under new development towns, as well as parks, sports fields and recreational areas for inner-city residents of Israel's major urban areas, Rivlin said, adding: "Today, JNF operates in urban as well as rural areas, making a new departure in JNF's traditional task of building up the land of Israel. This new responsibility will take an increasing share of JNF resources in the future."

According to Rivlin, JNF's budget for this year is about \$50 million. Dr. Samuel Cohen, JNF's executive vice president in the U.S. said the JNF here will send about \$10 million, a record, to Israel this year for land reclamation and afforestation projects.

SARA NACHAMSON EVANS DEAD AT 80

DURHAM, N.C., March 27 (JTA) — Sara Nachamson Evans, a local, regional and national leader of Hadassah who was active for more than a half century on behalf of Israel, Jewish and civic causes, died at Duke Hospital here Sunday at the age of 80. She was the wife of Emanuel Evans who served as Mayor of Durham from 1950-63 and who, with her, created and supported the Judaic Studies Center at Duke University and the University of North Carolina over the past 15 years.

Evans inherited her passion for Israel from her mother, Jenny Nachamson, who founded the first Hadassah chapters in the South in 1919 and led the organization while raising nine children.

Sara Evans served as president of the Durham chapter of Hadassah, and from 1942-45 as president of Hadassah's Seaboard region, which covered nine states. A life member of the Hadassah national board since 1942, she was its national vice president from 1954-57.

A dynamic public speaker, she was known as Hadassah's "southern accent" during her travels across the South, beginning in the late 1930's, organizing local and state chapters.

During World War II, she and her husband signed more than 50 affidavits enabling Jews fleeing from Hitler's Europe to come to the United States. The guarantee of a job from an American citizen was a prerequisite for them to obtain a visa. Many were employed in the Nachamson family chain of stores in North Carolina and Virginia, known as United Department Stores.

After the founding of Israel in 1948, the Evanses lobbied for political support of Israel among the North Carolina Congressional delegation and other political leaders in the South. She headed the Women's Division of the United Way campaign in Durham in 1952 and was a member of the League of Women Voters and the North Carolina Board of the American Association of the United Nations.

HADASSAH MEDICAL RELIEF ORGANIZATION HOLDS FIRST CONGRESS

NEW YORK, March 27 (JTA) — The historic first Congress of the Hadassah Medical Relief Association (HMRA), which brought together leaders in government, medicine and philanthropy from four continents, has just been concluded after three days of intensive sessions in Paris.

According to Bernice Tannenbaum, chairman of the almost three-year-old organization, delegates from 11 countries convened "to relate the challenge of medical science today to the unique role of the Hadassah Medical Organization (HMO) which, as the Mideast's pacesetter in healing, teaching and research, is the focus of medicine between Rome and Tokyo."

Simultaneous translation into French, English, Spanish and Hebrew was necessary to accommodate both panelists and members, many of whom represented the highest levels of medical, legal and community involvement in their home countries.

A symbol of the truly international scope of the undertaking and its significance in fostering breakthroughs in cooperation between countries was the announcement at the Congress of the accord between the French and Israeli governments to support the creation of Europe's and the Mideast's first medical imaging treatment and research center, which will be located at Hadassah-Hebrew University Medical Center in Jerusalem.

The announcement was made by Ovadia Soffer, the Israeli Ambassador to France, on behalf of Hubert Curien, the French Cabinet Minister for Research and Technology, and Dr. Henri Atlan, chief of Hadassah's Department of Medical Biophysics, who was the impetus behind the creation of the project.

Highlights of the unprecedented gathering included multi-national symposia on current medical economics and "Who Shall Live and Who Shall Die," an in-depth debate of the medical, legal, psychological, neurological and ethical ramifications of current medicine led by Dr. Charles Sulman of France.

The Congress was held under the patronage of Georgina Dufoux, France's Minister of Social Affairs and National Solidarity. Ruth Popkin, national president of Hadassah in the United States, and Frieda Lewis, national chairperson of the HMO for the United States, were leaders of some of the pivotal sessions which also included an address by noted lawyer and writer Samuel Pizar on "Human Resources."

The Congress resulted in a renewed dedication among the participants to expand the international support of the HMO and to build closer relations between the members of the HMRA and Israel via the mechanism of HMO involvement.