

**TERRORIST GANG CAPTURED AFTER WEEK OF ASSAULTS AND BOMBINGS**

By David Landau, Gil Sedan and Hugh Orgel

JERUSALEM, June 11 (JTA) — An Israel Defense Force spokesman announced Tuesday night the capture of a terrorist gang believed responsible for 29 attacks in northern and central Israel during the past year. The suspects belong to the mainstream Fatah wing of the Palestine Liberation Organization, the IDF said.

They are believed responsible for placing 10 booby-trapped devices in Haifa and 10 others in Afula. An explosive charge that detonated near a gasoline station in that Jezreel Valley town last Thursday was the 10th bombing there in 12 months. Other explosives were planted by the gang in a half dozen other population centers around Israel. There were no casualties or damage in Afula.

A man was slightly injured Wednesday when an explosive device detonated in a trash can on a busy corner of Herzl Street in Ramat Gan. He was the 17th casualty in seven days of sporadic assaults on individual Israelis and bombings in public places which the authorities believe were mainly terrorist-related. Two of the casualties were Jerusalem policemen who were knifed by a prisoner in their custody last Friday.

**Knifings, Shootings And Bombings**

An Ethiopian immigrant from Kiryat Arba was stabbed in the back in the Hebron Arab quarter while shopping last Friday. He was treated at Hadassah Hospital in Jerusalem where his wound was reported to be minor.

Another Israeli was shot and slightly wounded in a Nablus shop last Thursday. A bomb exploded in a Jerusalem supermarket Thursday evening, slightly wounding two women.

The most serious — and bizarre — incident occurred last Friday afternoon when a Gaza Arab, identified as Ibrahim Jamil, 34, rammed his Volkswagen into a crowded bus stop in the Jerusalem suburb of Kiryat Yovel.

Eleven persons were injured, seven of them children of whom two were reported in serious condition. Police took Jamil into custody and confiscated a knife found in his car. But at police headquarters in the Russian Compound, the prisoner whose handcuffs had been removed, grabbed the knife and plunged it into the stomach of police officer Yitzhak Silberstein who was guarding him.

He escaped from the building, stabbing another officer, Moshe Rababchi, who tried to stop him. Officer Shlomo Cohen chased Jamil down the street, opened fire and wounded him in the shoulder. Police are investigating the incident.

Israeli authorities attributed the upsurge of assaults and bombings last week to the 19th anniversary of the start of the Six Day War on June 5. Premier Shimon Peres said the supermarket bombing was intended to mar celebrations of Jerusalem Reunification Day.

Meanwhile, the IDF announced Wednesday that two Arabs were arrested in a house near Elisha village east of Jericho in the West Bank where a cache of landmines was discovered. They are reportedly members of a terrorist gang living in Jericho, Hebron and Bethlehem, suspected of seven attacks in recent months.

**LAVI DEBATE FOCUSES ON POTENTIAL JOB LOSSES**

By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, June 11 (JTA) — The escalating debate between Israel and the U.S. over the Lavi, Israel's second generation jet fighter plane scheduled for its first test flights next September, focussed this week on the number of jobs that would be lost if the project is abandoned.

The U.S. which is paying for most of the development and production costs, has been urging Israel to drop the Lavi, mainly on grounds that it is too expensive. The Israelis dispute the American cost estimates. Defense Minister Yitzhak Rabin said in a radio interview Tuesday that Israel stands by its decision to develop and produce the plane but is willing to hear alternative proposals from the Americans. Chief of Staff Gen. Moshe Levy has taken a similar position.

But executives of Israel Aviation Industries (IAI), manufacturer of the Lavi, warned Tuesday that abandonment of the project would mean the dismissal of between 3,000-4,000 engineers.

The Americans have promised that all of them would find jobs in high-tech research and engineering in connection with the Reagan Administration's Strategic Defense Initiative (SDI), the "Star Wars" program with which Israel has agreed to cooperate.

According to Israeli officials, most of the engineers would probably leave Israel for the U.S., where the knowledge and expertise gained from the Lavi program would bring them higher paying jobs than they had in Israel.

**5 ULTRA-ORTHODOX VANDALS SENTENCED FOR DEFACING BUS SHELTERS; 10 OTHERS FREED ON BAIL**

By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, June 11 (JTA) — A truce of sorts was announced Tuesday in the spray paint and arson war by ultra-Orthodox zealots against what they decided are "indecent" advertising posters at bus stops in Jerusalem and elsewhere in Israel.

Rahamim Comfort, police commander in the Jerusalem region, told reporters that the heads of the ultra-Orthodox community had agreed to restrain their disciples in exchange for the release on bail of 10 men arrested last week on charges of vandalism and disorderly conduct. The 10 include Rabbi Uri Blau of the Neturei Karta sect which holds the State of Israel to be illegitimate.

Comfort said however that the police will continue to arrest anyone caught defacing public or private property or setting torch to it. Five ultra-Orthodox men were given three-month prison terms by a Jerusalem magistrate's court Tuesday plus five months suspended

sentences and ordered to pay compensation for damage they caused. A sixth defendant, a youth under 21, was released on probation.

### Kollek Sees 'Civil Uprising'

Mayor Teddy Kollek believes the police should take tougher measures against religious zealots and suggested that trouble-makers be sent to jails far from Jerusalem. Kollek, who has been vilified by the ultra-Orthodox Jews here and abroad, said the situation in Jerusalem is tantamount to "a civil uprising."

Of the six who appeared at magistrate's court Tuesday, three were charged with spraying paint on a fashion poster on King David Street and three with defacing an advertisement for mayonnaise in the Rehavia district. Both posters were far from the religious neighborhoods.

The defendants, who refuse to recognize the court, said they were not prepared to see "indecent displays" anywhere in the country where a religious person might pass by. They and their cohorts initially singled out advertisements showing women in bathing suits but went on to deface ads in which women were fully clothed.

In the course of their trial, they made clear that the posters were not the issue but rather the nature of Israeli society. They claimed they acted in compliance with "the higher law than the secular code of justice." One defendant called for the overthrow of the government, by force if necessary, and its replacement by a state based on religious law.

Several score bus stop shelters have been sprayed with black paint or set on fire in recent weeks. Kollek warned that if the police did not take harsh action against religious zealots, other extremists would take revenge. "If the police lets religious elements act as they do, why shouldn't the Arabs do the same?" he asked.

Kollek led the annual Youth Parade through the streets of Jerusalem Tuesday afternoon. He said the colorful procession should demonstrate to the ultra-Orthodox that "they do not rule the city. This city still has life, youth and culture," the Mayor said.

### FRENCH GOVERNMENT APPEARS DIVIDED IN REACTION TO WALDHEIM'S ELECTION

By Edwin Eytan

PARIS, June 11 (JTA) — President Francois Mitterrand sent Kurt Waldheim congratulations Monday on his victory in Austria's Presidential elections. But the center-right government headed by Prime Minister Jacques Chirac appeared divided in its reaction to the election of a man accused of complicity in Nazi war crimes.

Mitterrand's telegram to Waldheim was a formality which all heads of state usually observe toward a newly elected head of state of a friendly country. He offered his "congratulations and best wishes for the Austrian people" and expressed hope that "relations between our two peoples, close for many years, will continue in the same spirit."

Chirac was more equivocal. Pledging to "refrain from interference in the internal policies of a friendly country," he went on to denounce Nazi war criminals as "unpardonable." In the case of Waldheim, he said he had "not seen anywhere conclusive proof."

But Chirac's Human Rights Minister, Claude Malhuret, stated in a radio interview that he would oppose any move to invite Waldheim to France in an official capacity and would "certainly" recom-

mend that France support any decision by other governments to refuse to receive the new Austrian President. "The suspicions weighing on Kurt Waldheim are extremely important. We have no proof of his activity, but we have, in any event, the proof that he did not do what he said he did," Malhuret said. This was apparently a reference to Waldheim's admitted falsification of his war-time service.

But the Human Rights Minister said later it would be up to Mitterrand whether Waldheim is received in France. He explained his earlier remarks by observing that "inasmuch as the accusations against Mr. Waldheim concerned possible human rights violations, I find it normal that as Secretary of State for Human Rights, I should have an immediate reaction."

### Veil Critical Of WJC

A different kind of reaction was expressed by Simone Veil, a former Cabinet Minister, former President of the Parliament of Europe and an Auschwitz survivor. Veil, who is Jewish, said she regretted that "in the end the World Jewish Congress undertook this affair if it did not have specific proof." Most of the evidence of alleged war crimes by Waldheim was collected and made public by the WJC over the past four months.

The official Soviet news agency, Tass, reacted to Waldheim's election by denouncing Israel, Zionists and the U.S. for conducting a smear campaign against the Austrian Presidential candidate.

Meanwhile in Amsterdam, Dutch public officials reacted cautiously to Waldheim's election but their mood was generally negative. Foreign Minister Hans Van Den Broek said in a television interview Sunday night that the election was an expression of the will of the Austrian people and had to be respected. Asked if Waldheim would be welcome in Holland, he replied, "This eventuality has not yet arisen."

### 9 INJURED IN ANTI-NAZI PROTEST

By David Kantor

BONN, June 11 (JTA) — Nine persons, including four policemen, were injured and 39 were arrested in a violent clash in Stuttgart between neo-Nazis and anti-Nazi protestors last Saturday night.

The street violence involved 150 delegates to the convention of the Freiheitliche Deutsche Arbeiterpartei (Free German Workers Party), one of the most active neo-Nazi groups in West Germany. They were battled by more than 500 anti-Nazis, including members of the Anti-Fascist League, the Green Party, Young Socialists, Communist Party and various trade unions.

Police said the combatants were armed with knives, truncheons, slingshots, whips and tear gas canisters. They described the clash as the most violent since a leftwing demonstrator was killed in Frankfurt last September during a protest rally against the neo-Nazi National Democratic Party.

The injured, some of them seriously hurt, were taken to local hospitals.

### DUTCH SYNAGOGUE ROBBED OF VALUABLE SILVER RITUAL OBJECTS

AMSTERDAM, June 11 (JTA) — Police are searching for the thieves who broke into the Lek Street Synagogue here on the night of June 4 and stole silver ritual objects insured for \$40,000 but considered of much greater value. It was the second such theft at the synagogue in two years.

The items taken include seven Torah crowns, seven Torah shields and several silver pointers. Police said the burglars were apparently well acquainted with the premises. There were no traces of forced entry.

## EEC FOREIGN MINISTERS DECIDE AGAINST NEW MIDEAST PEACE INITIATIVES

By Henrietta Boas

AMSTERDAM, June 11 (JTA) — The Foreign Ministers of the 12 European Economic Community (EEC) member-states, announced at a meeting in Heemskerk that the EEC will no longer take any initiatives to find a peace plan for the Middle East.

The decision followed a report by Dutch Foreign Minister Hans Van Den Broek, current chairman of the EEC Council of Ministers, on his recent fact-finding visit to the Middle East. It appeared to have been prompted by Syria's negative attitude toward any initiatives by the European countries.

Van Den Broek visited Egypt and Jordan in addition to Syria. Last month he visited Arab League headquarters in Tunisia where he also met with Palestine Liberation Organization chief Yasir Arafat. He returned from his trip pessimistic over prospects for Middle East peace.

## CAREER DIPLOMAT NAMED NEW FRENCH AMBASSADOR TO ISRAEL

PARIS, June 11 (JTA) — Alain Pierret, a 55-year-old career diplomat, has been appointed France's Ambassador to Israel, succeeding Jacques DuPont, the Foreign Ministry announced Wednesday. He had previously served as Ambassador to Niger, from 1980-82 and since January, 1983, was a senior official in the Foreign Ministry's administrative services in charge of United Nations and international organization affairs.

Pierret was a member of the French delegation to the first Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe at Helsinki and subsequently served as First Councillor in Belgrade. Earlier diplomatic postings were to Freetown, Sierra Leone, Pretoria, South Africa, Moscow and Helsinki.

The envoy is a Knight of the Legion of Honor and an Officer of the National Order of Merit.

## ISRAEL KNOX DEAD AT 79

NEW YORK, June 11 (JTA) — Funeral services were held Wednesday for Dr. Israel Knox, former director of the English-speaking division of The Workmen's Circle and former dean of the Graduate School of the Jewish Teachers Seminary. Knox, 79 years old, died here Monday at Mt. Sinai Hospital.

Born in White Russia, Knox emigrated to the United States in 1912 and studied at the Talmud Torah in New Haven. After graduating in 1932 from the Graduate Center of the City University of New York, Knox received his Ph.D. from Columbia University in 1936.

Later he taught philosophy at the University of Ohio and at New York University as a full professor and was the author in 1957 of a biography of Rabbi Isaac Wise, one of the founders of American Reform Judaism. He was a contributor to the Jewish Forward, Workmen's Circle Call, and the Yiddish Literary Journal. He was head of the English-speaking division of the Workmen's Circle from 1947 to 1951.

## GEN. PELED TAKES OVER NORTHERN COMMAND

TEL AVIV, June 11 (JTA) — Maj. Gen. Yosef Peled assumed command of the northern front Tues-

day, replacing Maj. Gen. Ori Orr who has taken a year's leave of absence from the Israel Defense Force.

Peled, 45, was born in Belgium and came to Israel with his mother in 1947. His father died at a concentration camp. He grew up in Kibbutz Negba and holds a bachelors degree from Tel Aviv University. Peled is married and has two sons, the older now serving in the IDF.

Looking back at his two-and-a-half years in command of the northern front, Gen. Orr said Monday that the creation of the south Lebanon security zone was an accomplishment in which he took great pride.

## SPECIAL INTERVIEW IDF WOMAN OFFICER URGES AMERICANS TO VISIT ISRAEL, DEFY TERRORIST THREATS

By Margie Olster

NEW YORK, June 11 (JTA) — Lt. Col. Osnat Mardor, head of public relations for the Israel Defense Force, said here Monday that she came to the United States to encourage American Jews to continue travelling to Israel and not let Libyan leader Muammar Qaddafi be their "travel agent."

Mardor, a 17 year IDF career officer, said in an interview with the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that her message to American Jews is "don't raise your hands," don't surrender to the fear of terrorism.

News reports in Israel speak of a growing problem in the economy because of the drop-off of American Jewish tourists to Israel, Mardor said. The drop in tourism became more evident with the onset of summer, usually the prime time for tours and trips to Israel.

Mardor attributed the drop-off to a fear of flying because of recent terrorist acts. But, she said, the timely discovery of a bomb in the luggage of a woman about to board an El Al plane in London shows that El Al is still the safest airline.

"You can't stop enjoying your life because of this threat," Mardor said, Israel has lived with the problems of terrorism for years and Israelis continue to go shopping, to the beach and live normal lives.

## Assad Greatest Security Threat

Mardor assessed the security situation in Israel today from the point of view of a ranking IDF officer. The greatest security threat today comes from Syrian President Hafez Assad and the military buildup in Syria, she said.

"We must keep our eyes open all the time — maintain our army efficiently and develop unique weapons systems," she said. For this reason, Israel needs to build the Lavi jet fighter despite American misgivings about the project, Mardor said.

During her 17-year military career, Mardor worked in Intelligence and served as secretary to the Chief of Staff of the Army before joining the public relations department five years ago.

While serving as secretary to Chief of Staff David Elazar during the 1973 Yom Kippur War, Mardor remembered meeting another high-ranking woman, former Premier Golda Meir.

Mardor and Elazar escorted Meir and then Defense Minister Moshe Dayan by helicopter through parts of Egypt under Israeli occupation. "It was a special experience. She was a great lady," Mardor said. "I hope that soon we'll have a woman in the Cabinet again."

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MONTREAL (JTA) — Justice Minister Crosbie has extended for 90 days the mandate of the Deschenes Commission to investigate suspected Nazi war criminals living in Canada.

**Special Interview:  
GOLDSTEIN BROTHERS URGE UNIFIED  
EFFORT ON BEHALF OF SOVIET JEWRY  
By Yitzhak Rabi**

NEW YORK, June 11 (JTA) — Isai and Grigory Goldstein, two Soviet Jewish refuseniks from Tbilisi who recently arrived in Israel after being denied exit visas for more than 14 years, said here that efforts on behalf of Soviet Jewry in the United States must be coordinated and concentrated in order to be effective.

The two computer scientists said in an interview with the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that they feel there are "too many organizations, groups and newspapers" involved with the campaign to assist Soviet Jews, and as a result, a lot of effort and energy is wasted. They suggested instead the formation of a central organization to coordinate all efforts for Soviet Jewry.

Noting that the Soviet authorities are "very sensitive to public opinion and public pressure in the United States," the 48-year-old Isai Goldstein declared: "It is necessary to increase the public pressure on the Soviet Union to enable more Jews to receive exit visas.

"In my opinion," he continued, "the United States should link any negotiations with the Soviet Union, and especially the up-coming summit meeting between President Reagan and (Soviet leader Mikhail) Gorbachev with the issue of Soviet Jewry."

**Urges Quiet Diplomacy**

But Isai's brother, 55-year-old Grigory, said that in addition to public campaigns, "quiet diplomacy" should also be used to help the Jewish dissident movement in the Soviet Union. "In fact," Grigory said, "we were given permission to leave the Soviet Union after the intervention of Sen. Edward Kennedy (D. Mass.), who urged Gorbachev to let us go."

A few days after Kennedy's appeal to the Soviet leader, Isai and Grigory Goldstein were called to the Ovir, the Soviet visa office, and were issued an exit visa. On April 18, they arrived in Israel with their families.

It was some 14 years earlier, they recalled in the JTA interview, that they applied for an exit visa to go to the Jewish State. "Our applications were refused on the grounds that as computer scientists we were in possession of state secrets," Isai said. "And the KGB told us that people like us, who possess state secrets, cannot leave the USSR for at least five years."

**Placed On Soviet Black List**

But even after five years, the Goldsteins were refused exit visas, and in 1977, Isai said, "we were placed on the black list of Soviet refuseniks" who, he charged, "are used by the Soviet Union as bargaining chips in its dealings with the West."

While they were waiting for their visa approvals, the Goldsteins were subjected to arbitrary arrests and other forms of harassment. They said that they were supported by friends and had a small income from giving private lessons in computer science.

The two brothers said that the fact the Soviets let some Jews emigrate should not distract the public in the West from the real situation of Soviet Jews. "Jews in the Soviet Union continue to be suppressed

and restricted. When the Soviets release one Jew they immediately arrest another one," Isai said. "They want to keep the balance even."

Isai, who is married and has one child, and Grigory, who is single, live in an absorption center in Ramat Aviv, a suburb of Tel Aviv. They arrived in the U.S. last month for a four week lecture tour under the sponsorship of several organizations on behalf of Soviet Jewry.

They said that in Georgia, where their family had its roots for more than 100 years, there are about 28,000 Jews. "We believe that if the Soviet authorities decided suddenly to open the gates to anyone who wishes to leave and go to Israel, at least 20,000 Jews will immediately come to Israel," the Goldsteins said.

**JEWISH LEADERS REACTION TO  
SENATE VOTE ON SAUDI ARMS SALE  
By Marlene Goldman**

NEW YORK, June 11 (JTA) — American Jewish leaders have interpreted President Reagan's narrow victory on the arms sale to Saudi Arabia as a demonstration of Congressional skepticism of Saudi Arabia's reliability as an ally of the United States and as disapproval of the Saudis' failure to combat terrorism.

In a statement issued this week, Kenneth Bialkin, chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, said that by sustaining Reagan's veto of the Saudi arms package by one vote, the Senate is sending a double message.

"To the rulers of Saudi Arabia, it says: stop funding Palestinian terrorism and start supporting our country's interests in the Middle East," Bialkin said. "To the President, it says: the time has come to demand that the Saudis play their long-promised role as a 'positive force' in promoting Arab-Israeli peace and thus demonstrate that they are — as the Administration claims — Arab 'moderates.'"

The American Jewish Congress was also encouraged by the significance of Reagan's hairline victory and a statement from Theodore Mann, president of the AJCongress, declared: "When the Senate, without benefit of a major lobbying effort, misses an historic override of a Presidential veto on an arms matter by a single vote, it tells us a great deal about Saudi Arabia's weak reputation in Congress because of its activity in financing PLO terrorism and its consistently unconstructive role in the Middle East peace process."

American Jewish Committee president Theodore Ellenoff also issued a somewhat optimistic statement about the close Congressional vote and of the agreement by the Saudis to withdraw their request for the hand-held Stinger missiles, an ideal terrorist weapon.

"The overwhelming Congressional opposition to the original arms package reflects the widespread American popular resentment at the failure of Saudi Arabia to support the United States openly in the struggle against Libyan, Syrian, and PLO terrorism," Ellenoff said.

**STAND ON REPARATIONS REITERATED**

BONN, June 11 (JTA) — The Association of East German Writers has told members of its Israeli counterpart that East Germany will stand by its refusal to pay reparations to Jewish victims of the Holocaust. But the East German association does not recognize Israel as a state which gave refuge to victims of Nazi persecution. The unusual meeting between members of the two organizations took place last month in East Berlin.